

**Taxation & Elections Committee**  
**Tuesday, September 5, 2023**  
**5:00 PM, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Joseph G Cannon Bldg.**

## **MINUTES**

### **Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order and Roll Call**

Committee Chairman Tom Morse called the Taxation & Elections Committee meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Upon the call of the roll, the following members were present; Tom Morse, Joel Bird, Jerry Hawker, Christine LaMar, Phil Jackson, George Weller, Bruce Stark and Phearn Butler. 8 present, 0 absent. Also, in attendance; Cassy Carter – Financial Resources Director, Cathy Jenkins – County Clerk, Robyn Heffern – Chief Deputy County Clerk’s Office and Matt Long – Supervisor of Assessments.

### **Agenda Item 2 - Adoption/Amendments to the Agenda**

Bird motioned, second by Hawker to approve the agenda. Motion passed by acclamation.

### **Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Minutes – August 1, 2023**

Bird motioned to approve minutes, second by LaMar. Motion passed by acclamation.

### **Agenda Item 4 - Audience Comments**

None

### **Agenda Item 5 – BOR Budget FY 2023-2024**

Hawker motioned, second by Butler. Matt Long explained the only change to the budget was the 3.125% approved raise to salary as well as the Education line increased to \$1,500. This is due to planned training for their employees.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Tom Morse, Joel Bird, Jerry Hawker, Christine LaMar, Phil Jackson, George Weller, Phearn Butler and Bruce Stark. 8 yes, 0 absent. Motion passed.

### **Agenda Item 6 – SOA Budget FY 2023-2024**

Hawker motioned, second by Bird to discuss. Matt Long explained the only increases were to the salary line due to approved union raises as well as an increase for an employee of \$2,000 for achieving a designation in her job. She did this by attending schooling and passing tests on her own time. Postage also increased due to increased postage rate as well as using all the postage they had built up over the years in the postage machine, now this is down to \$0.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Tom Morse, Joel Bird, Jerry Hawker, Christine LaMar, Phil Jackson, George Weller, Phearn Butler and Bruce Stark. 8 yes, 0 absent. Motion passed.

### **Agenda Item 7 – ARPA Request – SOA – Matt Long – New Flight and Change Finder**

Hawker motioned to move this on to finance committee for approval, second by Jackson. Matt Long explained the current fly over is four years old. The City of Danville is requesting that procure the one-inch resolution instead of the three-inch resolution. The cost would be an additional \$20,000 that the City of Danville is willing to pay. This would provide a clearer image which be of greater benefit to the City of Danville and would also assist local realtors with a much clearer view of property in the City of Danville and the County of Vermilion.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Tom Morse, Joel Bird, Jerry Hawker, Christine LaMar, Phil Jackson, George Weller, Phearn Butler and Bruce Stark. 8 yes, 0 absent. Motion passed

**Agenda Item 8 – Executive Session**

None

**Agenda Item 9 - Items of Information**

Phil Jackson stated he was hoping to discuss the ordinance for windfarm generated power that was handed out at the previous meeting. State's Attorney Jacqueline Lacy is in the process of reviewing the contracts. Jackson requests that this be put on the August or September County Board Agenda.

Jerry Hawker stated he wanted to make sure all committee member knew that Judge O'Shaughnessy issued a financial warrant to increase the pay of the Election Commission's director as well as the budget for FY2024.

**Agenda Item 10 – Adjournment**

Committee Chairman Tom Morse adjourned the meeting at 5:56 PM.

Minutes by: Cassy Carter, Financial Resources Director