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Finance Committee Minutes
Thursday May 12, 2016 8:30 am

The Finance Committee of the Rock Island County Board will meet at the above date and time in the Conference Room of the Administration Office on the second floor of the County Building, 1504 Third Ave, Rock Island, IL. Chair Richard Brunk called the meeting to order at 8:32 a.m. Minutes as follows:

1) Call to order and roll call

Committee members present: Richard Brunk, Don Jacobs, Steve Ballard, Dewayne Cremeens, Mia Mayberry, Mike Steffen, Scott Terry

Committee members absent: None

Others present: Kenneth Maranda, Dave Ross, Hayleigh Covella, Jerry Clyde, Louisa Ewert, Larry Wilson, Darren Hart, April Palmer

2) Approval of the minutes from the April 14, 2016 meeting

Motion to approve: Don Jacobs

2nd: Mike Steffen

Voice vote

Motion carried

3) Public Comments

There were none.

4) Finance Chair Report

There was none.

5) Condition of Funds

a) Monthly Report of the Auditor – Ms. Palmer

i. State of IL Payments Report

Ms. Palmer presented her standard reports. She started with the trial balance or budgetary standings of the funds and departments that report to this committee and noted that there is only one approved change. It's grant money in/money out that

the committee will be approving today for the \$733.81. Ms. Palmer noted that the budget should be at 58% or higher as of April 30th. Down the line, there are only grants and one-time expenditures that look over budget. There's nothing alarming and absolutely nothing out of the norm. They are not really over budget.

Ms. Palmer noted that on the fund balance page, the first column in the General Fund has changed again. It is up \$80,000 from prior year, however they do have another audit entry that will affect that next month. That's for the replacement tax revenue that is owed back to the state, so that will drop some, unfortunately. They will not end up above because they have to report those dollars even though they haven't paid it back yet because they know it's coming. The Liability Insurance is barely changed, but it changed as well because of workers' comp liability claims that were outstanding that they also have to record.

Ms. Palmer noted that the current fund balance column shows almost \$90,000 in the hole. The county had three payrolls in April this year as opposed to in May last year. Comparing that to last year if it hadn't had the \$750,000 payroll extra, it would have been way higher than at this same time last year. That will balance out next month and when she gives May's reports because then they'll be comparing the same number of payrolls. Everything else can meet a 3-month reserve or is grant related. There is nothing too concerning on that page.

Ms. Palmer asked the committee to keep in mind that the cash balance is way down. They did have a loan outstanding in the General Fund for approximately the same amount of money. They just took it from working cash last year. This year, they took it from the bank to keep working cash available to assist FICA, IMRF, any of the property tax funds that need it. Ms. Palmer noted that probably FICA is the most concerning right now for making it through 3 more payrolls until the first distribution and about another month. She noted that the Treasurer's Office has already reported that probably another loan will be taken out get through the end of May and that last payroll. Hopefully it won't last long and they can start paying it back pretty quickly and keep interest costs down. The only other one that is lower than last year besides the grants is the Collector's Tax Fee. Expenses doubled this year over last and the revenue hasn't come in to make up for that yet. That was expected to take a decrease, so it's normal. That was just the sale and errors and things that have happened. It's nothing out of the norm and nothing alarming there.

Ms. Palmer presented the State of Illinois Payments. They are paid up through January on the taxes and through March on a lot of the salary reimbursements. They are looking into, today, the Assistant State's Attorney's salary reimbursement. That

hasn't come in since April, 2015. It's the only one that's really, really behind. They're going to have some discussions with some of Mr. McGehee's staff.

Mr. Steffen asked for the total cash on hand. Ms. Palmer said that she leaves that to Ms. Ewert for Finance. She'll have more up to date information. Ms. Palmer can only see what's posted into the financial software. Ms. Ewert can see everything.

Mr. Terry said that on the Budget by Organization report, he's thoroughly impressed by the Elected Officials and Department Heads comparing where they're at now to where they were even just last year. It's absolutely amazing.

Motion to approve report: Mia Mayberry

2nd: Dewayne Cremeens

Voice vote

Motion carried

6) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Tracking Report

There was none.

