



Northwest Arctic Borough

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Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly
Budget, Audit & Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 27, 2014 – 9:00 A.M.
Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly Chambers – Kotzebue, AK

CALL TO ORDER

Madam Chair Lucy Nelson called the meeting to order at 9:00A.M.

INVOCATION

Mr. Miles Cleveland provided the invocation.

ROLL CALL

Budget, Audit and Finance Committee Members Present:

Miles Cleveland Sr. Walter Sampson Carl Weisner Lucy Nelson

Other Members Present

Vern Cleveland Sr. Hendy Ballot Sr. Clyde Ramoth Larry Westlake Sr.

Introduction of Staff and Guests

Reggie Joule Stella Atoruk Martha Henry Judy Hassinger
Nina Lie Christine Hess Fred Smith Matt Mead

A quorum was present to conduct business.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda presented for October 27, 2014 for approval. Mayor Joule added Alaska Permanent Capital Management under Communications and Appearances to go over the Investment Review.

Member Weisner motioned, Member Miles Cleveland seconded to approve the agenda presented as amended.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Minutes of September 22, 2014 Budget, Audit and Finance presented for approval.

Member Miles Cleveland motioned, Member Weisner seconded to approve the minutes as presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Judy Hassinger gave a summarized report ending September 30, 2014.

Walter Sampson – raised concern on the Interest Receivable.

Carl Weisner – raised concern on the Revenue Sharing payments; also requested an update on Selawik water and sewer bill; also welcomed Vern Cleveland and Nathan Hadley.

Walter Sampson – questioned if we are still dependent on an outside source for the Internet service?

Carl Weisner – requested information on the solar power equipment that was located on the Borough building.

Walter Sampson – suggested putting it up at the Spud Farm.

Carl Weisner – welcomed Hendy Ballot to the meeting.

Hendy Ballot – expressed mixed feelings on the GEO bond; also requested payment information.

Walter – requested information on the petition for Chukchi.

Lucy Nelson – raised concerns and makes suggestions on donations.

Carl – questioned difference in line items for donations.

Walter – raised concerns regarding the contribution requests.

Lucy – raised her concern as to what the funds will be used for; also requested a revenue breakout pie chart to see where the revenue comes from whether federal, state or private.

Carl questioned if the Chukchi payments were broke down to 12 months would it benefit.

Vern – raised concern regarding the Inupiaq teachers being cut from the school, they conserve our culture and Inupiaq language. Maybe when we donate to the school district we should be saying we want the Inupiaq teachers teaching our kids.

Walter Sampson suggests that we request the school district to come tomorrow and report to us how the funds are allocated and see if they are allocating to the cultural side of the budget.

Brandye Bloomberg with Alaska Permanent Capital Management gave report.

Walter Sampson raised concern regarding allocations.

Lucy raises concern regarding international bonds.

Carl Weisner thanked Brandye; resolutions 14-48 & 14-50 are related to this.

10 minute break – back at 10:27 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, ENACTMENT OF ORDINANCES & EMERGENCY ORDINANCES

None presented.

INTRODUCTION OF ORDINANCES

1. **Ordinance 14-01 am 01** *an ordinance of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly providing for the establishment and adoption of the line item budget amendment for the Fiscal Year 2015.*

Hendy Ballot raises concern on PILT tax attorney on page 5.

Matt Mead explains

Carl Weisner raises concern on deficit, \$5,000 for retreat and AML.

Carl Weisner Recommends do pass.

RESOLUTIONS

1. **Resolution 14-46** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly accepting the FY15 Village Public Safety Officer Grant and for related purposes.*

Matt Mead I was delighted to see that this is the first time that this is seven figures.

Carl Weisner Recommends do pass.

2. **Resolution 14-48** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly establishing the FY15 Long-Term Investment Allocation, setting appropriate performance benchmarks, and for related purposes.*

Miles Cleveland Recommends do pass.

3. **Resolution 14-49** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a professional services contract with Legislative Consultants in Alaska for FY15 and for related purposes.*

Walter would like to increase that, this is our way into the Republicans side of the picture, she is well connected to Ken Dawson who is also a lobbyist and works right along with John Walsh, Andy Baker and others that go into the Republican side of the picture, I think this is a good resolution, the \$30,000 you pretty much can get it back as long as we can get some help with regards to getting some revenue on the other side based on the work that an individual does so I would like to ask that we increase that to \$50,000 you should be able to get your monies back and monies worth.

Reggie comments on increasing the amount.

Lucy recommends discussing in the work session

Carl Weisner recommends do pass.

4. **Resolution 14-50** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly to approve a professional services agreement with Alaska Permanent Capital Management for Investment Management Services and related purposes.*

Miles Cleveland recommends do pass.

5. **Resolution 14-51** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a professional services agreement with DOWL-HKM and for related purposes.*

Walter Sampson requested discussion in the work session.

Carl Weisner recommends do pass.

6. **Resolution 14-52** *a resolution of the Northwest Arctic Borough Assembly approving a professional services agreement with Sharpe Associates LLC for financial advising services and for related purposes.*

Carl Weisner requests clarification.

Matt Mead clarifies

Carl Weisner recommends do pass.

OTHER BUSINESS

None presented.

COMMITTEE COMMENTS

Walter Sampson requested upgrade on microphone system.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

No audience comments presented.

ADJOURNMENT

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 10:56 A.M.

Carl Weisner motioned to adjourn.