

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

**April 10, 2024**

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, and Ken Franklin  
Absent: Vicki McMahan  
Other Present: Bryan Sharp, Mary Barry, Betty Asmussen, Laura Cooper, John Good, Lucas Domonousky and Elizabeth Hile

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, April 10, 2024 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**

Motion by Tim Carlson and second by Ken Franklin to recommend to the full Board to approve the claims presented for April. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

### **SHORTFALL – DRUG TESTING EQUIPMENT – PROBATION OFFICE**

Laura Cooper reviewed the history of the contract used at Probation for drug testing indicating the department has never had a shortfall until this last 5 year contract which started in 2018. The testing numbers were on track with the contract until COVID hit in 2020 which was the primary cause of the shortfall. Other factors contributing to the contract shortfall included changes at the State level which also couldn't have been foreseen. These series of events resulted in an overall contract shortfall of \$120,000.00 of which Siemens will forgive all but \$61,556.00. Laura noted she originally asked for ARPA funds because of the hit the program took primarily because of COVID. There isn't any way to have projected this shortfall and therefore not included in the budget for FY24. As far as entering into a new contract, at this point, Laura is not comfortable securing another contract until this outstanding shortfall issue is paid and she feels more numbers are needed before making that determination. She is looking at other alternatives.

Motion by Venise McWard and second by Ken Franklin to recommend to the full Board to pay \$61,556.00 from the Contingency Fund to Siemens for the shortfall of the 2018 – 2023 drug testing contract. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

### **CONSIDERATION OF COMMITTEE MEETING BEGINNING AT 6:00 P.M.**

Chairman Sharp asked if there would be any opposition to starting committee meetings at 6:00 p.m. effective next month. There wasn't any opposition on the matter.

### **REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES**

None

### **OTHER MATTERS**

Chairman Sharp advised the committee that they had received a copy of proposed changes amending the Enterprise Zone that will be coming before the full Board on April 16<sup>th</sup>. He also indicated that a question was asked about names on the document as they did not reflect current owners of the particular parcel(s). Chairman Sharp advised that he did check on that and was told it's the parcel number that is important in the document.

Motion by Tim Carlson and second by Linda Curtin to adjourn. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Venise McWard  
Finance/Audit/Purchasing/Budget Committee  
Chairwoman  
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