

**FINANCE COMMITTEE  
COMMITTEE  
COUNTY BOARDROOM  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14, 2023  
MINUTES  
5:00 PM**

**1. Call to Order**

**2. Roll Call**

Dave Meinhold, Autum Jones, Jim Baumann, John Krug, Denise Durst all present.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**a. Approval of May 10, 2023, minutes**

Motion to approve May minutes made by Jones, seconded by Durst. No corrections were made. *Motion passed.*

**4. Public Input**

Janice McCoy from Extension along with Ms. Corbin and Ms. Troyer presented financial documents. They met with three members from the County Board to go over the financial reports. It looks like they are spending more than they are taking in. However, the state matching dollars have not come in, and once they do, it will even out. Last year we lowered the County contribution to Extension. The reports shows that if we continue with the current contribution 4-H will be in the red in 2026. There are over 70 kids in Woodford County that participate in the program. Every year there is an increase in about 50 kids. The amount that the County will levy will be set in our budget process.

**5. Approval of Claims**

**a. Approval of June 2023 Claims**

Motion to approve June claims made by Krug, seconded by Jones. *Motion passed.*

**6. Treasurer's Report**

Ms. Andrews gave the Treasurer's report. The summary of accounts shows we have decreased our balance, but the first distribution of real estates taxes after July 1<sup>st</sup> will bring the balances back up. The Health Care Fund has been reduced by about \$100,000, so she is keeping an eye on that account. We still have one RLF which continues to pay. The sales taxes are still coming in strong. The ARPA report has been updated with the projects that have been completed. The interest that we have received on our accounts is around \$118,000 for one month. The ARPA account has generated \$80,000 in interest. The Chairman asked the Circuit Clerk about some of her accounts that are not budgeted. The report that the Treasurer shows is just revenues. What is being questions is a grant that has come in. It was also asked about the HVAC report. The Public Safety Building is waiting on the roof top units to arrive. The Courthouse is still on schedule for September. They did receive word that there may be some financial additions that have to be added.

**7. Budget**

**a. See Attached for schedule**

The budget schedule has a correction. The first month that the budget process will start is July not June. It was asked how the departments know when they are to present. An email was sent out notifying them. The budgets have also been sent out to the members

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for them to review before the meeting. The personnel sheet will be included in the budget process. Extra ordinary expenses should be flagged so the committee knows which budget items are extraordinary. The Finance Committee would also like to have flagged those items which have increased by over 5%. Ms. Andrews has always put the extraordinary expenses in italics, and they are also listed on page two of the budget document. It was asked if department heads are required to attend to present their budgets. There are certain people, such as the Superintendent of Education will not be here to present their budgets. Any County Board member can attend the Finance Committee meeting to listen to the budgets. Discussion on making the budget process a committee of the whole. Making it a committee of the whole presents a quorum problem. The department heads would like to present their budget once. The present at finance, and then get questioned again at their committee level. Discussion on how to handle this. It was decided that the Finance Committee will attend the July meeting of County Offices. The budgets that are slotted to be presented at finance in July will be presented at County Offices. In August budgets will be presented at Public Safety with the Finance Committee attending that meeting. In September the budget process will be presented at the Sept. Finance Committee. Road and Bridge will give a summary of their budget in September at the Finance Committee.

**8. New Business**

**a. New Energy Supplier in Peoria County**

Peoria County has a new energy supplier. The Peoria broker charged a fee that the energy supplier pays. He then gave half the money back to Peoria, and the Finance Chair does not want to do it this way. He will discuss this under 9c.

**9. Unfinished Business**

**a. Discussion on broadband feasibility study**

No action. We haven't allocated any finances to broadband.

**b. Metamora to Peoria bike/walking trail update**

The project is moving forward quickly. There has been a lot of grant money given for this project. This project helps entice people to build in Woodford County. It is a Metamora to Peoria bike/walking trail. Section from Metamora to German Town has been approved. They are asking the County to contribute \$10,000 to the project.

**c. Update on electrical aggregation**

**i. Selection of broker**

**ii. Opt-in or opt-out.**

**iii. Aggregation summary**

The county Clerk is working on pulling information. We need to look for a broker. We contacted the County broker, and they are not interested in handling anything outside the County. They would like a resolution appointing Nathan Hendricks as the broker for the electrical aggregation in the unincorporated areas. The rate he receives is .005%, which equates to about \$150 a month which is charged to the electrical company, not the county. The County is not required to accept any company. Discussion on hiring a broker. Some committee members feel we are moving too fast and would like to have

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several quotes from different brokers. The committee would like to be educated better in the process.

Discussion on opt-in opt-out. The participation level can be very low if you opt in. Communication is the key. We must be cautious about how we move forward. What we would like is to have Mr. Hendericks work with the County Clerk and gather the information and get the database and understand what we can get with opt-in and opt-out and if we want to move forward. We need to move through the process to make sure we make the right decision. We would also have to put a referendum on the ballot. The best time to put the referendum on the ballot would be the November election. Motion to make resolution to appoint Nathan Hendericks as the broker for the electrical aggregation for the unincorporated areas of Woodford County made by Jones, seconded by Durst. *Motion passed.*

d. County IT update

Several IT companies were interviewed. Two of the three companies stand out. Chaney operates on a monthly service plan while Facet operates on a monthly service charge. Both companies are very highly qualified. It has been recommended that these two companies come in and talk with the department heads and get their input. Both companies believe in paying for what you need, so we would determine our needs. Both companies will come in and assess where we are and what our needs are. Each office will have their own direct contact with the company we choose. We will no longer go through the Sheriff. Both companies have offered to be here on site on election night. Believe going the contract route is the way to go currently. Heart does not want to do the day-to-day activity. Both companies are willing to do the day-to-day needs we have, and each office has different needs. The committee would like to have the two companies to come in and look at our equipment operation and see what they have to say. The department heads will review the interview sheets of the two companies and give input. Question if we need to put this out for RFQ. IT is an exception to this rule. We will check with the State's Attorney on this.

**10. Other**

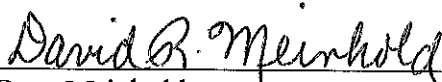
**11. Executive Session – Roll Call Vote**

**12. Any action coming out of Executive Session**

**13. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn made by Jones, seconded by Baumann. *Motion passed.*

Submitted by: Deb Breyman

  
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Dave Meinhold  
Chairman Finance Committee