

**AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
**April 14, 2021**

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Ken Franklin, Linda Curtin, Tim Carlson  
Present via phone: Vicki McMahan  
Absent: None  
Others present: Matt Wells, Betty Asmussen, and Elizabeth Hile. Via  
[freeconferencecall.com](http://freeconferencecall.com) Tom Latonis

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. 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. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

**CLAIMS**

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve the claims presented for April. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comments were made.

**AUDIT REPORT**

The County's auditors requested to move their presentation on the audit report to the May meeting.

**CONTINGENCY**

County Board Chairman Wells advised that the remaining money has been paid completing the sale of the Roby property and his original reason for putting this item on the agenda was to request that the expenses from the sale of this surplus property be reimbursed from the General Fund to the Contingency Fund. The expenses on the sale of the Roby property were \$2,380.00. However, because there could be 3 or 4 more County properties sold, Treasurer Asmussen recommended waiting until we had all expenses and reimburse the contingency fund at that time if needed.

**SURPLUS EQUIPMENT**

The County Clerk has some old equipment that she would like to sell with the assistance of Cliff Frye through Gov Deals. She has developed a listing of the equipment with suggested minimum bids

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve the sell of surplus equipment from the County Clerk's office through Gov Deals. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

**INTEGRATED HOUSING AUTHORITY**

County Board Chairman Wells advised that on March 26<sup>th</sup>, he contacted a representative from the Integrated Housing Authority in regards to renegotiating the contract that provides for County to receive a percentage of profits in lieu of property taxes. While the last agreement, which was in 2013, noted that negotiations would take place every 2 years, none

had taken place. The renegotiations presented to Integrated Housing Authority is to increase the percentage profits received by the County from 13.5% to 15%. The Integrated Housing Authority has not responded to the County's increase request at this time.

#### OTHER MATTERS

- County Treasurer Betty Asmussen read a statement regarding anticipated revenue under the American Rescue Plan Act, which was passed by congress to aid the country's recovery from the impact of the COVID 19 pandemic. At this time, specially how much revenue will be received and the stipulations regarding spending the revenue is not fully known. Treasurer Asmussen will be at a treasurer's conference next week and more information may be available at that time. In speaking with the County's auditor, Rich Hooper, the budget will need to be amended if any monies received from Act are spent in this fiscal year. Treasurer Asmussen advised that a separate checking account will be opened when the money is received for management and documentation.
- Chairman Matt Wells wanted the Committee to be aware at the Executive/Personnel Committee meeting he proposed that the Deputy Clerk's from the Treasurer and Circuit Clerk's office be paid a per diem of \$60.00 a meeting to run the teleconference equipment in the absence of the Administrative Assistant to the Board and for ZBA meetings. He would rather pay County employees than to pay CTI after hours rates of over \$90 per hour when the need arises.
- Dan McNeely from Dimond Brothers notified the County Board Office this week that as a result of the worker's compensation annual audit, the County will receive a credit of \$4,957.00 on a future premium bill.
- Treasurer Asmussen noted that she will not be at the April 20<sup>th</sup> County Board Meeting as she will be at the treasurer's conference.
- Linda Curtin inquired about the status of the Christian Montgomery County EMA Intergovernmental Agreement. Chairman Wells advised that the County had received notice from Montgomery County today of their decision to also dissolve the intergovernmental agreement. Bruce Engeling, EMA consultant for the County has been working hard on working towards completing grants not applied for by former Christian Montgomery County EMA Director, Greg Nimmo. However, the process has been more difficult due to a lack of any templates/former grants to aid Bruce. Chairman Wells noted that Bruce has raved about the assistance received by Treasurer Asmussen during this ongoing process.

Motion by Ken Franklin and seconded by Vickie McMahon to adjourn. A roll call vote polled all ayes. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Venise McWard  
Finance/Audit/Purchasing/Budget Committee  
Chairwoman  
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