

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

September 12, 2019

Present: Clark Pearce, Chairman
Venise McWard, Mike McClure, Tim Carlson, Vicki McMahon

Absent: None

Others present: Becky Edwards, Sean Flynn, Zach Hicks, Betty Asumssen, Mike Gianasi, Micki Ehrhardt, Julie Mayer, Mike Havera, Nancy Martin, Nancy Roggero, Amanda Cole, Tom Latonis and Jan Bland.

The Audit/Finance Committee met on Thursday, September 12, 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.

INTENT TO ISSUE REVENUE BONDS FOR CHRISTIAN COUNTY INTEGRATED COMMUNITY SERVICES

Sean Flynn of Gilmore Bell spoke to the committee with a request for the County to issue revenue bonds for Christian County Integrated Community Services (CCICS). He noted that two years ago the County assisted Pana Community Hospital with the same type of bonds for their building expansion. For the County to issue the bonds allows the non for profit organization at a lower interest rate. Counties are allowed up to \$10 million in bonds to be issues per year. There is absolutely no financial liability to the County. The County has nothing scheduled for bonds in 2019 so there is no conflict. The CCICS is asking for \$8-8.5 million in bonds in 2019 and in 2020 a new allocation would be available to the County. Representatives from CCICS will attend the full board meeting. A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Venise McWard to adopt the resolution with the intent to issue revenue bonds to finance and refinance the costs of a project for CCICS. The motion carried. In October, a resolution will be submitted for the issuance of revenue bonds for CCICS.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY ETSB DISCUSSION

Micki Ehrhardt, 911 Coordinator for Christian/Shelby Counties, reported that Montgomery County ESTB was interested in consolidating with the Christian/Shelby 911 system. Two years ago Shelby County came on board with Christian County. Montgomery County would have vote on the transfer which would include the revenues from the 911 surcharge money through the State. More employees and equipment would be required. Ehrhardt noted that 911 consolidations are coming anyway so by accepting Montgomery County would be a first step to defining a regional group. Resolutions and ordinances will be presented upon the agreement to merge. A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Mike McClure to proceed in the development to add Montgomery County to our 911 center. The motion carried.

SEPTEMBER CLAIMS

A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Vicki McMahon to approve the September claims as presented. The motion carried.

LANGLEY CEMETERY

The annual allocation of \$300 was motioned by Venise McWard and seconded by Tim Carlson to award to the Langley Cemetery custodian. The motion carried.

ELEVATOR REBUILD NECESSARY

Maintenance Manager Zach Hicks reported the issues of the request to spend at least \$250,000 on the courthouse rebuild. The base contract amount from OTIS is \$200,114. Zach detailed the main items that was required prior to OTIS actually rebuilding the elevator. The time frame is to approve immediately, OTIS will process the contract and order the equipment. The equipment may take up to 12 weeks to build offsite. During that time frame, the County must complete all of the projects required for the upgrade. Some projects like the electric power, will have to be outsourced and Zach has inquired locally for interest in the projects. During this

period there will still be certain days that the elevator will be down for us to do shaft work. Early in January is the projected beginning of at least ten weeks of OTIS installation. Zach, preliminarily has estimated another \$50,000 for the pre-work.

Unfortunately, there will be noise which will be problematic for the courts and then no elevator service during the install. The Circuit Clerk and Judges have already begun to plan and will meet with the other county officials soon. Changes to the courts may incur costs as well.

Treasurer Asmussen explained that last year the County got general obligation bonds with a balance of approximately \$1.2 million. This money was secured for use on only long term expenditures which this rebuild of the elevator would meet that standard. A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Venise McWard for the Treasurer to move bond money to the budget for the elevator project. The motion carried.

BUDGET INFO

- South Fork Senior Citizens Director Nancy Roggero recapped their many programs for their group and was thankful for the funds the County of which levies for the senior citizen groups.
- Nancy Martin presented an updated budget for the Health/TB Department. She also noted that her Board had approved a 3% increase to their non-bargaining staff.
- Amanda Cole, County Extension Director submitted the budget and programs for the 7/1/2020 – 6/30/2021 and noted that this was a 3.03% reduction from the FY 2019 levy.
- County Clerk Michael Gianasi updated his initial request for new voting machines. He offered options for an election service contract to lease equipment for a six year period and a two year optional extension to own. He obtained local bank interest rates as well the suggested general obligation bonds for payment of all or partial. The Treasurer will move forward.
- Discussion on salary increases for non-bargaining employees was determined to revert back to a percentage increase rather than an equal increase for all Department Heads and mid-management exempt employees. A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Mike McClure to offer a 2% increase to all non-bargaining management and mid-management employees and no longevity. The motion carried 4-1. Elected officials salaries are determined prior to their running for office and cannot be changed during their term. The county clerk, supervisor of assessments, treasurer and sheriff were declared at 2% each year in their four year term.
- Circuit Clerk Julie Mayer described a status of her current chief deputy and asked to promote from with a new chief deputy to overlap for several months. She will include it in the 2020 budget and has money in the current budget.
- Chairwoman Edwards reviewed changes in Office “0” line items.

AFSCME CONTRACT

It was reported that a meeting was set for Wednesday, September 18th with the mediator and the AFSCME union.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Clark Pearce
Finance/Audit Committee Chairman
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