

MINUTES OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, October 17, 2023

TIME: 9:00 AM

PLACE: Courthouse – Room 114

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ed Wagner, Lance Pliml, Adam Fischer

MEMBERS EXCUSED: Laura Valenstein, Donna Rozar

OTHERS PRESENT: Trent Miner, County Clerk; See attached sign-in list

1. Chairman Wagner called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
2. Supervisor LaFontaine, under public comment, expressed disappointment in the way both the Economic Development and Highway Dept. had to cut their expenditures.
3. Finance Director Newton provided an overview of the 2024 budget to date. He reviewed the changes made to the Economic Development budgets and the cuts the CEED Committee made, as well as those of the Highway Dept. in their CIP borrowing. Both came in within the guidelines set. CEED Committee Chair Leichtnam, in conjunction with the CEED Committee, is working on parameters for future grant applications and determining what “economic development” is. They request a firm number going into the process so they are able to better prioritize projects. HIRC Chair Hahn expressed the need for more highway borrowing in the future due to grant applications being sought by the highway commissioner.
4. Motion by Pliml/Fischer to approve the proposed 2024 Wood County budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
5. The chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:17 AM.

Minutes taken by Trent Miner, County Clerk, and are in draft form until approved at the next meeting.

