

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

August 15, 2019

Present: Clark Pearce, Chairman

Venise McWard, Mike McClure, Tim Carlson, Vicki McMahon

Absent: None

Others present: Becky Edwards, Julie Wollerman, Jerry Mahr, Mike Gianasi, Ken Gibson, Julie Mayer, Mike Havera, Tom Latonis and Jan Bland.

The Audit/Finance Committee met on Thursday, August 15 2019 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 Chairman Clark Pearce noted a quorum. There were no public comments.

AUGUST CLAIMS

A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve the August claims as presented. The motion carried. The "claims reports" will be emailed to all board members.

AFSCME CONTRACT

There was nothing to report.

BUDGETS

Jerry Mahr, Director of the Christian County Senior Citizens presented budgets from the Christian County Senior Citizens in Taylorville, South Fork, Pana, and Morrisonville-Palmer. Mahr commented that Taylorville's budget had about a \$1,000 increase over last year. Where vehicle gas and insurance had increases, they cut back on supplies. Transportation is their biggest expense. They make two to three trips daily to Springfield. New programs are being offered geared toward the senior citizen. The county levies some funding for the senior citizens.

Julie Wollerman, Director of the Regional Office of Education submitted her budget for the five counties included in her district. The percentage each county pays is based on 2018 Real Property EAV by county. Christian County's percentage is 27.80% of the total budget or \$70,964.20 plus health insurance for the ROE secretary at Taylorville.

Mike Crews was unable to attend due to the siren repair and testing. It was reported ESDA budget had no significant changes.

APPOINT AUTHORIZED AGENT

Due to the change and promotion of the chief deputy in the County Clerk's Office, the Board is required to designate an IMRF Authorized Agent. A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Venise McWard to appoint Katrina Dieterich as the IMRF Authorized Agent by resolution R2019 CB 009. The motion carried.

IMRF 2020 RATE

Due to the estimated reduction in interest rates, each local government was asked to select the regular actuarial determined contribution rate (which is higher) versus a reduced phase in rate which would actually cost the county more. A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahon to select the ADC rate of 11.93% for IMRF rather than the phase in rate of 9.63%. The motion carried. There was no phase in choice for the SLEP and ECO rates.

PUBLIC DEFENDER

Several years ago reimbursement to counties was based on a full time status and the salary is determined by the states attorney's salary—90% of that salary. Per statute the State reimburses 66 2/3% of the public defender's salary if the position is full time and the salary is 90% of the states attorney's salary. A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Tim Carlson to designate the public defender's position as full time and to pay the salary of 90% of the states attorney's salary to receive the State's reimbursement. The motion carried.

COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Board Chairwoman Becky Edwards has been contacted to participate in a program to qualify the counties of Christian, Shelby, Jersey, Calhoun, Greene, Montgomery and Macoupin to apply for grants in disaster recovery and economic development projects. The cost to participate in this program will be \$1,334 (and not more than \$1,500) annually for a five year period.

A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Mike McClure to participate in the CEDS and adopt the resolution R2019 CB 010. The motion carried.

SOLAR ORDINANCE--SPECIAL USE

Last month the Zoning Board of Appeals held a meeting as requested for a special use in an AG-1 District for Solar Farm Development. As part of the approval was a contingency payment for the extra two year extension.

During discussions concerning the contingency payment, Invenergy and Chairwoman proposed the payment upfront for the building permit. Generally the building permit is issued at the time to break ground which in this case would be in 2021 or 2022. A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Venise McWard to drop the contingency clause and agree for \$248,000.00 building fee to be paid upfront prior to December 31, 2019. Chairwoman Edwards spoke to Treasurer Asmussen about which fiscal year would be more beneficial to the county's budget and it was concurred that either year was acceptable. The motion carried.

ELECTION EQUIPMENT

County Clerk Mike Gianasi introduced Ken Gibson from Liberty Systems, the current vendor for election equipment, supplies and service. He noted that after the meeting the members were welcome to preview the new equipment. Clerk Gianasi had discussed the possibility of purchasing new election equipment during his budget review.

A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Tim Carlson. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Clark Pearce

Finance/Audit Committee Chairman