

## Finance Committee

### Minutes

August 14, 2018

The Finance Committee of the Piatt County Board met on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 104 of the Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Albert Manint. Attending were: Randy Shumard, Ray Spencer, Robert Murrell, Dale Lattz, Linda Leach, Jennifer Harper, Keri Nusbaum. Not in attendance was committee member Renee Fruendt.

**MOTION:** Shumard made motion, seconded by Spencer to approve the minutes of the February 27, 2018 meeting as presented. All in favor and the motion carried.

The committee was informed of a settlement in a lawsuit. The county needs to do a payout and will then be reimbursed by CIRMA.

**MOTION:** Shumard made motion to approve the payout of \$139,036.13, seconded by Spencer. Roll was called, all in favor, motion carried.

Jennifer Harper explained that rates have increased for employees who have dental coverage only.

**MOTION:** Lattz made motion, seconded by Shumard to pass ½ of the increase to the employee, and the county will absorb ½. Roll was called, all in favor and the motion carried.

Sheriff Hunt presented his budget to the committee. The only increase is in the salary line. EMA is a full time position and is now included in the sheriff's department budget.

Eric Seibring brought the budgets and tax levies for the County Highway Fund, Bridge and Federal aid matching funds. His budgets match the appropriations.

Tony Kirkman and Darlene Baker presented the Mental Health Center budget. Kirkman shared a 2016 needs assessment from Kirby Hospital. The #1 need identified was access to mental health services. He proposes a staff member assigned to the sheriff's department. Other counties use private providers. Right now the Center provides services at no cost. The center also needs equipment and building upgrades. The psychiatric grant from the State of Illinois has been eliminated. The center is requesting help with a new fire and burglar alarm system, funds for a jail and school therapist, and funds for psychiatry staff. Manint said the county will likely have no increased contribution to their budget in the coming year. The Center has operated at a deficit for the last few years, dipping into their reserves. They would like to look at other avenues for revenue, such as a foundation or a tax levy.

Matt Snyder presented the Regional Office of Education budget. There is no change to his budget from last year. They are asking for a small increase based on the EAV.

Ray Lawrence presented the budget for Veteran's Assistance. He is asking for the same amount as last year.

Supervisor of Assessments Jennifer Bryant brought her budget to the committee. She proposes an increase for deputy salaries and telephone costs. Next year is a quad year, so there is an increase in costs for postage and publication. She has a quote from DevNet to do the mailing that would save money. She has decreased the education line and the equipment line and requests a 2% increase in salary for the board of review.

Transportation Director Christina Smith and Finance Director Jami Trybom presented the FY19 budget. Their budget has increased based upon a projected 10% increase by IDOT.

Richard Wilkin, representing Sage Air came with a request for \$2000 which is the same amount they have received from the County in prior years.

The committee considered the County Board budget. The budget proposed includes a 2% salary increase for the finance officer and an increase in the office supply line. The office supply line was cut last year, but is over this year by \$800. That line will be raised to \$5000. Some of this is cartridges for an older printer. Linda will look at the possibility of replacing that. The maintenance line will be increased to cover yearly software updates.

County Clerk Jennifer Harper presented her budget proposal which includes an increase in salaries due to over time planned for elections, and a member of her staff is retiring requiring an overlap for training. Required updates for recording systems will require new equipment. The existing recording system has no support. Those costs will be paid with document storage funds, but those funds will not cover the change fully. The fees will be raised in the new fiscal year to match the cost study which was done in 2015.

Building and grounds utilities may need adjustment. The budget is over on gas, but has excess in electric.

Nusbaum presented the Zoning budget. There is an increase in the Zoning Board budget, due to an increase in the number of meetings. Also, the ZBA has recommended the Plat Committee be re-activated so \$1200 for their compensation will need to be added. Cuts were made to other line items last year, and those will remain the same, except for the maintenance line is reduced.

**MOTION:** Spencer made motion, seconded by Shumard to recess until Wednesday. All in favor and the motion carried. The committee is in recess until 9 a.m. Wednesday, August 15.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Nusbaum  
Piatt County Zoning Officer