

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING/BUDGET COMMITTEE
September 15, 2022

Present: Venise McWard, Chairman, Vicki McMahon, Tim Carlson, Ken Franklin, Linda Curtin
Absent: None
Others present: Betty Asmussen, Julie Mayer, Brent DeMichael, Curtis Ryen, Sherri Craggs, Courtney Sharp and Elizabeth Hile.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing/Budget Committee met on Thursday, September 15, 2022 at 5:30 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ENERGY SOLUTIONS

This was a referral from last night's Finance Committee as they requested a presentation. Curits Ryen from Energy Solutions was present to review the lighting replacement cost/savings sheets provided and answered any questions. Energy Solutions is a program ally for Ameren. They are a private contractor. Betty advised that probation's cost would fall under the general fund with the health, highway and solid waste being stand-alone funds.

A motion was made by Venise McWard and seconded by Linda Curtin to recommend to the full Board to approve the contracts with Energy Solutions for lighting replacement costs for the departments of Health, Highway, Solid Waste and Probation with the cost for Probation coming out of contingency from the general fund. A roll call vote polled all ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Venise McWard and seconded by Linda Curtin to table further decisions on the Sheriff's Office project to next month pending additional information. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

BUDGET HEARINGS

Mental Health

Brent DeMichael with Christian County Mental Health presented the mental health annual budget. He noted that the 708 fund part of budget was established many years ago. He highlighted the services they continue to provide since the closing of the mental health center in 2019 as well as the group homes they continue to operate in the county.

Before continuing on in the budget review process, the committee was asked if they intended to take any action on the Non-Bargaining Ordinance for the Chief Deputy salaries which was referred from last night to tonight.

Motion by Vicki McMahon and seconded by Linda Curtin to table Non-Bargaining Ordinance until the October meeting. All members were in favor. Motion carried.

The committee continued reviewing the budgets presented on the 3rd night of the budget hearing schedule.

The committee reviewed the history of the ordinance establishing the salary of the County Clerk for the next 4 terms. By ordinance the starting salary for this position for FY 2023 is \$61,176.60.

The committee directed Treasurer Asmussen to make some modifications to some of the budgets to include but not limited to staffing option #2 presented for the Animal Control budget; staffing of the janitorial positions from budgeted 2 full time positions to 1 full time and a part time staff as in the past; estimated hours for part time court security; equipment changes in the Sheriff/Jail budget and increase in legal for Office Zero budget.

Vicki McMahon advised that as a member of the Health Board there may be some possible minor changes to the presented Health Board budget and will know more after their meeting on the 21st.

OTHER MATTERS

No other matters brought before the committee.

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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