

Finance Committee
Minutes

July 9, 2019

The Finance Committee of the Piatt County Board met on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 10:00 p.m. in Room 104 of the Courthouse. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ray Spencer. Attending were board members: Robert Murrell, Dale Lattz, and Shannon Carroll. Also in attendance: Jennifer Harper, Linda Leach, Jennifer Bryant, Doug Winder, Tony Kirkman, Darlene Baker, Eric Seibring, Scott Porter, Kara Olsen, Jami Trybom, Jeff Colbert, Seth Floyd, and Keri Nusbaum. Not in attendance were board members Randy Shumard and Renee Fruendt.

MOTION: Murrell made motion, seconded by Carroll to approve the minutes of the February 20, 2019 finance committee meeting as written. On voice vote all in favor, and the motion passed.

GATA Requirements Eric Seibring informed the committee of the information he and Linda Leach received at the seminar they attended. There are forms to be submitted. If the quarterly reports are not submitted in a timely manner, it could hold up the grant funds for all agencies. Having the audit on time will be important.

Lattz asked if there is a way to track the GATA reports to be sure the necessary reports are being completed?

Seibring requested a directive from the board that the necessary paperwork needs to be done in a timely manner.

Murrell expressed concern about the delays in the audits each year.

Review of Departmental Budgets Linda Leach reviewed the status of the current budget. She reported the lines that are over budget at this time. Animal Control – office supplies and maintenance and repair; Circuit clerk – publications; County Board – office supplies, Courtroom – office supplies and court appointed defender, EMA- new equipment, Maintenance – Supplies and equipment. Probation – detention fund. Sheriffs – uniforms, County – legal services, fiber optics, and insurance.

Spencer asked where there could be savings. Lattz said that each department needs to determine where savings can be found. Sheriff Hunt pointed out that the board cut budget lines, not the department heads, and that's why more lines are going over.

Budget meetings are scheduled for August 20, 21, 22.

Kirkman asked where the funds are invested, are they getting the best rates?

Floyd warned that fines revenue to his office will diminish up to 75% due to new legislation.

Hunt, Seibring and Floyd requested the board meet before budget meetings to give the department heads direction for the 2020 budget. Sheriff Hunt is generating revenue by housing out of county inmates right now, but if he is forced to cut staff he won't be able to do that.

The board will attempt to meet between August 9 and August 16th whenever Linda has the information ready.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MOTION: Carroll made motion, seconded by Lattz to adjourn. All in favor and the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Nusbaum
Piatt County Zoning Officer

