

## Finance (FY 2017 Budget) Minutes

August 25, 2016

The Finance Committee of the Piatt County Board met on Thursday, August 25, 2016, at 9:00 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 Fruendt, Al Manint, Randy Shumard, Ray Spencer, Colleen Kidd, Linda Leach, and Keri Nusbaum.

### **Maintenance**

Scott Stephenson brought forward the budget for 2017 for \$313,800.00. He has increased the budget to allow the addition of a part time person to assist with mowing, and has increased the line item for salt for the parking lots. He dropped the line item for projects to \$75,000, since part of the roof has been done. After discussion the phone/mileage line item was dropped to \$1300 since they are no longer using personal vehicles.

### **Building and Grounds**

The total budget amount was dropped to \$306,500 due to decreased utility costs.

Keith asked Shumard to work with the sheriff and Stephenson to get a firm figure for the elevator replacement with the breakdown of costs for each step.

### **Court**

Judge Steadman brought the budget for the courts for \$81,727.00. Changing the law library to online will result in significant savings.

### **EMA**

Jim Donaldson presented the budget for \$38,021.00. Everything has stayed the same except a 2.5% salary increase. One half of the EMA budget is covered by grants.

### **Assessor**

Sandy Schlosser presented the budget for \$135,628.00 which is less than last year. There has been a savings in salaries since her salary is split with Dewitt County. That includes a 2.5% salary increase proposed for the staff.

### **Piatt County Soil and Water**

Jonah Totten and Eric Miller came in with the request for \$25,000.00. They have been able to form a 501(c)3 foundation which will help with funding. They have been promised state funding, but office locations may be reduced.

The board reviewed the various levies. The final decisions will be made after the entire budget has been reviewed.

The mileage reimbursement rate will be what is determined by the IRS in December.

### **Nursing Home**

Gary Coulter brought the budget for \$8,795.992. They are budgeting for 85 residents. They have been proactive in following up with financial arrangements, and planning for application for Medicaid.

### **Maple Point**

The 2017 proposed budget is \$1,366,545.00. There will be no rate increase to the residents.

**Motion** Shumard made motion, seconded by Dobson that any County organization whose pre-employment physicals exceed \$15,000 in the budget year will be paid by that organization. Roll was called, all in favor. Motion passed.

In 2016 so far the nursing home has had \$16,364.00 in pre-employment physicals. The nursing home tax levy was raised to \$435,000.

Summons was received today for a suit by the former DON at the Nursing Home.

**Treasurer**

Tim Pankau brought the budget for \$139,600.00. The only change in the budget from last year was a 2.5% salary increase for staff.

He explained the fund balances. Keith asked which funds could be used for expenses such as a new elevator.

**County Board** budget will be to be determined.

**Motion:** Manint made motion, seconded by Shumard to adjourn. All in favor.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Nusbaum  
Piatt County Zoning Officer