

**Budget and Finance Committee
Regular Meeting
August 24, 2004 - 3:00 p.m.
Tribal Office Board Room**

1. **Call to Order & Roll Call-**

Committee Chairperson Laurie Reiter called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m. Those present: Ann Marie Johnson, Michael Chapman, Kathy Kaquatosh, Jeremy Weso, Harold Wilkes and Randy Chevalier. Dan Maine was absent. Also present for the meeting was, Shawn Klemens, Sharon Waukau, Bernard Vigue, Mark Waukau, Louise Davids, Ami Musloff, Warren Warrington, Annette Warrington, Jennifer Gauthier and Devin Wynos.

2. **Moment of Silence** - A moment of silence was observed.

3. **FY 2005 Budget-**

Committee members held a meeting last week for budget hearings and all the departments who's budgets were questionable were asked to attend. Now that the budget hearings are over committee must review the numbers and decide what allocations everyone will receive. The budget must go to the Menominee Tribal Legislature for 1st Consideration at the September 2, 2004 meeting.

Chairperson Reiter informed the committee that the Casino revenue was raised for FY 2005 by \$600,000 which Chairperson Reiter believes is a realistic number.

Mark Waukau, Louise Davids, Warren Warrington and Ami Musloff were present from the Menominee Tribal Police Department to ask that the committee grant their increase they requested in the budget request.

After a long discussion committee decided to compromise and set the Law Enforcement Budget at \$1,523,843 for FY 2005.

Sharon Waukau was present to discuss the Woodland Boys and Girls Club short fall for FY 2004 and to discuss the FY 2005 allocation.

Chairperson Laurie Reiter excused herself from the meeting.
Ann Marie Johnson took over as Committee Chairperson.

Motion made by Michael Chapman to go to other business. Motion was seconded by Jeremy Weso. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

4. **Other Business-**

Committee went into a lengthy discussion regarding the Woodland Boy's and Girl's Club. The request was for \$44,000 but the committee had concerns that the need was much higher and that by approving the \$44,000 they would just be putting a band aid on the problem and that they would be in the same trouble next year.

Motion made by Randy Chevalier to grand the Woodland Boy's and Girl's Club request for FY 2004 in the amount of \$44,961.77 contingent upon a re-engineering plan to be developed between Administration and the Woodland Boy's and Girl's Club Board due by December 31, 2004. NO SECOND.....MOTION DIED.

Committee agreed that before they can make any decisions they need the Boy's and Girl's Club to submit a complete list of liabilities and also a budget submitted in the format that all other departments use.

Motion made by Michael Chapman to defer any action on the FY 2004 Woodland Boy's and

Girl's Club request until we get a full picture of the financial liabilities. Motion was seconded by Jeremy Weso. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent (Reiter and Maine). Motion carried.

Committee decided to set a special meeting to review the request for September 1, 2004 at 3:00 p.m.

*For the record committee would like to make sure that the Woodland Boy's and Girl's Club request is on the Menominee Tribal Legislature agenda and not under other business.

Laurie Reiter took over as Chairperson again.

Motion made by Michael Chapman to go back to FY 2005 Budget. Motion was seconded by Randy Chevalier. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed 1-absent. Motion carried.

5. **FY 2005 Budget-**

Bernard Vigue and Shawn Klemens were present to speak about the Transportation budget. Last year Transportation's budget was combined with Community Development. This year the two departments asked for a separation and it was granted. Committee had several questions for Shawn as to why his request is so high for FY 2005. Shawn explained that the additional funds will go towards the hiring of more bus drivers and a cleaning person. Shawn informed the committee that he has been receiving complaints from the community about the lack of services and that is due to the lack of bus drivers. Hopefully with the addition of bus drivers, Shawn hopes to accommodate more people on the reservation.

Committee discussed the FY 2005 budget and no action was taken.

6. **Other Business-**

Shawn Klemens also asked the committee for additional funds for FY 2004. Shawn informed the committee that due to unexpected insurance increases his budget is short by \$3,500.

Motion made by Michael Chapman to take \$3,500 out of un-obligated funds to cover the shortfall to the Transportation budget. Motion was seconded by Jeremy Weso. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Chairperson Reiter informed the committee that she had a request from Enrollment to cover their shortfall for FY 2004. Committee reviewed the request and made the following motion

Motion made by Michael Chapman to recommend approval for the \$3,066.59 to come out of un-obligated funds to cover the Enrollment shortfall. Motion was seconded by Ann Marie Johnson. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Committee decided to recess the meeting until tomorrow to finish going over all the budgets.

Motion made by Michael Chapman to recess the meeting until 3:00 p.m. tomorrow (August 25, 2004). Motion was seconded by Randy Chevalier. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 6-for, 0-opposed, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting recessed at 7:10 p.m.

**Budget & Finance Committee
Recessed Meeting
August 25, 2004 - 3:00 p.m.
Tribal Office Board Room**

Committee Chairperson Laurie Reiter called the meeting back to order at 3:10 p.m. Those present: Kathy Kaquatosh, Jeremy Weso, Harold Wilkes, Dan Maine and Randy Chevalier. Ann Marie Johnson and Michael Chapman were absent. Also present for the meeting was Annette Warrington, Jennifer Gauthier, Devin Wynos, Jim Horton and Jamie Loudbear- Wayka.

Jim Horton and Jamie Loudbear-Wayka were present to ask the committee to recommend that the Tribe pick up the cost for curb side garbage pick up. Jim informed the committee that in the past the cost was covered by NAHASDA dollars but they cut the amount of money they send to Housing now and Jim can't afford the \$43,000 in his budget anymore. Jim stated that if he kept the costs he would have to cut some of the elder programs and the down payment program. Jim stated that he could increase the tenants rent to cover the cost but that really wouldn't be fair because the curb side pickup is for all the reservation and not just the housing unit people.

Committee went into a lengthy discussion regarding the subject and discussed possible solutions such as re-instituting the residential fee or by adding it to their utilities bill or possibly cutting out the curb side pick up all together. Committee members didn't like the idea of cutting the program because one of the reasons for starting it is because there were over 200 illegal dumping sites all over the reservation and the curb side pick up has somewhat reduced it. Committee members stated that adding it to the utilities bill really wouldn't be fair either because not everyone pays for their sewer and water.

Chairperson Reiter stated that the bottom line is that the curb side pick up needs to be funded and Committee members didn't want Jim to cut any of his programs. Committee decided to put the whole \$43,000 in the budget.

Committee members went over all the other budgets and shifted money around. Committee discussed the Library budget and there was a huge increase and some committee members feel that since the Library is Menominee Tribal/County Library, the County should kick in additional funds as well.

Motion made by Randy Chevalier to increase the Library budget to \$90,112. Motion was seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Committee discussed the Veteran's Budget and set it at \$2,000 because that is what they have been receiving and that is the same amount the Contest Pow-Wow receives. Jeremy stated that back in 1997 the Menominee Tribal Legislature made a motion to set the Veteran's budget allocation at \$8,000.

Motion made to have the Menominee Tribal Legislature reaffirm or rescind the motion made on April 17, 1997 setting the appropriations for the Veteran's Pow-Wow at \$8,000. Motion was seconded by Dan Maine. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

7. **Adjournment-**

Motion made by Kathy Kaquatosh to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Jeremy Weso. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 5-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services

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