

SPECIAL EMERGENCY
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
NOVEMBER 7, 2007

A special emergency Finance Committee meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Blum at 9:05 a.m. Committee members present were Mr. Boomgarden, Mr. Graham, Mr. Kuhlmeier, Ms. S. Hooper, Ms. V. Hooper, and Mr. Mikkelson. Absent was Ms. Kubatzke.

County Board Chairman reported to the Committee the illness of County Administrator Mulnix. Mr. Mulnix suffered a heart attack after the Public Property meeting, November 6, 2007. Mr. Mulnix was transported to Freeport Memorial Hospital, by ambulance, and then airlifted to St. Anthony Hospital in Rockford.

The Sheriff will give a report on the telecommunicator and deputy who witnessed and helped with Mr. Mulnix's illness.

County Board Chairman called on the Committee for any assistance to the Administrator's office. The main concern is the \$1.3 million deficit in the 2007-2008 General Fund budget. The budget is to be presented to the Finance Committee on November 12 and to the full County Board on November 14. The budget will be laid over for 15 days. The state statute requires the budget has to be balanced. The expenses and revenues will have to be reviewed and altered. County Board Chairman Blum made the suggestions of reviewing the \$200,000 allotment to the Health Department and the pay back of loans to the Nursing Center. The revenues need to be reviewed for possible sales tax increase, because of the opening of the new Super Wal-Mart and Menards stores. The Enterprise zone fees, building fees, and Mill Race Crossing fees maybe new revenues to review.

County Board Chairman will be filling in for the County Administrator and taking notes at the Administration meeting.

Ms. Kubatzke will need to be informed of the illness of Mr. Mulnix.

The Committee had a discussion of a Public Sales Tax referendum being put on the ballot. County Clerk Otte will be asked when such a referendum could be put on the ballot.

The Committee reviewed which departments consumed the larger percentage of the General Fund budget.

Ms. S. Hooper suggested County Chairman Blum needs to be involved as much as possible, during the absence of Mr. Mulnix.

The meeting was adjourned on a motion by Ms. V. Hooper, seconded by Mr. Mikkelson.

Approved: November 12, 2007

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