

FINANCE, FEES AND SALARIES COMMITTEE

The Finance, Fees and Salaries Committee met in the County Board Room on May 13, 2021 at 9:00am. Members present were Wayne Bollin, Chairman, Janet Fleming, Mark Menn, Mark Hanson, Harry Douglas, Gary Stansberry, Tom Bergmeier and Delbert Kreps, Chairman of the Board.

Keith Krohe with the County Health Insurance reported on the Insurance from the end of last year and the year before, and also from end of last year to April of this year. We are still in good shape and about where we should be.

Judge Rodney Clark and John Neally, Circuit Clerk entered the meeting and discussed new technology software for this county in case management. There are six counties in our group and one has already gone to this and John has gotten the other four started on this. This would be through PC Jim's Technology and they are very reputable and will cost \$206,661.00 and will pay for everything that has to be done. The funds will come out of the Circuit Clerks court accounts and shouldn't cost the County anything. A motion was made by Mark Menn to approve the expedition of this new PC Jim's technology for case mgt software and give the County Treasurer 30 days' notice to get the money out of the CD's. Harry Douglas seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Judge Clark also discussed the COVID-19 we need new technology in the Court Room with monitors. A grant for \$89,000.00 has been applied for to pay for this and has to be done by the 31st of July. Judge Clark will be the contact person for all of this. A motion to pass this bid to the full board for approval was made by Mark Menn. Janet Fleming seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Just for our information Judge Clark stated that the Court Appointed Attorney is going to cost \$125.00 for next year per case as they are getting much bigger cases. Also, they may have to go over the budget set for this with the cases that are coming up.

Ramsey Finance entered the meeting and explained to the committee an update on the insurance and stated that it is up to \$220,00.00 with everything added on and they are still under the \$28,000.00. They discussed when they could give them an idea for next years fee and said they could have something by October 1st for the budget work.

Bob Hubbard and Dan with the Veterans office came in and ask if they could get some bills paid early, such as Water, Electric and Gas, where the Veteran hasn't paid the bill for a few months and it going to be shut off. After discuss a was made by Janet Fleming to allow these such cases could be paid ahead of the committee and full board meeting. Mark Menn second the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Travis Duffy, Chief Deputy entered the meeting and discussed the resolution for the two new 2021 Dodge Durango squad cars, financed through Fortress Bank at 3% interest. The members discussed this at great length and this is not what they understood at the Budget time last year. A motion was made by Harry Douglas to tab le this until next month and Tom Bergmeier seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Tom stated he recalled the amount discussed for the cars before and it was not \$45,000.00 and would like this noted in the minutes.

Kris Pilkington, County Treasurer passed out the Budgetary reports and stated everything was looking good. She also stated the tax bills have been mailed out and first due date is June 11th and second one is September 3rd. Kris said they have been really busy with the money coming in. The Auditor has been here and they are done and the only thing they stated was that all funds in other office need to be transferred to the Treasurer's office.

Kris and Holly both discussed the American Relief Fund with the members. There has to be one person's name on the account and they are asking for a lot of information. Kris has to set up a special account and other things to get this started. They suggested the County Board Chairman be in charge, however Kris is worried about Delbert's health and this is going to be a big job. Wayne informed them that he has talked to Bellwether about this and they are on top of it and would propose to do a lot of the work and the reports for a sum of \$10,000.00 per invoice and there will be two invoices, which would be \$20,000.00. After much discussion was that Kris would be the lead person and Holly will be the seconded person and help Kris out with this and with help from Bellwether of the Board approves them.

Janet Fleming ask if there wasn't something they could do for Jenny Meeks for all her time she spend and hard work. Holly stated that she even mows the grass and if really getting a rough time from people and stressed out. The member stated they just had a resolution for her and she need to have a contract set for next year, with her sick time, vacations and other items in it. Janet will take this back to her committee and discuss this all with Jenny.

Holly also stated she has to fill out a survey report for all 29 precincts for the State of Illinois Election Board. She has till the end of the year to do this but there is a lot of paper work to be done and doesn't know how she is going to get it done. Mark Menn suggested that maybe Jack Curfman would consider doing it if he was paid mileage and maybe so much an hour. Janet will discuss this with Jack and he can talk to Holly if interested.

MTC is coming next Monday to turn all our phones one. Holly also stated that she has some people that will need to be appointed at the full board for different districts. She also has a resolution for a St. Albans Twp. Property to deed over to new owner. Holly discussed the load that she has in her office doing a lot of the County Board thing and resolutions. The members ask if another person would be of help to her. She stated she could use another girl and she would pay half of her salary if the Board would pay the other half and she could use her for Board items and also some of her other office items.

Was suggested that we have the Committee Chairman's and Bellwether come and discuss what need to be done with the \$3,000,000.00 that we are to get.

The committee discussed the auditor suggestion that all the funds be moved to the Treasurer office. After discussing a motion was made by Mark Menn that on the suggestion of the advice of the Auditor all the funds from different office be turned over to the County Treasurer's office. Janet seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Forty-five claims were reviewed for payment by the committee. After reviewing a motion was made by Harry Douglas to present these claims for payment. Tom Bergmeier seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Having nothing further to discuss a motion was made by Tom Bergmeier to recess until June 10, 2021 at 9:00am. Mark Hanson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bollin, Chairman