

Finance Committee

Minutes

September 21, 2021

The Finance Committee of the Piatt County Board met on Tuesday, September 21, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ray Spencer. Attending: Shannon Carroll, Randy Shumard, Todd Henricks, Jerry Edwards, and Keri Nusbaum. Gail Jones was absent. Dustin Harmon from Bellwether was also in attendance.

Motion: Shumard made motion, seconded by Henricks to approve the minutes of the September 1, 2021 finance committee meeting as written. On voice vote, all in favor, and the motion carried.

Public Comments: None

County Budget FY22

Dustin Harmon explained the goal today is to get department head input. He reviewed the steps in the budget process, and where the county is in the process right now. He reviewed each budget in the general fund draft with the committee members. The revenue trend is up right now. He is cautiously optimistic. The budgets shown do not reflect any ARPA revenue.

Discussion of Departmental budgets

The sheriff is unable to attend today due to conference. His budget shows a labor increase and a request for 2 replacement vehicles, along with a medical care contract. Bellwether would like the jail budget to be separated in the future.

The States Attorneys budget saw a decrease in payroll due to turnover.

The County clerk budget request is an increase of 18% which includes adding back one staff member and increase in election budget due to two elections in the coming year.

The Treasurers budget request shows a 4% increase.

The prior Supervisor of Assessments budget request includes an increase, but there is currently no one holding that office, so it will be discussed more fully later.

There was no new EMA budget, the committee would like to keep it as is for now

Animal Control budget reflected no change, but she requests the mileage reimbursement rate be updated.

There was no request for increase to the Public Defender budget. The public defender was not available for today's meeting, so Harmon met with him, and the judge previously.

Coroner budget request reflected an overall 14% increase from last year due to equipment and maintenance, and increased cost of autopsies and removals.

The Circuit clerk budget request showed a decrease in salary line due to turnover. Computers, court publications and case management software all increased.

The County Board budget requests the mileage reimbursement be returned to the federal rate, and a possible reinstatement of the activity fund to \$1000 to cover water, coffee, retirement recognitions and funeral flowers.

The Probation budget did not have any unusual requests.

The Court budget shows an increase of \$12,800 for a part time office assistant per court order.

The Zoning budget included a new equipment request for replacement of an aged computer.

The Public Building commission levy will be \$117,946.91.

The Building and Grounds budget was reviewed. It includes seal coat of parking lots, and materials and parts. Eric Seibring explained that seal coat extends the life of a drive or parking lot.

The Highway and Bridge budgets were reviewed, and nothing was unusual.
The Township motor fuel tax line item will be removed from the county budget.
David Remmert presented the health department budget. He explained why the county TB levy was created and its uses. The health department fiscal year is July 1- June 30.
The Veterans Assistance budget asked for no increases.
Extension levy will remain the same as it has been for several years.
Stephanie Berkey addressed the nursing home budget based on the 2021 levy. There is a separate budget for Maple Point. Faith in Action is a pass through, Stephanie will send the updated levy request to Dustin Harmon when the new EAV is available in October.
Services for Seniors is self-supported.
Harmon explained that the goal of the tort fund is to grow it to pay all of the liability insurance and one-third of the States attorney office for civil representation.
Transportation had nothing specific to add to their budget submission.
Tony Kirkman said that capital improvements are needed at the mental health department. His updated numbers were submitted.

Motion: Carroll made motion, seconded by Henricks to adjourn. On voice vote, all in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Nusbaum
Piatt County Zoning Officer