

Finance & Personnel Committee

Monday, June 6, 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, Wesley Bieritz, Craig Golden, Steve Miller, Crisi Walls, Bruce Stark and Becky Stark. Also, in attendance; Larry Baughn – Vermilion County Board Chairman, Cassy Carter – Financial Resources Director, Bill Donahue – Risk Consultant, Tom Gregory – Probation Director, Erika Briggs - Auditor, Jerry Hawker – County Board, Melinda Fourez – Audience Member, Joel Bird – County Board, Gary Hawker, Kristi Hawker and Terry Bates – I & I Communication Committee/I & I Fire Association, Ashley Drake – Vermilion County Fair Board, Karen Rudd and Brian Talbott – Vermilion County IT, Chris Lamar – Audience Member and Judge Thomas M. O’Shaughnessy – Chief Judge.

Agenda Item 2 - Adoption/Amendments to the Agenda

Miller motioned with the change to move Financial Review to number 4 on the Agenda, second by Wes Bieritz to approve the agenda with the change. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Minutes – June 2, 2022

Crisi Walls motioned to approve minutes, second by Becky Stark. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 4 – Financial Update

Ms. Briggs reviewed the financial update that consisted of the General Fund Revenue document, and the Fund Equity Changes Report. She explained the reason for the Corporate Replacement Tax Increase was due changes from Personal Property Replacement tax from Illinois Revenue. She also reviewed the Miscellaneous increase that was due to a deposit of \$265,650 from the State of Illinois to reimburse the county for the housing of inmates during COVID. The ARPA summary was attached with details on spending, Carter stated the second installment has been approved and we should be receiving this soon.

Agenda Item 5 - Audience Comments

Tom Gregory, Director of Probation, thanked the Finance Committee for all their hard work on the county salary review. He stated he is short one officer and another one is leaving soon. They are getting no applications for the positions. He stated that the sooner the better on the wage change, to ensure no one else leaves and so they can hopefully get qualified candidates to apply.

Agenda Item 6- ARPA Requests

Ashley Drake, Vermilion County Fair Board, did a presentation requesting ARPA funds. This would help to build a new building at the Vermilion County Fairgrounds. The total project is \$1.5 million, but they are asking for any amount of donation to help with this, not the entire amount. Conversation ensued regarding changes and additions to the Vermilion County Fairgrounds.

Gary Hawker, I & I Communication Committee/ I & I Firefighters Association, did a presentation requesting ARPA funds of \$131,587.20. This would help all 24 Fire Departments and Ambulance responders in Vermilion County. The money would provide more updated equipment on the current three towers along with new radios in the hands of the firefighters. The improved equipment would work in areas that currently have no signal thus resulting on firefighters missing alarms. This would also be a back up for Hoopston in case their current communion would have an outage.

Agenda Item 7 – Court Room Evidence Presentation System – ARPA – Karen Rudd

Bruce Stark motioned, second by Crisi Walls to discuss. Karen Rudd explained this ARPA request is to update the four juror rooms in the court house. This would include new sound system, upgrade in fiber for better speed and install a courtroom evidence presentation system into each of the courtrooms. The total cost would be \$312,000.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Steve Fourez, Wes Bieritz, Craig Golden, Steve Miller, Bruce Stark, Becky Stark and Crisi Walls. 7 yes, 0 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 8 – Resolution – RFP – HVAC System - VCAB

Wes Bieritz motioned, second by Becky Stark to discuss. Chairman Baughn explained this ARPA request has been approved through the Property Committee and this would pay for new boilers in the VCAB building. Currently there are three, one doesn't work, one is at 50% and the other couldn't heat the building alone.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Steve Fourez, Wes Bieritz, Craig Golden, Steve Miller, Bruce Stark, Becky Stark and Crisi Walls. 7 yes, 0 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 9 – Ordinance – RE: Amendment to the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Regional Superintendent - \$4,731.00

Becky Stark motioned, second by Wes Bieritz to discuss. Chairman Baughn explained this is a yearly pass through from money received from the ROE.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Steve Fourez, Wes Bieritz, Craig Golden, Steve Miller, Bruce Stark, Becky Stark and Crisi Walls. 7 yes, 0 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 10 – Ordinance – RE: Amendment to the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Capital Improvements Fund - \$21,460.00

Crisi Walls motioned, second by Wes Bieritz to discuss. Chairman Baughn explained the CAC received another grant that you have to spend the money first, then it is reimbursed. This will allow us to pay for the expenses then will receive the reimbursement from the grant.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Steve Fourez, Wes Bieritz, Craig Golden, Steve Miller, Bruce Stark, Becky Stark and Crisi Walls. 7 yes, 0 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 11 – Executive Session

None

Agenda Item 12 - Items of Information

Chairman Baughn noted there will be a Special Finance Committee meeting Monday, June 13th.

Agenda Item 13 – Adjournment

Committee Chairman Steve Fourez adjourned the meeting at 6:20PM.

Minutes by: Cassy Carter, Financial Resources Director