

**FINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
COUNTY BOARD ROOM
MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018
MINUTES
6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call – Richard Hill (Chairman), Jason Jording (Vice-Chairman), Pete Streid, Bryant Kempf, Randy Roethler all present

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of February 14, 2018 Regular Meeting

Motion to approve February 14, 2018 minutes made by Jording, seconded by Kempf. *Motion passed.*

4. Public Input

5. Approval of Claims

Motion to approve March claims made by Jording, seconded by Streid. *Motion passed.*

6. Treasurers Report

Ms. Andrews reported that all funds are doing well. One loan, Schumacher Tire Service, is in questions. There is not enough money in the estate to pay the loan. She knows we are second in line after Goodfield State Bank to receive any funds should there be any. Mr. Streid asked if there was a way the state would allow us to keep the loans for a less than full value amount. Ms. Andrews stated that at this time it was all or nothing. The state could change their mind when they find out how many counties do not do the buy-out, but at this time, it is all or nothing.

7. Budget

Mr. Jording stated that the committee needed to let the department heads know when the committee wanted their budgets in. He suggested that they turn their budgets in by June which would give the committee 3 months to work on them. Mr. Hill would like to meet with each department head so they are all on the same page. Mr. Jording stated that several years ago the budgets came in and the department heads were told it was all wrong and they had to go back and change. He feels that the committee needs to discuss their expectations, and let the department heads know. Last year they did zero discretionary and 2% salary. Mr. Kempf stated that if the department head met their expectations, then they need to honor that as they are not here to micromanage. Mr. Roethler stated that we want to pay employees properly but the rate of wage growth should not be greater than economic growth. Department heads should not grumble if they have to cut supplies in order to offer a higher wage. There was discussion on how to rate someone's salary. The committee feels that they should look at comparable counties, however, they also have to look at the job the person is performing, as the Treasurer is also doing animal control. The committee likes what they did last year with the zero per cent discretionary and 2% salary increase. Mr. Roethler feels that Mr. Hill needs to keep the discussion public and not meet with the department heads privately. Mr. Jording suggested that Mr. Hill send an email to the department heads stating that the committee would like to zero discretionary and 2% salary increase and get feedback from them.

8. New Business

a. Approval of Resolution 2017-18 #030 to transfer from contingency, line item number 051-210 5026, \$11,200.00 to Tri-County line item 051-210-5059.

Motion to approve resolution 2017-18 #030 to transfer from contingency to Tri-County made by Mr. Streid, seconded by Roethler. Mr. Jording wants to pay for 1 seat. He wants to only pay Tri-County for the one seat and not be stuck paying for all the seats should we not fill them. He suggested that we pay our one seat, \$1,600, out of the Woodford County Economic Development line. As the municipalities pay for their seat, we then transfer that money into the Tri-County line to pay, therefore we are not paying for seats other than our own. Mr. Kempf stated that the reason we are paying Tri-County for the municipalities is because that is what Tri-County wants. Motion to amend resolution and strike \$11,200 from contingency and change to \$1,600 from Woodford County Economic Development, line item 051-210-5192 and to strike the 4th Whereas made by Jording,

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seconded by Streid. *Motion passed.* Vote taken on approving the resolution as amended, *Motion passed.* Mr. Jording stated we also need an agreement with the municipalities about paying and Mr. Glazier stated that the MOU stipulated the municipalities pay by April 20th. Mr. Jording stated they also needed an agreement with Tri-County that Tri-County will not hold us for the short fall should not all six seat be filled. Mr. Glazier said that is the agreement with Tri-County.

9. Unfinished Business

a) Raffle Ordinance Modification

This was sent to the State's Attorney several months ago and we are still waiting to hear from him. Mr. Jording stated that we need to get this addressed as people are paying money for something that is not valid.

b) Feasibility of Itemized Property Tax Bills by Individual Levy

c) Requirement for Audit to be on File Prior to Approving Block Grant Funding

d) Historical Labor Costs for the County/Projected Labor Costs through 2025 –
Discussion of Strategies to Control These Costs

No discussion on b, c, or d.

10. Other

Mr. Huser stated that Bay View Gardens is trying to start a Spoon River Drive type event. Mr. Bockler stated the communities have vendors lined up and are getting a lot of support. This event is scheduled to take place May 18th of this year. Mr. Bockler suggested that it would be a good will effort to take an advertisement in Woodford County papers advertising for it. Mr. Roethler stated that advertisement would be good but suggested it also be placed in Peoria papers as you want to reach out to surrounding communities to attend. Mr. Bockler will research what an advertisement in the Sunday papers would cost and will report back next meeting. Mr. Jording doesn't like the idea of spending tax dollars to advertise a community event. He asked where you draw the line then. How can you advertise for one community and not for another? Mr. Huser stated that we have money in economic development, we need to use it so it is not stagnate there. Mr. Hill stated that maybe we needed to come up with a policy as it is good business to promote small communities. Mr. Jording suggested that we have a web page the communities could link to for their community activities. He also stated that the school board is using tax dollars to pay for signs and advertising for the upcoming school tax. Most of the committee did not want a web page for this purpose.

11. Executive Session

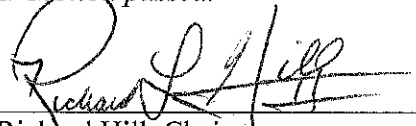
12. Any Action Coming Out of Executive Session

13. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Jording, seconded by Tolan. *Motion passed.*

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM

Submitted by: Deb Breyman


Richard Hill, Chairman
Finance and Economic Development Comm.

4/9/18
Date