

Minutes of the Finance Committee

The Finance Committee of the McLean County Board met on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 400 of the Government Center, 115 East Washington Street, Bloomington, IL.

Members Present: Chair Ben Owens; Vice Chair, Sondra "Sonny" O'Connor
Members: Mr. George Gordon; Mr. Chuck Erickson; Mr. Carlo Robustelli; Ms. Susan Schafer, Mr. Erik Rankin

Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: None

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator; Ms. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator; Mr. Don Knapp, First Assistant Civil State's Attorney; Ms. Julie A. Morlock, Recording Secretary;

Department Heads/Elected

Officials Present: Ms. Jennifer Ho, Director, Risk Management; Ms. Marshall Thomson, Director, Animal Control; Ms. Cindy Wegner, Director Nursing Home Ms. Becky McNeil, County Treasurer

Others Present: None

Chairman Owens called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM

Chairman Owens presented the minutes of the August 5, 2015 Finance Committee meeting for approval.

Motion by Rankin/Schafer to approve the Minutes of the August 5, 2015 Finance Committee meeting.

Motion carried.

Chairman Owens asked Ms. Ho to come forward regarding her action item requesting approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 21015 for the Tort Judgment Fund and the Risk Management/Insurance Department

Motion by Rankin/Erickson to recommend approval of an Emergency Appropriation Ordinance Amending the McLean County Fiscal Year 2015 for the Tort Judgment Fund (0135) and the Risk Management/Insurance Department (0077).

Motion carried.

Ms. Ho stated that we had recovered everything we were entitled to and a lot of it goes to the credit of Mr. Schmidt as he was able to get everything back up and running efficiently. She also stated that the salvage portion of the claim had been closed so the claim was completely closed as of yesterday.

Ms. Thompson of Animal Control presented her report. Ms. Schafer asked her to confirm that we had as many bat bites as the report indicated. Ms. Thompson indicated that we are in peak of bat season and are running calls 24/7 right now. She indicated that staff have been vaccinated for rabies and if they feel a pet in the house has been exposed they work with the family and their vet to make sure the pet is quarantined or observed for the times required by statute. Mr. Rankin asked about the difference in registrations numbers between 2014 and 2015. Ms. Thompson explained that the system they are using has only been in use since 2013 so 2014 was first full year of data and because there are vaccinations that are three years it might take 3 full years before we can have true year to year comparisons. Mr. Rankin asked if we see more 3 year vaccinations and if we could eliminate the 1 year. Ms. Thompson stated that 3 year will probably be more popular because studies show that multiple shots in the same area can cause cancer. She also stated that we can't eliminate the 1 year because the first shot at 4 months has to be a 1 year.

Ms. Thompson also shared with the Committee that a stray they had through the Animal Control Center is now a service dog and that they are looking for more opportunities like this for the dogs in their facility.

Ms. Metsker stated that Ms. Thompson provided information about laws and regulations within rural communities at her town board meeting and spoke with a young man who was proposing an ordinance and that she was very professional and very informative and it was greatly appreciated.

Cindy Wegner, Director of the Nursing Home presented her monthly report. Mr. Rankin asked about the nursing home camera law, including the cost and if there were any parameters. Ms. Wegner confirmed that the family has to pay for the camera and the internet service that goes to the camera and the nursing home only has to provide the electricity for the camera. Ms. Wegner indicated they would have discussions with Risk Management regarding all the ramifications of having cameras. Ms. Wegner also stated that when this goes into effect January 1, we will be only the sixth state to allow cameras. Mr. Rankins asked if this might cause us to have to do renovations so that we are in compliance with the camera law. Ms. Wegner indicated that it could pose a challenge because a majority of our rooms are non-private so if a roommate does not give consent for the camera we might have an issue moving a resident to a room where they can have a camera. Mr. Wasson stated that ultimately we will have administrative rules issued by Public Health and until we do we will use best practices based on other states. Mr. Owens stated that this could cause increased costs for the facility because of mounting of camera and then fixing the walls when residents move out.

Chairman Owens asked the Committee if they had any questions for Ms. Wegner. Hearing none, she thanked Ms. Wegner.

Chairman Owens stated Ms. McNeil had one action item the request for approval of a Resolution to Surrender Tax Sale Certificate 2011-00389. She stated this is a redemption where the taxes were sold in 2013 and we are actually getting the full amount of redemption before going to tax deed.

Motion O'Connor/Schafer to recommend approval of the resolution to surrender tax sale certificate 2011-003889.
Motion Carried.

