FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 17, 2019

PRESENT: D. Moore, R. Pollard, T. McRae, G. Glasper, D. Michael, L. Trucano, J. Goggin
ABSENT: None

PURCHASE APPROVAL:

$28,745.00 Facilities Management is purchasing 2019 Lawn Care Services for Various Madison County Facilities with 3 year optional renewal.

D. Moore noted there were 3 total bids.

D. Michael inquired if the contract was presented at the Buildings and Facilities Committee.

Mr. McRae moved, seconded by Mr. Pollard, to approve the purchase approval as presented. The ayes and nays being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows: AYES: D. Moore, R. Pollard, T. McRae, G. Glasper, D. Michael, L. Trucano, J. Goggin NAYS: None.

PURCHASING RESOLUTIONS:

The following purchasing resolution was presented:

1. Ordinance Establishing Civil Fees and Criminal and Traffic Assessments for the Madison County Circuit Clerk.

Ms. Glasper moved, seconded by Mr. Pollard, to approve the purchase approval as presented.

D. Michael inquired if the assessments pertaining to the ordinance are mandated and asked for confirmation that the assessment fees will go into effect regardless of the vote.

There was an in depth discussion pertaining to the Circuit Clerk ordinance and the allocation of funds that will be collected. D. Hulme noted that the designated allocations are not permanent. M. Von Nida described the allocations/special accounts as a way to keep track of the funds as they come in. Mr. Von Nida made known that the money collected for Circuit Clerk Fees will go into the General Fund and made clear that the County Board will have the authority to distribute and spend the funds that the County has discretion over. No matter what accounts the funds are distributed to, it must go towards Court operations as explained by Mr. Von Nida. M. Von Nida went on to explain the difficulty of providing a projection due to the possibility of waived fees.

T. McRae expressed concern on the short time frame for approval and suggested all funds go into the General Fund rather than distributing them out into multiple restricted funds. He said come budget time, it will provide more flexibility to designate what funds go where.

D. Moore listed several accounts that are marked “not to exceed” and voiced the amount that was suggested by the Circuit Clerk; he said just because an account can receive up to a certain amount doesn’t mean that
full amount should be distributed. Mr. Moore believes the Treasurer should have input on how funds are distributed.

D. Moore inquired if the County Board would have input on the designated funds after the ordinance is passed. M. Von Nida gave a brief timeline of the project and voiced the possibility to change the discretionary funds after the ordinance is passed.

D. Moore inquired about co-mingling of funds and expressed he believes the Office Automation Fee should be discretionary.

D. Moore inquired if there is a correlation between work volume and court filings; Mr. Von Nida simply said the more court filings there are, the larger volume of work they have. D. Moore said the court filings have decreased over the last 10 years; Mr. Gibbons noted the reason in the decreased amount of cases are from traffic tickets, they do not have filing fees but the amount of traffic tickets filed have increased substantially over the last several years.

D. Burch gave an explanation of how funds are broken down pertaining to “schedule 1”, from the ordinance, and the Circuit Clerk Filing Fees (General Fund). There was later discussion on who made the decisions on what funds are designated to go where. T. McRae inquired on the possibility of having a Capital Fund for the maintenance of the Courthouse; he was instructed to get a legal opinion.

There was discussion on postponing the ordinance until further discussion can be had.

Mr. Michael voiced 2 questions; Are these exact assessments mandatory from the State and for language clarifying how to allocate discretionary funds.

    Mr. McRae moved, seconded by Mr. Michael to postpone the foregoing fee ordinance until another meeting can be convened prior to the May 12 deadline. The ayes and nays result in a vote as follows: AYES: D. Moore, J. Goggin, T. McRae, D. Michael NAYS: G. Glasper, R. Pollard, L. Trucano

**D. Moore said there will be a Special Finance Meeting on or before May 12 to address this topic.

Mr. Pollard moved, seconded by Mr. McRae to adjourn the meeting.

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