

Finance and Personnel Committee Minutes

Tuesday, May 12th, 2020 8:30 AM

The Finance and Personnel Committee met at the above date and time via teleconference.

Call to order and roll call at 10:03 AM

Members Present K. Maranda, S. Noyd, K. Swanson, R. Brunk, L. Moreno, A. Normoyle, R. Simmer, D. Cremeens (10:07)

Members Absent :D. Johnston,

Others Present : J. Snider, R. Brunk, D. Hart, A. Palmer, L. Ewert, C. Przybyla

Public Comment –

Mr. J. Uribe commented on the elected officials pay increases and to please consider the taxpayers in the County who are struggling to pay their property taxes before the virus crisis

Mr. R. Christ commented on pay raises for certain elected officials and he stated that he “is appalled that this is even being discussed based on the fact that the County is basically one step above junk bond capacity ; we have salaries that raises be implemented considered

Member D. Cremeens is present at 10:07 AM.

The minutes of the April 2020 Finance and Personnel Committee meeting were approved with motion by K. Maranda and seconded by D. Cremeens. Motion carried

Reports to the Committee

County Treasurer L. Ewert state that the monthly reports are available electronically in the committee packet which includes supplemental sales tax for the month of February that came in at \$265,268.26 which is a bit of a drop from comparison for February 2019.

She also reported the interest rate current interest from April 2020 to prior year, April 2019 there is a significant drop. Real estate may 19th with installments on June 17th, August 17th, September and November 17th. The due dates have been extended by almost 2 week later than last year. Expected estimated collection is at \$266,807,907.36

The office is also using online bill payments, and the outside drop box to collect taxes.

Auditor A. Palmer informed the committee that revenues are down and the offices workload is being reduced as well. The office is trying to make sure the
The audit is being delayed due to many people working from home including the external auditors. They are still awaiting the audit draft and this will be provided to the members as it becomes available.

Consider JAG Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Grant

Captain D. Hart spoke on this item regarding the Coronavirus supplemental relief; a 2 trillion dollar program; there was a applied for a grant in the amount of just over \$58,000. The grant application is provided in the committee packet. It has to be used specifically for law enforcement response to the virus, which would include PPE costs, care of inmates etc. It is an online grant application and is waiting for approval with a deadline of May 29th. This would be reimbursement to the general fund for costs already incurred including 911 dispatch, EMA, cleaning supplies costs and supplemental funds for rental of air conditioning units for the jail.

Member A. Normoyle commended the sheriff's department for searching this grant out.

Motion to approve: S. Noyd Seconded D. Cremeens

Motion carried

Consider State's Attorney's Collective Bargaining Unit Memorandum of Understanding

P. Castro reported on the MOU; this is budgeted a 2 percent for all collective bargaining unit at beginning of the fiscal year. This has already been budgeted for this year. This amounts to about \$10,000. This is not additional cost and extends the contract through November 30th of 2020.

A, Normoyle asked about the deadline; would there be time to separate it out. The 2 percent wage has already been included in the State's Attorney's Budget. Ms. Castro also stated that Ms. Villarreal has already signed the negotiation agreement.

Chairman Brunk stated with the cost already being in the State's Attorney's budget, it is more of a formality. Ms. Castro also stated that 2 positions will also not be filled at this time.

Motion to approve: K. Maranda

Seconded by S. Noyd

Motion carried

Consider Agreement with University of Illinois Extension and Rock Island County

Chairman Brunk stated that this is an agreement with the University of Illinois Extension and Rock Island County that is passed every year. This is an agreement collected by the levy to the University Extension in the amount of \$58,000.

K. Swanson stated that this is something that is a look back; already accounted for.

Motion to approve: K. Maranda Seconded: A. Normoyle

Motion carried

Consider Highway Items:

- a. Consider Revised Resolution Appropriating Funds for County Engineer's Salary, Benefits and Expenses

Motion to approve: K. Maranda Seconded D. Cremeens

- b. Review and approve quotes for tree removal

Motion to approve: A. Normoyle, Seconded R. Simmer

Consider County Elected Officials Salary Resolution

This is a biannual 180 days prior to swearing in of officers. There has been a pattern for the last two budget cycles have seen an increase of 2 percent, flat the second year, 2 percent the third and flat the fourth in their salaries. 2 percent over last year's amount.

Member K. Swanson requested some comparable to other counties in the state of Illinois for context. Traditionally, the elected officials have gone period of pay freeze. If the information would be available.

Mr. D. Cremeens asked how much this would increase the current budget. L. Ewert would get an increase \$1386.00 by 4 would be an increase of \$7,344.00

Sheriff Bustos stated this is only for County officials up for reelection and must be set prior to the election. He stated most officials are working more with less currently in their offices. Ms. Normoyle questioned the necessity of it being a four year setting. She was uncomfortable projecting into 2024. Sheriff Bustos stated the law states it must be set for four years and that many elected officials have gone without raises for some time and the current time to set it is inconvenient.

Motion to approve: R. Simmer

Seconded D. Cremeens

Review and Consider Staffing Levels for Non-Elected Departments

Mr. Snider provided an overview

Mr. L. Wilson stated that he believes his office is on track with tax bills.

Mr. K. Davis stated that he cannot reduce staff without reducing services.

Ms. Wiley pointed out that the animal shelter is a 7 day operation. In order to reduce 2 people, it would cause a reduction in part time staff as well. She doesn't see the numbers of animals going down, but is looking at a spay and neuter clinic curbside for services. Reducing by 5 people would not be possible.

Chairman Brunk asked if Ms. Wiley has reached out to QCPaws for staffing salaries. She stated PAWS pays for a good portion of vaccines and other services. She stated she has not.

Consider transfers of appropriation

Consider appropriation resolutions for funds

Motion to approve D. Cremeens, A Normoyle, R. Simmer

Consider claims and treasurer's disbursements

Motion to approve: R. Simmer Seconded A. Normoyle

Consider Board Member per diem/mileage report

Motion to approve: R. Simmer Seconded A. Normoyle

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

D. Cremeens stated that he wanted to correct the language on Item 7 to reflect a contribution.

Chairman L. Moreno wanted to thank the County Staff during these difficult times.

Adjourn

Motion to approve: A. Normoyle, D. Cremeems 10:15 AM