

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 7, 2016

Committee Chair Tim Shafer called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. in the committee meeting room within the Livingston County Historic Courthouse.

Present: Shafer, Heath, Bunting, Cohlman, Gerwin, Ingles, Mays

Absent:

Also Present: Chairman Marty Fannin, Alina Hartley (Administrative Resource Specialist), John Clemmer (Finance Resource Specialist), Sheriff Childress, Sup. Cox, Captain Glowacki, Coroner Danny Watson, County Clerk Kristy Masching, Facilities Services Manager Chad Carnahan, Jon Sear (Network & Computer Systems Administrator), Judge Jennifer Bauknecht, Trial Court Administrator Will Scanlon, Treasurer Barb Sear

Shafer called for any additions or changes to the agenda with none requested. *Motion by Ingles, second by Bunting to approve the agenda as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the August 3, 2016 and August 17, 2016 meetings. *Motion by Heath, second by Ingles to approve the minutes as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Resolution Authorizing Cancellation of Tax Certificates – Barb Sear was present to request approval of three resolutions for the cancellation of tax certificates for three mobile homes within Vermilion Estates. *Motion by Ingles, second by Cohlman to recommend approval of the three resolutions.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

FY 2017 Budget & Levies – Clemmer and Hartley provided a status update on the FY 2017 budget. Following updates to the revenues and changes to the capital requests, the amount necessary to cut from the budget in order to hit the \$2 million cap is \$266,236.

Will Scanlon stated that he was present on behalf of Chief Judge Fitzgerald, who was unable to attend. Scanlon stated that the Chief Judge is interested in maintaining a dialogue with the Board. Scanlon stated that most of the Court's work is done under the Illinois courts and while the County Board can elect to reduce the budget, the mandates will continue to be there and the expenses will continue to occur. Judge Bauknecht stated that the problem is the cushion has been taken out, so there is nothing further that can be reduced. Members of the Committee expressed that all departments are being asked to make changes, some even structural to the department in order to be more efficient and reduce costs. Discussion took place. Scanlon stated that while they can appreciate the

Board's efforts to reduce costs, and the Board may choose to reduce the budget, the costs will still come and will be ordered to be paid.

[In a letter dated October 3, 2016 Judge Bauknecht clarified her intention during the September 7, 2016 meeting. Bauknecht stated in her letter that when the county started reviewing the budget line by line, reducing certain line items, they took away the ability of departments to work between line items.][The Committee noted the request, although they disagreed with the statement.]

Adam Dontz was present to request a budget allocation for economic development. Dontz stated that if funds are not budgeted the Board loses the opportunity to give incentives to attract business. Dontz stated that the same standard would be used for incentives, so looking at \$5,000 per job and incentivizing up to 300 jobs, Dontz requested an allocation of \$1,500,000. Dontz stated that there isn't anything that is eminent and the council will work with the Board when and if an opportunity becomes available. Discussion took place. *Motion by Bunting, second by Ingles to allocate \$1.5 million in the fiscal year 2017 budget for economic development.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** Ayes: Shafer, Bunting, Cohlman, Ingles Nays: Heath, Cohlman Abstain: Mays

Superintendent Cox was present to discuss the jail budget with the Committee. Cox stated that the reason behind the budget increase, is an increase in outside housing. Cox stated that increases were made to dietary and healthcare, with each contract receiving a minimal increase. Cox stated that overtime is also significantly over. Cox stated that this year's budget is based on housing an additional 55 inmates, while the trend has been closer to 70. Discussion took place. Consensus of the Committee was that if expenses were being increased based on a higher census, the revenues should be increased as well. Cox stated that he would be comfortable increasing the revenues by an additional \$100,000.

Coroner Danny Watson was present to discuss his budgeted overage with the Committee as well. Chairman Fannin questioned some of the requests particularly in regards to education and capital equipment. Watson stated that he is no longer using Zeller for capital purchases and has been going through Sear. Watson stated that the education line item was increased because he is not yet sure what the State is going to require.

The Committee will take the requests under advisement and will meet on September 21st to continue review of the FY 2017 budget.

Finance Report – Reports were distributed. No discussion was held.

Approval of Bills – The Committee reviewed the bills presented. *Motion by Heath, second by Mays to approve the bills as presented.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES ON VOICE VOTE.**

Executive Session – *Motion by Bunting, second by Mays to go into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) Personnel Matters.* **MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.** All voted Aye; none Nay

Executive Session began at 8:45 p.m.

Regular Session resumed at 9:20 p.m..

Action Resulting from Executive Session – n/a

Motion by Mays, second by Gerwin to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.** Meeting adjourned at 9:21 p.m.

Alina Hartley
Administrative Resource Specialist