

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

August 17, 2022

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Vicki McMahon, Tim Carlson, Ken Franklin, Linda Curtin
Absent: None
Others present: Matt Wells, Betty Asmussen, Brad Paisley, Wes Poggenpohl, Jim Baker, Jacque Willison, Sherri Craggs, Courtney Sharp, Jane Griffith and Elizabeth Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 6:00 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jane Griffith spoke to the committee about the Christian County Health Department. She advised the committee of two (2) Health Board members placing the administrator on administrative leave; highlighted the budget and their understanding of the pay increases and lack thereof, noted some past history of four (4) individuals leaving for better paying jobs; commented on the administrator developing and administering a COVID plan; questioned if the Health Board violated bylaws, HIPPA and possibly OMA.

BUDGET HEARINGS

County Clerk

Jacque Willison noted there were some areas of budget increases and in other areas decreases. She commented on the salary ordinance for the position of County Clerk and the motion regarding the rules related to serving in the position for 1 year and the lack of that change coming back for ordinance correction. She proposed a salary change to the Chief Deputy position and requested the policy be looked into. Indicated that of the grants normally received, one (1) was no longer available. Indicated there would be minimal loss of revenue as notaries will now go through the State of Illinois and not the Clerk's office. Jacque also noted that she plans to ask for ARPA funds for digitizing all the books in the County Clerk's office. She is still determining what she feels would be the best option.

States Attorney

Wes Poggenpohl presented the budget for the States Attorney's office. He noted the continued vacancy for a 2nd states attorney assistant and would like additional consideration for the salary of that position. He would like see what is done for the Chief Deputies positions be considered for the Victim Advocate employee. Additionally would like the County to consider adjustments for insurance and dependent coverage.

Chief Judge

Brad Paisley presented the Chief Judges budget. There were not a lot of changes noting some of the costs are difficult to predict.

Animal Control

Sherri Craggs presented the budget for animal control. She presented 2 different options on staffing costs for consideration. She also noted that a volunteer group would be picking up the balance of the cost for the tommy lift for the truck.

Health Department

A member of the Health Board presented the Christian County Health Department budget. The Care Grant which is a grant for paying for COVID contact tracers sunsets in December of 2022. The Board plans to increase the reserve in TB in case there were a TB crisis. Most of the department's revenue is received through grants with the exception of vaccines. The plan is to increase vaccines available to the public as well as increase revenue in optical through private pay. Expenses in this budget are being kept very tight.

Sheriff

Chief Deputy Jim Baker presented with detail the proposed Sheriff's budget. He highlighted the process he used and also indicated that because this is his first year even if expenses were lower than expected, he left the line item amount the same as he feels he will be in a better position next year to know if something could be decreased versus status quo or increased.

Solid Waste

Without a department head at this time, County Treasurer Asmussen presented a proposed budget off the history from last year. She adjusted the salary to the high end of the range approved by the Board which was \$50,000, otherwise there were no changes. She noted the budget did not include salary for an educator. After discussion, Betty will add that position to the budget. This can be changed after a department head is in place and provides a recommendation.

OTHER MATTERS

The committee discussed meeting to start drilling down the presented budgets. September 8th and September 14th, 2022 were noted as the next meeting dates with a meeting time of 5:30 p.m.

Motion by Tim Carlson and seconded by Vicki McMahon to adjourn. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Venise McWard
Finance/Audit/Purchasing/Budget Committee
Chairwoman
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