

Finance Minutes

July 28, 2016

The Finance Committee of the Piatt County Board met on Thursday, July 28, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 104 of the Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Keith. Attending were: Keith, Al Manint, Randy Shumard, Ray Spencer, Renee' Fruendt, Linda Leach, Colleen Kidd, and Keri Nusbaum.

MOTION: Manint moved, seconded by Shumard to approve the February 4, 2016 minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Keith asked Leach to report on the status of the budget. She began by saying that the fund balance report is \$100,000 behind where it was last year at this time. She went through the status of the budgets by department. There are a few over budget in some line items currently. The circuit clerk is over on publications, but otherwise fine. The present county clerk's budget is in good shape, but Kidd said next year's budget for office supplies will need to be more because signature stamps will need to be replaced, etc. upon her retirement. Courtroom budget is over on court psychological exams, court appointed defenders, and equipment, all necessities. The maintenance department was over on several line items. Randy Keith asked Randy Shumard to let Scott know to limit his tools and equipment purchases to emergencies only. It was noted that mental health and transportation are billed for parts, however rather than being reimbursed to the maintenance budget, it goes back to the general fund. In fairness to the maintenance department, those funds should go back to their budget. Linda will check if that is allowable by state statute, and check with the auditors the best way to show the true balance in those line items. The committee reviewed the impact to date on the PSB budget with the change in housing Chicago prisoners. The States Attorney will be over budget on salaries before the end of the year. Each department budget was reviewed and the general funds. Everything looks pretty good at this time. There will be a need to tighten the budgets in August, because of decreased revenue. Right now, there are different accounts for janitorial supplies for each building and department. It may be more cost effective to combine the purchases, but it may be difficult to do that.

The County Board is hoping to be able to approve a 2 ½% wage increase for employees. The Soil and Water District may need help again this year, if their state funding does not come through like last year.

Per Leach, the audit has been filed as required, and everything is accounted for.

At this point the Health Department has the highest cash reserves in their history. The county initially partially funded the department. Keith would like to find out when the county can be reimbursed.

MOTION: Ray Spencer made motion, seconded by Al Manint to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Nusbaum
Piatt County Zoning Officer