7) Reports to the Committee

a) Chief County Assessment Office – Mr. Wilson

Mr. Wilson noted that they're getting close again. June 15th is the date the Assessors have to have their work back to him. They're preparing for that. Other than that, they're trying to keep it moving the best they can at this time.

Mr. Ballard noted that Mr. Wilson has talked about this a lot, the Exelon deal. He sees that's coming to another head. He asked how much money the county gets from Exelon a year for the county portion. Mr. Wilson said he doesn't have that off the top of his head. He will get it before Mr. Ballard leaves today. Mr. Ballard said he's just curious because it looks like there are constant struggles there. The trouble the county is in, if it would have to lose that revenue for any reason, it would be pretty devastating. Mr. Wilson said that whatever happens, they'll be prepared. It's more behind the scenes stuff. They never had them assessed at the value of the property because of the difference between real and personal property of the plant. They're currently only assessing the real property and the real property is still going to be there. As they move forward, if they have to go into the decommissioning of the plant, they have already been accepting/receiving revenues for the decommissioning of the plant. The plant's still going to be there and have value. Mr. Ballard asked for confirmation that currently the county is just getting money off of real property

value. Mr. Ross said it should remain static for some time. Mr. Ballard said he's glad he asked because he's always concerned. Mr. Wilson said they can still file...Mr. Ballard said that's okay. Now he has a better understanding of what's going on.

Mr. Steffen noted that Exelon had something at the Cordova Community Center and asked if they are just trying to keep the public informed. He didn't get to attend and asked if anybody did. Mr. Maranda said he was going to bring this up at E-Board, too. He went to Springfield; Ms. Filbert came along. They met on the request of Senator Anderson at his office and then met with the Governor's Head of Staff on this issue down there. The bottom line is the coal mines versus nuclear power. That's about where it's at. Southern Illinois, and Clinton, of course there's only one reactor and that's why...that's probably down the tube. With the auction coming up, that's what's saving ours right now is the two reactors. Mr. Maranda said they did go down and what they wanted was, it wasn't the Chamber, but he guesses Mr. Marquard was down there, but Mr. Stoermer was not there. There were just individuals and some of them down there. That's the way Senator Anderson wanted it. So, they presented the issues and they heard them. As they came in, there was another group right in front of them and he doesn't know if it was the Clinton group or whoever. There was another group. They shuffled them, moving in and out. They heard a couple other comments from the Governor's staff on the issues. It's just, to cut to the chase of everything, they know the issues and it's just right out there just like everything. The bottom line is you've got the coal mines down here and nuclear up here and the air quality, you know. So, they'll see who's got the bigger push.

Mr. Jacobs noted that we don't get any electricity from it. Mr. Maranda said no and not to get him going on that. That MidAmerican, god bless them. They just killed us here ten years ago when the county was looking at wind energy. He got all that information from Mr. Stoermer because Exelon bought John Deere's wind energy. Mr. Maranda gave him all that information about 144th Avenue out there where they had fifty towers laid out and everything else all the wind studies they did out there and over here. If it wasn't for Coal Valley, they'd already have eight of them there on Oak Glenn's property. At that time they had \$250 million to invest in it and they could have had 8 of them out there within a mile of Coal Valley. Mr. Maranda said it's a pretty sore subject with him because of all the...you just can't believe how many hoops you've got to jump through, especially that close to the airport. Believe it or not, that Oak Glenn property where they had the 8 of them, 10 years had been gone and another 10 years they county would have owned it. They're good for 20-25 years. Maintenance issues would have come up, but, we'd have owned it. So be it. That's like the gas location. Mr. Maranda said he's going to shut up. Those are two real big projects. He talked to Mr. Stoermer about that gasification and of course with that

power plant over in Japan, Mr. Maranda said they need to look at that over there take a look at that gasification. That's the real clean one.

Motion to approve report: Dewayne Cremeens

2nd: Steve Ballard

Voice vote

Motion carried

b) Board of Review – Ms. Russell

Ms. Russell had nothing new to report. She noted that the state is so far behind, they've gotten no new PTAP cases. Right now, that's good news.

