

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2017

Committee Chair Tim Shafer called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. in the committee meeting room within the Livingston County Historic Courthouse.

Present: Shafer, Heath, Bunting, Cohlman, Ingles, Slagel

Absent: Gerwin

Also Present: Chairman Bob Young, County Board Members Marty Fannin and Steve Lovell, Alina Hartley (Executive Director), John Clemmer (Finance Director), Sgt. Hamilton, Circuit Clerk Leann Dixon, States Attorney Randy Yedinak, Coroner Danny Watson, Esther Viles (Mediacom), Recreation Committee member Ed Lipinski

Shafer called for any additions or corrections to the agenda with none requested.

Motion by Ingles, second by Cohlman to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the April 5, 2017 meeting. *Motion by Bunting, second by Heath to approve the minutes as presented. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

Recreation Committee Use of Allocated Funds – Hartley stated last month, members of the recreation committee attended the Administrative Committee meeting to discuss their future going forward. Hartley stated that the Committee was supportive, but indicated that they didn't wish for the Committee to spend any money. Hartley stated that the Committee is now questioning whether the funds that have been allocated for recreation are still available for use. Discussion took place with the consensus of the Committee being that the recreation committee should continue to pursue grant funding. Allocated funds would be made available if approved. Lipinski stated that when meeting with IDOT they were encouraged to do something to show commitment to the project. Lipinski stated that he felt that volunteers could be utilized to begin some of the clean up on the route. Bunting will check with Metcalf on the status of the Intergovernmental Agreement. *Motion by Ingles, second by Cohlman to cooperate with the recreation committee and work towards an IGA with the state. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

Children's Advocacy Center – Funding Request – Yedinak reviewed a request for funding, in the amount of \$30,000, for the CAC. Yedinak reviewed the mission of the CAC and how it assists with the judicial process and protects children from having to appear in court. Yedinak stated that the CAC is now at a point where funding threatened and cutoff in some instances. Yedinak stated that McLean has been footing the bill, but can't continue to do that. Yedinak stated that an annual commitment of \$30,000 will ensure that the local office stays open and resources will be available. Discussion took

place. *Motion by Ingles, second by Heath to recommend the funding be included in next year's budget.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Mack & Associates – Audit Proposal – The Committee reviewed a proposal submitted by Mack & Associates for the audit of fiscal years 2017, 2018 and 2019. Clemmer noted that the 2017 proposal was slightly lower due to the separation of the 911 audit. Discussion took place. *Motion by Bunting, second by Cohlman to recommend approval of the Mack & Associates Audit Proposal.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Resolution Adopting Mediacom Franchise Fees – Esther Viles from Mediacom was present to discuss the franchise fee resolution. Viles stated that the fees would be applicable to those residents who reside within the unincorporated areas of the county. Viles stated that there was an issue with residents within the unincorporated area being charged, but those funds will be refunded to the customer. Viles stated that if the County chooses to adopt the fee, Mediacom will collect it. Discussion took place. The Committee questioned how many residents this would affect; Viles responded that she did not know, but could find out.

Accounts Payable Schedule – Hartley stated that the annual accounts payable schedule is released annually, but beginning this year the schedule changed as previously reported by Clemmer. Hartley stated that invoices that are submitted by the end of day on Monday, are paid on Friday. Hartley stated that when the Committee and Board are “approving” the bills, what they are really doing is ensuring they are reasonable. Hartley stated that with appointed officials, the Board has more oversight on the invoices that are submitted. Hartley stated that the elected officials statutorily can expend their annual appropriation however they feel appropriate in managing their office. Hartley stated that unless an elected official is submitting something illegal, the County cannot withhold payment. Yedinak confirmed those statements and further indicated once the appropriations are made the boards only recourse would be to make the public aware of anything that they felt was inappropriate.

Finance Report – Clemmer reported that expenses are currently under budget, but retroactive payments for the contracts will be forthcoming. Clemmer noted that there is legislation pending to increase the minimum wage to \$15 by 2022. Clemmer also noted that there is also legislation pending to reduce the local government distribution fund by 20-25%. Clemmer stated that next month he will have some initial results from the early retirement incentive.

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

Motion by Cohlman, second by Heath to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.** Meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Alina Hartley
Executive Director