

## Finance (FY 2016 Budget) Minutes

August 26, 2015

The Finance Committee of the Piatt County Board reconvened on Wednesday, August 26, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. in Room 104 of the Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Keith. Attending were: Randy Keith, Tom Dobson, Renee Freundt, Al Manint, Randy Shumard, Ray Spencer, Colleen Kidd, Linda Leach, and Keri Nusbaum.

### **MAINTENANCE**

Scott Stephenson asked for an increase in staff salary, and to increase one position from 20 hours per week to 30 hours per week. And, an increase in the projects line, to cover roof and elevator repairs, and materials and parts for a total of \$364,158.00.

MOTION: Shumard moved, seconded by Dobson to tentatively approve the budget. Roll was called, all in favor, motion carried.

### **Abandoned Property Assistance**

Dobson suggested the \$20,000 be reduced to \$10,000.00. After discussion, it was decided that might be too much of a reduction.

MOTION: Dobson made motion, seconded by Shumard to tentatively approve \$15,000.00 for abandoned property assistance. Roll was called, all in favor, motion carried.

### **Assessor**

Paula Bates presented a decreased budget for FY16. Last year was a quad year and required more mailings, so office supplies and postage will be less in 2016. There was a requested salary increase of 3%. The board is pleased with the budget and Paula's performance.

MOTION: Dobson made motion, Shumard seconded to tentatively approve the budget. Roll was called, all in favor, motion carried.

### **Piatt County Nutrition Program**

Shirley Turner requested \$1000.00, which is less than last year. They have received some grants, so require less help with funding.

MOTION: Manint made motion to give the nutrition program \$2000, Shumard seconded. Roll was called, all in favor, motion carried.

### **County Clerk**

Colleen Kidd presented her budget for \$235,650.00. She requested a 3% increase in salaries and office supplies, a decrease in new equipment and cut telephone expense line due to using the fiber optic line.

MOTION: Manint made motion to tentatively approve, seconded by Spencer. Roll was called, all in favor, motion carried.

### **ELECTION**

Kidd presented her budget for \$112,000.00. State and national statutes have increased the work load, and mailings required.

MOTION: Spencer made motion to tentatively approve, seconded by Freundt. Roll was called, all in favor, motion carried.

### **ZONING**

Keri Nusbaum presented the zoning budget of \$44,600.

MOTION: Dobson made motion, seconded by Manint to tentatively approve the budget. Roll was called, all in favor, motion carried.

### **MAPPING**

Nusbaum presented the mapping budget of \$76,433.50. A line item to lease a new copier printer was included, but will not be used unless necessary.

MOTION: Dobson made motion, seconded by Manint, to tentatively approve the mapping budget. Roll was called, all in favor, motion carried.

### **Piatt County Mental Health**

David King and Darlene Baker presented a budget of \$1,501,977. They have been able to cut their expenses due to retirements, and other measures. Their request for funding has decreased for the fourth year in a row.

MOTION: Manint made motion, seconded by Fruendt to tentatively approve the budget request. Roll was called, all in favor, motion carried.

### **Public Transportation**

Lisa Olsen and Christina Smith presented the FY16 budget. The Public Transportation budget was previously approved at a County Board meeting. They explained what had been cut or changed in the budget to get where they are. They have budgeted to the lower funding mark suggested by the State of Illinois. Both budgets represent a loss. Some routes were eliminated, putting two full time drivers to part time status.

### **Treasurer**

Tim Pankau has a budget of \$138,000.00 including a 3% salary increase and an increase in office supplies.

MOTION: Spencer moved, seconded by Fruendt to approve \$138,000. Roll was called, all in favor, motion carried.

### **Coroner/Death Examiner**

The budget presented was \$39,126.00. Expenses and continuing education were increased. The state is making more requirements of the office, but not funding them.

MOTION: Manint made motion, seconded by Dobson to tentatively approve the budget as presented. Roll was called, all in favor, motion carried.

### **Pre-employment Physicals**

Linda recommended that this stay \$21,000.00.

MOTION: Dobson made motion, seconded by Fruendt to tentatively approve. Roll was called, all in favor, motion carried.

### **911 Tower Expenses**

The amount previously budgeted for the lease is \$5000.

MOTION: Dobson made motion to approve \$4,000. Manint seconded, to approve. Roll call, all in favor, motion passed.

### **911 Salary**

The 911 board has approved a salary of \$53,188.00.

MOTION: Dobson made motion, Fruendt seconded to accept. Roll was called, all in favor, motion passed.

**Economic Development**

The proposed budget is \$7000.00.

MOTION: Manint made motion, seconded by Fruendt to approve. Roll call, all in favor, motion passed.

**Fiber Optics**

Randy Keith proposed a budget of \$20,000.00, down from \$65,000.

MOTION: Spencer made motion, seconded by Shumard. Roll was called, all in favor, motion passed.

**Animal Control**

Teresa Canfield presented a budget for \$56,188.00, the same amount as last year.

MOTION: Dobson made motion, seconded by Shumard, to tentatively approve the budget. Roll call, all in favor, motion passed.

**Court**

Judge Koritz presented the court budget of \$86,150.00.

He thanked the board for accommodating needs which came up throughout the year, including the threat of the court reporter not being paid by the State, and the increase in pay to the conflict public defender needed due to a case having numerous defendants. When the law library agreement ends, he would like to see just one set of hard copy statute books and a laptop to access the online law library, which would save money. He would like to see the savings go to hire a part time assistant for the court reporter.

**Public Defender**

The public defender budget was increased to \$95,200.00.

MOTION: Dobson made motion, seconded by Spencer to tentatively approve both court budgets. Roll was called, all in favor, motion carried.

MOTION: Dobson moved, seconded by Fruendt to recess. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting was recessed at 11:57 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Nusbaum  
Piatt County Zoning Officer