

Finance Committee

Minutes

June 30, 2020

The Finance Committee of the Piatt County Board met on Tuesday, June 30, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ray Spencer. Also attending were members: Robert Murrell, Dale Lattz, (via Zoom) Randy Shumard, Shannon Carroll (via Zoom) and Renee Fruendt (via Zoom). Also, Debbie Marshall, Linda Leach, Jennifer Harper, Keri Nusbaum, Elizabeth Dobson, Jennifer Bryant. Attending via Zoom were Seth Floyd, Darlene Baker, Jami Trybom, Tony Kirkman, Dustin Harmon, Steve Hoffman and Lyndsay Jones.

Motion: Murrell made motion, seconded by Shumard to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2020 meeting as written. On voice vote, all in favor and the motion carried.

The meeting was called to discuss the county's financial picture. Lattz said the finances are tight and an update is needed. Leach said that currently payroll on Friday will not clear, so the plan is to cash in a CD. She reviewed line items which are close to going over. The courtroom budget is over due to court reporting charges. Sheriff equipment line is showing over due to a bill paid this year rather than out of last years budget. She said less has been spent this year than last year at this time. Treasurer Debbie Marshall said the CD being cashed in will be the last. If the nursing home could pay the money owed the county on the levy, it would help the county out. The chairman of the nursing home committee, Mr. Shumard said they would discuss it at a nursing home committee meeting. The CD proceeds will cover the payroll, but not all the claims. Corporate replacement should also be coming in, but that number is unknown. Spencer said he appreciated the department heads conservative spending. Marshall said that although the tax payment due date was delayed due to Covid-19, tax payment behavior has been the same as previous years. Randy Shumard will reach out to Scott Porter regarding the payment from the nursing home.

Spencer announced that a DECO grant application was completed and submitted last week for upgrades to the courthouse.

There was no need for an executive session.

Public Comment: Marshall asked about the agreement with the nursing home. This was done in 2007. Leach said the agreement was to pay ½ of the tax levy to help cover the expenses of their CIRMA insurance and other expenses that the county covers. Shumard said a decision made 10 years ago doesn't work today.

Dustin Harmon from Bellwether updated the committee. He met with department heads and has distributed budget packets. They will need guidance on nonunion salaries from the board, and then can have a draft budget after they receive the packets back.

Steve Hoffman said he had trouble hearing the meeting.

Motion: Shumard made motion, seconded by Murrell to adjourn. All in favor, the motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Nusbaum
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