

Finance Minutes

September 25, 2018

The Finance Committee of the Piatt County Board met on Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in Room 104 of the Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Al Manint. Attending were: Randy Shumard, Ray Spencer, Robert Murrell, Dale Lattz, Linda Leach, Jennifer Harper, and Keri Nusbaum. Not in attendance was committee member Renee Fruendt.

MOTION: Murrell made motion, seconded by Randy Shumard to accept the minutes of the August 14, 15 & 16, 2018 meetings as presented. All in favor and the motion carried.

Manint, Lattz, and Leach have been working on the 2019 budget. Preventive things will be put on hold until it is absolutely necessary. Leach went through the proposed budget, and detailed all of the lines which have been cut or reduced. Manint asked the members to ask questions and make comments as the review continued. Animal care and maintenance and repair lines were cut from Animal Control, but a larger wage increase was approved for the Animal control officer. Assessor's office supplies and equipment and maintenance were cut, and publication costs decreased due to contracting that out. Circuit clerk office supplies and postage were reduced. County Board budget shows reduced mileage, office supplies and telephone. The County Clerk's proposed budget was reduced in the salary, office supplies and maintenance and repair lines and the new equipment line was cut completely. Court budget was cut by \$2500. Death examiners budget was reduced and his request for equipment budget was denied. Elections budget was kept the same. EMA – telephone line item was reduced, the new equipment line was left as is. The director is now a full time position. Maintenance requested funds to add a part time person in the summer to mow, but that request was denied. Building and Grounds budget was left as is. Probation supplies and maintenance, postage and telephone was cut. Public defenders budget stays the same. The Sheriff's budget new equipment and deputy and jailer expenses were each cut by \$1500, merit committee and supplies were both cut by \$1000, car maintenance line was cut by \$5000, radio and computer \$3000, medical for inmate and training and equipment both cut \$2000, inmate meals \$5000. States attorney office supplies, telephone were cut by \$500, and the new equipment line was cut. There were no cuts to Treasurers budget, but salaries need to be reviewed with the changes in staff. An ad will be placed for bids for auditors.

The health insurance account was cut \$20,000, liability insurance was cut \$5,000, Economic development was cut \$2000, Physicals \$5,000. The legal fees line is cut out because the State's attorney's office will handle that moving forward.

Airport, animal shelter and senior transportation contributions were cut entirely. Abandoned property and employee appreciation was cut out. Employee activities cut by 50% to \$2,000. The zoning budget had cuts in mileage, office supplies, continuing education and maintenance. The budget includes a 2% wage increase for staff.

There were no more questions about the budget. The County Board needs to approve a tentative budget at the October meeting.

MOTION: Murrell made motion, seconded by Lattz to go into executive session to consider personnel issues. All in favor, and the motion carried.

MOTION: Murrell made motion, seconded by Shumard to return to open session. All in favor and the committee returned to open session at 10:27 a.m.

Comments – None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Nusbaum
Piatt County Zoning Officer