

Finance & Personnel Committee

Monday, February 14, 2022

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 Ellen Surprenant, Bruce Stark and Becky Stark. Excused absent was Crisi Walls. Also, in attendance; Larry Baughn – Vermilion County Board Chairman, Cassy Carter – Financial Resources Director, Bill Donahue – Risk Consultant, Erika Briggs – Auditor, Mike Marron – State Representative, Darren Duncan – Treasurer, Jerry Hawker – County Board Member, Tim Dudley – Vermilion Advantage, Doug Toole – Heath Department Administrator, Steve Brandy – WDAN and Nancy Boose – HR Director (via phone call).

Agenda Item 2 - Adoption/Amendments to the Agenda

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

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Minutes – January 31, 2022

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

Agenda Item 4 - Audience Comments

State Representative Mike Marron commented he was at the meeting due to the Land Bank item on the agenda. He is frustrated with the management of the Land Bank as well as feels they are pitting counties against each other. There was a bill going to Springfield regarding Land Bank, but he will hold that bill until this gets resolved.

Tim Dudley, CEO of Vermilion Advantage, stated that he echoed Marron's comments. There was a multi-million-dollar project that almost didn't happen in Vermilion County.

Darren Duncan, Vermilion County Treasurer, also agreed with the comments from Marron and Dudley. Duncan sits on the Land Bank board and stated that he urges the county not invest money in Land Bank until all issues are resolved.

Agenda Item 5 – Financial Update

Ms. Briggs reviewed the financial update that consisted of the General Fund Revenue document, and the Fund Equity Changes Report. Discussion ensued on fund balances. She explained all is looking well on Revenue since we are now two months into 2022. She also noted the ARPA report attachment.

Agenda Item 6 – Executive Session:

- A **Pursuant to Illinois 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 Illinois Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2)** Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted to go into Executive Session at 5:17PM to wit:

Steve Fourez, Wes Bieritz, Craig Golden, Mary Ellen Surprenant, Bruce Stark and Becky Stark. 6 yes, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted to exit out of Executive Sessions at 5:37PM to wit:

Steve Fourez, Wes Bieritz, Craig Golden, Mary Ellen Surprenant, Bruce Stark and Becky Stark. 6 yes, 1 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 7 – Salary Discussion

Salary Discussion ensued regarding the Building & Ground (Maintenance & Housekeeping) departments under Executive Session.

Agenda Item 8 – Land Bank

Chairman Baughn stated he wanted to get all together to discuss the salary payment to the Land Bank director. The external auditor stated in October 2021 that the county could no longer pay the director via W-2. Going forward in 2022 this needs to be paid as a 1099 and to have them sign a W-9 to pay as a vendor. The Land bank has yet to sign the W-9, so we have been unable to pay for wages. The Chairman is looking for a way to resolve this issue. Chairman Baughn will move forward working with Wes Bieritz to resolve this issue.

Agenda Item 9 - Items of Information

Chairman Baughn noted the next Special Finance meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 22nd at 5PM. This meeting will be a special finance meeting to discuss department salaries of various departments to include Auditor, Treasurer, EMA, and Tech Services.

Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment

Committee Chairman Fourez adjourned the meeting at 6:30PM.

Minutes by: Cassy Carter, Financial Resources Director