

Finance Committee

Minutes

May 31, 2022

The Finance Committee of the Piatt County Board met on Tuesday, May 31, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Ray Spencer. Attending: Shannon Carroll, Todd Henricks, Gail Jones, Jerry Edwards, and Keri Nusbaum. Randy Shumard was absent. Dustin Harmon and Jake Johnson from Bellwether were also in attendance.

Motion: Jones made motion, seconded by Henricks to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2022 finance committee meeting as written. On voice vote, all in favor, and the motion carried.

Public Comments: None

Dustin Harmon spoke about the Nursing Homes request for ARPA funds. Scott Porter provided the details. An HVAC project was previously approved for ARPA funds, and the Nursing home received a \$215,000 grant to install a new generator system, however the electrical service is not to code and the generator could not be used without updates. The board previously allocated ARPA funds for completion of the generator project. Three phase electric needs to be installed. Porter has received estimates of \$225,000 for the updates.

Edwards asked if there are any available budget funds for this project.

Harmon suggested creating a capital reserve fund in the future for capital projects for county buildings.

Motion: Jones made motion, seconded by Carroll to recommend the full project for the Piatt County Nursing Home in the amount of \$221,737.00 to the full county board. Roll was called, all in favor and the motion carried.

Eric Seibring spoke about the firewall required for cybersecurity at the office building. The highway department has paid for the update and asks for reimbursement of \$3500.00.

Motion: Carroll made motion, seconded by Edwards to pay the \$3495.00 for the cybersecurity updates from ARPA funds. Roll was called. Edwards – Yes; Carroll – Yes; Henricks-Yes; Jones – Yes; Spencer – No. The motion carried.

The circuit clerk asked about using ARPA funds for an e-citation system. This would benefit officer safety and make data entry easier in the circuit clerk's office. The county portion would cost about \$50,000. Floyd said the City of Monticello police department portion would be about \$15,000. He has not talked with the City about it.

Harmon reminded the committee of other requests and needs including Piattran, Mental Health and election equipment. Requests have exceeded the amount to be received by approximately \$42,000.

Motion: Carroll made motion, seconded by Jones to adjourn. On voice vote, all in favor and the motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 10:32 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Keri Nusbaum
Piatt County Zoning Officer

