

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

August 27, 2020

Present via phone: Clark Pearce, Mike McClure

Absent: None

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

Others present: Mike Gianasi, Betty Asmussen and Jan Bland. Becky Edwards, Amy Winans, Mike Havera, and others noted online.

The Audit/Finance Committee met on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via freeconfercecall.com and at the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to review by department and discuss budget proposals, agenda items and any other matters properly brought before the committee. Attendance was taken, and Finance Chairman Clark Pearce noted a quorum.

CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER SALARY INCREASE

There was a question about the large increase awarded to the Chief Probation Officer by the Chief Judge. In the description is was a promotion (making an adjustment in base salary) and an increase for this next year. Without a lot of discussion, it was noted that the full statute addressing who sets the salary for this position needed to be researched further. States Attorney Havera will research and follow up at the next meeting.

HR/COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

The salary proposed for a County Administrator/HR by title seemed a bit confusing. To clarify, a county administrator does not take the place of the County Board Chairman and cannot by statute. It is a different title for the current day to day duties, but to get someone with a degree and/or experienced the salary is suggested to be increased. Where to get the money was asked, but like any other budgeted item it must be evaluated. Jan Bland noted that at the next Personnel Committee meeting she will describe the many duties assigned to this position the reasoning behind the duties. It was noted that an associate start under HR starts at \$40,000. This position would be to continue as current duties.

OFFICE BY OFFICE WAS REVIEWED

There were no questions of most offices, however a few were called back for further discussion or explanation. A few changes were reported to the committee both up and down.

- Sheriff's budget of the 11% increase for the new jail administrator and wonder what other cuts could be made to the largest county budget.
- ESDA's budget as the first year of the shared position has many just wanting a better understanding of the grants and splits between Montgomery County. The CARES grant amount and application needs more discussion.
- The GPS line item was discussed that if the general fund pays the bills, the GF should also receive the fees.
- The adult program from Probation should stay in the fee fund and wait for the reimbursement.
- The public defender budget did increase due to the new assistant PD, but the office supplies nearly doubled. A return discussion was requested with a \$2300 reduction in office supplies.

TENATIVE BUDGET

Treasurer Asmussen will get levy info and any other changes inputted into the tentative FY 2021 budget and mail when ready to the committee members.

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

Respectfully submitted, Clark Pearce
Finance/Audit Committee Chairman