Motion to approve report: Scott Terry

2nd: Mia Mayberry

Voice vote

Motion carried

c) Treasurer – Ms. Ewert

Ms. Ewert presented her monthly reports. She noted that supplemental sales tax for the month of February was just received. It was \$286,666.46. Compared to last year, it's up about almost \$70,000. It's up from two years ago by almost \$169,000. It's still in the upswing there.

Ms. Ewert also provided the monthly report of checkbook balances and the interest earned on those investments. Interest earned for April, 2016 was \$7,018. For the 5th month ended for the FY at \$605,423.00. Interest rates have not changed.

Ms. Ewert said she has given Mr. Ballard a copy of the Exelon bill since he was asking how much county portion was. Their total bill was \$7,993,660. The county portion is \$1.741 million. As Mr. Wilson said, the building still has the same value whether it's empty or in production.

Ms. Ewert reported that bills were mailed out yesterday, so they should be arriving in mailboxes today, tomorrow, and Saturday. The first distribution is scheduled for June 23rd which is...they actually moved that up to accommodate payroll and vouchers coming in on the 24th. That might help out a little.

Ms. Ewert reported that the current General Fund balance as of this morning after payroll was taken out is \$936,079.61. The county still has to make one more payroll

for May. It's going to be really tight. Usually within the first 15 days, she gets the bigger payments: the replacement tax, income tax, and also the Circuit Clerk money. They usually get those in the first 15 days of the month. Ms. Ewert thinks she's almost at where she has the big money already in. She noted that speaking of personal replacement tax, they were noticing that when they had gotten the personal replacement tax last week, when they compared it to a year ago, last week they received \$483,834.54 for March and were comparing it to last year for the same month and the amount then was \$625,238.39. The difference was lower by \$145,404.45. That was enough to cause an alarm and alert to where Ms. Ewert notified the Illinois Department of Revenue to see what went wrong. Her first thought was they were already taking the overpayment away from the county that they say we owe, which is around \$300,000. That is not the case. They are not going to start taking that out until January, 2017. She has contacted them to try and figure out what the significant decrease was and they would only accept her request for research by email. That email has been sent. She has not received an answer yet. She will let everyone know hopefully by next month.

Motion to approve report: Don Jacobs

2nd: Scott Terry

Voice vote

Motion carried

d) Legal Report – States Attorney

There was no report.

8) Consider requests from Public Works

a. Review and award of bids received on Monday, May 9, 2016

Mr. Ross explained that Public Works opened bids on Monday for two different township road projects. Those are in the very back of the packet. One of them is a seal coat bid. The other one is more of a road resurfacing bid. One of them, the low bid was Valley Construction for \$186,319.30. That was about \$100,000 under the Engineer's estimate, so they were either fantastic bids or Mr. Massa needs to relearn how to estimate. Public Works recommended, and they did this as one, awarding both low bids. The other estimate for seal coat work was \$33,491.00. The low bid was for Tri-City Blacktop at \$27,295.00. Public Works recommended awarding both to the low bidder.

Motion to approve low bids: Don Jacobs

2nd: Mia Mayberry, Scott Terry

Voice vote
Motion carried

9) Consider requests from Governmental Affairs

a. Consideration of consolidated committee structure

This item was tabled at Governmental Affairs. Mr. Brunk noted that they are researching various options further.

10) Consider requests from Administration

a. Transfers of appropriations

Motion to approve: Don Jacobs
2nd: Mike Steffen
Voice vote
Motion carried

b. Appropriation resolutions for funds

Mr. Brunk noted that these are for gun sights for the Sheriff's Office, seizure funds, and IMRF/FICA for civil work with the State's Attorney's Office. He would like to take all 3 together.

Motion to approve: Scott Terry
2nd: Don Jacobs
Voice vote
Motion carried

11) Consider requests from Health and Human Services

a. Transfers of appropriations

Mr. Brunk noted that there is no new money.

