

## MINUTES OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

**DATE:** Tuesday, January 2, 2024

**TIME:** 9:30 AM

**PLACE:** Courthouse – Room 115

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ed Wagner, Lance Pliml, Laura Valenstein, Adam Fischer

**MEMBER EXCUSED:** Donna Rozar

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Trent Miner, County Clerk; See attached sign-in list

1. Chairman Wagner called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM.
2. There was no public comment.
3. Motion by Fischer/Pliml to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
4. Pliml has scheduled a meeting of the ARPA Committee for Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:00 AM to finalize more funding requests. There is hope we will have firmer amounts on some big ticket items, i.e. courthouse boiler.
5. Health Director Smith reviewed the Opioid Settlement Plan and the resolution authorizing the spend down of the funds received as a part of the settlement. The expenditures out of this fund would be reviewed each year and be dependent on what is in the fund. Motion by Pliml/Fischer to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Miner shared a letter received from WCA President Mark O’Connell requesting funds for the development of a NACO sponsored National Center for Public Lands Counties. Wood County received, according to the communication, \$100,000 from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund. The request is for \$1,000. Motion by Pliml/Valenstein to approve the request. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Wellness Coordinator Boeshaar provided a departmental update.
8. Finance Director Newton provided a departmental update.
9. Newton presented a resolution amending a number of Highway Dept. budgets was presented to the committee. This is a yearly clean up resolution. Motion by Fischer/Pliml to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
10. McGrath presented a request from department heads to the Operations Committee to conduct a market review of the 2024 wage plan due to the sharp increases seen at the

lower grades of the scale. Consensus of the committee was for McGrath to research costs and bring that information back to the committee.

11. McGrath presented a resolution to continue our self-funding of the workers compensation plan. This resolution is required every 3 years. Motion by Pliml/Valenstein to approve the resolution and forward onto the county board for their consideration. Motion carried unanimously.
12. The next meeting will be on Thursday, February 8, 2024 at 9:00 AM.
13. Chair Wagner adjourned the meeting at 9:50 AM.

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

