

Finance & Personnel Committee
Monday, February 5, 2018
5:00 PM, Room 319, Courthouse Annex

MINUTES

Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order and Roll Call

Committee Chairman Steve Fourez called the Finance & Personnel meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Upon the call of the roll, the following members were present; Wes Bieritz, Robert Boyd, Steve Fourez, Todd Johnson, Becky Stark, and Bruce Stark. Crisi Walls was absent and excused. Also, in attendance was Darren Duncan, Vermilion County Treasurer; Doug Toole, Health Department Administrator; and Michael Marron, Vermilion County Board Chairman.

Agenda Item 2 - Adoption/Amendments to the Agenda

Mr. Stark motioned, second by Bieritz, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Minutes – January 8th, 2017

There was one correction under Agenda Item 6. The minutes should read “This amendment is to fund the bank account from which claims will be paid.”

Bieritz moved, second by Mrs. Stark, to approve the minutes with the correction. Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 4 - Audience Comments

None

Agenda Item 5 - Financial Update

Ms. Briggs distributed a financial update report that included a 2017-2018 Revenue Update. The Auditor’s office is still working on closing out the end of the year. The recorded real estate tax revenue is from the 2nd and 3rd distribution of the 2016-2017 taxes. The fines and fees were adjusted in the 2017-2018 budget based upon actual revenues of previous years. This should be a better representation of what the county will collect unless there are changes in the court system that have an effect on these revenues.

Agenda Item 6 - Ordinance: Amendment to the Annual Budget and Appropriation for the Law Library Fund

Johnson moved, second by Mrs. Stark, to discuss.

Agenda items six, seven, eight, and nine are all related to paying for the new judicial system at the courthouse. All these funds have high fund balances. Judge O’Shaughnessy and Circuit Clerk Denny Gardner agreed that it would be appropriate to use that money towards paying for the new system. Amounts from the Law Library Fund, Court Document Storage Fund, and Circuit Clerk Operations Fund will be moved to the Capitol Improvements Fund so payments can be easily made and tracked. The only General Fund cost would be the same amount that is already allocated for the State’s Attorney and Public Defender current system.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Wes Bieritz, Robert Boyd, Steve Fourez, Todd Johnson, Becky Stark, and Bruce Stark. 6 yes, 1 absent

Agenda Item 7 - Ordinance: Amendment to the Annual Budget and Appropriation for Court Document Storage

Bieritz moved, second by Boyd to discuss. Discussion under Agenda Item 6.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Wes Bieritz, Robert Boyd, Steve Fourez,

Todd Johnson, Becky Stark, and Bruce Stark. 6 yes, 1 absent

Agenda Item 8 - Ordinance: Amendment to the Annual Budget and Appropriation for Circuit Clerk Operations

Mrs. Stark moved, second by Johnson to discuss. Discussion under Agenda Item 6.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Wes Bieritz, Robert Boyd, Steve Fourez, Todd Johnson, Becky Stark, and Bruce Stark. 6 yes, 1 absent

Agenda Item 9 - Ordinance: Amendment to the Annual Budget and Appropriation for Capital Improvements

Bieritz moved, second by Boyd to discuss. Discussion under Agenda Item 6.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Wes Bieritz, Robert Boyd, Steve Fourez, Todd Johnson, Becky Stark, and Bruce Stark. 6 yes, 1

Agenda Item 10 – Ordinance: 2017-2018 Tax Abatement for Jail Expansion and Juvenile Detention Center Projects

Mr. Stark moved, second by Boyd to discuss. This is the annual tax abatement for the Public Safety Building and the Juvenile Detention Center.

Upon the call of the roll the following members voted yes, to wit: Wes Bieritz, Robert Boyd, Steve Fourez, Todd Johnson, Becky Stark, and Bruce Stark. 6 yes, 1

Agenda Item 11 – Resolution: Support for Hoopeston Tax Increment Financing (TIF) Redevelopment

Johnson moved, second by Boyd to discuss. Hoopeston has asked Vermilion County for a Resolution of Support in the reauthorization of their TIF district.

Motion passed by acclamation.

Agenda Item 12 – Executive Session

Not necessary

Agenda Item 13 - Items of Information

Mr. Fourez suggested that the county needs to look into solar farms that could be rising. Land owners could be tempted to engage solar farms due to their current high pay out. It may need to be examined on how these farms should be taxed. Like the wind farms, they should be taxed by how much money is being generated rather than the land itself. Chairman Marron told the committee that there would probably be an item of discussion on the February County Board Agenda about the Enterprise Zone Change for the new assisted living facility. The Supervisor of Assessments is moving this weekend (February 9th-12th). There has been a hold up in getting the phones set up, but a temporary fix has been made by using the extra EMA cellphones until the actual lines are in place. The County has entered a parking agreement with United Refrigeration. This will give the county 30 parking spaces. Citizens will have access to all the parking around the building. The new accounting system has been delayed from its original going-live date due to some data conversion. Tyler Technologies has been working with the Technology Department to get the system running as soon as possible. The Human Resources portion will begin next week (February 12th).

Agenda Item 14 – Adjournment

Chairman Fourez adjourned the meeting at 5:37PM.

Minutes by: Erika Briggs, Financial Resources Director

