

FINANCE, FEES AND SALARIES COMMITTEE

The Finance, Fees and Salaries Committee met in the County Board Room on July 8, 2021 at 9:00am. Members present were Wayne Bollin, Chairman, Mark Menn, Mark Hanson, Janet Fleming, Harry Douglas, Gary Stansberry, Tom Bergmeier and Delbert Kreps, Chairman of the Board.

Kris Pilkington, County Treasurer passed out the Statuary reports and the Reimbursements from the State of Illinois. Everything is really in good shape and the ambulance is doing good. They have the new ambulance and it is paid for and also the loan at the bank is paid off. Kris has made a Distribution on June 18th to everyone except the schools and they didn't want theirs until July first so she did get their done then.

Wayne discussed a message he had gotten from Kris on possible change in where we take the money out of for the County Health Insurance. She stated that the Auditors thought it was fine the way it is now and they may have to stop taking out of special fund and all come from General Fund. Rachel stated this was going to take a long time if it ever does change and is probably ok as it is for now.

Rachel Mast, States Attorney entered the meeting and stated she had a letter from Lucie, Bougher and Assoc. that they were giving their 60-day notice of not being Hancock Counties Conflict Attorney's. She stated we need to get an ad in the paper and have it due by the 26th and then maybe we could interview them and have them hired in August. After discussing a motion was made by Tom Bergmeier to have an ad put in the papers and they need to be in by July 30th. Janet Fleming seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Rachel discussed the Down State Grant money that was passed out and stated the Finance Committee needs to approve these receipts and money. Amy Graham spoke to the members on this matter and stated she did have all the receipts and Kris does of have a copy of them and everyone got what they were to get, except we still have two more to get theirs. Kris stated she was in the process of putting in all together so the members could look at it easily and verify the amounts requested, received and matching receipts. The members discussed this with Rachel and a motion was made by Tom Bergmeier to have a special meeting on August 4, 2021 to review the receipts and approve them and also to interview the candidates for the Conflict Attorney's so they could all go to the full committee meeting on the 12th of August and be also approved at the full Board Meeting in August. Janet Fleming seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

The members discussed the ARPA funding and we do have requests from the County Clerk, County Sheriff, States Attorney, County Highway and others. Rachel Mast discussed hers with the Committee and stated that she got the funding for the Video screens in the Court Room and her Office, but would like to request money for the County Board Room and out at the Jail. She would also like to request a colored photo machine and two brother Printers.

Janet Fleming stated that she had Jack Curfman, with ESDA get one but found out he sent it to Bellwether and not us. Also, she talked to Amy Hall at the County Health Department and they a fine there.

ARPA Sidenote - Through 2 revenue calculations Belwether has determined That no ARPA Funds can be used for Revenue Replacement in our County. This does not affect our other potential ARPA uses.

Travis Duffy, County Sheriff reported to the members that he would like to maybe have some new type Helmets and Shields for the Deputies and also maybe money for another K-9 dog as the one they have is maybe good for three more years. The members stated he needed to put what he wanted down and get them actual amount of money will need. He stated by 2025 he was going to need the Cams for the vehicles and they are going to be costly. Travis also ask about the Resolution for the police cars and was informed he needed to do that at his Committee on Monday night, so will be at the full board meeting. Also, he will pay for one and the balance of them both the first of December with the new budget and only get one care next year from Warsaw.

Wayne discussed the three proposals from the County Clerk and al the one from the County Highway Department that was a huge sum. The members discussed getting them all in here and then send them to Bellwether to see which ones we can even get, then they would send them back to the County to prioritize and submitting them in.

Mark Menn also stated that the Building Commission was discussing the funds for a new Air Condition^{ing} for the Court House.

Mark Menn did ask Travis if there has been a study done on the Warsaw Contract with the Police coverage to see if we are losing money or where we stand. This needs to be done before their contract come up and before he considers doing any other small villages that might want this done.

Forty claims were reviewed for payment by the members. After reviewing a motion was made by Harry Douglas to present these claims for payment, with the exception of number 40 needing more information. Mark Hanson seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Mark Menn stated he thinks we should have our States Attorney write a policy about paying bills, and writing checks on the County should always be reviewed and approved by the County Board, no matter where the money comes from and what it is for, like the Down State Grant Money or any other Grant money spend out of the County Treasurers office.

Having nothing further to discuss a motion was made by Mark Hanson to recess until August 4, 2021 at 6:30pm. Harry Douglas seconded the motion. All voted aye. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Wayne E. Bollin".

Wayne Bollin, Chairman