

add a new line item for the settlement funds to be added to the budget document.

Mr. Minger the Woodford County State's Attorney told the Members of the Board that himself, as the Woodford County State's Attorney, and Matt Smith as the Woodford County Sheriff are jointly filing a lawsuit along with a lot of other Counties against Kwame Raoul, the Illinois Attorney General; J. B. Pritzker, the Governor; Mr. Welch and Mr. Harman, the Speaker of the House and the Senate President regarding the Safety Act which comes into play January 1, 2023. State's Attorney Minger said the group is claiming this is unconstitutional, and even thought it appears there are concessions being made on the legislative side there are approximately 55 to 60 lawsuits being filed out of 102 Counties. State's Attorney Minger stated he should have more information for the Board next month.

Chairman Krug called for the next person for Public Input.

Mr. Don Meyer, a resident of Lexington, Illinois spoke to the Members of the Board saying he had served Extension for the past 27 years, 8 of those years he was the McLean County Director. He went on to say he has remained a loyal supporter of Woodford County Extension and he agreed with many of the points Ms. Janice McCoy had made, but the U of I's financial transparency is lacking. Mr. Meyer said the Extension Levy is not an entitlement, and it should be based on need and not want. Mr. Meyer said the Extension has a lack of respect for volunteers, whether it be 4-H, Master Gardener's and he asked the Members of the Board to do what was best for the taxpayers and hold the line on the Extension levy.

Ms. Sandy McGhee, 9326 Old Peoria Road, Bloomington, Illinois stated she is a supporter of McLean County Extension and she had been a member and volunteer as a 4-H educator, and later worked for the Extension Office. She told the Members of the Board she is here with much appreciation for the time and effort the Finance Committee has spent trying to determine the appropriate amount for next year's annual Extension levy. Ms. McGhee stated County Extension and 4-h will not be harmed if there is a reduction in the Extension levy. She said unheard of in the past Extension volunteers are withdrawing their support, citing adverse management decisions, a lack of transparency and an abundance of misinformation. Ms. McGhee said on behalf of taxpayers this Board's action will inspire Extension management to halt the continued erosion of valuable volunteers and to thoughtfully utilize those excess reserves.

Ms. Bobbie Lewis-Sibley, current County Extension Director for Livingston, McLean, and Woodford County. She said there were a couple of things she wanted to counter, and one of the things was Cooperative Extension being gone. Ms. Sibley said there is a large project at the Woodford County Courthouse, as well as projects within the jail, and there are also school programs within every school in the County. Ms. Sibley said if some other entity is already doing the work, we then partner with them, but Cooperative Extension is not gone. She stated that all the Woodford County levy goes to Woodford County. Ms. Sibley said the State of Illinois had been behind and has recently caught up with the Extension payments which gives the appearance of money setting in the account; it is not levy money just setting there. Ms. Sibley stated she is very proud of Woodford County and is proud Extension had been able to maintain the local 4-H Show and she is very committed to resolving any issues.

Mr. Paul Burton 1541 Timberline Road, Goodfield, Illinois shared with the Board he had been in 4-H since a very young age. Mr. Burton said he felt what has happened is the Extension office went from 2 full time secretaries, 1 part time secretary, an Ag Advisor, a Youth Advisor, and an Economic Advisor down to 1 Youth Advisor, 1 part time secretary, three days a week; and no one can get ahold of anyone. He said there had been a lot of turnovers in the office, and he would like the County Board to look at the amount of money levied to Extension.

Chairman Krug called for any further public input, hearing none, public input closed.

The Consent Agenda was presented and clarified for the reporting of these minutes.

Chairman Krug called for any items to be removed from the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Burditt moved to pull Item (d) from Petitions, Resolutions, and/or Motions, the Revised Menssen Trust Contract for Veterinary Services Funding Agreement from the Consent Agenda.

Chairman Krug called for anything further to be pulled from the Consent Agenda, hearing none.

