

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 10, 2014

Committee Chair Tim Shafer called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the committee meeting room within the Livingston County Historic Courthouse.

Present: Shafer, Bullard, Campbell, Cohlman, Mays, Runyon, Vietti

Absent:

Also Present: Marty Fannin, Alina Hartley, Barb Sear, Judy Cremer, Adam Dontz
Greg Benoit

Chairman Shafer called for any additions or corrections to the agenda with none being requested. *Motion by Cohlman, second by Mays to approve the agenda as presented.*
MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the January 8th regular meeting, the January 8th joint meeting and the January 16, 2014 meeting. *Motion by Runyon, second Campbell to approve the minutes as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Treasurer's Annual Report – Barb Sear was present to review her annual report with the Committee. Sear stated that this report encompasses all the funds that her office handles. Sear noted that there are 209 taxing districts and 14 county funds. *Motion by Bullard, second by Cohlman to recommend approval of the treasurer's annual report.*
MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

Proposed Contract DevNet – Barb Sear was present to request approval of a proposed contract with DevNet. Sear stated that DevNet is the real estate software that is used for assessments and the levy. Sear stated that the additional software will allow anyone to go online and look up information regarding the taxes paid on parcels within the county. Sear stated that this will be a significant time saver for all three offices. Sear stated that the \$4,050 would be split between her office (at 40%), the assessor's office (at 40%) and the county clerk's office (at 20%). Sear stated that since the assessor does not have sufficient funds in his budget to cover his portion, Kehinde agreed to cover that amount from the IT budget. *Motion by Campbell, second by Bullard to recommend approval pending States Attorney review and approval.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

GLCEDC Request for Funding – Adam Dontz stated that in 2012 the board approved a grant to the GLCEDC for EVT Global. Dontz stated that EVT has been an excellent borrower and has made all their payments on time. Dontz stated that EVT is now requesting an additional \$200,000. Rick Wilson and Greg Benoit were present on behalf of EVT Global. Benoit stated that they would like to market the ebike themselves in three different versions including a kit that people could use with their own bike, a

standard bike and a much more refined luxury bike. Benoit stated that he anticipated this new project would generate 8-12 new jobs in 2014, and an additional 20-25 jobs in 2015. A lengthy discussion took place regarding tying the loan amount to the number of jobs created and requiring some type of security interest. Consensus of the Committee was that there would need to be some type of guarantee whether personal from the stakeholders or real estate interest. Dontz will continue to work with EVT on the terms of a possible loan.

Dontz stated that the GLCEDC has 13 individuals set up to go through this years' training program. Dontz stated that he was able to negotiate a reduction in the cost of the program with Heartland. Dontz stated that he also has funding available from proceeds of the golf outing fundraiser and has received partial funding from the Workforce Development Board. Dontz stated that he is happy to report that his request for this year is 80% less than last year at up to \$7,500 depending on class size. Discussion took place. *Motion by Runyon, second by Cohlman to recommend approval of a grant of up to \$7,500 for the workforce training program.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Circuit Clerk Semi-Annual Report – Judy Cremer was present to review her semi-annual report with the Committee. *Motion by Cohlman, second by Campell to recommend approval of the Circuit Clerks semi-annual report.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Finance Report – n/a

Approval of Bills – The Committee reviewed the bills submitted. *Motion by Cohlman, second by Mays to approve the bills.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Motion by Cohlman, second by Campbell to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.** Meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Alina Hartley
Administrative Resource Specialist