

FINANCE, FEES AND SALARIES Committee

The Finance, Fees, and Salaries Committee met in the County Board Room on January 14, 2021 at 9:00am. Members present were Wayne Bollin, Chairman, Harry Douglas, Mark Menn, Mark Hanson, Gary Stansberry, Thomas Bergmeier, Janet Fleming and Delbert Kreps, Chairman of the Board.

Others attending were Dennis Castlebury.

Laurie Sutton, introduced Peter Hammen as the new Public Transportation Director and has a contract for the Physical Year 2020-2021 year to be signed, and also a Resolution for the execution and Amendment of Downstate Operating Asst. Grant. After much discussion it was tabled till the full Board Meeting to be discussed as Rachel Mast, States Attorney needs time to review.

Rachel Mast, States Attorney also stated that the Edgar County Watch Dog bill was lowered to \$5,370.84 and she contacted the insurance company as they were to pay \$5,000.00 and we will have to pay the \$378.84 if Edgar County Watch Dog agrees with this.

Ryan Ramsey and his Assistant entered the meeting, with Amy McCallister, of the Health Dept. and Jenny Meeks with the Ambulance service to discuss the insurance on their business. The Health Dept. does own their own building and Jenny stated that the Hamilton station does pay rent, so needs renter's insurance. The member discussed at great length that these two building are not listed on the insurance but they have been covered, so there is no lapse of insurance. We need to get them added on for all for their equipment and make sure all is covered. This will increase our insurance premium but this was not listed on the spec's when the bids were sent out. Ramsey's office will call the office holder or email them each month to see if there have been any changes, and Ryan stated that they did need to have the Data breach coverage on their policy. This needs to be checked out before next years budget as to who would get the Health Department building if closed, since they own, but we are paying all the insurance and do they need to be reimbursing the county for expenses since they do have a levy.

Holly Wilde-Tillman, County Clerk stated that she has received word of getting an Election Security Grant and will receive a sum of \$29,988.03 to have the election office updated. There will be two registration stations down stairs for elections. The next election is on May 14th and she has to have this done before April in order to be reimbursed. She stated that the Server would be locked up with only a few having the key to it. She would like to start as soon as possible, and will have to pay out of her election fund and then be reimbursed. McDonough and Schuyler Counties have already done this and it will be great, and they are on board to help set up. After discussing a motion was made by Harry Douglas to give the Holly the ok to get this done as soon as possible, for \$29,988.03 and Mark Menn seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Holly stated her office does have internet Hard wired as of last week and will be billed for five hours, which she will send the bill to the Building Commission. The new Tablets are here and she has labels made that they are property of Hancock County. Delbert and her are going to work on them probably tomorrow.

Kris Pilkington, County Treasurer passed out an Ordinance of the County Board of Hancock County to be approved to amend the budget. After discussion a motion was made by Harry Douglas to send this ordinance to the full board for approval. Mark Hanson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Kris also stated that the Cares Act we had over \$220,000.00 and have spend a little over \$102,000.00 and we can get reimbursed for Workman's Comp spend and some of the employee benefits that we have paid out.

Kris also stated that we do need to get the claims from the 14 County business's that got the money for COVID and get this sent in. Wayne will contact Tom Rodgers and see if he can get these collected so they can be reviewed and paid.

Kris passed out the Budgetary reports and everything is good, the State is behind but the meeting is early this month. Also, the Ambulance is doing really good and she is getting a good interest rate on their CD so thinks they should wait to pay back any of the money on loan. Also, she has all W-2 out and her 1099 out and Holly stated hers was going out today.

Dale Bolton, Supervisor of Assessment and Kasey Livingston entered the meeting and he did introduce Kasey to the members and stated she has passed her State Test and is certified. Dale also stated that the BOR is done this the Assessments and there is two business in Nauvoo that are requesting a change in their assessment. He needs something from the Board stating he has inform them and Delbert did write up a paper for him, that Holly will put on file. Dale is about done with the Assessment on the part of this year taxes.

A Resolution was presented by Mark Menn for the Building Commission Lease in the amount of \$432,000.00 for 2020-2021 year. This amount hasn't changed since last year. They are going to be putting on a new roof at the Jail this year. A motion was made by Tom Bergmeier to present this resolution to the full board for approval. Janet Fleming seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Holly stated that she may be bringing a resolution to the full board on Tuesday Night, as she is going to have to move a voting place in Hamilton, due to the old place having mold.

Jenny Meeks, EMS Director and Mark Menn discussed with the committee the Union Contract as far as the Insurance that the employees have to pay out of pocket. It now states that it can't be raised over 10% per year and they would like it to be 15% per year. The members discussed and they came up with a solution as to state that is won't go over the Insurance cap of 10%. They also stated that they are going with a 2% raise increase, then 3% second year then 2% third year and this will take care of the new wage increases.

Delbert informed the member that they would vote on a new board member to replace Bryan Stevens, on Tuesday night and it will be Kathryn Phillips from Warsaw.

Sixty-nine claims were reviewed for payment. After reviewing a motion was made by Mark Menn to send these claims to the full board for payment. Mark Hanson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mark Menn suggested we have the Hancock County Health Department Board to come to our meeting and discuss the building situation and the Insurance.

Having nothing further to discuss a motion was made by Mark Hanson to recess until February 11, 2021 at 9:00am. Gary Stansberry seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bollin, Chairman