

Finance Committee Minutes

October 6, 2016

The Finance Committee of the Piatt County Board met on Thursday, October 6, 2016, at 10:30 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 Freundt, Linda Leach, and Keri Nusbaum. Tom Dobson was absent.

MOTION: Manint made motion, seconded by Shumard to approve the July 28, 2016, and August 23, 24, 25, 2016 minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

FY17 Budget review

There are building maintenance items which need to be funded. Keith met with the bank, and got information about a 10 year low interest loan. With a \$300,000 loan the roof could be fixed, and address the elevator issues and updating the states attorney's office.

The salary of Linda Leach will now come from the County Board budget rather than the County Clerk.

MOTION: Manint made motion, seconded by Shumard to change Linda Leach' title to Financial Officer. Roll was called, all in favor, motion passed.

There is \$50,000 set aside in the budget toward expenses for the murder trial coming up. The line item for health insurance was decreased because prior year's show the previous amount was over what was necessary. Previous years have averaged \$660,000. \$1,025,000 was budgeted. This year's amount budgeted will be \$760,000.00.

The tax valuations have raised so there is increased revenue. However, the PSB bond is paid off, so the county portion of tax bills will be less.

Fruendt questioned whether a loan for \$300,000 would be enough, if the roof or elevator repairs go over budget. Shumard asked if a Rural Development loan would be available from the state. Keith had asked about 7 months ago if there were funds available. Until a budget is in place, there are none.

Dana Rhoades is applying for a grant to cover a victim's advocate position. If the grant is not received, the board will have to cover the cost. \$5,000 was taken from the outside attorney's fund to go towards the cost.

MOTION: Manint made motion; seconded by Fruendt to add a line item with \$1000 to the diaper pantry. Roll was called; all in favor. Motion carried.

MOTION: Shumard made motion; seconded by Spencer to add a line item with \$10,000 for stopgap funding to be made available through a charitable organization. The chairman will have authority to release the funds without waiting for a full board vote. Roll was called, all in favor. Motion passed.

The auditors have suggested a funded depreciation account. The proposed line amount is \$12,000.00.

MOTION: Manint made motion; seconded by Fruendt to create a funded depreciation account with \$12,000. Roll was called all in favor, motion carried.

Eric Seibring has requested that the staff in his department be granted a 3% pay raise for FY17.

His funding is outside the county.

Kyle Reynolds has also requested that some of his staff get 3% increase in salary. His budget comes from fines and fees.

MOTION: Manint made motion to submit the 2017 budget to the County Board for tentative approval at the October Board meeting. Seconded by Spencer. All in favor, and the motion carried.

The board will need to give tentative approval at the October meeting.

The county board will give final approval to the budget at the November meeting.

Manint asked if establishing a Human Resources position was included. It is not included in the budget for 2017.

MOTION: Randy Shumard made motion, seconded by Al Manint to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Nusbaum
Piatt County Zoning Officer