Chairman Krug called for a vote for the remainder of the Items on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Nagel moved to approve the remaining Items on the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Mr. Meinhold. Motion carried.

Appointments: (Note: none were presented).

Petitions, Resolutions and/or Motions:

- a. Approval of Resolution 10-22-001 authorizing the execution of a Deed of Conveyance to Brent and Emily Dean on parcel 07-12-307-003.
- b. Approval of Resolution 10-22-002 authorizing the execution of a Deed of Conveyance to Zoran Petrevski on parcel 08-32-300-041.
- c. Approval of Resolution 10-22-003 authorizing the execution of a Deed of Conveyance to Chad Hillman on parcel 15-05-314-005.
- e. Approval of the Woodford County Health Department Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
- f. Approval of Resolution 2021/2022-076 authorizing Election Day as a Paid Holiday.
- g. Approval of the Schlinder Invoice in the amount of \$22,930.50 as part of the RLF Grant.
- h. Approval of the GPEDC Invoice in the amount of \$4,500 as part of the RLF Grant.
- i. Approval of the Knapp Invoice in the amount of \$60,643.01 as part of the RLF Grant.
- j. Approval of Resolution 2021/2022-071 accepting a Petition for County Aid from Spring Bay Township, Section 23-16121-BA-DR.
- k. Approval of Resolution 2021/2022-072 accepting a Petition for County Aid from Spring Bay Township, Section 23-16122-00-ES.
- l. Approval of Resolution 2021/2022-073 accepting a Petition for County Aid from Metamora Township, Section 23-08159-BA-DR.
- m. Approval of Resolution 2021/2022-074 to appropriate \$975,000.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund to pay for County Highway general maintenance during FY 2023.
- n. Approval of Resolution 2021/2022-075 for procurement of 6,000 gallons of yellow paint, 5,000 gallons of white paint, and 70,000 pounds of glass beads through Illinois Department of Central Management Services for roadway striping in FY 2023.
- o. Approval of Ordinance 2021/2022-013 authorizing the Use of ARPA Funds for various Projects/Purchases.
- p. Approval of the acceptance of the Cloudpoint quotes for ARC GIS Pro transition with both parcel fabric conversion and managed professional Services for land records.

Chairman Krug called for Item (d) from Petitions, Resolutions, and/or Motions.

Mr. Burditt moved to approve Item (d) the revised Menssen Trust Contract from Petitions, Resolutions, and/or Motions, which was seconded by Mr. Nagel. Mr. Burditt said he pulled this to discuss the revisions, going on to say the first paragraph the Committee amended the date from November to October. He went on to say on page 2, number 7 the Committee amended the date to October, as well; Mrs. Jones seconded the amendments.

Chairman Krug called for a vote on the amendments; amendments were approved.

Chairman Krug called for a vote on the Menssen Trust Contract as amended; motion carried.

Chairman Krug moved on to New Business stating the Items under New Business stating the discussion

of Broadband was Item (b) going on to say Item (a), (c), (d) and (e) are budget items the Board will make a motion to put the budget on display and if there are any changes the Board will handle them as amendments.

Ms. Kathy Brown updated the Board on where things were with Broadband stating Peoria County had released their RFP for a County wide feasibility study. She went on to say this will help in proving those targeted areas which may be seeking grants from the State of Illinois. Ms. Brown said she will have those numbers by next month's Board meeting.

Chairman Krug asked for this subject to be moved this item back to the Finance Committee which was agreed to by Mr. Nagel.

Chairman Krug called for a motion to place the budget on display.

Mr. Nagel moved to place the budget on display, which was seconded by Mr. Burditt. Motion carried.

Chairman Krug called for a motion to amend the budget to include National Opioid Settlement.

