

Finance Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 22, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM

Members Present: John Almer, Ann Gill, Dick Joyce, Don Neushwander, John Galloway, Ken Iverson and Willie Rodosky

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

A motion to approve the minutes from the September 9, 2008 meeting was made by Willie Rodosky and seconded by Don Neushwander. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Dick Joyce and seconded by Ken Iverson to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried.

Donna Sroczynski, Grundy County Historical Society(GCHS), attended the meeting to enlighten the committee members on the workings of the society and the museum. The GCHS recently purchased a portion of the historic Coleman Hardware building located at the intersection of Illinois Avenue and Nettle Street in downtown Morris. They plan to rehab the front south wing of the building for the museum and anticipate an opening date of March 1, 2009. Ms. Sroczynski stated that the intent of the museum is to educate both adults and children on the history of the county. Don Neushwander asked if the display cases currently housed in the courthouse would remain. Ms. Sroczynski explained that they plan to remove everything stored from the courthouse. The new building was purchased mainly by donation, with the remaining balance funded by the GCHS operating fund. The GCHS is currently seeking additional donations to fund remodeling and daily operations of the museum. A discussion was held in regards to the county's donation currently budgeted for an annual donation of \$10,000.00.

Dan Duffy presented a contract to approve Echols, Mack & Associates to conduct a GIS fee study. The committee asked that the contract be more specific and to present the amended contract to the committee upon review by the State's Attorney's office.

Duffy presented changes in the FY09 budget including, Victim/Witness, Juvenile Justice and Special Assistant to the Public Defender salaries. A discussion was held in regards to the Special Assistant being contractual and if the position warrants the same annual increase as the county employees. A motion was made by John Galloway and seconded by Willie Rodosky to give the Special Assistant a 2.5% increase for FY09. Motion carried.

Under Old Business, John Galloway revisited the matter of the county's donation to the GCHS and expressed concerns with amount of the donation and the annual commitment due to the reasoning that the funding may not be needed in future years.

A motion to adjourn was made by Don Neushwander and seconded by Ann Gill. Motion carried.