

**AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE**

**May 14, 2020**

Present via phone: Clark Pearce, Chairman- Vicki McMahon, Mike McClure, Tim Carlson

Absent: None

Present: Venise McWard ( in person),

Others present: Mike Gianasi, Bill Kennedy, Bruce Kettelkamp, Venise McWard, and Janet Bland.

Others via Web-ex who announced: Amy Winans, Becky Edwards, Judge Paisley, Laura Cooper, Rich Hooper, Jeremy Travelstead, Betty Asmussen, and Mike Havera.

The Audit/Finance Committee met on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the County Board Meeting Room and via web-ex, second floor Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address special agenda items and any other matters properly brought before the committee. Attendance was taken, and Finance Chairman Clark Pearce noted a quorum.

**CLAIMS**

*A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Vicki McMahon to approve the claims presented for May. The motion carried.*

**HEALTH INSURANCE RENEWAL**

Jeremy Travelstead, American Central Insurance presented multiple options from Blue Cross for the open enrollment period. He first noted that quotes from Health Alliance were also received. United Health Care and Aetna elected not to bid as they could not be competitive. Blue Cross is the current carrier. The department heads and union employees in two different meetings were given the BC options for review. The committee evaluated the multiple options. As most options offered very similar benefits, it came down to the premium vs the out of pocket potential cost. The first quote from BC came in at a 14% increase. Mr. Travelstead has for over 10 years negotiated a better premium rate. This year the negotiated rate is a 5.6% increase for the same high quality benefits and out of pocket. He noted that Eye Med has a slight increase (after the four year rate guarantee) but no increase in the dental or life insurance.

*A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Tim Carlson to accept the Blue Cross negotiated rate and others. The motion carried. As a comment, the employees pay 10% of their coverage for the three insurances and beginning 1/1/2021 all employees will also pay the first \$250 of their deductible.*

The following is a breakdown of the rates.

**Current rates-7/1/19-6/30/2020**

	<u>BCBS</u>	<u>EYE MED</u>	<u>Metlife</u>	<u>TOTAL of 3</u>
Member	710.38	6.43	24.23	741.04
Spouse	1023.00	5.78	24.48	1053.26
Child(ren)	873.72	6.43	24.48(1only)	904.63
Family	1869.71	12.47	65.13	1974.31

**Negotiated renewal-Effective 7/1/2020—6/30/2021**

	<u>BCBS</u>	<u>EYE MED</u>	<u>Metlife</u>	<u>TOTAL of 3</u>
<b>Member</b>	<b>748.56</b>	<b>6.75</b>	<b>24.23</b>	<b>779.54</b>
<b>Spouse</b>	<b>994.91</b>	<b>6.06</b>	<b>24.48</b>	<b>1053.26</b>
<b>Child(ren)</b>	<b>845.16</b>	<b>6.74</b>	<b>24.48(1only)</b>	<b>904.63</b>
<b>Family</b>	<b>1840.07</b>	<b>13.08</b>	<b>65.13</b>	<b>1974.31</b>

Rich Hooper of Lively, Mathias, Hooper and Noblet gave a brief overview of the audit. Everything was in compliance, there were no material weaknesses and the process went smoothly with full cooperation of the departments. All funds were balanced. The general fund showed a balance of \$5.5 million; \$3 million was in cash and \$2.57 million in CD's. The revenues were up by \$200,000 in property tax revenues, \$300,000 in replacement property tax money from the State as well as a one time payment for a solar farm application- \$258,000. Although that portion of the report is good, Mr. Hooper warned the committee that due to the COVID-19 current situation, at least \$1M would be eaten up in the loss of revenues most likely before the end of this fiscal year. He explained some projections in lack of revenues and will be available at the full Board meeting for questions.

#### PROBATION GPS FUNDING

Chief Probation Officer Laura Cooper explained the current method of paying for GPS orders from the courts is through probation fees. In many situations, the individuals with GPS bands have not yet been convicted, but may have an order of protection filed against them. Over the years as the probation fees are collected from court orders, the fund has dwindled and more programs are being paid from probation funds. In a statute, Judge Paisley commented that the general fund should be paying for the GPS expenses. The cost is \$25 initial enrollment then \$6.25/per day/per person. Adding this to the general fund could exceed \$57,000 annually. The treasurer and committee will revisit the topic.

#### CORONER SALARY

During a brief explanation of the proposed salary for the position of coroner, *a motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Venise McWard for the position of coroner to receive the same flat dollar amount that the treasurer, circuit clerk, county clerk and supervisor of assessments will receive during the respective years of their term (\$1255, \$1269, \$1306, \$1332) and to include health insurance benefits paid by the county using the same standard as other elected office holders which mirror non-bargaining employees and shall provide the same life insurance policy as the same.* The motion carried.

#### COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS STAY AS PROPOSED IN FEBRUARY 2017

Discussion was held and the motions passed in February of 2017 were reviewed. The change to the second half of the membership elected in 2020 would now be the same as the members elected in 2018: \$25/per diem and \$100 salary. The position of chairman will be reduced from \$22,000 to \$16,000.

#### JAIL AND COURTHOUSE REPAIRS TO BE PAID FROM CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT FUND

Mr. Bill Kennedy and Sheriff Kettelkamp gave an overview of the projects the county needed to address for funding.

- The cost of repairing/leveling the floor between courtrooms B and C -- \$2,260.
- The repair of ceiling on first floor in County Clerks vault --\$395.
- Installation of wire lath in courtroom B like the experiment in the courtroom C -\$1,095.
- Installation of wire lath in hallways, outside offices, and stairwells on the third floor ceilings-- \$1660.

The total of these projects come to \$3,750 and Mr. Kennedy recommends these to be done.

- To repair a masonry hole at the jail-- \$524.
- Masonry repairs around the upper windows, welding of broken window frames, repair of bad flashings and relaying the brick sills needed to bring the windows to a watertight condition --\$6,781.

*A motion was made by Venise McWard to approve the above items to be paid from capital improvements and before the second, it was thought no action necessary since there was money budgeted for building improvements already.*

## FOUNTAIN IS RUSTING

As discussed previously, the fountain which is a historical replica of the statue removed in the 1940's, is rusting. It was suggested that project be paid out a small account with revenues from the sale of books etc. called the Preservation Fund. *A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Mike McClure to proceed with the fountain project and pay for it through the Preservation Fund.* The motion carried.

With no public comments, a motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Tim Carlson to adjourn. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Clark Pearce  
Finance/Audit Committee Chairman-  
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