

APPROVED—MAY 18, 2010



Finance Committee

Justice Center Community Room
Tuesday, April 20, 2010 – 3:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Tim Neuhauser, Vice-Chairman James Carius, Russ Crawford, Jan Donahue, Dean Grimm, Linc Hobson, Darrell Meisinger, Jerry Vanderheydt, Terry Von Boeckman

Committee Members Absent: Michael Harris, Carroll Imig

Others: County Administrator David Jones; Supervisor of Assessments Gary Twist, Auditor Vicki Grashoff

MOTION

MOTION BY CARIUS, SECOND BY MEISINGER

to approve the minutes of the March 23 and March 31, 2010, meetings.

Member Crawford said that a revision was needed that referred to his support of the Tazewell Museum and that while he supported the museum, he did not support \$8,000 for it and that there should be a formal presentation followed by a request at budget time.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION
RC CB
F-10-08**

MOTION BY CARIUS, SECOND BY DONAHUE

to recommend to the County Board to approve a transfer within the Courts.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION
RC CB
F-10-09**

MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY CRAWFORD

to recommend to the County Board to approve a transfer for the State's Attorney's Legal Services Line.

Administrator Jones said that the majority of the legal costs for the County are paid from this line and that the State's Attorney has requested money be transferred from contingency. Jones said that there were other ways this could be accomplished and that he preferred the money not be taken from the contingency fund.

Auditor Grashoff said that \$50,000 was budgeted for this and that \$61,114 has been spent year to date. Grashoff said that costs for Collective Bargaining are paid from this line.

Jones said that it was budgeted for \$50,000 and the Appellate Prosecutor Agreement is \$27,000 which leaves \$23,000 for the rest of the year for all other services that are incurred throughout the year.

Member Crawford said he had no problem with the need but he questioned where it would come from. Crawford said it was routine to take funds from the department before using the Contingency Fund if money is available in that department. Crawford said he understood there were personnel lines that were under spent, so unless their personnel costs would be large for the remainder of the year, this would be the place to take the money from unless it would stop him from spending something that he is entitled to spend.

Auditor Grashoff said that the amount budgeted for the State's Attorney was budgeted for his costs; however, most of the costs have been generated from others and it is not fair to take the money away from the State's Attorney.

Chairman Neuhauser reminded everyone that during budget preparations, the administrator had proposed a new line item be created for these types of expenditures. Neuhauser said that the State's Attorney said that he would prefer those monies be run through his budget, so it was determined to be taken the expenses from the Legal Services Line. Neuhauser said that he understood that the State's Attorney is not spending these dollars, but in looking at the entire budget he does not agree it would be appropriate to transfer the funds from Contingency at this time when there may be money that can be tapped into the State's Attorney's budget. Neuhauser said that he would like to direct the administrator to meet with the State's Attorney to try to come up with a solution that involves a team approach and yet avoid dipping into the Contingency at this time.

Auditor Grashoff said that there is a need to look at the history of this line in planning next year's budget.

**MOTION
TABLED**

**MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY CARIUS to
TABLE the motion.**

On voice vote, MOTION TO TABLE CARRIED.

**MOTION
RC CB
F-10-10**

MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY VON BOECKMAN to recommend to the County Board to approve the purchase of a JetScan Currency Scan for the Treasurer's Department in the amount of \$1,995, plus shipping.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION
RC CB
F-10-11**

MOTION BY MEISINGER, SECOND BY VANDERHEYDT to recommend to the County Board to approve an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Illinois Dept. of Revenue for the use of the Illinois Computer Assisted Appraisal System.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

**MOTION
RC CB
F-10-12**

MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY CARIUS to recommend to the County Board to approve an Amendment to change the expiration date of the Juvenile Sex Offender Grant to May 12, 2010.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

**REPORTS &
COMMUNICATIONS**

Administrator Jones said that most of the revenue comes from the state with all sales tax revenues up .8%, which is about 1.4% behind the last fiscal year and that we are 2% behind the FY09 budget on income tax. Jones reported that the personal property replacement tax for the first five months is about 6.8% behind.

Supervisor of Assessments Gary Twist said that there are 64,000 tax bills scheduled for mailing and will be received by tax payers on or around May 1.

**MOTION
RC CB**

MOTION BY VON BOECKMAN, SECOND BY DONAHUE to recommend to the County Board to approve the bills.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Neuhauser recessed the meeting at 3:55

Transcription by Nina Schacherbauer