Ms. Andrews, the Woodford County Treasurer stated she had received an email and communicated with the State's Attorney on funds the County will be receiving, approximately \$29,000 saying the County will be restricted on how the funds can be used. Ms. Andrews created a page to be inserted into the budget document, as well as the addition of the amount which will be added to the Appropriation Resolution, and then an updated total for next year.

Mr. Hill moved to add the Opioid line Items to the budget, which was seconded by Mr. Cardin. Motion carried.

Mr. Hill moved to amend the levy for the University of Illinois, going on to say the Committee had taken this down to \$150,000 as there are a lot of concerns with Extension. He went on to say it is a wonderful program with a great value, but after listening to the McLean County meeting he felt the Committee had not been heard. Discussion followed.

Mr. Hill moved to amend the Extension Levy down to \$80,000, which was seconded by Mr. Nagel. Chairman Krug stated there was nothing to discuss under Unfinished Business.

Chairman Krug called for any discussion.

Mr. Meinhold stated he serves on the Extension Committee with Mr. Hill and there had been a lot of discussion on this item, going on to say he appreciates the public input the Board had received on both sides of the issue. Mr. Meinhold said he was concerned about the surplus the Extension had, adding if you do the math, it appears there is more than two years of surplus. He went on to say the Board wants to support 4-H, but also be accountable to our constituents. Much discussion followed.

Chairman Krug called on the amendment to drop the levy amount from \$150,000 down to \$80,000; motion carried.

Chairman Krug called for Item (c) the explanation of GPEDC/Port Authority Funds.

Mr. Nagel said there had been discussions about possibly raising our stipend to \$25,000 for Greater Peoria Economic Development Council, as they have done a great job working for the County. He said another thing the Committee had discussed was the revival of the Port Authority. Mr. Nagel said the Committee's thought was to put \$20,000 in the budget for GPEDC and \$5,000 for the Port Authority, he went on to say if the Port Authority does not ask for the funds by then end of the budget year, the Committee will send an additional \$5,000 to GPEDC.

Chairman Krug stated Bill Christ had been the Port Authority person for the last decade or so, and the Port Authority has had meetings with the idea of revitalizing the organization so there may be an ask in the future if the Port Authority becomes active.

Chairman Krug called for any further budget related topics.

Mr. Meinhold said one thing he had witnessed within the last month or so relative to the budget pertaining to salaries for County employees. He went on to say when the Committee discussed the Assessor's stipend it became clear that what goes in the budget is important as the Board may be implicitly approving in terms of salaries. Mr. Meinhold said there had been a lengthy discussion with the Department Heads concerning salaries and there was a unanimous agreement, but he is concerned there are things in the budget which may not be completely set. Mr. Meinhold said at a recent meeting Ms. Janet Gibb's spoke to the Committee about the Union salaries and non-union salaries not being set, as well as there may be other areas where the Board may have not set salaries. Mr. Meinhold stated it is important for the Board to review all the salaries and approve them and not have them float into the budget as a budgetary item.

Mrs. Jones stated the Finance Committee had been looking at the budget and really looking into the salary percentages. She said she pays attention to the COLA percentage increase every year and uses it as a guide, going on to say this is the highest increase in the COLA adjustment at 8.7 percent. Mrs. Jones said she is ok with the overall numbers, but she is not alright with increases going over the amount without any explanation. Mrs. Jones said there are three-line items in the Public Safety budget she would like to look at, not necessarily change, but to get a better understanding. Mrs. Jones inquired about line item 5047 the Investigator salaries, when you look at the increase it is 13.22 percent and when you go into the payrolls you notice it is 2 new hires, and one individual which is receiving what appears to be a 27 percent increase.

Sheriff Smith stated the 2 new hires were transfers within the Sheriff's Department and the union increase is 16 percent. Sheriff Smith said for the one getting the 27 percent he can only assume the employee is receiving a step increase because he did not have his paperwork with him.

