

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE
May 10, 2023

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Tim Carlson, Vicki McMahan
Absent: Linda Curtin
Present Via Phone: Bryan Sharp
Others present: Mike Specha, Bruce Kettelkamp, Cecil Polley, Jim Baker, John McWard, HOPETrust representatives, Dimond Brothers representatives, Dr. Chad Anderson, Lucas Domonousky, and Elizabeth Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Wednesday, May 10, 2023 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 McMahan and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve the claims presented for May. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

HEALTH/VISION/DENTAL INSURANCE 2023/2024 RATES

Dimond Brothers representatives presented various renewal rates for renewal year beginning July 1st through June 30, 2024. The current carrier BCBS initially came in at 16.67% increase coming down to 12.2% increase. IF the county was willing to send an email that they were done “shopping” BCBS would come down additional 1%. Springfield Clinic is will out of network with BCBS. Health Alliance come in at a 0.08% decrease with Springfield Clinic being in network. With Health Alliance a HRA administrator change would be required. Renewal rates with Health Alliance historically, per representatives, tend to fluctuate more than BCBS or UnitedHealth Care. UnitedHealth Care was a 7.4% increase with Springfield Clinic being in network and provides a nationwide network versus the extended network with Health Alliance. UnitedHealth care administers the HRA in house saving administration costs. Two (2) self-funded options were explored but not recommended by Dimond representatives. Dimond Brothers also looked into high deductible HSA qualifying plans which were not viable at this time.

HOPETrust presented information regarding their group and plan options. HOPETrust offers a traditional major medical plan similar to what the employees currently have. This plan offers no office visit co-pays, seamless HRA administration and under the unique preferred network it offers no out-of-pocket cost for care. HOPETrust offers additional option qualified high-deductible plans using Health Savings Accounts (HSA). The rates provided carry an 18 month guarantee with firm renewal annually in August of each year.

Motion by Ken Franklin and second by Vicki McMahon to recommend to the full Board to change health insurance carriers to UnitedHealth Care with Dimond Brothers for health insurance year effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 and allow Chairman Sharp to execute the agreements. Roll call vote polled 3 nays and 1 aye. Motion failed.

Motion by Vicki McMahon and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to change to the HOPETrust plan options for the period of July 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024 with the County funding the HSA option at \$750.00 every six (6) months for employees who enroll in that option and allow Chairman Sharp to execute the agreements. Roll call vote polled 3 ayes and 1 nay. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION PERTAINING TO STATES ATTORNEY HIRING INTERIM ATTORNEY

States Attorney plans to bring in a summer college interim compensating her for mileage expenses of \$3,000.00 and a high school student as there is an employee in his department that will be going out on maternity leave this summer also compensating her \$3,000.00 both out of the attorney salary line item in the budget. Committee Chairperson Venise McWard felt no motions were needed.

EVALUATE COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH HOUSING FEDERAL INMATES

The committee discussed in length the cost(s) breakdown on federal inmates as provided by Sheriff Kettelkamp. Determining the direct and indirect costs of housing federal inmates is difficult to determine.

REFERRALS

The committee reviewed 5 referrals coming from Highway, Building, and Grounds and/or Executive/Personnel committees this month.

Engineering Agreement for County Highway Building Electrical Upgrade Project

The Highway, Building and Grounds Committee made a motion to approve \$18,700.00 for engineering fees to update bid documents for the wiring project at the Highway Department. Estimated total project cost is anticipated to be approximately \$400,000.00 for 2 buildings. 100% of the project cost for the back shed and 80% of the project cost for the office building will come from MFT. The cost for the engineering fees to update the bid documents would come from building maintenance fund from Highway Department.

Motion by Venise McWard and second by Vicki McMahon to recommend to the full Board approval of the agreement with Berners-Schober Associates, INC. in the amount of \$18,700.00 and to authorize Chairman Sharp to execute the agreement. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Disconnecting Cell Phone – Animal Control

The Highway, Building and Grounds Committee referred the matter of disconnecting an unused cell phone line with a current \$61.00 monthly fee to the Finance Committee.

Motion by Vicki McMahon and second by Tim Carlson to recommend the Animal Control Director have an unused cell phone disconnected saving a \$61.00 monthly charge. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Committee Chairperson McWard commented that she felt the department head could have discontinued this cost on their own but appreciated it being brought before the committee.

ARPA Request for an elevator for the Autistic Movement Project

The motion to approve the recommendation cost of up to \$200,000.00 for an elevator for the Autistic Movement Project location subject to final ARPA allocation plan was moved from Highway, Building and Grounds to Executive/Personnel who referred the matter to Finance.

Motion by Vicki McMahon and second by Tim Carlson to recommend approval by the full Board of up to \$200,000.00 for an elevator for the Autistic Movement Project subject to final ARPA allocation plans. Roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Purchase of former Christian County Mental Health Building

A motion to approve the purchase of the former Christian County Mental Health Building potentially with the use of ARPA funds subject to inspection was forwarded to Finance from both the Highway, Building and Grounds and Executive/Personnel committees.

Motion by Vicki McMahon and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to purchase the former Christian County Mental Health Building, subject to inspection, potentially using up to \$350,000.00 of ARPA funds. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Historical Society Project

A motion to approve the bid from Schrock for \$60,324.00 for the project to protect the historic home located on the Christian County Historical grounds was referred to Finance.

Motion by Ken Franklin and second by Tim Carlson to recommend to the full Board to approve bid provided by Schrock for \$60,324.00 subject to final ARPA allocation plans. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

OTHER MATTERS

None

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

Respectfully submitted,

Venise McWard
Finance/Audit/Purchasing/Budget Committee
Chairwoman
05/10/2023