

## AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

July 16, 2020

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

Absent: None

Present: Venise McWard and Tim Carlson (in person),

Others present: Mike Gianasi and Janet Bland.

Others via conferencecall.com who announced: Sarah Carlson, Becky Edwards, Laura Cooper, Betty Asmussen, and Tom Latonis.

The Audit/Finance Committee met on Thursday, July 16, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via freeconfercecall.com and at the 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.

### CLAIMS

*A motion was made by Tim Carlson and seconded by Mike McClure to approve the claims presented for July.*

The motion carried by rollcall with all ayes.

### PROBATION GPS

In review last month the Board approved to pay past three months of GPS client tracking in the amount of \$18,000 as a transfer from the general obligation bonds. Chairman Pearce asked Chief Probation Officer Laura Cooper what was the amount of the current billing statement. She responded \$2,708.50 for 20 clients and the for July the number of clients currently is only 5-6. With a recommendation by Treasurer Asmussen, a motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahon to transfer funds from the general obligation bond fund into the probation service electronic fund to pay the GPS invoices for the rest of the fiscal year. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried. Vicki McMahon asked for a monthly report on the invoices.

### AUDIO AND VIDEO FOR COUNTY BOARD MEETING ROOM

The audio and video for county board meeting room was discussed as something needed as electronic meetings most likely will continue. During the Zoning Board of Appeals recent meetings, they used the equipment in courtroom A which was recently installed for the court system. Additionally, a large video screen with tables will be an asset as an employee training room. A sound system with microphones and speakers is also being researched.

### PAYROLL AND ACCOUNTS PAYABLE SOFTWARE

Due to the discontinuance of the current software programs for the Clerk and Treasurer, a search has begun to obtain replacement software. Four years ago the same problem occurred and a new system was brought forward. The support will discontinue July of 2021, however, as learned from the last event, conversions are best run parallel with the old and new software and the longer the better. Two companies have given an overview of their products and quotes. They will continue to look into the products and search for other vendors. There would additional costs for a short time to pay for both programs. The money for software and hardware are budgeted in office zero, but there would certainly be an initial new expense with a down payment. Mike Gianasi explained the hardware in his office is up to the standard for new programs. Support and training are included.

## STATES ATTORNEY AND PUBLIC DEFENDER SALARIES INCREASED

The States Attorney's salary is determined by the State and notification of an increase effective 7/1/2020 was just received. The information was sent to committee members. The action from the Board concerns the status of the public defender and if they are employed as full time in that capacity. If yes, as determined by the Board, their salary must be at least 90% of that county's states attorney's annual compensation and then the State pays 66 2/3% of the public defenders' annual salary. No discussion at this time, but the topic will be on the agenda of the full Board on Tuesday. In order for the county to get the reimbursed dollars, they must reaffirm the position as full time.

## ELECTION JUDGES FOR 2020-2022

County Clerk Gianasi informed the committee that he was waiting for the political party chairmen to submit their list of election judges for the term 2020 through 2022. They will be submitted at the full board meeting.

## UPDATES

Committee Chairman Pearce noted that due to the high number of cases in Montgomery County and increases in Christian, Kevin Schott has been reinstated to a full time status during the during these local critical events. Under the CARES Act, reimbursement is expected at 100% although the turn-around time for that reimbursement is not known.

With no public comments, a motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Tim Carlson to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Clark Pearce  
Finance/Audit Committee Chairman-  
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