Motion to approve: Don Jacobs
2nd: Steve Ballard
Voice vote
Motion carried

b. Appropriation resolutions for funds

Mr. Brunk explained that the Health Department apparently has what are actually transfers of appropriations. They had written them up as resolutions and there

was not time to go back and make changes, so they are putting them through as resolutions. They are actually not new money, just transfers.

Motion to approve: Mike Steffen

2nd: Don Jacobs

Voice vote

Motion carried

Ms. Palmer said that the Health Department did have new grant money resolutions as well that she received in her office. Mr. Ross said he might have read them wrong. Ms. Palmer said there were three sheets and they were each separate additional monies. Mr. Ross said he read them as transfers, but maybe they are grant money ones. He trusts Ms. Palmer. Ms. Palmer asked if Mr. Ross can show her the copy he has. Mr. Ross said that regardless, they're...Ms. Palmer said they were to increase revenue and increase expenses proportionately for a grant. It is a wash. Mr. Ross said he read it as transfers. Ms. Palmer said that it is to increase line items. They're not just moving money from one line item to another according to what she received. Mr. Ross noted that either way, there's no new public money. It's in and out. Mr. Terry said he's still in favor of pushing them onto the Board. Mr. Ross said he'd clarify it for the County Board notes.

12) Consider requests from Human Resources

- a. Consider Hope Creek HR Assistant Job description**
- b. Consider hiring Hope Creek HR Assistant**

Items 12a and 12b were tabled until next month at Mr. Ross's request.

Motion to table items 12a and 12b: Scott Terry

2nd: Don Jacobs

Voice vote

Motion Carried

13) Consider appropriation resolutions for funds

Mr. Brunk noted that these are all grant money.

Motion to approve: Don Jacobs

2nd: Steve Ballard

Voice vote

Motion carried

14) Consider Board member per diem/mileage report

Motion to approve: Scott Terry
2nd: Mia Mayberry
Voice vote
Motion carried

15) Approval of Claims

Motion to approve: Mike Steffen
2nd: Mia Mayberry
Voice vote
Motion carried

16) Approval of Treasurer's Disbursements (TDs)

Motion to approve: Don Jacobs
2nd: Steve Ballard
Voice vote
Motion carried

17) Closed Session per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(21) – Discussion of minutes of meetings lawfully closed under this Act, whether for purposes of approval by the body of the minutes or semi-annual review of the minutes as mandated by Section 2.06 AND per 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2) - Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees AND 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) – Litigation: when an action against, affecting, or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent

Motion to enter into closed session: Scott Terry
2nd: Mike Steffen
Roll call: All in favor
The Finance Committee entered into closed session at 8:59 a.m.

Motion to enter into open session: Scott Terry
2nd: Mike Steffen, Mia Mayberry
Roll call: All in favor
The Finance Committee entered into open session at 9:32 a.m.

18) Consider action as necessary based on closed session **a. Consider Resolution re: Review of Closed Session Minutes**

Motion to approve keeping minutes closed: Steve Ballard
2nd: Don Jacobs
Voice vote
Motion carried

b. Consider AFSCME 2025 Collective Bargaining Agreement

Motion to approve: Don Jacobs
2nd: Scott Terry
Voice vote
Motion carried

c. Consider FOP 61 Collective Bargaining Agreement

Motion to approve pending ratification: Steve Ballard
2nd: Mike Steffen
Voice vote
Motion carried

d. Consider FOP (Probation) Collective Bargaining Agreement

No action was required on item 18d.

e. Consider action re: Litigation committee

Motion to approve action in *Henning V. Rock Island County*: Mia Mayberry
2nd: Dewayne Cremeens
Voice vote
Motion carried

19) Committee member opportunity for brief comments (*no decisions will be made*)

Ms. Ewert provided an update for the General Fund balance. She forgot to put in a small reduction. After payroll, the balance is \$766,853.70. Mr. Terry asked if they still have a payroll of \$750,000. Ms. Ewert confirmed that they still have vouchers for this week and payroll the following week. Payroll runs a little over \$700,000. Ms. Palmer it's about \$750,000 and that would consume this and as per her reports, that claims are \$428,900, so they'll need another \$500,000 from the TAW that's already approved.

20) Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:34 a.m. by Chair Richard Brunk.