

## Finance (FY 2017 Budget) Minutes

August 24, 2016

The Finance Committee of the Piatt County Board met on Wednesday, August 24, 2016, at 8:55 a.m. in Room 104 of the Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Randy Keith. Attending were: Tom Dobson, Randy Keith, Renee Freundt, Al Manint, Randy Shumard, Ray Spencer, Colleen Kidd, Linda Leach, and Keri Nusbaum.

### **States Attorney**

States Attorney Dana Rhoades and Assistant Elizabeth Dobson presented the FY '17 budget. Operating expenses remain the same. They added a line item for victims advocate and included a 2.5% pay increase for the staff. Rather than an employee, she would add the victims advocate as an independent contractor. They explained the role of a victim advocate. They are applying for a grant to help fund the position.

### **Macon/Piatt Regional Board of Education**

Matt Snyder is asking for \$43,278.00 for FY '17. They are getting an education grant from the state which has been funded.

### **Death Examiner**

Randy Keith has gone over the budget with Troy Dunn, and presented it in Dunn's absence. He is asking for a slight increase with an increase in salary, expenses, and assistant's salary.

### **Piatt County Nutrition**

They are requesting the same as last year \$2000. They have taken over sponsorship of a citizen who cannot afford the meals.

**Zoning** The zoning budget remained the same other than a decrease in budgeted mileage, and a budgeted 2.5% salary increase. Keith proposed a larger increase in the salary.

### **GIS**

Other than decreases in tech support and traveling, the budget remains the same. A flyover is budgeted for '17 for \$40,000. Keith asked what would happen if Piatt County did not participate in the next flyover. How often does it need to be updated? What would the harm be? Total budget request of \$113,394.00.

### **Piatt County Animal Shelter**

Leann Topol and associate requested \$3000 which is an increase of \$500.

### **Animal Control**

Teresa Camfield brought the budget of \$56,188.00 to the board which includes a 2.5% pay increase. Keith questioned if there should be a charge when the dog catcher is sent out, increasing with multiple calls.

**Employee Appreciation** This is a new line item last year, and will be kept the same.

**Employee Activities** The flowers sent and the employee picnic and Christmas party come out of this fund. Keith would like to increase this to \$4,000.00.

**Legal Fees** This amount was dropped to \$35,000 to spend with outside lawyers.

**Pre Employment Physicals** Any amount over \$15,000 for the nursing home will be paid by them. This line item is slightly over now. The amount will stay the same.

**Economic Development** This amount will stay at \$7000.

**Election Budget** This amount went down for 17 due to only one election next year. . She cut compensation for election judges by \$20,000 for 17 for the same reason. Kidd said that the equipment is aging, and will need to be replaced. They have a contract for maintenance. It cannot be replaced piecemeal, because the technology must match up.

**Probation**

Kyle Reynolds presented the probation budget. He has kept under budget for '16, and the budget for '17 is less because they have new staff. The state covers Kyle's salary and \$12,000 of the assistants. Case load and fees have dropped.

**County Clerk**

Colleen Kidd presented the budget for FY 17. Office supplies were increased due to needing new stamps etc upon her retirement. The total budget presented was \$245,017.00.

After review she thought she may be able to drop the amount by some. Document storage budget is \$62,216.00.

**Motion** Manint made motion, seconded by Fruendt to continue the meeting to Thursday.

The meeting was recessed at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Nusbaum  
Piatt County Zoning Officer