Mrs. Jones said in the budget under line Item 5169, Supervisory personnel which she said the line item goes up 15.8 percent, but when you look at the payroll sheet provided it is for four individuals. Mrs. Jones said one individual is receiving a 23 percent increase, another is getting a 27 percent increase, one gets only a 3 percent increase; and another one gets 7.75 percent.

Sheriff Smith said difference in why they are so different is because when the non-union pay increases the Committee agreed to go with the union contracts. He went on to say they are split; the Chief Deputy and the Operations Captain fall under FOP agreement 1, which was 16 percent. Sheriff Smith said the Jail Superintendent and the Deputy Jail Superintendent fall under FOP agreement 2, which the contract is set at 3 percent with whatever yearly bump they may have received, and the FOP agreement 2 employees will negotiate next year.

Chairman Krug inquired with the Sheriff about the salaries saying the Committee had not been informed about this during his budget presentations. He went on to say there are sheets in the budget document where the Members can see each department listed. Chairman Krug said for an employee receiving \$100,000 next year the total cost to the County is \$132,000. Chairman Krug stated he did not feel it was fair to put the Sheriff on the spot, but there needs to be some good communication before we pass a budget with these increases.

Sheriff Smith stated some of the other discrepancies were the fact that it went from 11-hour shifts to 12-hour shifts which bumped them from 77 to 84 hours. He said anybody who was an 8 hour a day person was bumped up to be equal to 84 hours in a pay period, so not only did they receive a 16 percent pay increase, but they are working more hours as well.

Mrs. Jones inquired about line 5230 the Dare salary, which appears to be one individual with the most drastic increase which is 22.6 percent.

Sheriff Smith stated without having his paperwork he could only assume unless there is a step increase, it was because of the 16 percent increase, as well as going to an 84 hour pay period.

Mrs. Jones said at this point she is not asking to lower anything, and she felt like the Board did receive explanations on the increases.

Chairman Krug said one of the main problems is during the budget presentations other people such as the State's Attorney, and the Health Department came and publicly asked the Committee explaining they were putting extra money into their budgets to keep some of their key people and find qualified nurses. He went on to say if there is a dialog with the Committee to explain the ask it is better than not being told of increases which are extremely big. Chairman Krug stated if the Board passes the budget the Members of the Board are the ones who are responsible, not the Sheriff, and not the employee.

Chairman Krug called for anything else to discuss on the budget before putting it on display, hearing none.

Chairman Krug called for all in favor of placing the budget on display as amended. Motion carried.

Chairman Krug announced there would be presentations.

Chairman Krug called for Item (f) under New Business; discussion of County Personnel Policy concerning Woodford County employment and State of Illinois employment.

Mr. Burditt stated the Sheriff's Office had provided a time keeping program called Schedule Anywhere which will be used to track the hours for Mr. Tipsword when working for the County.

Chairman Krug said Mr. Tipsword would be held to 2184 hours because they did increase those shifts, so the County needs to be able to protect him when and if someone comes to the County to check on his hours worked for the County.

Sheriff Smith said if Mr. Tipsword only works 2184 hours next year, he will be happy as this would be a lot less than he has worked this year. He went on to say the software has been used for several years, and it is used for scheduling and generating the payroll report which goes to the Sheriff's payroll clerk who then translates it into an Excel spreadsheet document. Sheriff Smith stated salaried personnel in the past have never used this program, and Mr. Tipsword has just begun to use it. Sheriff Smith said he could provide a report from September to current to show the Board how this will look. Much discussion followed.

Chairman Krug moved on to presentations.

Mr. Erik Snedeker from Snedeker Risk Management Insurance spoke to the Members of the Board about the Property, Liability, Work Comp Renewal. He said Snedeker's work with Woodford County on both Health Insurance benefits, and on property, liability, and work compensation. Mr. Snedeker said Woodford County for the property, liability, and work comp is insured through the Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT). He informed the Members of the Board of all the things ICRMT offers including law enforcement training, and other trainings which can help reduce the number of claims the County may have, as well as several resources available to the County.

