

Judicial & Rules Committee Meeting
Thursday, September 8, 2022
Vermilion County Administrative Building 2nd Floor, 5:00 PM

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order and Roll Call:

Committee Member Steve Miller called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Upon the call of roll, the following members were present: Steve Miller, Nancy O’Kane, Phearn Butler and Chairman Larry Baughn present as Ex-Officio. Excused absent were: Tom Morse and Natalie Duncan. Absent was: Breannah Haton. 4 present, 3 absent. Also attending the meeting were: Judy Hartshorn – JDC Director, Bill Donahue – Vermilion County Risk Consultant, Melissa Quick – Circuit Clerk, Cassy Carter – Financial Resources Director, Tom Gregory – Director of Probation, Jacqueline Lacy – State’s Attorney, and Michael Mara – Public Defender.

Agenda Item 2 - Adoption/Amendment to the Agenda:

Butler moved, seconded by O’Kane, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion was carried by acclamation. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Minutes from August 24, 2021:

O’Kane moved, seconded by Butler, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was carried by acclamation. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 4 - Audience Comments:

None.

Agenda Item 5 – Ordinance – RE: Amendment to the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Circuit Clerk

Motion by O’Kane, seconded by Butler to discuss.

Quick explained that this is moving money from the revenue line into the expense line so they can pay for postage. Upon roll call vote the following members voted yes, to-wit: Miller, O’Kane, Butler and Baughn. Absent and not voting were: Morse, Duncan, and Haton. 4 yes, 3 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 6 – Budget – Circuit Clerk

Motion by Butler, seconded by O’Kane to discuss.

Quick explained the budget is similar to last year with the exception to the salary line, per the County Board approved raises. There was also a change to her Court Document Storage Fund, this is a decrease due to the transfer line is no longer needed for JANO.

Upon roll call vote the following members voted yes, to-wit: Miller, O’Kane, Butler and Baughn. Absent and not voting were: Morse, Duncan, and Haton. 4 yes, 3 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 7 – Budget – Juvenile Detention Center

Motion by Baughn, seconded by Butler to discuss.

Hartshorn explained the budget is similar to last year with the exception to the salary line, per the County Board approved raises. There are also increases to dietary due to inflation and training due to additional training for the officers.

Upon roll call vote the following members voted yes, to-wit: Miller, O’Kane, Butler and Baughn. Absent and not voting were: Morse, Duncan, and Haton. 4 yes, 3 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 8 – Budget – Probation

Motion by O’Kane, seconded by Butler to discuss.

Gregory explained the budget is similar to last year with the exception to the salary line, per the County Board approved raises. Conversation ensued on the probation budget as it pertains to the new laws changing January 1,2023.

Upon roll call vote the following members voted yes, to-wit: Miller, O’Kane, Butler and Baughn. Absent and not voting were: Morse, Duncan, and Haton. 4 yes, 3 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 9 – Budget – Public Defender

Motion by O’Kane, seconded by Butler to discuss.

Mara explained the budget is the same as last year with the exception to the salary line, per the County Board approved raises.

Upon roll call vote the following members voted yes, to-wit: Miller, O'Kane, Butler and Baughn. Absent and not voting were: Morse, Duncan, and Haton. 4 yes, 3 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 10 – Budget – State’s Attorney

Motion by Butler, seconded by O'Kane to discuss.

Lacy explained there is an increase to several lines due to inflation. There is also an increase to the salary line, per the County Board approved raises. Conversation ensued on the budget, body cameras and the changing laws as of January 1, 2023.

Upon roll call vote the following members voted yes, to-wit: Miller, O'Kane, Butler and Baughn. Absent and not voting were: Morse, Duncan, and Haton. 4 yes, 3 absent. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 11 – Executive Session:

None.

Agenda Item 12 - Items of Information:

Baughn explained after the overall budget passes, he will plan for meetings to start discussing outside requests from the ARPA fund. He also stated there will be a meeting on September 29th for Judicial & Rules to allow Judge O'Shaughnessy to present his budget.

Agenda Item 13- Adjournment:

Miller adjourned the meeting at 5:51PM

Minutes by: Cassy Carter, Financial Resources Director