Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM

Members Present: Tom Poole, John Almer, Ann Gill, Don Neushwander, John Galloway, Willie Rodosky

Also Present: Frank Halpin, Dan Duffy, Sandy Lucas, Susan Bates, Lana Phillips, John Callahan, Mike Finnegan and Brent Newman.

A motion to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2008 meeting was made by Willie Rodoksy and seconded by Don Neushwander. The motion carried,

A motion to approve the claims was made by John Almer and seconded by John Galloway. The motion carried.

Brent Newman, Grundy County Housing Authority, attended the meeting to request funding for the Grundy County Emergency Food and Shelter Program. In the past, the program has been funded by the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency, however, this year is not. A motion to donate \$8400.00 was made by John Galloway and seconded by Don Neushwander. The motion carried.

Deb Kinsella, Grundy County U of I Extension, attended the meeting to present the FY09 budget request. A motion to fund \$58,500.00 was made by Willie Rodosky and seconded by Ann Gill. The motion carried.

Frank Halpin requested funding for the Crime Stoppers program on behalf of Terry Marketti. A motion to donate \$1000.00 was made by Willie Rodosky and seconded by John Almer. The motion carried.

The Tax Committee recommended that Mike Finnegan, GEDC, present the tax abatement for Primus Electronics. A motion to favorably recommend the abatement to the County Board was made by John Almer and seconded by John Galloway. The motion carried.

John Callahan presented a proposal for his FY2009-FY2012 salary.

Don Neushwander asked to enter into executive session to discuss Personnel issues. Susan Bates stated that the committee could not enter into executive session to discuss salaries.

Dan Duffy, along with the Personnel Committee and Human Resource, gave the recommendations for the following elected officials FY 09 salaries:

County Board: 2.5% increase to base salary and \$10.00 increase to meeting per diem and continue the mileage stipend.

County Board Chairman:Base Salary increased to \$22,000.00, \$2500.00 stipend for Liquor Commissioner and meeting per diem increased to \$100.00.

Circuit Clerk:\$3000.00 increase first 2 years, then 2.5% increase Coroner: 2.5% increase

The committee discussed the above, including their individual concerns and input on the matter.

The following were recommended to the County Board: Motion to approve the recommendation from the County Administrator, Personnel and HR

- 1. County Board Salaries-Ann Gill/Willie Rodosky-Five yays, One nay. Upon roll call, the motion carried.
- 2. County Board Chairman-Ann Gill/Willie Rodosky-Five yays, One nay. Upon roll call, the motion carried.
- 3. Circuit Clerk-Ann Gill/John Almer-All yays, motion carried.
- 4. Coroner-Ann Gill/Willie Rodosky-Four yays, Two nays. Upon roll call, motion carried.

Discussion in regards to the economy was held.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Almer and seconded by Ann Gill. The motion carried.