

Finance Committee  
Minutes

October 8, 2019

The Finance Committee of the Piatt County Board met on Tuesday, October 8, 2019 at 9 a.m. in Room 104 of the Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ray Spencer. Attending were members: Robert Murrell, Dale Lattz, and Shannon Carroll, Randy Shumard, Renee Fruendt. Also in attendance: Jennifer Harper, Linda Leach, Tony Kirkman, Darlene Baker, Scott Porter, Jami Trybom, Tony Furman, Debbie Marshall, and Keri Nusbaum.

**MOTION:** Shumard made motion, seconded by Fruendt to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2019 finance committee meetings as written. On voice vote all in favor, and the motion passed.

**FY 20 Budget**

Spencer met with the department heads, and gave a summary of the cuts agreed to.

The board reviewed possible increases in revenue. There will be an increase in the fees charged for dog tags resulting in approximately \$17,500 in additional revenue. Any increase in taxes would not benefit the county until 2021.

Shumard suggested making SUPS renewable semi-annually and charge renewal fees. He also suggested registering cats and requiring tags for same.

Insurance costs to employees was discussed. Nursing home levy is at max rate.

The year thus far is close to budgeted costs, but claims were submitted after this month's deadline which may change that. There is an option to move some insurance funds into the general fund, but that hasn't been decided. Carroll suggested moving half of the funds. Lattz suggested going back to the appropriation levels from last year. Shumard suggested freezing budgets for a few years.

Lattz requested the figures for last year's appropriations and spending, and the current year appropriations and spending, with line items and the 2020 updated requests. He said there needs to be a look at a long term fix. Revenues, health insurance and union contracts affect the long term budgets. Fruendt said every department needs to be looked at again.

The Finance committee will meet again October 15 at 9 a.m.

There will be a special meeting of the County Board to approve the tentative budget October 22 at 9 a.m.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**MOTION:** Murrell made motion, seconded by Carroll to adjourn. All in favor and the meeting adjourned at 9:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Nusbaum  
Piatt County Zoning Officer