Mr. Nagel moved to approve the Property, Liability, and Work Compensation Renewal in the amount of \$576,577 with the payment split 50/50, which was seconded by Mr. Burditt. Motion carried.

Chairman Krug announced Ms. Janice McCoy from the U of E Extension was on the agenda but had spoken to the Members during public input.

Chairman Krug then called for the vote to approve the claims Paid in Vacation since the last meeting of

the Board. Mrs. Jones moved to approve the Claims Paid in Vacation, which was seconded by Mr. Schertz. Chairman Krug asked if there were any claims to be added, hearing none. Motion carried.

Mr. Miller presented and read Resolution 2021/2022-077 approving the payment of the Claims, which was seconded by Mr. Parsons.

Chairman Krug called for a roll call vote. County Board Members voting Aye: David Meinhold, Nick Miller, Charles Nagel, Blake Parsons, Jonathan Schertz, Jerry Smith, Ansel Burditt, Bill Cardin, Justin Faulk, Richard Hill, Autum Jones, and John Krug. County Board Members voting Nay: None. County Board Members absent: Albert Durst, excused; Dan Steffen, excused; and Donald Tolan, absent. Motion carried.

The Report of the County Treasurer on the summary of Accounts Report, the Revolving Loan Activity Report, and the Sales Tax Report for the month of September. Ms. Andrews stated her office will be mailing out 256 certified letters on October 19, 2022, to those individuals who still owe taxes. She said the lists for publication of delinquent taxes will appear in the newspaper this week. Ms. Andrews said the application for judgment will be on November 7, 2022, and the annual tax sale will be held on November 9, 2022.

Mr. Burditt moved to place the Treasurer's reports on file, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cardin and was unanimously carried.

Mr. Hill moved to place the report of Office of County Board on file, which was seconded by Mr. Burditt. Motion carried.

The following communication will be placed on file for the regular meeting of the October 18, 2022, County Board meeting

- Letter dated September 16, 2022 from Merchant McIntyre Associates in regard to scheduling a free consultation on use of funds from the American Rescue Plan Act.
- Minutes from the August 16, 2022, Executive Session of the Woodford County Board meeting.
- Minutes of the Road and Bridge Committee meeting held on September 12, 2022.
- Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meetings held September 12, 2022.
- Minutes of the County Offices Committee Meeting held September 13, 2022; and Executive Session Minutes from June 8, 2021.
- Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on September 12, 2022.
- Minutes of Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Committee held on September 12, 2022.

Mr. Miller moved to place all correspondence on file, which motion was seconded by Mr. Meinhold and was unanimously carried.

The respective Chairmen gave the reports of each Standing Committee.

Chairwomen Andrews reported for the Health Care Committee (Health Insurance Committee). Chairwoman Andrews reported they did not meet last Wednesday but will need to meet in November to renew the Trustmark Agreement and to reappoint 4 Health Care Committee Members. As of today, the premium & Claims Reserve and Health Care Plan funds have a combined balance is \$702,938.78.

Mr. Hill, Chairman of the Road & Bridge Committee, reported they are preparing for next year they have several things coming in for County aide for Townships; bridges, culverts and preparing for keeping the County Roads in order by reseal and setting the maximum for painting and glass beads that goes into striping the Highways. Mr. Hill reported on an issue they had involving the striper and the clean out tanks how there was rinse water used that showed up in the creek in Roanoke. Mr. Hill stated the good news about that is its water-based paint how the decision was made to clean it up how the water was not moving so the paint pooled where it could be cleaned up. The cost of the cleanup is not determined at this time, and they are putting measurers into place, so this doesn't happen again.

Mr. Burditt, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reported they discussed Animal Control regarding questions and who is responsible for what. Mr. Burditt suggested an Ordinance change might need to happen after getting this all figured out. A County owned Animal Shelter was discussed how this was a good time to review options and if ARPA Funds could possibly be used to help get this off the ground.

