

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE

August 11, 2022

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Vicki McMahon, Tim Carlson, Ken Franklin
Absent: Linda Curtin
Others present: Matt Wells, Laura Cooper, Tiffany Senger, Ron Brown, Betty Asmussen, Amy Winans, Stephanie Verardi, Judy Gates and Elizabeth Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Thursday, August 11, 2022 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BUDGET HEARINGS

Coroner

Coroner Amy Winans noted the last few years have been the most challenging years during any of her previous terms. Her budget includes an administrative deputy coroner, having a phone on FirstNet for emergency responders versus using a private phone and working on a plan to archive files that have to be kept. Staffing issues remain a concern as the deputy coroners all have full time jobs.

Building and Grounds

Maintenance Supervisor Ron Brown presented this budget. Outside of salary increases and some added equipment money, the budget didn't change much.

Probation

Laura Cooper reviewed the budget for probation noting with the establishment by the State of a pretrial officer, she didn't fill a position vacated due to retirement. She also noted the State would be taking over the responsibility of the electronic monitoring (GPS) which will result in a cost savings. The exact date of when this transfer will occur has not been officially announced but she believes will be around January 1st.

Public Defender

Tiffany Senger presented the budget for the Public Defender's Office. For the most part the budget is status quo outside increases to due and bonds and additional cybersecurity insurance she felt was needed. She highlighted a proposed salary increase for the assistant public defender position which has remained vacant since June.

U of I Extension - Levy

There was no noted increase in the levy proposal for FY 23.

ROE

Betty advised that ROE will not be presenting as the EAVs for all counties aren't available at this time.

Senior Citizens

Jennifer Verardi highlighted and presented the program budgets for Christian, South Fork Township, and Morrisonville-Palmer. Gas and meal prices have increased as well as insurance

costs which she will continue to look into. There is some maintenance on the building that will also be needed.

OTHER MATTERS

Betty noted that next Wednesday's meeting is a heavier presentation schedule and inquired if the meeting time should be moved up. Because the agendas have already gone out, the committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. as planned.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Venise McWard
Finance/Audit/Purchasing/Budget Committee
Chairwoman
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