

FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT COMMITTEE STATED MEETING - MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2009

The stated meeting for the month of August was held in the Board Room of the Stewart Centre, 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. S. Hooper, Ms. V. Hooper, Mr. Détente, Mr. Mikkelsen and Mr. Kuhlmeier. County Board Chairman Blum was also present. Other County Board members present were Mr. Gilmour, Mr. Kuhlemeier and Mr. Wire.

Minutes of the stated meeting of Monday, July 13, 2009 were approved, without reading, on a motion by Mr. Mikkelsen, seconded by Mr. Senn.

COMMUNICATIONS:

The County Administrator reported that the County has received a letter from the University of Illinois Extension Service announcing their 2010 property tax levy for \$165,000.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. McLeRoy explained that the final version of the new gaming legislation was different from the report given at the UCCI seminar meeting at Eagle Ridge. The local government revenue share will be based on actual local gaming revenue, rather than a share of State revenue based on population. UCCI's regional seminars will offer locally requested topics. Mr. McLeRoy reviewed a lists of topics proposed for the regional conferences. The 2009 Leadership Academy graduation is scheduled for October 23rd at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum, in Springfield, with a seminar the following morning.

Ms. V. Hooper said that the Probation Department is concerned that State support for local probation departments will be cut by 50%. She said that the State's Attorney was confident that his salary reimbursement would be continued by the State. However, State stipends for certain elected department heads were not included in the State budget.

Chairman Blum reported that the Health Department continues to work with FHN and the Monroe Clinic on the Federally Qualified Health Center project. Mr. Beintema and his staff are still working to complete the FQHC application.

Mr. Snavely reported that on July 27th, people from the State visited the "old poor farm" cemetery. The County Clerk and the Health Department have reviewed old death certificates to identify those buried in the cemetery. 120 people have been identified. They plan to publish a report on the cemetery. Chairman Blum has filed an application for further development of the "old poor farm" site.

Mr. Snavely reported that he has erected a Wayside sign at the Kent Monument. He is working on moving the video arraignment transmission between the Courthouse and Jail to the new fiber line.

The Committee reviewed the July 2009 revenue and expense amounts in the Employees Health Insurance Fund. There was a \$53,478.33 deficit in July. After the first eight months of the 2009 fiscal year, expenses have exceeded revenues by \$105,493.97.

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

The County Administrator distributed and reviewed the salary schedule chart for all elected officials. The County Clerk, County Treasurer and Sheriff will stand for election in 2010. Traditionally, the County has established the salary for the new term, prior to the candidates filling for the various offices. Chairman Blum asked Ms. V. Hooper and Mr. Kuhlmeier to serve with him as the salary subcommittee.

The County Administrator reviewed the 2009 calendar for developing the 2009 - 2010 fiscal year budget and noted one correction. He said that the 2010 General Fund budget, both revenue and expenses, would need to be smaller than the actual revenue and expenses for 2009. Chairman Blum said the County's financial situation was beyond serious. The State was pushing its financial problems onto local governments. The County also has to deal with an increase in the IMRF levy.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Property – Mr. Senn reported that his committee recommended approval of a budget amendment for the Emergency Management Agency and repair of the rear elevator in the Courthouse. Aero has offered to erect the tower that the State Police gave the County; both Aero and the Sheriff would use the tower.

Administration – Ms. S. Hooper reported that her committee recommended adoption of the proposed "fair housing" ordinance. A raffle request for the Nursing Center was denied; her committee recommended that it be resubmitted through the SNC Foundation.

Court Services – Ms. V. Hooper reported that she did not have any action items. The State's Attorney and the Circuit Clerk are requesting proposals from collection agencies for collection of the delinquent fines and fees. Her committee will be studying the value of having a financial compliance officer.

Nursing Center - Mr. Détente reported that he did not have any action items. He is concerned with how the revenues and expenses are progressing this fiscal year; there are only three months left, in the fiscal year, to correct the situation.

Planning and Development – Mr. Mikkelsen reported that he did not have any action items. The Recovery Zone resolution was adopted last month and already developers have expressed an interest in the program.

Public Works - Mr. Kuhlmeier reported that he did not have any action items. He has several resolutions for the County Board. The County is working on an intergovernmental agreement with Freeport for traffic signals at the intersection of Pearl City and Forest Roads. Mr. Isbell has identified a grant that could be used to purchase equipment for the Sheriff's Reserve Unit boat. There is some question on whether the Sheriff is willing to accept the grant.

Chairman Blum said that he has a meeting, Wednesday, with department heads to start the budget process. A subcommittee continues to work on the County Engineer's contract.

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

Claims of \$805,144.96 were approved, on a motion by Mr. Senn, seconded by Ms. S. Hooper. It was noted that two claims from the Circuit Clerk's office were mislabeled for Committee "01"

The Committee adjourned at 8:10 p.m., on a motion by Mr. Senn, seconded by Mr. Kuhlmeier.

Approved: September 14, 2009

Next Stated Meeting of the Committee:
Monday, September 14, 2009 6:30 p.m.
Stewart Centre Board Room