

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

September 11, 2024

Present: Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin and Vicki McMahon
Absent: Venise McWard, Chair
Other Present: Bryan Sharp, Mary Barry, Betty Asmussen, Chad Coady, Jennifer Verardi, Judy Gates, Derek Page, Valerie Belusko and Elizabeth Hile

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, Illinois. The purpose of the meeting was to address agenda items and any other matters properly brought before the committee. In the absence of Chairman Venise McWard, Ken Franklin was the Acting Chairman. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

CLAIMS

Motion by Linda Curtin and second by Ken Franklin to recommend to the full Board to approve the claims presented for September. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

OFFICE EQUIPMENT – PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE

No information was available for this agenda item. Item was tabled.

2025 CONTRACT WITH CTI

To allow for further review, this agenda item was tabled.

AUDITOR

Rich Hooper, with Lively, Mathias and Hooper, Inc., who has conducted the County's annual audit for many years, recently provided notice of the firm's resignation. Treasurer Asmussen has reached out to 3 different firms with only 1 of the 3 firms expressing interest. Efforts to find other firms that may be interested in providing pricing to conduct the County's audit will continue. This item will be revisited next month.

FY25 BUDGET

Presentations were made by Jennifer Verardi for the Senior Citizens; Valerie Belusko representing U of I Extension and Derek Page, Chair of the 708 Mental Health Board. ROE will not be able to present until EAV's for the multiple counties involved are received.

Treasurer Asmussen presented a copy of the "requested" budgets to date indicating areas that are still outstanding were highlighted. She noted discussions will need to take place in regard to the Capital Improvement Fund, ARPA Fund and Non-Bargaining Salaries. She indicated that because the CBA agreements for the Sheriff's Office expire at the end of this fiscal year, no increases were made in those line items. She also showed worksheets that will be available to all members and County Board in the shared file. This is the format she plans to use for future budget years.

Chairman Sharp mentioned the change order to address the under sized HVAC units on the 3rd floor that will be coming to the Board next week with payment coming from ARPA obligations earmarked for the Court House renovations. Acting Chair Franklin briefly discussed aerial photography that was currently in the 911 budget but previously in the Supervisor of Assessment budget and used by 911.

The committee reviewed the obligations for posting the budget in combination with deadlines for passing the budget as well as the need for additional meetings for Finance and Executive, Personnel committee.

The next Finance Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 26, 2024 at 5:45 p.m. in the County Board Room with the only topic being FY 2025 Budget.

REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

None

OTHER MATTERS

None

Motion by Tim Carlson and second by Linda Curtin to adjourn. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Franklin, Acting Chairman
Finance/Audit/Purchasing/Budget Committee
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