Ogle County Finance & Insurance Committee
Tentative Minutes
Tuesday November 10, 2009

1. Call to Order – by Chairman Hopkins at 2:34. Members present: Hopkins, Diehl, Kenney, Rice, White, Gronewold, Saunders. Also present: Lynne Kilker, Bob DeArvil, Jim Barnes, Ron Colson, John Coffman, Greg Query, Meggon McKinley, Mike Dale, Sheriff Beitel, Larry Callant, employees, members of the public.

2. Approval of Minutes – Motion by Kenney to approve the October 14, 2009. 2nd by Saunders. Motion carried.

3. Approval of Bills
    - Treasurer – Motion to approve bills in the amount of $1,321.07 by Saunders. 2nd by White. Motion carried.
    - Finance & Administrator – Motion to approve bills in the amount of $14,893.24 by Rice. 2nd by Kenney. Another bill for $17.89 was presented to pay Fishers for a board member's third name tag. Rice moved to pay Fishers the $17.89 and ask the board member to reimburse the county for the expense. 2nd by Kenney. Motion carried.

4. Public Comment – none

5. Insurance Report-
    - Property & Liability Report – Query reported the company is paying $17,000 for the lightening strike on the microwave tower back in August. Coffman noted this money would go into the Insurance Reserve Fund. Query also reported that he, John, and Skip went to St. Charles again to review claims with our compensation people. Kenney reported that they they reviewed all claims and that the county has 3 in litigation, but in excellent shape in terms of back log of claims. One case will resolve in December, one just resolved, leaving one claim in litigation with the rest being in medical only standing. He reported there is no deductible for workers comp, and the general liability has no deductible. White asked what our employment practice deductible is, Query reports it's $10,000 now. The old plan employment practice deductible was $25,000. Query confirmed it's now $10,000 with Traveler's. Coffman reported we'll be changing our prescription plan to Caremark as of January 1, 2010, as previously discussed and moved by the committee. He reports anticipating a smooth transition because the company is very responsive. Coffman indicated we'll send a fast start packet to employees for mail order subscribers, and that they will need to resubmit those to Caremark because it's too expensive to have it transferred directly from Walgreens.

This will impact about 50 people that will have to resubmit for that benefit. Savings will be about $45,000 to the plan for the same coverage. Coffman also reported that Walgreens asked us for a $2,400 settlement with us due to the fact that the city of Rockford was involved in an audit of Walgreens and there was a $2,800,000 discrepancy with the county portion being about $24,000. He reported that the City of Rockford is pursuing this legally and is leading it for all of us. We may be asked to help with their legal fees on this to get closer to the $24,000, but they are willing to take the lead and share this back freely with everyone. Coffman clarified this is s from overcharges and volume rebates not handled properly. Saunders notes employees can use the 90 day supply at Snyders Pharmacy, which they've not been able to do before.

6. Finance Report- Coffman passed out the General Fund Expense Sheet. Hopkins asked if we'll have more expenses come in during November. Coffman confirmed that is usually the case. He noted revenue received will be lower and expenses will be higher if it's a typical year. We're at 89% of both revenues and expense, noted Hopkins. Coffman noted insurance is expected to be over.

7. Administrator Report – LRP – McKinley distributed the monthly courthouse project budget reconciliation report and Coffman's non-courthouse LRP expenditure report. She highlighted we are well under budget against planned courthouse expenditures, and we've paid 22.3% of the total project. Rice noted he was in the courthouse today seeing the additional beams in to secure the attic floor. He notes we must work with the architect in negotiating this fee because it sure seems to be a miss.

8. New Business – none

9. Possible Closed Session – Collective Negotiating Matters and Salary Schedules Impacting 2010 County Budget (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2). Motion by Rice to go into closed session to discuss collective negotiating matters and salary schedules impacting 2010 County budget. 2nd by Kenney. Roll call vote: Kenney – yes, White – yes, Gronewold – yes, Saunders- yes, Deihl- yes, Hopkins- yes, Rice – yes. Transcript and recording placed on file with the County Clerk's office. After the committee entered open session again, Kenney moved that we ask Chairman Rice to respond to the FOP union letter in regards to their offer. 2nd by White. Motion carried.

10. Old Business –
    a) 2010 Budget – White asks if it would be appropriate to draft early retirement packages to look at for options throughout the 2010 year. The committee agreed. White requested that McKinley investigate our options and bring back recommendations to the committee in 2 months. White commented we must do this because he does not believe our budget is sustainable.

b) Hire Freeze – White also recommended instituting a hiring freeze for the General Fund expenses. Rice noted he would like legal counsel to confirm how to do this. McKinley reports many other counties have already done this and she will also check with them on how they implemented the hiring freeze. Rice noted we'll also need to check with the States Attorney's office for counsel. McKinley will research and report back in the December meeting on this.

c) Circuit Clerk budget – Saunders expressed concern that this budget was not reduced further because it appears that of a $600,000 budget, not much was cut. McKinley clarified that if you take non-union expenses, Typer reduced this budget by 6%. She walked through each line item for the committee noting that the 3 highest expense line items (non-salary) can't be reduced unless we are asking him to fund them from other funds because these are required services to run the courts. McKinley reported that the salary line item skews this department's total reduction contribution, which is the case in many departments and why McKinley is not in favor of across the board departmental cuts.

11. Adjournment – Hopkins adjourned the meeting at 3:51

Respectfully submitted,
Meggon McKinley, Ogle County Administrator

Lyle Hopkins – Chairman
Sheriff's Department Training Room 103 Jefferson St in Oregon, Illinois
Public Entrance – gated entrance off Jefferson Street – use East door of building