

Finance & Personnel Committee
Monday, July 12th, 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, Craig Golden, Mary Surprenant, Bruce Stark and Becky Stark. Crisi Walls was absent. Also, in attendance; Larry Baughn – Vermilion County Board Chairman, Cassy Carter – Financial Manager, Erika Briggs- Auditor, Darren Duncan – Vermilion County Treasurer, Doug Toole – Health Department Administrator, Bill Donahue – Risk Consultant and Melinda Fourez – Audience Member.

Agenda Item 2 - Adoption/Amendments to the Agenda

Bieritz motioned, second by Surprenant to approve the agenda. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Minutes – June 7th, 2021

Golden motioned to approve minutes, second by Bieritz. 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 General Fund Revenue as of July 1st document, and the Fund Equity Changes Report. She pointed out she updated as of July 1st so that she could include the latest numbers with first installment of tax payments. The recreational use tax is up to 1054.59%. The Liability fund is looking more in line after the tax payments. Ms. Briggs also handed out an update sheet tracking the American Rescue COVID money.

Agenda Item 6 – Ordinance – RE: Amendment to the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Regional Office of Education - \$8,489.00

Becky Stark motioned, second by Golden to discuss. Baughn explained this is a grant from the state and is just a pass through that is done yearly.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Steve Fourez, Wes Bieritz, Craig Golden, Mary Ellen Surprenant Bruce Stark and Becky Stark. Absent was Crisi Walls. 6 yes, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 7 – Ordinance – RE: Amendment to the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Non-Departmental Services - \$14,088.00

Golden motioned, second by Bruce Stark to discuss. Baughn explained this line was under budget due to the audit bill and HR payroll taxes paid to Clifton Larson Allen the outside auditor. This would pay the current bill and are expecting one final bill. This line will be increased for the budget next year.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Steve Fourez, Wes Bieritz, Craig Golden, Mary Ellen Surprenant Bruce Stark and Becky Stark. Absent was Crisi Walls. 6 yes, 1 absent. Motion passed

Agenda Item 8 – Resolution – 2022 Legal Holidays for Vermilion County, IL

Becky Stark motioned, second by Bruce Stark to discuss. Baughn explained that per the union contract

there are 14 allotted holidays. The 2022 calendar holidays notes that the county will be open on election day and will observe and be closed on Juneteenth Day. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 9 – Resolution – RE: Salary Schedule – State’s Attorney

Bieritz motioned, second by Golden to discuss. Baughn explained that the State’s Attorney salary is set by the state. The proposed increase is a COLA for 2.5%. If we do not follow this, then the state will not reimburse the county for this salary.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Steve Fourez, Wes Bieritz, Craig Golden, Mary Ellen Surprenant Bruce Stark and Becky Stark. Absent was Crisi Walls. 6 yes, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 10 – Resolution – RE: Salary Schedule – Public Defender

Bruce Stark motioned, second by Bieritz to discuss. Baughn explained that the Public Defender salary is set by the state at 90% of the State’s Attorney salary. The proposed COLA accomplishes this 90% salary rule. If we do not follow this, then the state will not reimburse the county for this salary.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Steve Fourez, Wes Bieritz, Craig Golden, Mary Ellen Surprenant Bruce Stark and Becky Stark. Absent was Crisi Walls. 6 yes, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 11 – Executive Session

None

Agenda Item 12 - Items of Information

Chairman Baughn stated that he will update all on the American Rescue COVID money at next meeting as there are updates daily to how you can spend this money. The county has received \$7,300,000 of the \$14,000,000 expected from the federal government for the American Rescue Plan. The second and final payment should be received in 2022. Mary Millers office has offered help if needed on clarification on allowable spending. Money can be used for certain items at the Health Department. Surprenant asked about funding for Mental Health training, Bieritz inquired about Landbank and restoration of homes. Doug Toole updated all that the vaccination rate has slowed down. You can still get vaccinated at CVS, Walgreens and Wal Mart. Toole does get reports that keep track of vaccine rates. They are doing education via community outreach.

Agenda Item 13 – Adjournment

Committee Chairman Fourez adjourned the meeting at 5:35 PM.

Minutes by: Cassy Carter, Financial Manager