

Judicial & Rules Committee Meeting
Tuesday January 26, 2021
5:00 P.M., Vermilion County Administration Building
2nd Floor, Chambers
Join Zoom Meeting
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AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Adoption/Amendments to Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes – November 24, 2020
4. Audience Comments
5. Ordinance- Amendment to the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Circuit Clerk
6. Memorandum of Agreement
7. Executive Session:
 - A. Pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (1) The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee to determine its validity.
 - B. Pursuant to Open Meetings act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (6) The setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body.
 - C. Pursuant to Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.
8. Items of Information and Committee Concerns
9. Adjournment

Judicial & Rules Committee Meeting
Tuesday November 24, 2020
Vermilion County Administration Building, 5:00 PM

MINUTES

Agenda Items 1 - Call to Order and Roll Call

Larry Baughn, Chairman, called the Judicial & Rules Committee of the Vermilion County Board to order at 5:00 PM., November 24, 2020 in the Vermilion County Administration Building.

Upon the call of roll, the following members were present: Chuck Mockbee, Phearn Butler, Nancy O'Kane, and Larry Baughn. Adam Hart, Tom Morse, Natalie Duncan and Robert Boyd were absent/excused.

4 Present & 4 absent at roll call. Tom Morse joined the meeting at 5:03 P.M.

Also attending via ZOOM were: Judge O'Shaughnessy, Jacqueline Lacy- State's Attorney, Michael Mara- Public Defender, Missy Quick- Circuit Clerk, and Bill Donahue, Risk Consultant, Jennifer Jenkins, County Board Office Manager was present at the meeting as secretary.

Agenda Item 2 - Adoption/Amendment to the Agenda

Baughn asked if there were any changes/additions to the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda by Butler, second by O'Kane. Upon the call of roll, the following members voted yes, to-wit: Mockbee, Butler, Morse, and O'Kane. 4-Yes & 3-Absent.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Minutes from July 28, 2020

Motion by Mockbee and second by Butler to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was carried by unanimous acclamation. Upon the call of roll, the following members voted yes, to-wit: Mockbee, Butler, Morse, and O'Kane. 4-Yes & 3-Absent.

Agenda Item 4 - Audience Comments

None

Agenda Item 5 – Ordinance – Amendment to the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the State's Attorney

State's Attorney Lacy explained that this amendment is to pay for the expenses of the Child Advocacy Center and will be reimbursed from a VOCA grant and DCFS. Motion by O'Kane followed by a second from Morse to approve the Ordinance. Upon the call of roll, the following members voted yes, to-wit: Mockbee, Butler, Morse, and O'Kane. 4-Yes & 3-Absent.

Agenda Item 6 – Resolution- State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor

Jacqueline Lacy, State's Attorney, explained to the committee that this is the annual allowance according to the State of Illinois budget. Motion by O'Kane, second by Butler to approve the Resolution. Upon the call of roll, the following members voted yes, to-wit: Mockbee, Butler, Morse, and O'Kane. 4-Yes & 3-Absent.

Agenda Item 7 – Discussion Item- Judge O'Shaughnessy regarding addition of the Associate Judge, With Michael Mara- Public Defender and Melissa Quick- Circuit Clerk

Honorable Tom O'Shaughnessy explained that there will be an addition of an Associate Judge in the Courthouse. With this addition they will be able to address the felony backlog as well as other existing overages. This will inevitably call for additional staff within other departments as well. Such as the Public Defender, Circuit Clerk, and Court Reporter's, etc.

Hopefully with this addition the Judicial system can eventually then focus on backlogs within the family division. At this time the Officials/Department Heads will determine the exact needs for their department to accommodate this addition. Once prepared to go to the Finance/Personnel committee then the Judicial and Rules Committee members would be interested in also attending the meeting.

Agenda Item 8- Executive Session

None required

Agenda Items 9- Items of Information and Committee Concerns

Baughn mentioned that the meeting dates for the Tax and Elections Committee meeting date has changed to Wednesday December 2. This has been changed due to Township caucus' holding their meeting(s) creating a conflict in attendance for some committee members.

Baughn also informed the committee of the estimators that have been present in Chambers regarding sound equipment, etc. Hopefully we will begin on improvements very soon. This will be a work in progress.

Agenda Item 16 – Adjournment

Chairman Baughn declared the meeting adjourned at 5:58 P.M.

ORDINANCE

**RE: AMENDMENT TO THE COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION
ORDINANCE FOR THE CIRCUIT CLERK**

WHEREAS, the Circuit Clerk has been required to add one additional person to accommodate the additional associate judge and additional court call activity; and

WHEREAS, as part of renegotiating wages with the IBEW prefatory to a wage re-opener to be done this year to consider the effects of the new minimum wage standards, the Circuit Clerk desires to add \$1,000.00 to the base salary of each Circuit Clerk employee and increase the starting salary effective 12/1/2020 by \$1,000.00 and the starting salary for 12/1/2021 by 3% accordingly as shown by the Memorandum of Agreement, in order to recognize the increased technological requirements required for the e-filing program, retain employees, and meet the needs of the judiciary ; and

WHEREAS, this requires an infusion of additional funds for the budget year 2020-2021; and,

WHEREAS, the budget therefore needs to be amended accordingly and this need was not known when the budget was prepared, and thus was not included.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the County Board of Vermilion County Illinois that the County Auditor and County Board Chairman and Office be authorized and instructed to amend the budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 to accommodate such negotiated changes

And the totals be adjusted accordingly.

PRESENTED, APPROVED AND ORDAINED by the County Board of Vermilion County, Illinois at the February 9, 2021 A.D. Session.

This amendment takes two thirds majority for passage.

DATED this 9th day of February 2021 A.D.

AYE _____ NAY _____ ABSENT _____

Chairman, Vermilion County Board

ATTEST:

Clerk of the County Board

Budget Amendment – Circuit Clerk

APPROVED BY Judicial and Rules:

<u>Chuck Mockbee</u>	Y	N	A
Committee Chairperson			
Robert Boyd	Y	N	A
Phearn Butler	Y	N	A
Natalie Duncan	Y	N	A
Breannah Haton	Y	N	A
Tom Morse	Y	N	A
Nancy O'Kane	Y	N	A
Mary Ellen Surprenant	Y	N	A

APPROVED BY Finance Personnel:

<u>Steve Fourez</u>	Y	N	A
Committee Chairperson			
Wesley Bieritz	Y	N	A
Craig Golden	Y	N	A
Crisi Walls	Y	N	A
Becky Stark	Y	N	A
Bruce Stark	Y	N	A
Mary Ellen Surprenant	Y	N	A

Memorandum of Agreement

Vermilion County and International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 21 hereby agree that, pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding in the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective as described below, but then retroactive to December 1, 2020 for wage purposes, as follows:

CIRCUIT CLERK:

All current Judicial Clerk I and II positions will receive a \$1,000.00 increase on their current base wage. This reflects the additional requirements needed for moving to electronic filing and the increased technical skills to respond to the needs of the judiciary to accomplish this transition. The Union will be allowed an opportunity to meet with employees and explain the change in wages and the reasons therefore as cited above.

The starting salary for Judicial Clerk I effective 12/1/20 will be 26,706, and effective 12/1/21 will be \$27,507.

The starting salary for Judicial Clerk II effective 12/1/20 will be \$27,848, and effective 12/1/21 will be \$28,683.

This agreement will be effective upon County Board approval to a budget amendment funding the same. The increase will be retroactive to December 1, 2020.

For the County	Date	For the Union	Date
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