

MINUTES OF A FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD IN THE COUNTY OF HANCOCK, STATE OF ILLINOIS, AT THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE IN THE CITY OF CARTHAGE ON JUNE 8, 2023

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by chairman Wayne Bollin. Members in attendance included Dennis Castlebury, Harry Douglas, Mark Hanson, Alex Blythe, Andrew Asbury, and Mark Menn. Visitors in attendance included Keara Weber, Patsy Davis, Kris Pilkington, Aaron Feagain, Holly, Wilde-Tillman, Bobi James, and Stephanie Swisegood was in attendance to take minutes of the meeting.

Keara gave the circuit clerk report. The office has 2 scanners who are working hard to be paperless by the end of summer. Her office received \$3000 in excess grant funds to finish up her technology to go paperless. She has a new copier and asked if the County Board could make use of this. Ms. Wilde-Tillman was asked if this could be used and this was okayed. The County Board will take over the contract which is \$0.015/black and white copy.

Mr. Bollin stated Dustin at Bellwether has sent out budget paperwork. In August the budget process will start.

Ms. Pilkington stated the ambulance building has been sold and the line of credit has been paid off. EMS is now in the black with \$157,457.80 in checking. The general fund has \$273,784.81. Property taxes will go out in the next week or so unless something catastrophic happens. She informed Mr. Feagain that since the health committee meets the first of the month that she will not have all the information for the financial report. Mr. Asbury stated that as long as we could have the first page of the report that would work, just so they know how much cash is on hand. She will be transferring \$111,841 from the general fund to the states attorney for 1/3 of the budget. Mr. Menn informed Ms. Pilkington that the county will pay for the bills for the month of June and after that all bills will be reimbursed by the Building Commission.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman stated she gets a worker's compensation reimbursement for safety and making conditions better for employees. This needs to be designated by December 1, 2023. Mr. Feagain was asked if there was anything he could use. He would like to use this towards 3 laptops to be used in the ambulances to allow signatures to be captured in less time. Mr. Feagain will purchase the 3 laptops and apply for a reimbursement for the "grant". A motion was made by Mr. Asbury for Mr. Feagain to purchase 3 laptops from Full Speed for use in the ambulances of which \$2118 will be used from the grant. Mr. Douglas seconded. All members present voted aye.

Ms. Wilde-Tillman states there is an opportunity where we could put election results and all of the logistics of this to a website. She would need to download the information on a zip drive and the company would then put it on their website. This would cost under \$3000/year. We could go back as far as we would like. This would help with FOIA requests. The committee gave her permission to pursue this.

She states that the building was taken off the property insurance as of June 1. She has spoke with Ryan Ramsey about liability and he states we are covered and he will take care of that. The ambulances are covered under the automobile insurance. She has no further information as of now. She informed the committee that her and Mr. Menn are changing up the agenda a bit. The next full board meeting will be the trial run.

Mr. Feagain stated it is his wish to purchase an ambulance or 2. If you ordered a new ambulance today it would take 3 years to get in your possession. Rig 31 has 238,000 miles on it, 14 needs an engine and has had \$7000 in repairs done, and rig 22 is the best. Fenton Fire in San Diego, California, has 4 used government rigs from 2012 with less than 20,000 miles on them. For 4x4's it is \$129,000. There was extended discussion about the ambulance rig situation and finances. Mr. Blythe was concerned about diesel in the winter.

Ms. James presented to the meeting to speak of the damage to Lenny Etter's property and who is responsible for payment. She feels this would open the county up for more claims by other members of the community.

Mr. Castlebury stated that he is worried about the upkeep of the ambulances. He states that we need to keep up the maintenance. Mr. Feagain stated that he gets problems fixed as soon as they occur. There was further discussion regarding ambulances, 4x4 versus 2x2, and finances. The hospital transfer contract was discussed. They will be back paying to January 2023. This should bring in approximately \$112,000. This could be used towards the purchase of an ambulance. Mr. Hanson made a motion to purchase 2 ambulances, Mr. Blythe seconded. Mr. Bollin stated he would like to add something. Mr. Hanson and Mr. Blythe withdrew their motion. Mr. Hanson made a motion to purchase two 4x4 ambulances, one out of the general fund to be repaid by the Memorial Hospital funds, and one to be paid out of ARPA funds, with a \$1000 hold pending inspection with reimbursement if they do not pass inspection. Mr. Blythe seconded the motion. All members present voted aye. They will have the media followup on the purchase.

Mr. Menn stated that there was a meeting regarding a dispute with the EMS union contract, this is resolved, and nothing will be changed to the contract. Ms. Davis asked if the county board would like to take over the Access bill for the copier from the circuit clerk. This will be taken over by the county board.

There was extensive discussion regarding the Basco road condition, etc. Ms. Davis stated PSBA will 100% pay to get this corrected on their part. She will talk to Mr. Berry regarding the reimbursement to Mr. Etter. Dallas Rural Water District will pay 50/50 on labor and divide materials. Mr. Berry has already signed off on that. Mr. Housewright will take the riprap out of the ditches, cap the hydrants and pour smooth concrete. The pole will be moved to extend Mr. Manley's driveway. The long sidewalk that was torn out anticipating that Nicor needed it out will be repoured and hope that Nicor reimburses the county. Mr. LeMaire will do the installation of the pipe, regrade the ditches, and reseed. Motion to move forward with this proposal in the amount of \$23,281.37 was made by Mr. Douglas and seconded by Mr. Blythe. This will come out of the highway budget. Ms. James will send a letter to Nicor asking for payment for the sidewalk. She will also write up the IGA. All members present voted aye.

Mr. Hanson stated he will be opening bids up for insurance coverage. Bellwether does not do this but does have information they can compile and send us as a guideline to help. This will be discussed in Building and Grounds committee meeting.

Claims were gone through. Motion to approve the claims was made by Mr. Douglas, seconded by Mr. Asbury. All members present voted aye.

Motion to recess until July 13, 2023, was made by Mr. Blythe and seconded by Mr. Asbury. All members present voted aye. Meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Wayne Bollin, Chairman