

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE

June 14, 2018

Present: Becky Edwards, Chairwoman
Matt Wells, Vicki McMahon, Paul Schmitz, Venise McWard
Absent: None
Others present: Tim Carlson, Mike Gianasi, Chad Coady, Tom Latonis and Jan Bland.

The Finance Committee met on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the County Board Meeting Room, second floor Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address agenda items and any other matters properly brought before the committee. Attendance was taken, and Finance Chairwoman Becky Edwards noted a quorum. There were no public comments.

CLAIMS

June claims were signed by committee members and presented for approval. A motion was made by Paul Schmitz and seconded by Venise McWard. The motion carried.

GIS FLY-OVER UPDATE

Assessor Chad Coady gave the committee a report on the March 2017 fly-over to update the County's GIS mapping. Moneys collected for local government entities are from departments of the City of Taylorville and City of Pana totaling about \$5500 revenue. This service is not offered to private companies but of course the County's Sheriff, Animal Control/Zoning and Highway have access. With the new fly-over maps, new building permits and local assessments, approximately \$4.8 million of first time values have been adjusted. The second fly over, if we opt to purchase, will be in 2020.

CEMETERY FUND APPROVED FOR LANGLEY CEMETERY

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahon to approve the budgeted \$300 annual cemetery upkeep money to Jason Eson, caretaker of Langley Cemetery. The motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning other county-owned cemeteries that are active and if any revenues should be pursued. No action was taken.

ENTERPRISE ZONE APPLICATION

In 2021, the Taylorville and Christian County Enterprise Zone certification will expire. In the past a recertification was submitted, however, this time a new certification application process will be required, not just a renewal. This will take money for a grant writer to prepare. It has been proposed by the Christian County Economic Development Corporation that we hire Doug McDermott to approach the larger companies who have benefitted from the Enterprise Zone to assist with a financial contribution in the preparation of the new application. He would receive reimbursement of half of his mileage from the County (the other half from the City) and 10% of the amount of money secured for the project. A projected cost to apply is \$80,000 to \$100,000. The enterprise Zone is a strong calling card for new businesses by offering property taxes and sales tax abatements for a specific period of time. A motion was made by Paul Schmitz and seconded by Vicki McMahon to agree to the reimbursement for Doug McDermott's mileage from contingency. The motion carried.

NEW WAVE COMMUNICATIONS SERVICE PROVIDER FEE ORDINANCE

Due to legislation, the franchise fees previously paid to local governments would no longer be applicable and as received by New Wave, a new ordinance was presented for approval. Annual revenue received is about \$7,500. A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Venise McWard to adopt the ordinance O2018 CB 007 ADDRESSING THE PAYMENT OF CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE FEES IN THE COUNTY OF CHRISTIAN. The motion carried.

PREVAILING WAGE ADOPTED

The annual prevailing wage ordinance was presented for adoption. A motion was made by Paul Schmitz and seconded by Venise McWard to adopt the Prevailing Wage Ordinance 2018 CB 008 as required. The motion carried.

MOBILE HOME TAX SALE CERTIFICATE RESOLUTION

A resolution will be presented at the full board to adopt R2018 TR 009 to authorize the county board chairman to assign the sale of 28 Hannon Mobile Home Park to John L. Manning for the amount of \$695.00.

FY2019 BUDGET YEAR REQUESTS

The committee discussed the real deficit taking out the one time utility pay was at \$235,000. Members want to continue to reduce the budget, making it balanced. After each member made comments on their suggestions of what and how to begin reductions, the suggestion of understanding the departments’ mandated duties and expenses will create a request to elected office holders and department heads to submit that information by June 28th for committee review. The purpose of the request is to get a better understanding of the offices “must provide” services. Comments about salaries based on performance were discussed with no action to be taken at this time. No specific directions were proposed for the preparation of the FY2019 budget as of yet. Budget hearings will be August 14 and 16 beginning at 6 pm.

JAIL PRELIMINARY COST DISCUSSED

The Highway/Building committee reviewed the plans without the cost available, but by the Finance committee a preliminary cost of \$588,000 was presented. During the full Board meeting, the architect will be present to describe and answer questions.

JUDICIAL OFFICES BACK UP SYSTEM

A meeting was held with the judicial office holders with Jeff Durbin of CTI describing the issues with their back-up system. It was explained their best option was the replacement of new hard drives as well as using the cloud. Without money in their individual budgets, it was suggested to utilize an office “0” computer programing line used for the second floor shared software and hardware. It appears that money will be available in that line this year. For the new budget, an office “0” line would be designated for the judicial system which is shared by five offices. The annual cost for a year is projected to be \$1885 plus \$28/month.

A motion was made by Paul Schmitz and seconded by Vicki McMahon to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Becky Edwards
Finance/Audit Chairwoman
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