



Minutes approved 09-18-12

Finance Committee

Justice Center Community Room

August 21, 2012 – 3:30 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Tim Neuhauser, Jim Carius, Russ Crawford, Jim Donahue, Dean Grimm, Mike Harris, Carroll Imig, Darrell Meisinger, Jerry Vanderheydt, Terry VonBoeckman

Committee Members Absent: Linc Hobson

Others: County Administrator Michael Freilinger

MOTION **MOTION BY DONAHUE, SECOND BY MEISINGER** to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2012 meeting.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

Chairman Neuhauser presented Steve Jaeger, Executive Director of Heart of Illinois Regional Port District to the Committee. Jaeger presented Dan Silverthorn, their Board Chairman who was appointed by the Governor and Rick Kriegsman, their Tazewell County representative.

Jaeger provided some history to the Committee. They have a nine member Board and represent six counties. Their mission is to have new investments to the area and job creation. They are currently working with Aventine and the creation of a barge dock. Currently Aventine uses the rail system and trucks for transportation.

Jaeger provided the Committee with a handout that explains in detail the Public Port Development Project at Pekin including financing.

Jaeger stated that there is no source of revenue for the Port other than contributions. He stated initially, all six counties contributed to them for four years based on population. After those initial four years, counties withdrew their support due to the declining economy. He stated Tazewell last contributed to them in 2010. Peoria County is the only county that has continued with financial support.

Jaeger stated the current funding for their office has a contract that expires on 09-06-12. They will be seeking another location for their office.

Chairman Neuhauser stated that an open dialogue will be maintained and the Committee will be kept posted.

MOTION
F-12-23

MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY CARIUS to recommend to County Board to approve transfer request for Animal Control.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION
F-12-26

MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY CARIUS to recommend to County Board to approve transfer request for Court Services.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION
F-12-27

MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY CARIUS to recommend to County Board to approve transfer request for the VAC.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION
F-12-28

MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY CARIUS to recommend to County Board to approve transfer request for the Assessment Office.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION
F-12-32

MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY CARUIS to recommend to County Board to approve transfer request for Building Administration.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION
F-12-29

MOTION BY HARRIS, SECOND BY DONAHUE to recommend to County Board to approve transfer request for the County Board.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION
F-12-30

MOTION BY VANDERHEYDT, SECOND BY VON BOECKMAN to recommend to County Board to approve transfer request for Circuit Clerk.

Chairman Neuhauser advised the Committee that the external auditors failed to bill for the prior years' audit. The work was completed and the bill needed to be paid. County Administrator Freilinger stated that the Circuit Clerk was unable to plan for this.

Crawford inquired about the audit last year and there were two years to know this expense would be needed. Auditor Grashoff stated that it had been budgeted for but it had not been billed for. They do not bill until the audit is completed. The money that was budgeted went to carryover.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION
F-12-24

MOTION BY HARRIS, SECOND BY CRAWFORD to recommend to County Board to approve the revised Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois Central College.

County Administrator Freilinger stated that in review, the change in tax bills would be for one year. One year agreements were written with both entities and he recommends approval.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION
F-12-25

MOTION BY CARIUS, SECOND BY GRIMM to recommend to County Board to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Deer Creek Library District.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION
F-12-31

MOTION BY IMIG, SECOND BY HARRIS to recommend to County Board to approve contract with Comcast for Internet and WiFi.

County Administrator Freilinger stated that current internet service is not as quick as it needed to be. In order to add WiFi we have to address a broader band. This upgrade will help out operationally.

Gary Twist stated there is currently a contract in place for the business level starter package. By moving to the deluxe package we can upgrade the existing contract. Eventually this will lead to WiFi in all key areas in the downtown campus.

MOTION

MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY GRIMM to approve reallocation of training funds for EMA.

Dawn Cook, EMA Director, had prepared a memo for the Committee. She had been approved for \$1500.00 to attend the IAEM conference in October 2012. She instead, is sending eight Search and Rescue EMA volunteer team members to a conference in Joliet, IL in September 2012 for a cost of \$1400.00.

On voice vote, MOTION CARRIED.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

County Administrator Freilinger provided the Committee with an update on the Memo of Understanding with ETSB and line of credit. At the last meeting, a Resolution was approved for ETSB to receive a line of credit with a MOU consistent with the Resolution. Freilinger also stated that the bank has called and they are proceeding with the line of credit at this time.

**REPORTS AND
COMMUNICATIONS**

Chairman Neuhauser ensured that Committee members received the Revenue Update, Treasurer Report and Public Safety Sales Tax Report.

Chairman Neuhauser also ensured the Committee members had received a Finance Budget calendar. There are three budget sub-committee meetings scheduled, tentative and final budget.

Crawford provided the Committee with an update on Heartland Partnership. They have asked Tazewell County for a modification of their contract language. Changes that are made will be brought back to the Finance Committee before going to the County Board.

Donahue asked about communication recently regarding tax refinancing which he asked for explanation. County Administrator Freilinger stated he asked Treasurer Burress to run some numbers as a result of the State's decision to remove funding from local government. Freilinger stated we will have to find alternative revenue, cut expenditures or raise taxes. The removal of funds by the State applies to all municipalities and the counties. They are removing approximately ½ million from our revenue and the County will have to decide how to offset.

Crawford stated this topic is an item on the Legislative Agenda. Crawford stated there needs to be a new plan as we do not have the attention of the Representatives and Legislatures. He stated we

need a collaboration of all central Illinois counties to have our voices heard.

Chairman Neuhauser recessed the meeting at 4:35 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Beeney)