

Finance Committee

Minutes

August 10, 2022

The Finance Committee of the Piatt County Board met on Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 11:04 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ray Spencer. Attending: Shannon Carroll, Jerry Edwards, Todd Henricks, Gail Jones, Randy Shumard and Keri Nusbaum. Dustin Harmon and Jake Johnson from Bellwether were also in attendance.

Motion: Edwards made motion, seconded by Carroll to approve the minutes of the May 31, 2022 finance committee meeting as written. On voice vote, all in favor, and the motion carried.

ARPA Discussion

Harmon went through remaining requests and funds. Seth Floyd shared more information about his request for an E Citation system. Prior approvals were reviewed. Remaining requests are for lost revenue for mental health and transportation, and additional HVAC updates. Teresa Camfield from the Animal control department addressed the need for new hardware and updated software.

Motion: Jones made motion, seconded by Carroll to recommend to the county board that software and hardware upgrades for Animal Control be paid from ARPA funds in the amount of \$3195.00. Roll was called, all in favor and the motion carried.

County Clerk Jennifer Harper explained her requests for \$141,889.00 for vital records digitization and election equipment updates for \$200,000.

Harmon reviewed all the funds received and the project funds already allocated. If every request was approved, it would go over the funds by \$349,696.00.

Motion: Spencer made motion, seconded by Carroll to recommend the use of ARPA funds of \$78,227 for the E citation system, and \$120,000 for video security upgrades to the public safety building to the County Board. Roll was called, all in favor and the motion carried.

Motion: Spencer made motion, seconded by Jones to recommend to the county board that the vital records upgrades for \$141,889.00 and election equipment for \$200,000 be paid from ARPA funds. Roll was called, all in favor and the motion carried.

Mental Health director Tony Kirkman said the extra CPRT funds could be used for some of the projects and then everyone would be happy. Harmon said that since the county just got out of the hole, a reserve fund should be rebuilt.

2022/2023 Budget

Per Dustin Harmon, the budget packets have gone out to department heads. Work will start on the budget the second week of September.

Claims for reimbursement of personal attorney fees

Harmon will research past practices to see if this is advisable or possible.

Public Comments None

Motion: Henricks made motion, seconded by Carroll to adjourn. On voice vote, all in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Nusbaum
Piatt County Zoning Officer