

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

May 10, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM

Members Present: Tom Poole, Ken Iverson, John Galloway, Phil Galloway, Willie Rodosky, Ann Gill, Mike Throneburg

Also Present: Frank Halpin, Dan Duffy, Sandy Lucas, Lana Phillips, Deb Kinsella, Dave Henderson, Denise Kasper, Tawnya Mack

A motion to approve the claims was made by W. Rodosky, seconded by P Galloway. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes from the April 26, 2010 meeting was made by P Galloway, seconded by Throneburg. Motion carried.

Deb Kinsella, University of IL Extension, attended the meeting to request \$50,000.00 (\$58,500.00 for FY 2010), in funding from the county for the FY 2011 budget. A motion was made by Throneburg, seconded by Gill to recommend to the County Board the funding of \$50,000.00 to the University of Extension for the FY 2011 budget. Motion carried.

A resolution was presented for the collection of delinquent taxes on parcel #09-12-701-001 in Braceville Township. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by P Galloway to recommend to the County Board the approval of the resolution. Motion carried.

Dan Duffy updated the committee on the recent meeting with the 911 Board in regards to working with the parties involved with sharing the costs for the salaries and benefits of the employees of the new 911 facility. Duffy stated that the City of Morris had come up with a favorable scenario and formula that will be discussed further at the next meeting. The committee also discussed the process of joining the city and county employees.

Denise Kasper presented the proposed salaries, recommended from the Personnel Committee, for the Treasurer, County Clerk and Recorder and Sheriff. A motion was made by Gill, seconded by Iverson to recommend to the County Board the salaries as proposed by the Personnel Committee. Motion carried.

Duffy presented the County Budget Meeting Schedule for FY2011 and the FY2011 Tax Rate Computation.

Dave Henderson presented the estimated 2010 taxable valuation at \$1,937,910.660, which calculates to be a net decrease of .0072% for 2010. The overall change in the assessed value, excluding industrial property, farmland and farm buildings, is estimated

to be -3.48%. However, Henderson explained that due to the county's large industrial base, the net effect will be minimal.

Throneburg expressed the importance of planning ahead to prepare for future budget years. Duffy suggested working closely with the Assessor to remain consistent.

Susan Bates updated the committee on the Lyondell bankruptcy.

Tawnya Mack, Echols, Mack and Associates, presented and reviewed the FY 2011 tax levies and the effect they will have on the tax rate and general fund.

J Galloway inquired about the status of the Animal Control project. Duffy updated the committee. Iverson told the committee that he had requested that Wight and Company waive the fees for rebidding the project due to their first proposal being over what the county had estimated. Wight and Company was contacted.

Susan Bates told the committee that a law suit had been filed in regards to Animal Control deeming a dog dangerous and the plaintiff seeking to remove the designation.

Chairman Poole told the committee that the county fund balance is currently at 38.33%. Poole also made the committee aware that a line item in the sheriff's budget will be overspent due to overtime pay for traffic control.

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