

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 11, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 4:43 PM

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

Also Present: Ron Severson, Dan Duffy, Sandy Pommier, Susan Bates, John Watters, Lana Phillips, Dick Joyce, Sherey Zerbian, Julie Buck, Beth LaPlante

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

A motion to approve the board member claims was made by Roth, seconded by Wagner. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the claim in the amount of \$13,979.00 payable to Fike and Fike, Inc., Computer Software and Services was made by Poole, seconded by Almer. Motion carried. John Watters told the committee that the claim was for the new tax software that will be utilized by the Treasurer and Clerk's offices.

County Administrator Dan Duffy presented the amended County Budget Hearing Schedule for the committee's review. A motion was made by Boggs, seconded by Wagner to approve the schedule as amended. Motion carried.

Sherey Zerbian Program Director and Julie Buck Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Grundy County attended the meeting to give a presentation on the Grundy County Transit System. Ms. Buck video taped speakers Dick Joyce and Ms. Zerbian as they educated the committee on their efforts to increase funding for the system. Zerbian told the committee that the county has a 5311 grant which is renewed each year in April and currently funds the Grundy Transit System. In order to ask for an increase in the grant amount, a county must coordinate its local transportation resources. After coordination, Grundy County will be eligible to request increased funding of our 5311 grant to run a coordinated system to better serve the citizens of Grundy County. The committee discussed the need, importance and future plans of the transit system.

The Advisory Committee recommended the renewal of the annual lease agreement between the county and Morris Business Technology Center for a Veteran Assistance Commission office in the amount of \$693.00 per month. A motion was made by Almer, seconded by Roth to recommend the lease agreement as written to the County Board for approval. Motion carried.

Duffy discussed the annual lease agreement between the county and Morris Business Technology Center for a Grundy Kendall Community Action office in the amount of \$1,033.00 per month. He stated that the office will be moving to a new suite in the same building due to a Federal audit mandating them to provide handicap accessibility to their clients as well as privacy compliance. The committee had asked for an opt out clause to be included in the lease due to the possibility of the loss of funding; however the landlord was not in favor. A motion was made by Boggs, seconded by Wagner to recommend the lease agreement as written to the County Board for approval. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Halpin, seconded by Wagner to recommend to the County Board the renewal of the agreement between Mack and Associates, PC and Grundy County in the amount of \$29,750.00 through 11/30/2013 for auditing and consulting fees and \$8,000.00 through 11/30/2013 for budget preparation. Motion carried. The committee discussed the relationship history with Tawnya Mack as auditor and their satisfaction with the services provided as well as the fee structure.

Beth LaPlante, University of Illinois Extension, attended the meeting to introduce herself to the committee as the Three County Director. The State wide Extension programs were recently cut by seven million dollars with several counties being combined. Grundy will be with Will and Kankakee counties with the main office in Kankakee and provide four educator positions. John Davis will continue to work with Grundy and Will counties. Dan Duffy presented a resolution providing financial support for Grundy County Extension Service in the amount of \$50,000.00 for FY2012. The amount has decreased from \$65,000.00 in 2008, \$58,500.00 in 2009 to \$50,000.00 for 2010, 2011. A motion was made by Boggs, seconded by Halpin to recommend to the County Board the resolution for funding \$50,000.00 to the U of I Extension for FY2012. Motion carried. The committee added that they felt the funding was for a good cause to help get kids on the right track in life by participating in the groups provided.

Assistant States Attorney Susan Bates updated the committee on the recent filing of a civil rights case against the former States Attorney Sheldon Sobol.

Duffy updated the committee on the acoustic study done, by the PBC, for the upstairs courtroom. He stated that the recommendations were very costly and if the PBC is not able to fund the project, the county may have to consider it. Duffy also told the committee that the EDPA disbursements for 2009 have been authorized and that Horizon had applied for a Special Use permit for high tension lines.

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