

FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE STATED MEETING - MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2009

The stated meeting for the month of April was held in the Stephenson County Board Room, on the above date, with Mr. Graham, the Chairman, presiding. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Committee members present were Mr. Graham, Mr. Senn, Ms. V. Hooper, Mr. Detente and Mr. Kuhlmeier. Absent were Ms. S. Hooper and Mr. Mikkelsen. County Board Chairman Blum was also present. Other County Board members present were Mr. Gilmour, Mr. Kinney, Mr. Kuhlmeier, Mr. Parker and Mr. Wire.

Minutes of the stated meeting of Monday, March 9, 2009 were approved, without reading, on a motion by Mr. Detente, seconded by Ms. V. Hooper.

The agenda was amended, on a motion by Mr. Senn, seconded by Mr. D tente, to have Rock River Energy Service be the first item under New Business.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Mudge of Rock River Energy Services explained that the County's current electrical contract with Mid American Energy expires in May. He identified each of the components in the price of electricity. There was a discussion on a number of things influencing the long-term price of energy. On a motion by Mr. Kuhlmeier, seconded by Ms. V. Hooper, the Committee agreed to a 36-month contract for electricity from Mid American Energy.

Mr. McLeRoy complimented the efforts of Representative Sacia and his staff for their help in Springfield. To reduce the State budget deficit, Governor Quinn is looking to cut expenses and increase the income tax by 50%. Increases in the license plate fee and other corporate fees are also planned. The State is not required to share all of the Federal stimulus funds that they receive.

Mr. McLeRoy reported that over 6,000 bills have been introduced in the Illinois General Assembly. HB 493 would authorize a change in the wording of the Truth in Taxation Notice. HB 1370 and SB 463 would place additional requirements on counties to increase the availability of official documents. HB 3987 would establish energy efficiency requirements for local building codes. SB 2036 would increase the income tax rate for individuals to 3.375 % and corporations to 5.4%. SB 43 (HB 63) would require the prevailing wage to be paid on all projects receiving Enterprise Zone or TIF District benefits. SB 138 would require the adoption of local building codes and mandatory inspections, to be established and paid by the Illinois Capital Development Board. Mr. Kuhlmeier noted that some invoices against the State have been unpaid for more than a year. SB 1648 would allow coroners to elect to participate in the

IMRF SLEP program. The General Assembly is not under the same "freedom of information" requirement that they have placed on units of local government.

Mr. Snavely reported that he would not be getting one of the used Ford Expeditions from the Sheriff. The Sheriff is expecting to get \$6,000 for each of them. He is now looking at getting a vehicle from Mr. Groves. The vehicle needs some work. Mr. Groves said that he would be willing to give the vehicle to the Maintenance Department for the cost of moving the emergency equipment from that vehicle to the new one.

The Committee reviewed the March 2009 revenue and expense amounts in the Employee Health Insurance Fund. There was a \$35,453.51 surplus in March. After the first four months of the 2009 fiscal year, revenues have exceeded expenses by \$42,571.06.

The Budgetary Status, Major Revenue Tracking, Cash Flow, and Interfund Loan reports for March 2009 were distributed and reviewed.

The County Administrator reported that he reviewed the County Code Book and determined that it does not specify the location of County Board committee meetings. However, the County Board calendar does specify the location of the committee meetings. Therefore, the County Board calendar must be amended to move some of the committee meetings to the Stewart Centre. Chairman Blum explained that the Planning and Development, Public Property, Administration and Finance committees would relocate to the Stewart Centre, in May. The Court Service Committee would remain in the Courthouse, but move to the County Board Room. The Hope Committee would also remain in the Courthouse. Mr. Détente said that is interested in moving the Nursing Center Committee to another location, probably the Stewart Centre. The ETSB would like to move its meetings to the Stewart Centre. There was a discussion of the reasons for relocating. On a motion by Ms. V. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Senn, the Committee recommended amending the County Board calendar, for relocation of the specified committee meetings to the Stewart Centre.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Property – Mr. Senn reported that he did not have any action items. His committee received a report on the activities of the Emergency Management Agency. The County's emergency response equipment will be on display June 20th. The new Durango squads are now in service and the Crown Victoria squad cars soon will be.

Administration – In the absence of Ms. S. Hooper, Mr. Kuhlmeier reported that he did not have any financial action items. His committee recessed until 6:00 p.m., Wednesday before the County Board meeting, to further discuss the material from the General Code Company. His committee recommended adoption of two proclamations and an increase in the fee for certified death certificates.

Court Services – Ms. V. Hooper reported that her committee approved the purchase of a new copy machine for the second floor. The funds will come from the Judicial budget. Her committee also recommended approval of a new computer system for the State's Attorney's Office. There was a discussion of the August, 2008 equipment proposal for the State's Attorney. The County Administrator recommended that Mr. Kane and the IT Committee become involved in identifying the proper equipment. A

YBL claim for \$2,700 did not have any documentation, so her committee withheld approval until documentation was obtained. A memo from Mr. Pauley, concerning the YBL claim, was distributed to the Finance Committee.

Nursing Center - Mr. Détente reported that his committee is looking at roof repairs and a lawn tractor/snow blower and approved a new telephone system from Aero. The necessary documentation to get the State's approval, for the new floor in the kitchen, was delayed; therefore, the project itself has been delayed. The Nursing Center has received a new nursing "tag" from the Illinois Public Health Department.

Planning and Development – In the absence of Mr. Mikkelsen it was reported that his committee recommended approval of a new funding proposal for the Pecatonica Prairie Path. It is designed to take advantage of Federal stimulus funds. IDOT wants a local match of 20% for this project, but the Pecatonica Prairie Path Commission is requesting IDOT fund 90% of the project. The Commission is looking for all three governments to contribute \$250,000 each, if the State contributes 90% of the funds.

Public Works - Mr. Kuhlmeier reported that he has several resolutions for the County Board. A new engineering technician has been hired. The Cedarville Road bridge project is to be let by the State. The County has a joint project at the intersection of Pearl City Road and Kiwanis Drive. The traffic lights at this intersection would be partially paid, from the Wal-Mart TIF funds. Mr. Isbell would like to build a larger salt storage shed, to be paid by other County funds, with construction in 2010.

Chairman Blum explained that the group supporting the expansion of US Route 20 to four-lanes would like a resolution from the County supporting inclusion of this project in the State's Capital Plan. They would also like a contribution to help with lobbying efforts. On a motion by Ms. V. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Kuhlmeier, the Committee recommended approval of a resolution to include US Route 20 in the State's Capital Plan. The Planning and Development Committee will discuss this and lobby funding in its May meeting.

On a motion by Ms. V. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Senn, the Committee went into Executive Session, on a roll call vote, for Employment/Appointment Matters. (Aye: Mr. Senn, Ms. V. Hooper, Mr. Détente, Mr. Kuhlmeier, Mr. Graham; Nay: None.) The Committee came out of Executive Session, on a motion by Mr. Kuhlmeier, seconded by Mr. Senn. Mr. Graham announced that Employment/Appointment Matters were discussed, but no action was taken.

Claims of \$878,293.01 were approved, on a motion by Ms. V. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Senn.

The Committee adjourned at 9:33 p.m., on a motion by Ms. V. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Kuhlmeier.

Approved: May 11, 2009

Next Stated Meeting of the Committee:
Monday, May 11, 2009 6:30 p.m.
Stephenson County Board Room