

Montgomery County Board

Finance Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Monday, December 2nd, 2013

Time: 8:00 AM – County Board Room

Members Present: Chairman Joe Gasparich, Mike Plunkett, Mary Bathurst, Connie Beck, Megan Beeler, Bonnie Branum and Board Chairman Roy Hertel

Others Present: Holly Lemons, Ron Jenkins, Mary Purcell, Bill Purcell and Ray Durston

The committee met today to discuss the following:

1. **Update/Approval ROE Consolidation:** Board Chairman Hertel stated that he attended the State Board of Education Hearing in Chicago last week. The committee discussed the State Board of Education's decision to consolidate the State R.O.E's from 44 units to 35 and therefore eliminating the Christian/Montgomery County R.O.E. Office. Hertel is having Assistant States Attorney Betsy Wilson check the law to see if the action that was taken is legal. The County has sent in a FOIA request for audio transcripts for two meetings where this issue was discussed. Committee will wait for more information from Betsy Wilson.
2. **Update/Approval SOA Report:** Ray Durston reported that they have received about 110 complaints. This Friday is the last day to file a complaint. The three current members of the Board of Review are Bill Harpole, Dick James and Kent Aumann. Durston also reported that the tentative abstract was sent to the Department of Revenue a week ago and he hasn't heard anything. The Irving/Butler/Rountree Multi Township does not have an assessor yet. Their Board of Review Hearings will start in January.
3. **Update/Approval GIS Report:** Mary Purcell reported that they are getting ready to roll into a new map. Purcell stated that they are looking to see if her computer problems go away once the new map is installed.
4. **Update/Approval GIS Work Group Report:** Megan Beeler shared some recommendations from the GIS Work Group for a new GIS Flyover and an On-line Web Based System. The GIS Work Group is recommending the Pictometry Oblique Imagery Flyover with a 6" resolution for municipalities and 9" resolution for the rural areas for a cost not to exceed \$187,782 over a six year period. The Web Design with comparable search and account management would cost \$39,740 over a four year period. With Pictometry there is a six year agreement with an optional cancellation in the fourth year. In the fourth year there is a second flyover option with an opt-out clause provision. The total project investment cost of \$227,522 would be paid for over a six year period. The information from Devnet would be uploaded to the online system every night. Beeler stated that another county that is comparable to ours, found an additional \$3 million dollars in assessed valuation and there was less staff counter time by going to the web based system. Gasparich asked if there was a tornado disaster, could the GIS system give a map to show the assessed value of the damaged area and Purcell replied affirmative. Plunkett asked if there was an amount for the flyover to pay for up front and then pay a smaller amount for each of the remaining five years to cut out some interest payments. Beeler will double check, but thinks the quote shared is interest free. Beeler also stated that she had the two contracts reviewed by Assistant States Attorney Betsy Wilson. **Motion by Megan Beeler and second by Mary Bathurst to enter into an agreement with Beacon-Schneider for Web Design work in the amount of \$39,740 over a four year period. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Beeler and second by Mike Plunkett to enter into an agreement with Pictometry for 2 flyovers (with an opt out in year 4) the 6"/9" resolution for \$187,782 over a six year period. All in favor, motion carried.** Hertel stated that Treasurer Jenkins keeps track of the revenues and expenses for GIS including the startup costs that came out of the General Fund. The GIS fund still owes money to the General Fund.
5. **Update/Approval County Data Offsite:** Bill Purcell is still actively looking for vendors as a backup to store our data. Purcell will have more information for the January meeting.

6. **Update/Approval Sherman Building Parcel #16-02-494-016:** We still need the trustee deed for the Sherman Building sale. It has not been recorded. Chairman Hertel has not signed the Resolution until we receive the trustee deed.
7. **Update/Approval Parcel #16-01-251-010 at 618 Parkside, Hillsboro, IL:** Paperwork was signed and in the County Clerk's office for recording.
8. **Update/Approval Monthly Coal Revenue Report and Revenue, Expense & Bank Balance Report:** Last month revenue was \$302,000. The Committee reviewed the reports that were provided by Treasurer Jenkins.
9. **Update/Approval Automated Tax Sale Cost:** Committee reviewed the report from Trustee Joe Meyer. There should be another sealed bid tax sale in April.
10. **Update/Approval County Trustee Activity Report:** Committee will review the report when it is sent.
11. **Update/Approval Special Joint Meeting:** The Finance and Personnel Committees met last Thursday, November 21st to discuss the Affordable Care Act. Two representatives from Consociate Dansig gave a presentation and shared a timeline regarding the Affordable Care Act.
12. **Update/Approval Other Business:**
 - Coal Fund Reserves:** Gasparich stated that the committee has discussed Coal Funds in the past and shared some ideas on what to put in reserves. The Finance Committee should make a recommendation on how much percentage of the Coal Funds should be put into reserve. Plunkett stated we should get to the \$3.5 million in general fund reserve before we decide on a percentage to put in reserve. Once the goal is reached then start putting money in reserve. Beeler stated that we should start saving some of the coal funds now before reaching the \$3.5 million mark. Gasparich stated that committee members should think about the two options and come up with a recommendation to present to the full board next month. Beeler stated that the Economic Development Committee also needs to have input on this issue because it is also on their agenda.
 - Employee Wellness Program:** Bathurst stated that there are employees in the county waiting to see where we are going in regards to the Employee Wellness Program. The committee needs to discuss the financial impact. A family membership to Fusion is about \$600 per year and single is about \$500. Bathurst felt that Rex Brown and Jessica Chappealer did a good job in explaining the benefits of having a wellness program. Bathurst would like for them to come and explain the benefits to the full board. Plunkett stated that it could be offered where an employee could use \$300 of their \$1,000 wellness benefit towards a Fusion membership. The program would have to be offered to all employees. Hertel stated that there needs to be some stipulation of using the program on a monthly basis. Bathurst will contact Consociates and ask if we have to offer this to everyone, if we can take \$300 out of the \$1,000 wellness benefit and if we can we make a stipulation on the number of times an employee needs to attend Fusion in one month.
 - Employee Life Insurance:** Hertel stated that this committee needs to make a decision on offering life insurance to all employees. Currently employees on the Health Insurance have a \$25,000 per year term life insurance policy that expires when the employee leaves County employment. **Motion by Plunkett and second by Beck that the County offer and pay for the basic Life Insurance policy to all full time County Employees. All in favor, motion carried**
13. **Update/Approval Closed Session to Discuss Personnel in Circuit Clerk's Office:**
 - Motion by Connie Beck and second by Megan Beeler to enter into Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 8:10 am.**
 - Motion by Mary Bathurst and second by Connie Beck to come out of Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 8:30 am. No action was taken.**
 - Motion by Mary Bathurst, second by Connie Beck to pay bills and approve payroll. All in favor, motion carried.
 - Motion by Bonnie Branum, second by Mary Bathurst to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 a.m. The summaries of minutes were respectfully submitted by acting secretary Chris Daniels, as Deputized by Montgomery County Clerk/Recorder Sandy Leitheiser.

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