

Finance & Personnel Committee
Monday, January 4th, 2021
5:00 PM, 2nd Floor VCAB

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order and Roll Call

Committee Chairman Steve Fourez called the Finance & Personnel meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Upon the call of the roll, the following members were present; Steve Fourez, Wes Bieritz, Becky Stark, Bruce Stark, and Crisi Walls. Craig Golden was excused and Mary Surprenant was absent. Also, in attendance; Larry Baughn – Vermilion County Board Chairman, Cassy Carter – Financial Administrative Manager, Erika Briggs- Auditor, Bill Donahue – Risk Consultant, Darren Duncan – Treasurer, Jim Russell – Mental Health Director and Jerry Hawker – County Board Member.

Agenda Item 2 - Adoption/Amendments to the Agenda

Bruce Stark motioned, second by Wes Bieritz to approve the agenda. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Minutes – December 3rd, 2020

Crisi Walls motioned, second by Wes Bieritz to approve the minutes. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 4 - Audience Comments

None

Agenda Item 5 – Financial Update

Ms. Briggs distributed a finance update that consisted of the Fund Equity Changes Report and the General Fund Revenue. Ms. Briggs updated all that the Circuit Clerk has accounted for \$50,000.00 in fines from the state's payment of Traffic & Construction that was received by the county in error. Ms. Briggs will update on the Traffic & Construction Fee at the next meeting.

Agenda Item 6 – Ordinance – RE: Abating Annual Tax Levy- Jail Expansion And Juvenile Detention Center Projects- \$543,443.00

Bruce Stark motioned, second by Wes Bieritz to discuss.

Steven Fourez explained this is done yearly as a pass through. This is financed through sales tax rates as a put through.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Steve Fourez, Wes Bieritz, Bruce Stark, Becky Stark, and Crisi Walls. 5 yes, 2 absent

Agenda Item 7 – Ordinance – RE: Amendment to the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Mental Health 708 Community Board - \$6,460.48

Crisi Walls motioned, second by Becky Stark to discuss.

Mental Health Director Jim Russell requested to move \$6,460.48 from last fiscal year budget to current fiscal year.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Steve Fourez, Wes Bieritz, Bruce Stark, Becky Stark, and Crisi Walls. 5 yes, 2 absent

Agenda Item 8 – Ordinance – RE: Amendment to the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Land Bank - \$10,000.00

Wes Bieritz motioned, second by Crisi Walls to discuss.

Wes Bieritz requested a donation from the county for \$10,000 to the Land Bank to help demolition of homes in Vermilion County. Bieritz requested looking into a yearly donation so that could be added to the budget for planning. Fourez stated a planned budgeted donation would be added for discussion at a future meeting. Bieritz stated the Land Bank would appreciate the donation in order to tear down some much-needed homes for safety reasons. Chairman Baughn agreed that the county does need to invest in this to ensure buildings are removed that are a safety concern. Fourez stated to tear down these homes and level the land should be used as an anchor for economic development and that it is not the Land Bank wanting to own these lots. Board Member Jerry Hawker commented just tearing down the homes and leveling the lot helps to make the neighbor better, and this does help a lot. Bieritz stated there is renovation money, but it is hard to find homes that this can be used for.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Steve Fourez, Wes Bieritz, Bruce Stark, Becky Stark and Crisi Walls. 5 yes, 2 absent

Agenda Item 9 – Executive Session

None

Agenda Item 10 - Items of Information

Chairman Baughn announced the county received the approval for the \$937,000 from the state from the COVID Cares Act. This reimbursement covers extra expenses due to COVID. The Chairman thanked Bill Donahue, Shelly McClain and Nancy Boose as they all worked hard to get this approved quickly.

Agenda Item 11 – Adjournment

Committee Chairman Fourez adjourned the meeting at 5:30 PM.

Minutes by: Cassy Carter, Financial Administrative Manager