

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

November 13, 2024

Present: Venise McWard, Chair, Tim Carlson, Linda Curtin, Ken Franklin, and Vicki McMahon
Absent: None
Other Present: Bryan Sharp, Betty Asmussen, Derek Page, Dan McNeely, Mary Barry, Lucas Domonousky and Elizabeth Hile

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, November 13, 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. Roll call was taken and there was a quorum.

CLAIMS

Motion by Vicki McMahon and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve the claims presented for November. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

SECOND CLAIMS CYCLE FOR FY 2024 – NOVEMBER 22, 2024

Motion by Linda Curtin and second by Vicki McMahon to recommend to the full Board to allow Finance Chair Venise McWard to review and sign the 2nd set of claims for FY 2024. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Derek Page, Chairman of the 708 Mental Health Board highlighted and complimented the presentation made by the Christian County Health Department for mental health funding. The 708 Mental Health Board approved just over \$67,000 in funding to the Health Department.

INSURANCE RENEWALS

Dan McNeely from Dimond Brothers highlighted the County's renewals for Worker's Compensation and the Property, General Liability, Auto and Umbrella package. As a result of a 3 year overall good worker's compensation history, the worker's compensation premium decreased and the safety grant increased to \$7,619 for period of December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025. The Property, General Liability, Auto and Umbrella package however, did increase. Dan explained why the package increased and offered optional quotes to decrease the total premium.

Motion by Vicki McMahon and second by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to renew the Worker's Compensation with an annual premium of \$71,939.00 and Property, General Liability, Auto and Umbrella package with Dimond Brothers as presented with amendments to increasing the law enforcement liability deductible to \$15,000; increasing the property deductible to \$25,000 and amending the old Health Department building to Actual Cash Value limit bringing the annual premium to \$278,321.00. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

WHEEL LOADER FINANCING

No discussion or action needed.

HEALTH MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATES GRANT

Treasurer Asmussen highlighted a grant received in 2023 at the Sheriff's office for opioid use disorder through jails, drug court and local justice system. When FY 2023 was closed out and as a result of miscommunication, those funds were put into reserves. It was recently learned those grant funds need to be separate for accountability. This grant is a 5 year grant. Additional funds were received this fiscal year with more funds being anticipated next year as well. All funds, in accordance with the grant, will be used at some point.

Treasurer Asmussen would like authorization to move the previous \$30,000 FY 2023 funds that were put in reserves from Contingency Fund into the now established separate Health Management Grant Fund.

Motion by Venise McWard and second by Vicki McMahon to recommend to the full Board to authorize Treasurer Asmussen to move \$30,000.00 from Contingency Fund to the Health Management Grant Fund. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

FY25 BUDGET

Treasurer Asmussen reviewed areas of the budget where amendments to the FY 2025 Budget that is on file need to be recorded and made. These edits will be made to the final proposed FY 2025 budget as well.

Motion by Venise McWard and second by Vicki McMahon to approve as presented Attachment A – County Board Budget Ordinance which indicates edits to the final proposed budget. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Vicki McMahon and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O2024 CB 025 Annual Budget and Appropriation for the period of December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Vicki McMahon and second by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to approve Ordinance O 2024 CB 026 Levy Ordinance for Tax Year 2024. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Discussion on the levy prior to vote included a review of the Ptell status of the County in relation to levy caps, a review of breakdown information that was provided to tax payers in their tax statements which is also available on the Treasurer's page of the County's website and the overall levy increase of approximately 3.4%.

REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

None

OTHER MATTERS

Chairman Sharp reviewed the 1st Assistant's salary in the States Attorney's office indicating all was in order as it was provided in the initial FY 2025 budget and heard by Executive and Personnel Committee. He also highlighted the upcoming current county board and new elected county board training that will be conducted by UCCI on November 18th. Interested board members should contact Liz to secure a seat in the program. The Chairman concluded by highlighting recent information on possible Enterprise Zone expansion to other neighboring communities in Christian County and break down of associated cost should that proceed.

Motion by Tim Carlson and second by Vicki McMahon to adjourn. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Venise McWard, Chairperson
Finance/Audit/Purchasing/Budget Committee
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