Finance & Insurance Committee Meeting

March 11, 2009

Tentative Minutes

1) Call to Order: Chairman Lyle Hopkins called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. Present: Ben Diehl, Skip Kenney, Ed Rice, Paul White, Rich Gronewold and Pat Saunders. Others: Treasurer John Coffman, Director of Court Services Greg Martin, Sheriff Greg Beitel, Health Dept. Administrator Doreen O'Brien, Solid Waste Director Steve Rypkema, Lynne Kilker, Jim Barnes, Larry Boes, Marcia Heuer, Ron Colson and Debbie Johnson with Query Insurance.

2) Approval of Minutes / February 11, 2009: Motion by Kenney, 2nd by Rice to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

3) Monthly Invoices:
   a) Treasurer: Motion by Rice, 2nd by Diehl to approve the bills in the amount of $1,203.03. Motion carried.

   b) Finance & Administration: Motion by Kenney, 2nd by White to approve the bills in the amount of $20,439.64. Motion carried.

4) Public Comment: None

5) Insurance Report: Treasurer Coffman explained a request from Hospice in regards to employee health benefits and eligibility date; they request for their enrollment date be 1st of the month following 90 days of employment versus 30 days. Motion by Rice, 2nd by White to approve the Amendment for Hospice Enrollees for health benefits to state 1st of the month following 90 days of employment. Motion carried.

6) Finance Report: Treasurer Coffman distributes copies of the budget performance, fund payments and a February 2008 comparison to February 2009. Discussion followed. White requests these reports be emailed prior to monthly meeting to allow time for review.

7) New Business:
   a) Circuit Clerk Union Contract: Rice states the contracts are being referred to Nick Sakellariou, labor attorney, for review and clarification. Discussion followed. Motion by Kenney, 2nd by Rice to ask Mr. Sakellariou to present his feedback at the next meeting. Further discussion. Motion by Kenney, 2nd by Rice to amend the previous motion to ask for a telephone conference with Mr. Sakellariou versus in-person consultation. Motion carried.

   b) Drug Investigation Request: Sheriff Beitel briefly explains the drug problem in Ogle County and that the Drug Traffic Prevention line item is running out and would like to request an additional $5,000 from the contingency line item. Discussion followed. Treasurer Coffman brings it to the Committee's attention about the Sheriff's Petty Cast account and the current balance. Motion by Rice, 2nd by Saunders to approve a $5,000 transfer from Sheriff's Petty Cash (#620) to the Drug Traffic Prevention (#635). Motion carried.

   c) Heuer Wage Comparison: Kenney informs the Committee about the findings of the wage comparison prepared by Marcia Heuer, one employee is below midpoint. No action is being taken at this time, waiting for final review from Employers Association.

   d) Courthouse Renovation: Rice addresses the Committee about the time line for the project and the lease for the Watt Building. It will be presented at the County Board Meeting for action.

8) Old Business: Rice updates the Committee about the Administrator Search, 3 candidates are scheduled for interviews starting Thursday.

9) Adjournment: Since no further business was before the Committee, Chairman Hopkins declared the meeting adjourned. Time: 3:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Tiffany O'Brien