

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

June 22, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM

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

Also Present: Frank Halpin, Dan Duffy, Sandy Lucas, Susan Bates, Sheldon Sobol, Marcy Miller

A motion to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2009 meeting was made by Rodosky, seconded by P. Galloway. Motion carried.

Susan Bates discussed the recommendation from Fred Lane for the hiring of reasonably priced bankruptcy counsel for the Lyondell bankruptcy. Ms. Bates stated that Sheldon Sobol agrees that it would be good for the County to insure that Lyondell is not able to address past tax disputes. Throneburg questioned if the cost of the counsel would be distributed proportionally to the taxing bodies. Ms. Bates replied that it would, however, the cost of the counsel is not known at this time.

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

Under New Business, Sheldon Sobol expressed his concern in regards to board members attending committee meetings that they are not assigned to. The concern is being in violation of the Open Meetings Act due to a majority of a quorum of the County Board being present and the meeting not being posted as a special County Board meeting. Frank Halpin added that he feels that the current committee system works fine, Iverson stated that it is unfortunate that it has to be this way because attending committee meetings is a way of learning. Sobol suggested that the board members be urged not to attend the committee meetings that they are not assigned to. Dan Duffy is to follow up on the matter.

Secondly, Sobol discussed a budgeting issue within his department. Sobol stated that the State funding for the salary of Mitch Conwell, Juvenile Justice Coordinator, will cease on June 30, 2009. Sobol reminded the committee of the ordinance allowing the collection of \$5.00 per misdemeanor case to support juvenile justice and stated that he intends to use these funds to pay Conwell's salary for four months. At that time, should have a better idea if the State funding will be reinstated and would ask for an evaluation of the position by the committee to determine how to proceed.

Sobol was asked to provide the salaries and grant amounts at the next meeting.

Tom Poole informed the committee that he had received a memo from Judge Marsaglia in regards to a number of juvenile termination cases alleging neglect and abuse by parents which have necessitated the appointment of counsel to represent parents. The funds appropriated in the budget for this have been exhausted, however the cases are not done, therefore the line item will run over.

Dan Duffy updated the committee on the FY2010 budget. Duffy stated that Kay Lynn Shoemaker, Health Department Administrator, had requested more time to prepare the budget due to the current financial crisis of the State of IL. Dan, to date, has received budgets from 10 out of 18 departments

Duffy also presented information that was gathered at a June 19th meeting in regards to the Human Services Budget Cuts and the impact on Grundy County. These cuts include:

- *GC State's Attorney Juvenile Diversion Program
- *Juvenile Probation
- *GC Health Dept. Mental Health & Substance Abuse Division
- *GC Health Dept. Senior Division
- *Teen Pregnancy
- *IL Valley Industries
- *Will Grundy Center for Independent Living
- *We Care of GC
- *ESN
- *Service of Will, Grundy and Kankakee Counties, Inc.
- *Guardian Angel Community Services
- *Joliet Area Community Hospice
- *Child Care Resource & Referral
- *U of I Extension

Duffy discussed the Aux Sable Consortium Bills, the county's portion being \$15,000.00(8.5%).

Under New Business, the committee discussed the windmill expenses and the revenue from the building permits.

A motion to adjourn was made by Gill, seconded by P Galloway.