

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Finance, Tax & Budgets  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Ron Smith  
**DATE/TIME:** March 09, 2010

**PRESENT:**  Ron Smith     Jody Carroll     Gavin Doyle  
                   Alan Kent         Ron Mapes         Marvin Schultz

Other Board members:

Others: Dan Reimer and Melisa Hammer

Ron Smith called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

### 1. Citizen's Comments

### 2. New Business

- a) Discussion and possible recommendation regarding an additional staffing plan for the Chief County Assessment Office to expedite the 2010 Board of Review process. Ron Smith explained that at the last Finance, Tax and Budget meeting that the committee asked Donna Berlage, Chief County Assessor, to put together a plan to help expedite the tax cycle because of the number of Board of Review complaints. A memo and spreadsheet from the Chief County Assessor was supplied to the committee requesting an additional \$2,271.45 for wages to cover the extra hours that are needed because there were 681 property assessment complaints this year, double the amount from 2009. Ron Smith requested that Donna prepare a timeline to help follow through on the progress of the Board of Review. Because a quorum was not present the Committee could not make a motion to approve Berlage's plan. Smith recommended to move forward to the County Board a suggestion rather than a committee recommendation: **To approve a request from the Chief County Assessment Office for \$2,271.45 for wage related costs associated with 150 additional hours to be used to provide assistance to the Board of Review which is needed to expedite the Board of Review complaint and hearing process with the goal of completing the process by the end of April.** Ron Smith shared six questions that will be forwarded to DEVNET to help address the issues with the input for information to help implement the Township Assessor Program. He explained that he has asked a representative of DEVNET to come to the next Finance, Tax and Budget meeting to discuss the questions with the committee.

### 3. Board member concerns.

### 4. Citizens' comments. None.

Next committee meeting is on Thursday, March 25, 2010 @ 7:00 p.m.

Motion was made to adjourn by Gavin Doyle and second by Ron Smith. Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.