

## **Finance Committee**

**Meeting Minutes** 

January 9, 2012

Committee Chairman John Galloway called the meeting to order at 4:52 PM.

Members Present: John Roth, John Almer, Ralph Wagner, Frank Halpin Absent: Tom Poole, Dave Boggs

Also Present: Ron Severson, Shawn Hamilton, Sandy Pommier, Susan Bates, Lana Phillips, Jim Lutz, Nancy Ammer, John Callahan, Tawnya Mack

A motion was made by Wagner, seconded by Almer to approve the minutes from the December 27, 2011 meeting. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the claims as presented was made by Almer, seconded by Roth. Motion carried.

No Public Comment.

## EDPA #2 Ordinances:

- An Ordinance Approving an Economic Development Plan for Grundy County Economic Development Project Area No. 2. Motion by Almer, seconded by Roth to recommend to the County Board to be placed on file. Motion carried.
- An Ordinance Designating the Grundy County Economic Development Project Area No. 2. Motion by Almer, seconded by Roth to recommend to the County Board to be placed on file. Motion carried.
- An Ordinance Adopting Property Tax Allocation Financing for Grundy County Economic
   Development Area No 2. Motion by Almer, seconded by Roth to recommend to the County Board to be placed on file. Motion carried.

Nancy Ammer discussed the timeline and necessity of the ordinances to be placed on file in January.

County Administrator Hamilton presented the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for the Negotiation or Litigation of the Tax Issues Related to Dresden Nuclear Generating Station Owned by Exelon Corporation, including email correspondence from Stu Whitt. A motion to recommend the agreement as presented to the County Board was made by Almer, seconded by Wagner. Hearing one abstention (Galloway), Motion carried.

Tawnya Mack presented the Annual Financial Report for the year ended November 30, 2011. A motion to recommend the report to the County Board was made by Almer, seconded by Wagner. Motion carried.

GEE/C Contract: Hamilton told the committee that \$45,700.00 was put in the FY2012 budget for GEDC and recommended that the committee amend the contract to the standard formula of \$1.00 per person based on population. A motion was made by Almer, seconded by Halpin to amend the FY 2012 contract to \$50,063.00. Motion carried.



Recommendation from CBA/Elections & EMA Committees for the Purchase of Radios:

EMA Director Jim Lutz updated the committee on the recommendations from the Blizzard Task Force,

EMA Committee and the CBA/Elections Committee (4.9 Score) in regards to the county purchasing 42

Motorola XTL 1500 radios for a total of \$71,200.00. Lutz stated that the Task Force feels that the single

greatest impediment to effective and safe response was the inability for all response organizations to

communicate with each other. The solution being the installation of the radios in the township/public

works equipment onto the county radio backbone to ensure effective communication during times of

need. A lengthy discussion was held. Severson told the committee that this expenditure would allow

the county access to additional drivers and equipment provided by the townships when needed.

Galloway and Halpin questioned the need for the purchase and the amount of radios per township. The

committee also discussed how long it would take for the radios to come in and the cost of purchasing refurbishes radios. A motion was made to table the matter by Halpin, seconded by Wagner. Motion carried. The committee asked Lutz to ask the Task Force what the minimum amount of radios would be sufficient and to find out the cost of refurbished radios.

Under Old Business, Coroner John Callahan attended the meeting to discuss the Chief Deputy in his office not being given the 2.5% salary increase due to the hire date being November 2011. A discussion was held and Halpin made a motion to approve the increase if the money was in the budget. Motion died for lack of a second. The committee discussed the need for a policy to be put in place for such matters and the importance of uniformity/equality among departments. A motion was made by Roth, seconded by Wagner to approve the 2.5% increase for the Chief Deputy. Upon roll call, (three ayes-Roth, Wagner, Almer- two nays Halpin, Galloway) the motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Almer, seconded by Wagner. Motion carried.

