

OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

DATE: Tuesday, March 7, 2023
TIME: 9:00 AM
LOCATION: Courthouse - Conference Room 114

Members present: Ed Wagner, Laura Valenstein, Adam Fischer, Lance Pliml, Donna Rozar

Others present (In person or via WebEx for all or part of the meeting): Trent Miner, Reuben VanTassel, Bill Clendenning, Jeff Penzkover, Dennis Polach, Kimberly McGrath, Ed Newton, Cody Kolpack, Ryan Boeshaar, Amy Kaup, Sue Smith, Dale Christensen, Justin Casperson, Brandon Vruwink, Pat Kilty, Nick Flugaur, Mary Solheim, Jason DeMarco

1. Chairman Wagner called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.
2. There were no public comments.
3. The consent agenda was reviewed. Motion by Fischer/Valenstein to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Pliml stated that there will probably be a meeting of the ARPA Committee called later in the month of March to look at the various funding requests that have been coming in.
5. Justin Casperson, Marshfield Parks & Rec Director, along with other representatives of the City of Marshfield and the Central Wisconsin State Fair, presented a request for \$50,000 of ARPA funds to update some obsolete and emergent electric service needs at the Fairgrounds. The City of Marshfield has committed this amount as their share. The electrical inspector for the city inquired about long term plans at the fairgrounds so as not to have to make updates only to have them moved again a few years later. He was informed that this committee does not have jurisdiction over those questions and should address them with the Fair Board and Fairgrounds Commission. Committee members also requested a written, long-term plan for the Fairgrounds before expending funding. Motion by Fischer/Valenstein to forward this funding request to the ARPA Committee for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
6. VanTassel updated the committee on the current power outage affecting River Block. Those employees are located in various offices within the Courthouse. Background of how River Block receives its power was shared. Crews are currently looking for the issue that caused the outage, along with coming up with temporary power to the building to keep the temperature up in the building. There will be more conversations about power reliability and redundancy coming in the future.
7. Miner discussed recent issues with the election reporting system and how network cards have had to be replaced twice in the 2 years of usage of this system. He explained the timeline of the current system and the upgrade that will take place later this year. He will present a budget amending resolution later in the year to cover the unforeseen cost of the upgrade with funds from the non-lapsing election budget.
8. Wellness Coordinator Boeshaar gave an update on Wellness Program activities.
9. Finance Director Newton provided an update on Finance Department activities including work-arounds used during the power outage at River Block and possible contingency plans moving forward.

10. Newton presented 3 budget amending resolution for committee consideration. All of these are just clean up budget items from last year. Motion by Fischer/Pliml to approve the resolutions and forward onto county board. Motion carried unanimously.
11. Motion by Valenstein/Fischer to go into closed session pursuant to Wis. Stat. s. 19.85(1)(e) and s. 19.85 (1)(g), to discuss pending litigation. Roll call vote resulted in all voting aye. Motion carried unanimously at 10:09 AM.
12. Motion by Valenstein/Fischer to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously at 10:14 AM.
13. The next regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 9:00 AM.
14. Chair Wagner declared the meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM.

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