

Finance & Personnel Committee
Monday, March 4, 2024
5:00 PM, 2nd Floor, Joseph G. Cannon Building

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order and Roll Call

Committee Chairman Steve Miller called the Finance & Personnel meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Upon the call of the roll, the following members were present; Steve Miller, Jerry Hawker, Todd Johnson, Becky Stark, Lon Henderson and Greg Shepard. Absent were: Craig Golden, Joe Eakle and Jim McMahon. 6 Present, 3 Absent.

Also, in attendance; Larry Baughn, Jr. – Chairman, Cassy Carter- Vermilion County Financial Resources Director, Bill Pickett – Neuhoff Media, Matt Long – Supervisor of Assessment, Nancy Boose – HR Director, Bill Donahue – Audience Member, Cody Jones – Ridge Farm Fire Department, Ron Hubbard – Carroll Township Fire District, Dave Ferber – Village of Fairmont, Erika Ramsey – Auditor and Missy Quick – Circuit Clerk.

Agenda Item 2 - Adoption/Amendments to the Agenda

Hawker motioned to approve the agenda, second by Henderson.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Miller, Hawker, Johnson, Stark, Henderson and Shepard. 6 yes, 3 absent. Motion passed

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Minutes – February 5, 2024

Henderson motioned to approve the minutes, second by Johnson. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 4 - Audience Comments

Matt Long questioned agenda item #7. Miller stated that this item would be tabled until April Finance Meeting.

Agenda Item 5 – Financial Update

Ramsey passed out a page on Finance Meeting Notes. This noted three negative funds in which Ramsey explained why they were negative, and the status of timing on when would be positive. The General Revenue report noted the revenue that was at 90% or higher with explanation to this. ARPA report notes the remaining balance of \$6,028,576. Carter noted per the attached ARPA financial reports the remaining ARPA balance for communities is currently \$2,389. There is also an additional \$227,813 from half the interest that has been pledged to communities as well.

Agenda Item 6 – ARPA Community Funds Presentation/Discussion/Allocation Action

(Committee Chairman Miller excused himself from this discussion.)

A. Ridge Farm Fire Department – Cody Jones, Assistant Chief - \$70,153.38
Jones explained this is for needed air packs.

B. Village of Fairmount – Dave Ferber, Village President - \$56,743.00
Ferber explained this is for pressure control system. The current system still does work, but there are no replacement parts available. This is a concern due to, the risk of water overflows depleting the water supply.

Stark motioned, second by Henderson to approve 6B.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Hawker, Johnson, Stark, Henderson and Shepard. 5 yes, 4 absent. Motion passed.

C. Carroll Township Fire Protection District – Ron Hubbard, Fire Chief - \$75,000.00
Hubbard explained this is for needed air packs. They are still using heavy steel tanks.

Henderson motioned to use the \$145,000 requested by Ridge Farm Fire and Carroll Township Fire and divide this amount between the existing remaining five Fire Department requests. This would allow \$29,000 to go to each. Second by Hawker.

Hawker motioned to amended and give Carroll Township the request in full of \$75,000 and the remaining fire departments of Georgetown, Westville, Blue Grass and Ridge farm each \$29,000. Second by Stark. Henderson allowed the amendment to his original motion.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Hawker, Stark and Shepard. Johnson and Henderson voted no. 3 yes, 2 no, 4 absent. Motion passed.

(Committee Chairman Steve Miller returned to the meeting.)

Agenda Item 7 – Resolution – RE: Salary Schedule – Elected Officials

Hawker motioned to table this item until the April 2024 meeting. Second by Henderson.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Miller, Hawker, Johnson, Stark, Henderson and Shepard. 6 yes, 3 absent. Motion passed

Agenda Item 8 – Executive Session

None

Agenda Item 9 - Items of Information

Hawker inquired about the status of the reports he had requested from the Animal Shelter Director from the previous two meetings. His previous request had asked to include the count of the animals and the expenses. Carter stated this request was noted in both the January 8, 2024 and the February 5, 2024 minutes. Chairman Baughn stated he would forward this request on to the Director as well as the Committee Chairman McFadden.

Chairman Baughn noted he had been meeting with the City of Danville and with CRIS about transportation. He has also met with the city about Bresee tower regarding demolition. He noted that he, Animal Shelter Director and Property Chairman Green had meet with Shelter Planners of America regarding pricing of building a new animal shelter.

Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment

Committee Chairman Steve Miller adjourned the meeting at 6:23PM.

Minutes by: Cassy Carter, Vermilion County Financial Resources Director