

**AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
**January 11, 2023**

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Linda Curtin, Tim Carlson, Ken Franklin  
Absent: Vicki McMahan  
Others present: Bryan Sharp, Jim Baker, Lucas Domonousky, and Elizabeth Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 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 Ken Franklin and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve the claims presented for January. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**REFERRALS**

There were several referrals related to ARPA fund requests.

Ordinance O2023 CB 001 – allowing for the use of ARPA funds for a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00 for one-half the cost to replace a common driveway used by Advanced Eyecare and the Christian County Health Department. Advanced Eyecare has agreed to pay the other half of the cost.

Motion by Linda Curtin and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2023 CB 001 for expenditure of ARPA funds not to exceed \$5,000.00 for one-half the cost to replace a common driveway used by Advanced Eyecare and the Christian County Health Department. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance O2023 CB 002 – as previously requested, Bill Kennedy at Highway/Building/Grounds provided input on the cost and need for gate operator at CCAC. He felt the cost of the gate operator and labor to include electric could be done for \$5,000.00. He recommended this operator be installed as well. The ordinance referred from Executive/Personnel allowed for up to \$6,300.00 of ARPA fund use for equipment, labor, etc. for this project adding some cushion. No action taken.

Ordinance O2023 CB 003 – allowing for the use of ARPA funds to replace carpet on the stairs of the court house and an office on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. It should be noted all committees that reviewed this request questioned the number of bids received. Only 1 bid was received throughout a 2.5 month attempt to get bids which included return calls regarding receipt of bids. It was felt every effort had been made to secure more bids.

Motion by Ken Franklin and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2023 CB 003 for expenditure of ARPA funds not to exceed \$13,500.00

for new carpet to include installation on the court house stairs and an office on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance O2023 CB 004 – allowing for the use of ARPA funds not to exceed \$28,770.00 for installation of Astrophysics X-ray inspection system and walk through metal detector for the court house. The committee did talk about attempts to receive other bids which was explained by Chief Deputy Baker. Due to the specific type of equipment it was felt appropriate efforts to receive bids was taken. Chief Baker did offer to check to see if there may be a State bid available on this equipment as well.

Motion by Ken Franklin and second by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2023 CB 004 for expenditure of ARPA funds not to exceed \$28,770.00 payable to Protective Technologies International for installation of Astrophysics X-ray inspection system and walk through metal detector for the court house. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance O2023 CB 005 – allowing for the use of ARPA funds not to exceed \$26,400.00 payable to Meals on Wheels to provide hot meals to seniors as the need for meals increased substantially since COVID and continues to remain constant. The committee discussed this at length and while they recognize the need, the previous approval of ARPA funds was noted to mainly been for capital improvement projects. No action taken.

Ordinance O2023 CB 006 – allowing for the use of ARPA funds not to exceed \$125,000.00 for the purchase of 2 new vans for the Senior Citizens of Christian County. Items discussed included high mileage of the current vans as well as the purchase of 2 new vans versus 1 new and 1 used van siting limited savings on used combined with warranty on new equipment.

Motion by Ken Franklin and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2023 CB 006 for expenditure of ARPA funds not to exceed \$125,000.00 payable to Southern Bus and Mobility for the purchase of two (2) new vans for the Senior Citizens of Christian County. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Ordinance O2023 CB 007 – allowing for the use of ARPA funds not to exceed \$6,500.00 for payroll and employer related expenses extending a temporary employee to aid the Administrative Assistant to the County Board in the completion of records project.

Motion by Linda Curtin and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2023 CB 007 for expenditure of ARPA funds not to exceed \$6,500.00 for the purpose of payroll and employer related expenses due to extending a temporary employee to aid the Administrative Assistant to the County Board. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

#### OTHER MATTERS

Chairman Sharp noted he has spoken with Jodie Badman and Liz reference software to assist them both to reduce time spent on preparation of minutes. He also noted that he plans to look into the possibility of notebooks/tablets that the Board would use for receipt of meeting packets, emails, etc. again in an effort to better manage time and resources in these areas. Bryan also noted the possibility of only reading action items at Board meetings.

The resignation of Matt Wells, District 4, from the Board and need for appointment for this vacancy was noted with encouragement to contact the Chairman should there be any questions.

Chairman Sharp expressed his disappointment with “Springfield” and action taken this week especially on statewide siting standards for wind and solar that take away authority at local levels.

Chief Deputy Baker read a statement from Sheriff Kettelkamp reference HB5471. The Board previously passed a resolution of opposition on this bill as it was felt to be unconstitutional violating 2<sup>nd</sup> amendment rights. The Sheriff is joining many sheriffs across the State who “will not enforce”.

Motion by Tim Carlson and second by Ken Franklin to adjourn. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Venise McWard  
Finance/Audit/Purchasing/Budget Committee  
Chairwoman  
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