

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

June 11, 2020

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

Absent: None

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

Others present: Mike Gianasi, Betty Asmussen, Julie Mayer and Janet Bland.

Others via Web-ex who announced: Becky Edwards, Judge Paisley, Laura Cooper, Greg Nimmo, and Mike Havera.

The Audit/Finance Committee met on Thursday, June 11, 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 Venise McWard and seconded by Tim Carlson to approve the claims presented for June. The motion carried.

DEED OF CONVEYANCE APPROVED

Christian County is trustee for delinquent tax properties. Two were presented with resolutions to adopt.

- Motion to adopt by Vicki McMahan and seconded by Mike McClure for property in Pana Township: 11-25-22-305-018-00. The motion carried.
- Locust Township property: 07-19-22-305-018-00 was obtained after meeting notice and to be voted at the full county board meeting. Treasurer Asmussen noted that this property had been available for a long period of time and by adopting now it will get included on tax rolls more quickly.

ESDA DEPUTY DIRECTOR POSITION REQUEST

ESDA Director Greg Nimmo requested the extension of the deputy position on a 16 hour/week schedule with approval monthly to extend. During the pandemic Kevin Schott was brought in to assist with the many duties in both counties. In the aftermath of the two facilities there are still many things to do: evaluate the quarantine responses, working with the Health department, review the pandemic plan, and prepare for immunizations. The salary is \$12.50/hour or \$200/week which is split with Montgomery County. A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Clark Pearce to approve the 16/hours/week for the temporary deputy director on a month to month basis. Voting polled: Clark Pearce-yes, Tim Carlson-no, Venise McWard-no, Vicki McMahan-no, and Mike McClure-yes. The motion failed. Schott will be paid through June 16, 2020.

GPS SERVICE NEEDS FUNDING

Discussion continued from last month as to how to proceed with the payment of the GPS service. As determined by the Chief Judge, this service is not to be paid from Probation Funds. No other budget has been allocated money for this service which is normally paid by the client if they have money to pay. Many who are ordered to where the GPS are indigent and then becomes the County's debt to cover. Although during COVID many more clients were on GPS. The numbers are down considerably however, there will always be the need for GPS to protect the victims of violent crimes and to be held rather than being jailed before a pre-trial can be conducted. The discussion was not about the use but of how to pay the service company when the general fund has taken and will continue to take a large reduction in the revenue. The review of the costs from the vendors had been done and all were comparative in price as well if any grants were available. Judge Paisley explained that the current numbers are being reviewed to have the GPS removed. Most avenues have been pursued for reduction in expenses, but the problem is and will continue to be how and where to pay the approximate \$56,000 annual expense. Treasurer Asmussen and Laura Cooper will continue to work on a possible avenue to fund the program without using the general fund. No action was taken.

PROBLEM SOLVING COURT EXPENSE

The expense was problem solving court is fully funded through a grant from the state but as a reimbursement it takes months (up to six months) before the funds are paid. Previously, the payment for this grant program was fronted by Effingham County. Recently, they have sent it back each county to cover and wait for the reimbursement. Laura Cooper has requested the County to front the money-pay the bills like Effingham County used to do. It was mentioned that when 911 was in the same situation they got a loan until the funded was received. No action was taken.

BUDGET 2021 HEARINGS

It was suggested to get started earlier than August due to the decreasing revenues. The members set the dates for Wednesday, July 29 and Thursday, July 30 both beginning at 6:00 pm. Department heads will be notified with forms. Treasurer Asmussen repeated again as of now, the general fund revenue decrease has created an \$800,000 deficit.

A motion was made by Mike McClure and seconded by Vicki McMahon to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Clark Pearce
Finance/Audit Committee Chairman-
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