## **Finance Committee**

## **Meeting Minutes**

December 8, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM

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

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

A motion to approve the minutes from the November 24, 2008 meeting was made by Phil Galloway and seconded by Ken Iverson. Motion carried.

A motion to approve the claims was made Phil Galloway and seconded by Willie Rodosky. Motion carried.

New committee members Phil Galloway and Mike Throneburg were welcomed.

Frank Halpin stated that Dick Joyce will be serving as a Finance committeeman in Tom Poole's absence.

A motion was made by Phil Galloway and seconded by Willie Rodosky to approve the results of the Coroner's FY09 budget as presented. Motion carried.

Bill Whitlock, Horizon Wind Towers, attended the meeting per recommendation of the Tax Committee to discuss the expansion of the enterprise zone to develop a wind farm located partially in LaSalle and Grundy counties. The LaSalle portion of the project will begin in early spring and the Grundy portion next year. The total project would produce 300 megawatts and Grundy County would receive approximately \$1400.00 per year per tower. A motion to recommend to the county board the ordinance allowing the expansion of Ottawa Enterprise Zone was made by Willie Rodosky and seconded by Ken Iverson. John Galloway obstained, motion carried.

The committee approved the following county professional services contracts:

- o COOP Extension Contract \$58,500-Motion by John Galloway/Willie Rodosky. Motion carried.
- o GEDC Contract \$37,535-Motion by Mike Throneburg/Ken Iverson. Motion carried
- o Historical Society Contract-\$10,000-Motion by Phil Galloway/Ann Gill. Motion carried.

Frank Halpin stated that the initial request was for \$40,000.00 however, the decision was made to donate \$10,000.00 per year for up to five years.

- o Carbon Hill Museum Contract \$1,500-Motion by Willie Rodosky/Mike Throneburg. Motion carried.
- o Grundy County Chamber of Commerce Contract \$6,875-Motion by John Galloway/Phil Galloway. Motion carried.
- o HAZMAT Contract \$20,000-Motion by Phil Galloway/Ann Gill. Motion carried.

o Heritage Corridor Contract - \$15,000-Motion by Phil Galloway/Willie Rodosky. Motion carried.

Nancy Ammer, GEDC, attended the meeting to update the committee on the Brisbin Road Interchange project.

Ann Gill stated that the Personnel committee had previously discussed the possibility of closing the county offices at noon on December 24, 2008 and asked that the Finance Committee recommend the same to the county board for approval. A motion was made by Ann Gill and seconded by Ken Iverson t make the recommendation to the county board.. Motion carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Ann Gill and seconded by Willie Rodosky. Motion carried.

