

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

August 25, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM

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

Also Present: Frank Halpin, Dan Duffy, Sandy Lucas, Natalie Wiechen, Susan Bates, John Watters, Millie Dyer

A motion to approve the minutes from the August 11, 2008 meeting was made by Willie Rodosky and seconded by John Almer. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the claims was made by John Almer and seconded by Ken Iverson. Motion carried.

No public comments.

Susan Bates stated to the committee that there had been an error in regards to the taxes for the Braceville/Gardner Cemetery. The cemetery administration was unaware of the notice from the tax buyer and when they were made aware, redeemed the taxes. The county should have done a sale in error, due to the fault of the county, and paid the tax buyer. At this time, the only recourse is to make a donation to the cemetery in the amount of the taxes. A motion was made by Willie Rodosky and seconded by Ken Iverson to make a donation in the amount of \$966.12 to the Braceville/Gardner Cemetery. Motion carried.

Tom Poole recommended that Dick Joyce be approved to be at the Finance Committee meetings in his absence for a 6-8 week period. A motion was made by Don Neushwander and seconded by Ken Iverson to approve the request. Motion carried.

Natalie Wiechen presented information from Lana Phillips in regards to the purchase of laptop computers to be used for electronic poll books. Millie Dyer, Elections Committee Chairman, also attended the meeting to discuss the purchase. A motion was made by Willie Rodosky and seconded by John Almer to approve the county to expend funding for a portion of the laptops and software not to exceed \$5,000.00 Motion carried.

Dan Duffy presented the second draft of the FY09 budget. Included in the changes were Health Insurance Trust, Contingencies and Transfers and Revenues for Sales Tax. These changes bring the deficit to \$184,513.00. Duffy stated that the Health Department budget has yet to be revised.

The committee scheduled a special meeting for September 4, 2008 at 9:30 AM.

Marcy Miller attended the meeting to discuss the Drainage District fees. Illinois law allows first and second class counties to charge to drainage districts for the preparation, distribution, and collection of drainage district assessments. Echols, Mack & Associates conducted a fee study and suggested \$4.32 (orig. tax bill) and \$2.46 (delinquent) per parcel. Dan Duffy suggested that the Treasurer meet with the drainage districts to explain and discuss the matter and to research surrounding county policies. If the fees change, an ordinance specifying the change is required.

Dan Duffy told the committee that there is a need to increase the GIS fees and prior to doing so a cost study must be done. A motion to approve Echoes, Mack & Associates to do the GIS fee study was made by John Alder and seconded by Don Neushwander. Motion carried.

Frank Halpin stated that there has been an ongoing problem in regards to vouchers being sent to the Treasurer without going through the proper committee approval process. Chairman Poole is to send out a memo to the department heads stating that all bills must go through the oversight committee and bills bypassing this process will not be paid.

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