

Administrative and Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2009
9:00 a.m.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman West at 9:05 a.m. Members present, Ward, West, Sebastiani, Klingforth, and Kirsenlohr. Other present, Stuchlak, James, Licitar, Gatterman, Chamberlain, Petkovsek, Sylvia Breene, Bev Licitar, and Phillippi.

Motioned by Ward/Klingforth to approve the agenda. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motioned by Klingforth/Ward to approve the December 12, 2008 meeting minutes. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Report on Easton Dam construction agreement. The Easton Dam Construction agreement has been turned over to the Corporation Counsel, design and construction plans will be reviewed, if there are any major changes to the plan the changes will be forwarded back to the Planning and Development Committee.

Hydro electric generation was discussed. FERK permitting is required to go with Hydro electric. Doug Spaulding is the liason for FERK. FERK requirements change regularly. Anything dealing with interstate commerce or federal commerce where there is money in/out required FERK permitting. Currently, the Lake District is indifferent about the Hydro electric. Revenue was estimated at \$14,000 at one point it seem feasible, however with FERK requirements it is not. Design costs will increase the actual construction from \$65,000 to \$350,000-\$400,000 for hydro electric with the FERK requirements. Only if grant dollars are available will hydro electric be included in the project.

Easton Road costs are the Towns responsibility, the Dam reconstruct project costs are the County's and the Lake District will be responsible for the sanitary district, lake morphology and buffer. The Lake District will also be responsible for the DNR permitting. Costs associated with dredging are high, there will be no need for dredging at this time. Burning of weeds and the seed bed will take place. New Chester and Adams County fire district are working together on this.

A letter from Tom Feller regarding costs/profit associated with hydro electric was discussed. Tom's letter reflected projections, but the permitting portion was not included nor any overhead costs.

Costs associate with the project were discussed, road construction are higher now than they were 3 months ago, scrap steel is down, but new steel is up. With Gatterman's resignation there were concerns about additional contract fees with Ayres and technician fees. Discussion took place about pushing Ayres into the project and associated costs pertaining to on site inspections.

Barb is currently working with legislators regarding the stimulus package. Barb submitted the model for the dam that included hydro operations in the stimulus package. The governor's budget proposal should come forward in early February. It is uncertain when the State budget will come forward and about grant dollars.

Barb discussed project time lines, there will be a meeting on the 23rd to review the agreement, take it back to committee only if there are significant changes. At the February County Board Meeting Ayres will do a presentation on the Dam Reconstruct Project, with time for public comment at that meeting. In March signing of agreements, will take place, taking into consideration discussion and public comment from the February Board meeting.

Discussion took place regarding funding on the dam project. The committee in conjunction with members from the Planning & Development committee mutually agreed that the appropriate place to obtain the money would be the sales tax fund with the understanding that there is enough money to pay the remaining jail debt. It is not recommended that the county borrow money for this project. Barb will have Jack draft a resolution to repeal the sales tax resolution and incorporate the appropriate language for usage of the sales tax money. This resolution will be ready by February. By using the sales tax money the levy will not be impacted. Many use the dams they are a part of our natural resources and we need to be proactive.

Kirsenlohr believes the sales tax money should be utilized for future construction and the county needs to be conservative when taking money out of the fund.

Discussion on eliminating the ½% sales tax took place. The committee does not believe it is in the best interest of anyone to eliminate it.

Barb provided the draft white paper on premier tax.

Motioned by Klingforth/Ward to recess at 10:05 a.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote. Phillippi left.

Ward took over minutes.
Reconvened at 10:20 a.m.

Motioned by Klingforth/Ward to deviate to item #14 premier resort tax. Barb recommends to go forward. Motioned by Ward/Kirsenlohr to approve Barb presenting this to Public Works and Planning and Development Committee if they are in favor then present it to the whole board. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motioned by Ward/Sebastiani to approve check register. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

There were question on the washer and driers for law enforcement, planning and zoning vehicle repair at American Auto Body.

Barb informed the committee Tami Broome left, Teresa Marti accepted and the GIS person resigned. Video conferencing will not happen we need another T-1 line at \$12,000. The money for this project will lapse back to the General Fund. There is no contingency, general fund report. Overall department budgets look good, the Health and Human Services \$27,000 in the black or \$72,000 in the red. Highway snow removal is \$576,756.62 in the red. Mike said the software at Solid Waste is working fine and the new process is in place. In 2010 Solid Waste department should be a full enterprise fund. Making progress on the credit card project. Raffle ticket were discussed and a report was passed out on 22 shows.

Agenda items to come: raffle ticket policy, CD long term care, Easton Dam, premier resort tax.

Motioned by Ward/Sebastiani to fill vacancy in County Clerk's office. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Motioned by Sebastiani/Klingforth to adjourn at 1:00 p.m. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.
Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Phillippi, Bev Ward
Recording Secretary