

FIREKEEPERS LOCAL REVENUE SHARING BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 14, 2011

The meeting of the FireKeepers Local Revenue Sharing Board was called to order at 8:34 a.m. by Chairman Moore.

1. Roll Call

Present: Mark Behnke, Calhoun County; Chuck Henrich, Emmett Charter Township; Jamie Stuck, Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi; Greg Moore, Athens Township; Jim Dyer, City of Marshall; Ken Tsuchiyama, City of Battle Creek.

Also Present: Kelli Scott, Calhoun County Administrator/Controller; Richard Lindsey, Calhoun County Corporation Counsel; Katie Kelly, Calhoun County Administrative Services.

Chairman Moore welcomed Chuck Henrich, who was designated to replace Gene Adkins as Emmett Township's representative

2. Approval of Agenda

Chairman Moore requested "Correspondence" to be added to the Agenda, also add "Administrative Budget" to New Business. Motion by Member Stuck, supported by Member Behnke to approve the March 14, 2011 agenda as amended.

Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

3. Consent Agenda

Motion by Member Behnke, supported by Member Stuck to approve the Consent Agenda.

Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Old Business

5a. Adoption of logo/letterhead for FLRSB

Member Dyer indicated that he was not able to communicate with Bill Brooks. Action delayed to next meeting.

5b. RFP for Audit

Scott researched what other LRSB are doing and found that Berrien County did not use an RFP, but rather just called local CPA firms. Berrien hired a local firm for 3 years at cost of \$3500 per year. Scott suggested looking at both larger and smaller firms, including the firm hired by

Berrien County. Chairman Moore requested that firms in Calhoun County be provided the information regarding the RFP. Scott committed to have the RFP out before the next meeting.

6. New Business

6a. Administrative Budget (added)

Chairman Moore covered previous year's budget, indicating \$28,319 "carryover" to current year. Member Dyer suggested using \$50,000 figure for the Administrative budget, as was done in 2010, with the \$28,319 carryover added.

Motion by Behnke, supported by Stuck to adopt \$78,319 for 2011 Administrative Budget.

Voice Vote. Motion Carried.

6b. Hearings relative to applications for reimbursement for 2010 calendar year

Calhoun County Consolidated Dispatch - Jeff Troyer, CCCDA Executive Director, presented history of CCCDA funding and justification for CCCDA request of \$9,955.20 for 510 calls for service to the Casino property. The basis for this request is a "call for service" fee of \$19.52 per call for service, which is consistent with the rate for the long-term funding options being considered by CCCDA Governing Board. Discussion ensued regarding dispatch funding history, whether or not there was an actual increase in calls for service as a result of the casino operation, and future funding plans. Henrich asked if amount requested is being billed to Emmett Township and Troyer responded "No". Moore asked if other agencies were seeing a change, to which Troyer again responded "No". Troyer was also asked if the workload from the Casino required additional resources or staffing, to which he also responded "No".

Athens Township/Athens Fire Department - Steve Wart, Fire Chief provided the Township's justification for their request for reimbursement of 4 self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) at a total amount of \$18,132. Wart indicated that approval of their request would address the Township's ability to provide service to Tribal reservation, not casino site.

Charter Township of Emmett - The Emmett Township was received a bit late due in part to the recall of 3 Township Board members. *Motion by Member Dyer, support by Member Behnke, to accept Emmett's late application due to their extenuating circumstances.*

Voice Vote. Motion carried.

Township Clerk Gloria Maichele explained the basis for Emmett Township's request, which consists of \$74,369.44 in Public Safety costs and \$10,577.60 for legal costs. Chairman Moore asked if public safety costs were in addition to costs associated with the contract between the Township and the Tribe, to which Maichele responded affirmatively.

Calhoun County - Administrator Scott outlined the basis and justification of request from the County Prosecutor's Office, which consisted of reimbursement for 10 cases resulting from Casino operation in an amount of \$567.86. Water Resources Commissioner Larry Cortright provided basis and justification for his request for reimbursement of \$25,448.40 in costs associated with work on the 11 Mile Road drain.

Having heard the justification statements from the applicants, the Board then took up consideration of each request.

CCFDA request – *Motion by Member Dyer, supported by Member Behnke to approve the \$9955.20 request of CCCDA.* Chairman Moore expressed concern that formula used as the basis for the request has not been in effect and that there has been no actual increase in costs as a result of the casino operation. Member Henrich concurred. Member Dyer disagreed.

*Voice Vote. Member Henrich – Yes
Member Behnke – Yes
Member Stuck – Yes
Chairman Moore – No
Member Dyer – Yes
Member Tsuchiyama – Yes*

Motion defeated.

Athens Township request – *Motion by Member Henrich, supported by Member Behnke to approve the Athens Township request of \$18,132*

*Voice Vote. Member Henrich – Yes
Member Behnke – Yes
Member Stuck – Yes
Chairman Moore – Yes
Member Dyer – No
Member Tsuchiyama – No*

Motion defeated.

Emmett Township request – *Motion by Member Dyer, supported by Member Behnke to approve the Public safety portion \$74,369.44.*

*Voice Vote. Member Henrich – Yes
Member Behnke – Yes
Member Stuck – Yes
Chairman Moore – Yes
Member Dyer – Yes
Member Tsuchiyama – Yes*

Motion carried.

Motion by Member Stuck, supported by Member Behnke to approve the legal services portion of the Emmett Township request in the amount of \$10,577.60. Member Dyer suggested

County Administration and legal counsel review for applicability before action taken. *Motion by Member Behnke, supported by Member Stuck to postpone action on the legal services portion of the Emmett Township request until the next meeting. Motion to postpone carried.*

Calhoun County request – *Motion by Member Behnke, supported by Member Henrich to approve the County Prosecutor portion of the County request in the amount of \$567.86.*

Voice Vote. *Member Henrich – Yes
Member Behnke – Yes
Member Stuck – Yes
Chairman Moore –Yes
Member Dyer – Yes
Member Tsuchiyama – Yes*

Motion carried.

Motion by Member Stuck, supported by Member Dyer to approve the Water Resources portion of the County request in the amount of \$25,448.40. Member Tsuchiyama suggested the Water Resources Commissioner provide additional info regarding the proportion of work and cost attributable to casino site. Motion by Member Behnke, supported by Member Stuck to postpone action on the legal services portion of the Emmett Township request until the next meeting. Motion to postpone carried.

7. Adjournment

Chairman Moore adjourned the meeting at 10:02 a.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday April 18, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. in the Board of Commissioners Chambers, Calhoun County Building.