

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

July 30, 2019

Present: Clark Pearce, Chairman

Venise McWard, Mike McClure

Absent: Tim Carlson, Vicki McMahan

Others present: Becky Edwards, Joe Stepping, Zach Hicks, Mike Gianasi, Vince Harris, Cliff Frye, Nancy Martin, Amy Winans, Laura Cooper, Julie Mayer, Bruce Engeling, Betty Asmussen, Tom Latonis and Jan Bland.

The Budget Committee met on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the County Board Meeting Room, second floor Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to hear budget proposals for 2020 and any other matters properly brought before the committee. Attendance was taken, and Finance Chairman Clark Pearce noted a quorum. There were no public comments.

The departments of the Solid Waste, Maintenance, Coroner, and Treasurer presented fairly status quo budgets from the FY 2019. The exceptions and increases would be salaries and health insurance costs. Wage and health insurance increases were noted in all departments.

- The Probation Department may be awarded funding for additional staffing which in turn would create more office space.
- The purchase of new election equipment was presented for consideration by the County Clerk at a cost of \$291,000. The last time new election equipment was purchased was 2004. Mike Gianasi also noted the 2020 census results might enable redistricting which could also reduce the voting precincts. He has a new chief deputy and two vacant positions in his departments.
- Julie Mayer Circuit Clerk is confident that the paperless civil system in the courts will reduce her supply budget as well. She also noted she has several new employees which decreased some salary lines items as well as an upcoming retirement.
- Chief Deputy Bruce Engeling has increased most of the budget in part time staffing and food, health and utilities for the jail as the inmate population increases. Building repairs continue to plague both the jail and courthouse facilities. With all the increases, Engeling suggested to reduce the purchase of squad cars to one.
- The department of Animal Control continues to expand with animals brought in and adopted out demanding staffing. Vince Harris AC/Z Director is asking for security cameras for the facility; his truck is in need of some repairs; and other expenses in the office qualify his increases in the budget.
- Highway Engineer Cliff Frye reviewed the upcoming projects for roads and bridges.

- The Health Department depends on grants and not all have been allocated for the budget year.

A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Venise McWard. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Clark Pearce

Finance/Audit Committee Chairman