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**Finance Committee Meeting
Notes
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5:30 Meeting called to order. Members present: Linda Roberts, Dana Shallenberger, Steve Johnson, Wayne Saline, Lowell Mannhardt and Bill Abel.

Approved minutes: vole 6-0 yes.

TerraScan/DevNet discussion: Joyce spoke about her office's concerns about switching to a new company at this time. Questions were asked if the contract can be terminated and if the programs are compatible. Members suggested that they wait a month before a decision is made in order to gather information and get a legal opinion from Paul about the contract.

Insurance: Chris went over the insurance numbers. Questions were asked about when people could sign up and when the premiums need to be paid. It was explained that the employer would have to make two payments in October in order to start with Blue Cross. Employees would not. Chris gave some more information about the new insurance, like how many were signing up and how many were taking the higher deductible option and dental.

Budget: Wayne explain about the adjustment that needs to be made to the general fund budget because the Clerk and Circuit Clerk cannot give their salary raises back.

Wayne asked if anyone had comments about the nursing home, landfill, health department or highway's budgets. No questions were raised. Abel motioned and Johnson seconded to forward the budget to the Board.

Vote of 6-0 yes.

Motion was made to incorporate the adjustments into the general fund by Abel and seconded by Johnsons. Vote 6-0 yes.

Wayne went over the financial numbers and stated that things are looking better and that more revenue is coming in at the jail. He also indicated that with revenues going up at the jail so would expenses. Abel mentioned concerns about natural gas prices for this winter and the cost of that at the jail.

Nursing Home proposal was mentioned. Wayne said that all the Board members should make time to get out there and go thru the building.

Johnson mentioned that he felt the \$5 million project was too large and that a small remodel should be done. Committee members wanted to see the final numbers on everything. Discussion was stopped because all of this will be addressed at the Board meeting.

Retirement option: Robin introduced a plan that would offer a 457 Plan to the employees who wished to invest more money for retirement. Asked for approval from the Board to offer it. There would be no cost to the county. Discussion was held. Mannhardt requested that the matter be put off for a month for review. The agent for the plan will be at the next Finance meeting.

Robin talked about the DevNet option. Said that Paul is looking into the legal matters with Fidlar. Discussion was held. Members wanted to wait a month to get more information.

Tentative budget was handed out in a new format. The new balance of the general fund is \$1,440.15.

Greg Chance asked for clarification about what the employers would have to pay for premiums in October. The fact that two payments from the employers would be needed in October.

Johnson raised concerns about the Health Department paying more of the employees premiums than other employees receive that work for the county.

It was reiterated that claims should be processed as quickly as possible in October so claims can be paid before November 1st.

Motion was made by Shallenberger and seconded by Roberts to pay the bills.

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