

MINUTES

Members Present

Mr. Ekhoﬀ, Mr. Hess, Mr. Webber, Ms. Polk, Mr. Dunnill, Mr. Fairfield, Ms. Parker, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Long, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand

Members Absent

Mr. Sirois

In Attendance

Department Heads

Theresa Goudie, Anita Speckman, Steve McCarty, John Coghlan, Greg Heiden, Lori Gadbois, Tom Latham and Nick Africano

Media

Present

Call to Order

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chairman, Mr. Ekhoﬀ at 9:00 a.m.

Quorum present

Public Comment

Dawn Broers, Fortitude – Spoke in regards to the Fortitude request for ARPA funding

Minutes

Mr. Hunter made a motion to approve the minutes of April 26, 2023 and Mr. Dunnill seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – COLLECTIVE BARGAINING – 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(2)

Mr. Miller made a motion to enter Executive Session at 9:05am, and Mr. Dunnill seconded it. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 14 ayes and 0 nays. Voting aye were: Mr. Ekhoﬀ, Mr. Hess, Mr. Webber, Ms. Polk, Mr. Dunnill, Mr. Fairfield, Ms. Parker, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Long, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand

Mr. Hunter made a motion to exit Executive Session at 9:17am, and Mr. Swanson seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

- Authorizing the County Board Chairman or his Representative to sign the Highway Department Collective Bargaining Agreement

Mr. Dunnill made a motion to approve, and Ms. Webber seconded it. (Mr. Hunter requested a unanimous second) Motion carried with a roll call vote of 14 ayes and 0 nays. Voting aye were: Mr. Ekhoﬀ, Mr. Hess, Mr. Webber, Ms. Polk, Mr. Dunnill, Mr. Fairfield, Ms. Parker, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Long, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand

Presentations

Medical Insurance Review – Mike Lynch, MSL Benefits

Mr. Lynch reviewed the reports with the committee. Discussions were held.

Electric Aggregation Renewal

A presentation was given to the committee with the renewal rates. Discussions were held.

Mr. Hunter made a motion to approve, and Mr. Fairfield seconded it. (Mr. Hunter requested a unanimous second) Motion carried with a roll call vote of 14 ayes and 0 nays. Voting aye were: Mr. Ekhoﬀ, Mr. Hess, Mr. Webber, Ms. Polk, Mr. Dunnill, Mr. Fairfield, Ms. Parker, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Long, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand

Finance Department – Steve McCarty

FY2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report – SKDO

Ms. Carmen Huizenga was present from SKDO to provide an overview of the report. Discussions were held.

Miscellaneous Financial Reports & Discussion

Mr. McCarty reviewed the reports with the Committee, there were no questions or comments from the committee.

Cash Flow Update

Mr. McCarty provided the committee with an update.

Claims Recommended/Not Recommended for Approval

Mr. McCarty advised there is one claim for them today. Mr. McCarty reviewed them with the committee. This claim is for headshot portraits of county employees for the website.

Mr. Africano spoke regarding the claim, stating that he responded by email to the questions asked by the auditor. He would have been happy to respond if the auditor would have simply asked, but it holds up the process and slows payment to the vendor.

Mr. McCarty also spoke regarding the issue with slowing payments.

Mr. Africano stated that the questions are fine to ask, but communicate effectively so the process continues.

Mr. Swanson made a motion to approve the claim, and Mr. Dunnill seconded it. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 14 ayes and 0 nays. Voting aye were: Mr. Ekhoﬀ, Mr. Hess, Mr. Webber, Ms. Polk, Mr. Dunnill, Mr. Fairfield, Ms. Parker, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Long, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand

Monthly Claims Report

Mr. McCarty reviewed the claims with the committee. There were no questions or comments.

Mr. Hunter made a motion to approve, and Mr. Swanson seconded it. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 14 ayes and 0 nays. Voting aye were: Mr. Ekhoﬀ, Mr. Hess, Mr. Webber, Ms. Polk, Mr. Dunnill, Mr. Fairfield, Ms. Parker, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Long, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand

ARPA Requests
Funding Requests

ARPA FUND REQUESTS

Cornell Kenneth Consulting

Mr. McCarty stated that he kept this on the agenda in case the information was received, but it has not been received. So, this item is not able to be voted on.

Kountry Girls Kitchen

Mr. McCarty reviewed the application with the committee. Mr. McCarty recommended that this request be denied due to not fitting within the guidelines.

Ms. Parker made a motion to deny, and Mr. Dunnill seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

LOST REVENUE REQUESTS

Kankakee County Clerk – Voting Booths

Approve for \$59,447.15

Mr. Hunter made a motion to approve, and Mr. Dunnill seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Limestone Fire Protection District

Approve for \$20,000

Ms. Polk made a motion to approve, and Mr. Long seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Mr. Dunnill made a motion to combine and approve the ARPA Lost revenue claims, and Mr. Swanson seconded it. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 14 ayes and 0 nays. Voting aye were: Mr. Ekhoﬀ, Mr. Hess, Mr. Webber, Ms. Polk, Mr. Dunnill, Mr. Fairfield, Ms. Parker, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Long, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand

SOCIAL SERVICES

KCCSI – Youth Program

The request was reviewed by the committee. Discussions were held.

Approve for \$186,965

Ms. Polk made a motion to approve, and Mr. Hunter seconded it. Mr. Hunter suggested a unanimous second. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Merchant Street Art Gallery – Purse Museum

Discussions were held

Mr. Dunnill made a motion to table indefinitely, and Ms. Webber seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Still I Rise

Discussions were held regarding the request

Ms. Webber made a motion to table the request, and Mr. Fairfield seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Ms. Polk made a motion to approve the KCCSI Social Services Requests and Mr. Hunter Seconded it. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 14 ayes and 0 nays. Voting aye were: Mr. Ekhoﬀ, Mr. Hess, Mr. Webber, Ms. Polk, Mr. Dunnill, Mr. Fairfield, Ms. Parker, Mr. Miller, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Long, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Wheeler and Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand

Treasurer’s Office – Nick Africano

Mr. Africano was present and reviewed the report with the committee.

- County Treasurer’s Report –April 2023
- County Collector’s Report – April 2023
- Monthly Resolutions for June 2023

Mr. Dunnill made a motion to combine and approve and Mr. Miller seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Mr. Africano updated the committee on activity in his office, including a supreme court ruling that will affect the State of Illinois. Discussions were held.

Auditor’s Office

No Report submitted.

Mr. Ekhoﬀ noted that it has been 1,1253 days since the auditors last report and \$219,700 in salary paid by taxpayers during that absence.

Other Business

None

Old Business/New Business

None

Adjournment

Ms. Parker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:55 a.m., and Ms. Polk seconded it. Meeting was adjourned.

Colton Ekhoﬀ, Committee Chairman

Kelly Bylak, Executive Coordinator

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XlxK1BBNMLM&list=PLuh0leyRukQREaU1qsDDNf7aqYus-DGzB>