Ms. Becky McNeil distributed her monthly reports and went through them. She stated that the tax report shows that sales tax numbers are down but we will get PPRT payments in October and December that should make up some of that amount. She stated that she added a report to the Investment reports to show investments broken down by fund. Ms. McNeil also stated that she provided a copy of an email that addresses where we are with reimbursements from the State of Illinois. She indicated that for July and August we are behind by 1.3 million that we are not receiving salary reimbursements on and the amount will continue to build.

Mr. Robustelli stated that it looked like she had not heard about the impacts to the health department revenue. Mr. Wasson stated that Mr. Howe had indicated in the Health Committee that morning that the vast majority of their funding was Federal funding that passed through the State and it had been appropriated.

Mr. Robustelli asked for confirmation that the total budget for the Nursing Home is around 10 million and that there was a fund balance of 8 million. Mr. Wasson confirmed those numbers and indicated that the 8 million is an Enterprise Fund. Mr. Robustelli asked if there was a plan for the 42 year old nursing home since it looked like we had funds to address any issues we might have with the building. Mr. Wasson stated that portions of the Enterprise Fund are used to cover when distributions from the State are late. Mr. Wasson stated that we have done renovations that will extend the life of the facility, but discussions about a new facility are not too far in the future for the Board. Mr. Wasson indicated that there were many factors that would play into that decision and they had not started looking at those yet.

Chairman Owens asked if there were further question of Ms. McNeil, hearing none Mr. Owens thanked Ms. McNeil and asked for a motion to place on file the Treasurers report.

Motion by O'Connor/Rankin to place on file the Treasurers Report.
Motion Carried.

Chairman Owens indicated that Ms. Michael would not be at the meeting, but her reports were provided in the packet for the Committee to review. Chairman Owens asked Mr. Wasson if he had any items for the Committee.

Mr. Wasson stated that with regard to hiring over the last 30 days there were 3 positions in the Nursing Home listed under the oversight of the Finance Committee. He stated that we are returning to more typical turnover rates in departments. Mr. Wasson also stated that there are challenges in filling RN positions and we will continue to monitor

those situations and if there are recommendations we will bring any changes that might come up as part of the Budget process.

Chairman Owens asked if there were any more questions for Mr. Wasson, hearing none, he thanked Mr. Wasson.

Chairman Owens presented the August 31, 2015 Finance Committee bills for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor. The Finance Committee bills include a Prepaid Total of \$1,108,877.46 and a Fund Total that is the same.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Finance Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0001	GENERAL FUND		\$49,636.51	\$49,636.51
0131	LMR.F. FUND		\$534,171.76	\$534,171.76
0135	TORT JUDGEMENT		\$54,696.64	\$54,696.64
0137	RECORDER DOCUMENT STORAGE		\$2,226.61	\$2,226.61
0164	CO CLERK DOC STORAGE		\$252.93	\$252.93
0512	EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN		\$467,893.01	\$467,893.01
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			\$1,108,877.46	\$1,108,877.46



COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by O'Connor/Erickson to approve the presented bills.
Motion carried

Chairman Owens presented the Nursing Home bills for review and approval as transmitted by the County Auditor. The bills include a Prepaid Total of \$271,860.96 and a Fund Total that is the same.

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EXPENDITURE SUMMARY BY FUND

Human Services Committee

FUND	FUND TITLE	PENDING TOTAL	PREPAID TOTAL	FUND TOTAL
0401	NURSING HOME		\$271,860.96	\$271,860.96
			\$271,860.96	\$271,860.96



COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

Motion by O'Connor/Rankin to approve the presented
Nursing Home bills.
Motion carried.

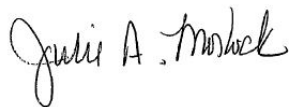
Chairman Owens stated that under other business or communication items the Committee needed to schedule two budget meetings. He stated that the first one would be next week after Property Committee had a chance to meet. Mr. Wasson stated that the meeting should not take very long as administration just wanted to review the funding process with the Committee so they could see how it would affect the budget process. The Committee discussed available times and decided on Tuesday, September 8th at 3:45 p.m.

Mr. Wasson asked about scheduling a second budget meeting. Chairman Owens indicated that since the health department did not fall under the Finance Committee they might not need a full second meeting. The Committee discussed possible times and dates and decided to start the regular October meeting earlier at 3:30 p.m. instead of 4:30 p.m.

Chairman Owens asked if there was any other business or communication to come before the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 5:11 PM

Respectfully Submitted,



Julie A. Morlock
Recording Secretary