

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Finance, Tax & Budgets  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Yerda Potter, Chair  
**DATE/TIME:** November 30, 2006. 7:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Berlage  
 Carroll

Kent  
 Mapes

Potter  
 Schultz

Other Board members:  
Others: Dan Reimer

### MINUTES

Yerda Potter called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**1. Minutes**

Jody Carroll made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2006 committee meeting. Alan Kent seconded and the motion passed.

**2. Old Business**

- a) Update on accrual conversion. County Administrator Dan Reimer has nothing new to add. The auditor will be in the office December 7 and 8.
- b) Soil and Water Levy – nothing to report.

**3. New Business**

- a) IRS 2007 mileage rate. The new IRS rate effective January 1, 2007 is \$0.485 compared to the current rate of \$0.445. Carroll made a motion to increase the mileage reimbursement rate to the IRS rate of \$0.485 effective January 1, 2007. Kent seconded and the motion passed.
- b) 2008 Employer IMRF rate. The committee reviewed the SLEP amortization periods offered for the 2008 period. Marvin Schultz made a motion to approve the 30-year amortization option for SLEP in 2008 and forward a letter to IMRF stating the option chosen. Mapes seconded and the motion passed.
- c) Consideration of a resolution allowing redemption upon payment of the taxes of parcels purchased on the County's behalf by tax buyer Joseph Meyer. Mapes made a motion to recommend approval of the resolution presented by the tax buyer allowing redemption of taxes. Kent seconded and the motion passed.

**4. Other**

- a) Treasurer's reports were included in the meeting packet. Potter asked why the property tax revenue was down from the previous year and Reimer reported that the final distribution was made just before Thanksgiving and isn't reflected on this report.
- b) Chief County Assessment Officer report. The committee had no questions on this report.
- c) Board member concerns

Reimer commented that the office is completing the bound copies of the budget. Potter reported that there was an article in the Gazette quoting some of the budget figures and conclusions. Reimer asked the committee if they would like the same summaries to appear on the County's website. The consensus of the committee is to continue with the same information.

Mapes advised the committee that the CVB Task Force is going to make a recommendation to contract with a private entity. The committee discussed and questioned various aspects of contracting with a private entry.

Carroll commented that he would like to see the County Board develop a fund and policy regarding continuing education that employees can apply for reimbursement of their education expenses. The consensus of the committee is that the Executive Committee should address this issue.

Mapes asked if County Board members are covered by the County's insurance while traveling for the County. Reimer confirmed with the insurance agent that County Board members are covered while traveling to and from meetings and while on County business.

Carroll commented about some issues with K-9 dog searches of vehicles at the schools.

## **5. Citizens' Comments**

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. following a motion by Mapes and seconded by Carroll.