

Finance Committee

Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 AM

Members Present: John Galloway, Phil Galloway, Willie Rodosky, Ann Gill, Ken Iverson, Mike Throneburg, Dick Joyce

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

A motion to approve the minutes from the October 26, 2009 meeting was made by P Galloway, seconded by Gill. Motion carried.

County Administrator Dan Duffy spoke in regards to the claim for the EDPA disbursements. Duffy presented the EDPA #1 report for 2006-2007 and stated that the total 2007 increment was \$107,419.98, less expenses, the total declared surplus that will be distributed among the taxing bodies is \$38,186.30. Duffy showed the breakdown of the funds among taxing districts by EDPA percentage and dollar increments.

Under Public Comment Lou Klusak, District 54 Board, attended the meeting to address the recently publicized notice of proposed property tax increase for Grundy County. Mr Klusak expressed his concerns with the county's FY2010 budget, specifically the salary increases of some employees, due to the state of the economy. County Board Chairman Halpin, along with several committee members, clarified the circumstances of the salary increases and reassured Mr. Klusak that all financial decisions are scrutinized and the Finance Committee and the County Board have the tax payers best interest in mind when preparing the budget. Tawnya Mack, Echols, Mack & Associates, explained the levies and entertained questions from the committee to further clarify the property tax increase.

A motion was made by Throneburg, seconded by P Galloway to recommend to the County Board the resolution establishing FY2010 county mileage rate for the approved IRS rate of .55 cents per miles driven. Motion carried.

Duffy stated that the county applied for the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Federal grant dollars and was awarded contract number 3910 in the amount of \$35,000.00. These funds are being administered through the Department of Transportations, Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation. An RFP was published for the construction of six bus shelters for the county's 5311 transportation service. A motion was made by Joyce, seconded by P Galloway to recommend to the County Board the resolution awarding Crown Concepts Corporation of Morris \$32,000.00 to construct the shelters. Motion carried. The committee then discussed

where the shelters will be located, the key pick up points being Mazon, Morris, Gardner, Channahon and Minooka.

Duffy also stated that the ARRA contract can be split, therefore, an RFP was published for the replacement of the county's 5311 transportation service bench signs to be funded with the remaining \$3,000.00 in the contract. A motion was made by P Galloway, seconded by Iverson to recommend to the County Board the resolution awarding Midwest Sign Works of Morris to replace the 5311 bench signs in the amount of \$3,000.00 Motion carried.

As a recommendation from the Criminal Justice Committee the committee reviewed the resolution approving the annual expenses for State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor. A motion was made by Rodosky, seconded by Joyce to recommend the resolution to the County Board in the amount of \$13,000.00. Motion carried.

At 9:25 AM, a motion to enter into executive session to discuss negotiations was made by Gill, seconded by P Galloway. Upon roll call, the motion carried.

A motion to return to open session was made by Rodosky, seconded by Iverson. Motion carried.

Iverson revisited the previous discussion in regards to the property tax rate increase and suggested a press release to educate the public on how the rate is determined. Duffy explained the requirements of publishing the rate in the black box.

Duffy also told the committee that as of 10-31-09 the county's current budget is at 81%, a small percentage under the projected spending. The committee authorized Duffy to compose a memo to the department heads requesting no unnecessary spending for the FY2009 budget.

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