

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM

Members Present: John Galloway, Ken Iverson, Phil Galloway, Willie Rodosky, Dick Joyce

Also Present: Frank Halpin, Dan Duffy, Sandy Lucas, Susan Bates, Lana Phillips

A motion to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2010 meeting was made by Iverson, seconded by P Galloway. Motion carried.

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

County Administrator Dan Duffy updated the committee on the status of the Recovery Zone Bonds. He stated that Bernardi Securities is calculating the effect of the \$2.68 million would have on the county's tax rate. The information will be presented at the next Finance Committee meeting.

Duffy presented a proposal from the Morris Hospital in regards to patient transportation. The Morris Hospital is requesting the county to be the fiscal agent for a request for \$490,000.00 from the FY 2011 Bus and Bus Facilities Account in the THUD Appropriations Bill. The county would sub-grant the money to the Morris Hospital for the project and the county would be compensated 5% of any federal funding amount received for its administrative role. The committee reviewed information on the project, a letter of support to Congresswoman Halverson and the resolution to be passed by the county board. Duffy also stated that had made certain that if the county agreed to act as fiscal agent for the hospital for the project, it would in no way impact any future funding requests from the county. A motion was made by P Galloway, seconded by Joyce to recommend to the county board, the resolution establishing Grundy County as the fiscal agent for the Morris Hospital Federal funding request. Motion carried.

Susan Bates stated that the States Attorney's office would not be involved with any matter concerning the Morris Hospital due to Sheldon Sobol being on the Executive Board of the hospital, therefore causing a conflict of interest. The committee discussed outside council options.

Dick Joyce added that he had contacted the Morris Hospital to make them aware of available State funding and discussed the process of the State transportation program.

Duffy presented a letter from the county addressed to Congresswoman Halvorson in regards to support for the Village of Coal City and their request for Phase 1 and Design

Engineering of the BNSF railroad crossing with State Route 113 in Coal City. A motion was made by Rodosky, seconded by Joyce to approve the letter as presented. Motion carried.

John Galloway inquired about phase II of the EJ&E railroad Minooka project. A brief discussion was held.

Susan Bates told the committee that the FY2006 law suit involving the VACGC's appeal to the Supreme Court was denied and the Assessor's office won their case at the appellate court level.

Duffy presented a chart that had been requested by the Tax Committee that showed the revenue breakdown of the county's budget. The committee had requested the information to better understand the effect on the budget if the State fails to fund grants.

Duffy also reported that the assessor stated that the county had been issued a multiplier of 1.

A motion to adjourn was made by Joyce, seconded by Rodosky. Motion carried.

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