

**AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE**  
**January 12, 2022**

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Ken Franklin, Linda Curtin,  
Vicki McMahon  
Absent: Tim Carlson  
Others present: Matt Wells, Betty Asmussen, Bryan Sharp and Elizabeth Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, January 12, 2022 at 6:30 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**

A motion was made by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Linda Curtin to approve the claims presented for January. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

**ARPA FUNDING/ORDINANCE(S)**

Coroner Request

Chairman Wells advised that Coroner Winans has a request in for \$15,000 in ARPA funds. He would like to see that our Coroner has ARPA funds available to get PPE and equipment for COVID mitigation.

A motion was made by Ken Franklin and seconded by Vicki McMahon to recommend to the full Board to approve the ordinance for \$15,000 of ARPA funds for the County Coroner. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Wells advised that a request for the Circuit Clerk will be presented on the January 18, 2022 Board agenda.

Treasurer Asmussen advised the committee of US Treasury changes to calculating revenue loss for ARPA funds less than \$10M. Included in the changes are loosening of restrictions for fund use. As a result of these changes, Bellwether will be holding a conference call with all County Treasurer's in Betty's association next Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. Betty sent out an email to all Board members advising them of this call and hopes a few Board members can attend. We will need to be aware of quorum rules.

Chairman Wells asked the time period that ARPA funds would need to be spent and if that time period started when the County received the funds. Betty advised that she believed it was four years from receipt of the last trench but she would look into this and provide an update on Tuesday.

As Treasurer, Betty provided her opinion on spending the 1<sup>st</sup> ARPA fund trench as the Board had already approved. Commented that she would like to see employees receive a onetime flat amount compensation/bonus.

Ken Franklin noted he felt the original process to make spending decisions regarding ARPA funds was done with some haste and now with more leeway would like to look at this again. He also discussed issues raised at a recent 911 Board meeting as well as provided a summary of hourly rates, sign on bonuses, etc. that is making it difficult to bring on and/or retain staff.

### Salary Reimbursement(s)

Because of the new US Treasury changes, Betty advised that she has halted work on salary reimbursements so no action will be needed or table these agenda items.

### SURVEY RECORDS

Chairman Wells has made efforts to reach the Delay family and has no new information. The family still has the records as far as we know.

### REFERRALS FROM OTHER COMMITTEES

Highway/Building/Grounds referred the matter of costs related to floor work in the basement on to the committee. Bill Kennedy secured some estimates from Two Brothers Tuck Pointing. The first cost estimate for \$2160.00 is to fill voids above the new and existing steel under the ROE office and the south bay of the County Clerk's records room where the floor was reinforced prior to moving the rolling file system in that room. The second cost estimate of \$4819.00 is to point up the approximate top 2' of the brickwork around the perimeter of the building.

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Vicki McMahon to recommend to the full Board to approve the cost estimate provided by Two Brothers Tuck Pointing for \$2160.00 to fill voids above the new and existing steel under the ROE office and the south bay of the Clerk's records room and \$4819.00 to point up approximately 2' of the brickwork around the perimeter of the courthouse with the funds coming from capital improvements. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

### OTHER MATTERS

Bryan Sharp presented information regarding carbon sequestration project fees that was discussed at the Executive/Personnel Committee on Monday evening. Referring this matter on to the ZBA will be presented to the Board on Tuesday night.

Ken Franklin asked if we had any information on Build Back America.

Treasurer Asmussen advised that work she did to assist with the IEMA/FEMA grant(s) from last year have been completed and Jeff Stoner, EMA Director will be doing these grants from this point forward.

Treasurer Asmussen would like the matter of elected official salaries on the February agenda.

Motion by Ken Franklin and seconded by Vicki McMahon to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Venise McWard  
Finance/Audit/Purchasing/Budget Committee  
Chairwoman  
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