

Judicial & Rules Committee Meeting  
Tuesday June 27, 2017  
Courthouse Annex, Room 319, 4:30 PM

## MINUTES

### **Agenda Items 1 - Call to Order and Roll Call**

Adam Hart called the Judicial & Rules Committee of the Vermilion County Board to order at 5:00 PM., June 27, 2017 in the Courthouse Annex Room 319.

Upon the call of roll, the following members were present:, Adam Hart, Larry Baughn Tom Morse, Deanna Witzel, Phearn Butler, and Nancy O'Kane were present. Robert Boyd was excused. 6 present, 1 absent at roll call.

Also present were: Thomas Gregory- Probation and Jennifer Jenkins, Administrative Assistant.

### **Agenda Item 2 - Adoption/Amendment to the Agenda**

Hart asked if there were any changes/additions to the agenda. Motion to approve the agenda by Baughn, Second by Morse. Motion was carried by acclamation.

### **Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Minutes from March 28, 2017**

A motion was made by O'Kane, second by Butler, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion was carried by acclamation.

### **Agenda Item 4 - Audience Comments**

None

### **Agenda Item 5 – Ordinance Amended to the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Vermilion County for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year-Probation Dept.- Salary/Personnel, Travel/Expenses & Mental Health Evaluation**

Tom Gregory explained that the Salary/Personnel expenses are based on the new contract that was just signed this year. Included in this contract was a memorandum of understanding that increased it beyond the 3%. The \$20049.00 are the probation fees picking that up. The travel expenses are for the 3 additional officers that had to attend basic training this year. This wasn't planned due to the State not setting a specific date. Gregory stated he fully supports the idea of training and conferences, & continuing education classes, etc. He also indicated that the Mental Health evaluation increase is due to the increased number of court ordered evaluations. For all of 2016 \$5600.00 was spent on mental health evaluations. Currently we are at \$6637.00 for this year.

Gregory further explained the next agenda item for the Ordinance for office and furniture equipment to the education and training line item. This transfer will be done as Gregory advised the committee that he is not in need of any furniture at this time nor does he foresee any need for the year.

Upon the call of roll, the following members voted yes, to-wit: Hart, Baughn, Butler, Morse, O'Kane, and Witzel. 6-yes 1-absent

### **Agenda Item 6 – Ordinance Amendment to the Combined Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for Vermilion County 2016-2017 Fiscal Year- Probation Dept.- Education & Training**

Upon the call of roll, the following members voted yes, to-wit: Hart, Baughn, Butler, Morse, O'Kane, and Witzel. 6-yes 1-absent

### **Agenda Items 7- Items of Information and Committee Concerns**

Marron advised the committee that budgets are starting to come in and will roll out to their respective committees upon approval.

Marron also shared that he is going to put together a working group with a couple of senior board members from both parties as well as some elected officials to start planning for the event that there may be some type of fiscal Armageddon coming out of the state. He explained that out of about \$11 million dollars that we have in expenditures in the general fund we rely on about \$7.5 million dollars that comes directly from the Illinois Department of Revenue. In the event that there is not a budget that potentially we could be downgraded to junk bond status which could trigger the state going bankrupt. Chairman wants to have an emergency plan in place so that the County is still able to operate.

Marron advised that Terry Stahl has been hired as the Animal Shelter Director effective 07/03/2017.

The Finance Committee meeting will be held on July 10<sup>th</sup> due to the Independence Day holiday.

### **Agenda Item 8- Executive Session**

None required

### **Agenda Item 9 – Adjournment**

Committee Chairman Hart declared the meeting adjourned at 5:15 P.M.

Minutes by: Jennifer Jenkins, Administrative Assistant