

Finance Minutes

November 6, 2017

The Finance Committee of the Piatt County Board met on Monday, November 6, 2017 at 10:00 p.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, Robert Murrell, Linda Leach, Jennifer Harper, Sandy Schlosser and Keri Nusbaum. Not in attendance was committee member Renee Freundt.

MOTION: Ray Spencer made motion, seconded by Randy Shumard to accept the minutes of the October 26 meeting as revised and presented. All in favor and the motion carried.

The committee discussed the revised budget. Keith met with the 911 Board and they will begin to pay rent again, and \$26,000 per year for the dispatcher. They have not been paying those since 2011, but since they are now able to do so and the County has a tight budget, they will begin payments again.

Linda Leach said the budget in front of the committee today has \$19,000 that is extra. Keith said the budget represents real numbers. Murrell questioned where the revenue from the 911 Board is shown in the budget. Leach explained where it is shown.

Keith said that the Truth in Taxation hearing has been scheduled for November 8th prior to the County Board meeting. Since 1983 there have been only three Truth in Taxation hearings. With the uncertainty at the state level, it is prudent to do this now. Sandy Schlosser said that there is legislation pending now which would freeze the rate. If they don't do it now, they may not be able to raise the rate in the future. The rate of .0027 is the statutory limit.

Robert Murrell is not in favor of raising the taxes. He believes there is property in the county which is under assessed, and that revenue could be raised if property was assessed properly. He said there are large implement buildings and sheds which are assessed too low, and some which are not reported on the tax rolls. Keith said that if the board members see those, they should notify the zoning officer so she can follow up. Sandy Schlosser said that the township supervisors should be notified of buildings which are assessed too low. Spencer said that the people he has spoken to were not surprised because there have been no tax rate raises for years. Keith said it is the prudent thing to do. Manint said the people he has visited with are not surprised and realize it needs to happen. Shumard said that the board needs to act to protect the future of the county.

There were no more questions about the budget.

Comments – None

MOTION: Manint made motion, seconded by Shumard to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Nusbaum
Piatt County Zoning Officer