Mrs. Jones, reported for the County Offices Committee. Mrs. Jones reported Mrs. Jording discussed switching the GIS Mapping System from Sidwell to Cloudpoint that was approved earlier tonight.

Mr. Nagel, Chairman of the Finance Committee, reported on the ARPA Funds and how they were released to the County with a specific set of rules stating how those funds could be used explaining how time went on how those rules changed and how the funds then could be used regarding different projects. Mr. Nagel explained how the decisions were made by the Committee to use the funds to cover the projects the 7.5 covered by the Department Heads and Elected Officials to help bolster the backbone of the County. Mr. Nagel explained how adjustments were made to that list concerning Health Insurance to the Employees of the County, 500,000 was earmarked for Broadband how that money has not disappeared it's still there but hasn't been appropriated yet how they are waiting to see how the HVAC project turns out and to see where that ends up explaining that was their number one project going into this. There are concerns that project is going to end up costing more than what they have planned. Mr. Nagel stated there is a bit over \$400,000 left and have agreed to appropriate the funds to the Department Heads and Elected Officials the problem was they collected budget numbers early in the process and they recognize how the economy is going right now. Mr. Nagel reported there is a request from the Highway Committee to help with the New Building, Mr. Nagel believes there will be some money appropriated for that they just haven't locked in an amount. Mr. Nagel asked to keep in mind this money at this stage they have passed original appropriations to get it in this year but whatever discretionary money is left over they have until 2024 to appropriate it and 2026 to spend it so it's a very fluid process nobody is out of the game yet and they haven't completely spent all the dollars.

Mr. Parsons, reported for the Conservation Planning and Zoning Committee. Mr. Parsons reported the discussion revolved around an initial discussion of our comprehensive long-range plan which is a Planning a Forecasting Document that was established over 22 years ago by the County in conjuncture with Tri-County Planning, Municipal Leaders, Village Leaders, and Open Public Forums. Mr. Parsons stated it last had an update in 2014 how the County needs to look at this document update easy things like statistics and data and consider certain aspects that are missing from the Long-Range Plan. Mr. Parsons explained as an example it outlines Wind coming to the County how it doesn't address Solar simple things like that further stating they have initialized that conversation and will be reaching out to Tri-County to get some guidance how other Counties are engaging in these same discussions how they are trying to catch that wave and determine statutory requirements that they would need to adhere to in doing this and understanding it all. Mr. Parsons stated this is going to be a long conversation and need to determine what the costs will be so that can be included in the 2024 budget. Mr. Parsons reported they plan to stick with the core foundations that exists there with updates they feel the committee members will bring to the next meeting that need to be addressed and any feedback from Tri-County there will be continued updates as they continue to have those discussions.

Mr. Parsons reported for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Parsons reported October 25 at 6:00 pm in the County Board room is the ZBA Meeting. There are 2 small variances in the Residential District regarding a setback to accommodate for some outbuildings. There are 2 Map Amendments that will be coming, 1 being a 1.14-acre parcel located at Paradise Drive, Metamora, going from R-1 single family dwellings to R-2 multi-family dwellings. Mr. Parsons stated the other one is a map amendment 1453 Spring Bay Rd., East Peoria for a 25.13 acres parcel where they want to go from Agriculture District to Heavy Industrial.

Chairman Krug called for Public Announcements, stating the Secor Sportsman Club Fish Fry is on November 5, 2022, at 3:00 PM, tickets are \$12.00.

Chairman Krug stated there was not a need for an Executive Session.

Mr. Schertz moved to adjourn until 6:30 P.M. the third Tuesday in November, A.D. 2022 same being the 15th day of said month, which motion was seconded by Mr. Faulk and was unanimously carried.

Chairman Krug announced the Board adjourned at approximately 8:20 PM.

Attest: Dawn L. Kupfer, Woodford County Clerk & Recorder