

FEES, FINANCE AND SALARIES COMMITTEE

The Fees, Finance and Salaries committee met in the County Board Room on November 19, 2020 at 9:00am. Members present were Wayne Bollin, Chairman, Janet Fleming, Mark Menn, Steve Bolton, Harry Douglas, Mark Hanson, Bryan Stevens and Delbert Kreps, Chairman of the Board.

Pau with John Hancock was on the telephone for a conference call with the committee regarding the John Hancock Insurance or the 457B Plan. He explained everything to the members and how it is handled. There will be no bills to the County as the fees come out of the investments. Kris Pilkington, County Treasurer stated they did get packet for new people if a one wants to signed up. He also stated there was a person that could talk them through any questions they had.

The members discussed with Dale Bolton, Supervisor of Assessment regarding his Salary. Dale understood he would be here for two years and would get \$75,000.00 per years. Last year he got a raise as everyone else did and was \$76,200.00. After discussing Dale agreed to work from May 23, 2018 to May 22, 2022 and work for \$76,200.00. Janet Fleming made the motion for Dale Bolton to work from May 23, 2018 till May 22, 2022 and will work three years at \$76,200.00. Harry Douglas seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Dale stated his web site is up and the maps are all done as well and everything looks good.

Rachel Mast, States Attorney informed the members of the Counties have to keep the prisoners here again as the State Penitentiaries will take them when they can. They did file a suit against them with several other counties, and the fees are \$811.29 and they need to be pay the \$811.29 and get out of this law suit. Members stated this would come out of the Tort Judgement Fund, and was suggested the prisoners while we keep them money could come from the Cares Act.

The Law Suite with Edgar County Watch Dog FOIA regarding firearms being sold is settled and we need to pay the Attorney fees and Court fees out of the Tort Fund, and Holly will get this done, but first Rachel is going to see if they will come down from \$15,000.00 fees to a lessor amount of maybe \$5,000.00.

Rachael gave Holly a Resolution for the Appellate Prosecutor and it will be \$8000.00 and will go through the next year budget.

The final version of the Public Transportation service agreement is done for everyone to sign for the transportation.

The Lease agreement with the Ambulance and the Economic Development will stay the same unless something changes.

Rachel would like to use some the grant money we have to update the technology in the Court room and the Board room. She has been checking into this and will have to be done by December 31th.

The Holiday schedule has been discussed and a resolution will be done at the full board meeting and now we will have Election year off and also have Christmas Eve year off the same year. A motion was made by Mark Menn to have the Holiday schedule for the Court House to be Election years day off and also the Christmas Eve also off. Steve Bolton seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Kris Pilkington, County treasurer passed out the Budgetary report and state the States reimbursement is almost all caught up. She did have a few line items she discussed with the members regarding the budget, and stated the Distributions are all done, tax sale was great and sold less than ever before.

Scott Bentzinger, County Sheriff stated that he would like to Thank Holly for stepping up and doing such a great job and everyone is happy. He also stated that they did nothing wrong with the Edgar County Watch Dog auction.

Wayne explained how the levy was figured and he does have a copy if anyone would like to see it. Also, there will be a meeting before the full board meeting at 6:00 for the budget.

Holly stated she has a tax deed that was sold to a person #20-36-327-003 in Plymouth that will need to be approved and signed. Holly submitted four grants but three are for the COVID and she will be some reimbursement back from them. She also thanks the Sheriffs department for keeping the poles safe and the Courthouse and she will be paying this for the service. Election went really well except for everyone getting sick with COVID and office having to be closed.

The Reorganization meeting will be on December 1, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Wayne Stated that Belwether would be willing to work with any offices for a fee if they would like them to do so. They will be paid their second half in the new year. There is money for the first half if we decided to have them next year.

Holly will put a letter on file in her office that Delbert got from Rachel Mast on the time her office has spent helping the County Board.

Five people were appointed to the Ambulance Union contract negotiation and they are Pat Cramer, Mark Hanson, Mark Menn, Janet Fleming and Tom Rodgers.

One hundred twelve claims were reviewed for payment. After reviewing a motion was made by Steve Bolton to sent the to the full board with exception of #60 that will come out of the 2021 budget and number 108 which will be approved at the Reorganizational meeting. Janet Fleming seconded the meeting.

Having nothing further to discuss a motion was made by Steve Bolton to recess until December 22, 2020 at 9:00am. Mark Menn seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bollin, Chairman