

Finance Committee

Minutes

March 2, 2022

The Finance Committee of the Piatt County Board met on Wednesday, March 2, 2022 at 10:00 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 Edwards to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2021 finance committee meeting as written. On voice vote, all in favor, and the motion carried.

Public Comments: Tony Kirkman regarding ARPA funds and lost revenue.

Discussion of Allocation of Non-Obligated ARPA funds

Dustin Harmon summarized the projects already approved and committed, including HVAC system at the nursing home, payroll recovery at the Sheriffs office, and school therapist, psychiatric care, transportation, remote access for Mental Health.

Sheriff department truck, boiler at the PSB and tasers and body cameras were paid out of the indirect savings as well as the Highway department truck transfer to the maintenance department.

Ancillary departments have requested lost revenue. Nursing home, Mental health for \$290,132.00 and Piattran.

Spencer said that Mansfield has two projects which could qualify for ARPA funds. Sewer installation and water filtration.

Discussion of Transportation Lost Revenue

The rule for lost revenue formula for ARPA has changed. Harmon said lost revenue should be based on 2019, pre-Covid. Henricks said that Transportation is requesting \$100,016.88 for lost revenue. ARPA funds cannot be used to service debt. Other projects have been submitted to use some of the ARPA funds as well.

Carroll requested to see all of the lost revenue numbers, a list of projects with amounts, and then make a decision as to what will get funded. Henricks said he would like to see all of that information as well.

DevNet Tax Server

Request for updated Tax server has been submitted for \$7,623.00. The hardware is old (2008), and the entire tax cycle utilizes it. The assessors, treasurer, and clerk's offices use it.

Sheriff ARPA expense for Radio and Cyber security

The Sheriffs office has submitted requests for approximately \$7200 for cyber security updates. Their computers are outdated, and the Sheriff is working on getting them replaced. There are radio coverage issues, particularly in Cerro Gordo, Bement and Hammond. This affects not only the sheriff's department, but also fire and medical. There are several other cybersecurity upgrades recommended for the future as well.

Piatt County Nursing Home ARPA funded HVAC expenditures

Because of structural issues they are finding issues with what can be done. Scott Porter said he will continue to focus on ventilation and filtration as that is what will benefit the residents the most.

Shumard asked if there was an idea of how much revenue would be generated by a 1% public safety tax.

Jennifer Harper explained that Piatt is one of two counties in the state with old election equipment. It is maintained and it works but will need to be replaced eventually. The quotes she has received to replace the equipment is approximately \$200,000.

Motion: Edwards made motion to make recommendation to the full County Board to use indirect savings of ARPA funds to fund the DevNet server for \$7623 and cyber security for the Sheriff's department for \$7200. Carroll seconded the motion. Roll was called, all in favor and the motion carried.

Harmon will prepare the ordinances for the County Board meeting.

Motion: Carroll made motion, seconded by Edwards to adjourn. On voice vote, all in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Nusbaum
Piatt County Zoning Officer