

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

Committee Members Present: John Galloway, John Almer, Ralph Wagner, Frank Halpin, Dave Boggs

Absent: Tom Poole, John Roth

Also Present: Board Chairman Ron Severson, County Administrator Shawn Hamilton, Board Secretary Sandy Pommier, Assistant States Attorney Susan Bates, Clerk Lana Phillips, Coroner John Callahan

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 26, 2011 meeting was made by Almer, seconded by Boggs. Motion carried.

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

No Public Comment.

Coroner Chief Deputy Position:

John Callahan attended the meeting to further discuss the previously approved position of Chief Deputy to start FY2012. He requested that Christina Hintze start November 1, 2011 so that the training period could be done by FY2012. Callahan stated that his FY2011 budget could not support funding for the remaining FY2011, but had spoken to the County Administrator and he agreed that it could be done. A motion was made by Boggs, seconded by Wagner to approve the hiring of the Chief Deputy effective November 1, 2011. Upon roll call, three ayes (Almer, Wagner, Boggs) two nays (Galloway, Halpin). Motion carried.

Budgeting Court Related Expenses/13th Judicial Court:

Hamilton told the committee that he had spoken to the Public Defender in regards to his proposal to replace the need for the LaSalle County investigators that the county has been contributing to for many years. Hamilton stated that the proposals for any change in employee positions and/or budgeting would be required to go before the Personnel and Criminal Justice Committees.

FY2012 Budget Review/Changes:

Hamilton presented a memo from Sheriff Marketti in regards to line items in his FY2011 that are expected to go over budget. Susan Bates told the committee that if the Sheriff's overall budget wouldn't go over, then no action was required.

Hamilton also told the committee that the States Attorney was requesting that the amount for overtime (\$1000.00) be put back into his FY2012 budget. A motion was made by Wagner, seconded by Almer. Motion carried.

Hamilton stated that the \$15,000.00 in the County Home FY2012 budget can be omitted due to the sale of the home. The sale proceeds of approximately \$93,000.00 will also be included as well as any insurance premium rebates.

Hamilton told the committee that he had spoken to Kay Lynn Shoemaker, Health Administrator, about an error made in calculating union employee salaries for FY2012. After reviewing the budget, they were able to make up the shortage by omitting the amount allocated for contingencies.

Old Business:

Galloway told the committee that at the Tax Committee meeting he had voted in favor of hiring Stu Whitt for the county's representation for the Dresden negotiations, however now regrets his decision. Galloway stated that he feels that both candidates, Whitt and Fred Lane should be evaluated prior to the final decision being made and that he intends to attempt to table the matter at the County Board meeting.

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