

MINUTES

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Mr. Sirois and Mr. Miller

In Attendance

Department Heads

Theresa Goudie, Anita Speckman, Steve McCarty, John Coghlan, Greg Heiden, Kari Laird and Nick Africano

Media

Present

Call to Order

Roll Call

The meeting was called to order by the Committee Chairman, Mr. Ekhoﬀ at 9:02 a.m.

Quorum present

Public Comment

None

Minutes

Mr. Dunnill made a motion to approve the minutes of May 24, 2023 and Mr. Long seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

Presentations

None

Bid Opening for Animal Control Building

Mr. Fetherling made a motion to open the sealed bids, and Ms. Parker seconded it. Motion carried with a voice vote.

The sealed bids were opened and read to the committee:

PSI – General Contracting \$1,041,059.00

DBM Services – General Contracting \$977,000.00

RB Construction Inc. – General Contracting \$790,000.00

Action Fence Contractors – Fencing \$71,400.00

Allied Landscaping – Landscaping \$46,285.00

Mr. Wheeler confirmed how the motion should be made to include the amending of resolution # 2023-04-11-113. This is due to the bidding amounts and the increase of costs of services. Mr. Wheeler stated that the county is wanting to use the ARPA funds, rather than taxpayer money for the Animal Control building.

Mr. Fairfield made a motion to accept the lowest responsible bidder and amend resolution 2023-04-11-113 for funding for an additional \$2 million, totaling \$3,500,000.00 for the animal control building, and Mr. Long seconded it. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 12 ayes and 0 nays. Voting aye were: Mr. Ekhoﬀ, Mr. Hess, Mr. Webber, Ms. Polk, Mr. Dunnill, Mr. Fairfield, Ms. Parker, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Long, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Wheeler

Finance Department – Steve McCarty

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.

Monthly Claims Report

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

Mr. Swanson made a motion to approve, and Ms. Parker seconded it. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 12 ayes and 0 nays. Voting aye were: Mr. Ekhoﬀ, Mr. Hess, Mr. Webber, Ms. Polk, Mr. Dunnill, Mr. Fairfield, Ms. Parker, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Long, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Wheeler

ARPA Lost Revenue Adjustments

Mr. McCarty reviewed the adjustments with the committee stating this is the 3rd allowed adjustment.

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

Moody’s Credit Rating Discussion

Mr. McCarty reviewed the positive credit rating that the county received and noted that the county is back in the A category. Discussions were held.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Fetherling made a motion to enter Executive session at 9:23am to discuss litigation, and Mr. Fairfield seconded it. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 12 ayes and 0 nays. Voting aye were: Mr. Ekhoﬀ, Mr. Hess, Mr. Webber, Ms. Polk, Mr. Dunnill, Mr. Fairfield, Ms. Parker, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Long, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Wheeler

The committee came out of Executive Session at 9:35am

Claims Recommended/Not Recommended for Approval

Mr. McCarty reviewed the claims with the committee. The claims discussed were from IT, State’s Attorney and administration.

Mr. Dunnill made a motion to combine and approve the claims for Kevin Duvall for \$8013.00, Jim Rowe for \$23,053.19 and Andy Wheeler for \$49.85, and Mr. Swanson seconded it. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 12 ayes and 0 nays. Voting aye were: Mr. Ekhoﬀ, Mr. Hess, Mr.

Webber, Ms. Polk, Mr. Dunnill, Mr. Fairfield, Ms. Parker, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Long, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Wheeler

Mr. Wheeler stated that the committee needs to discuss a claim for Griffin, Williams McMahon & Walsh for legal fees from the auditor's lawsuit against the county. There are 2-line items that the auditor signed off on for himself which relate to a personal matter for a state investigation.

Ms. Parker made a motion to pay under protest and engage the State's Attorney's Office to seek restitution for the taxpayers, and Mr. Dunnill seconded it. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 12 ayes and 0 nays. Voting aye were: Mr. Ekhoﬀ, Mr. Hess, Mr. Webber, Ms. Polk, Mr. Dunnill, Mr. Fairfield, Ms. Parker, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Long, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Wheeler

ARPA Requests
Funding Requests

ARPA FUND REQUESTS

None

LOST REVENUE REQUESTS

Kankakee County Highway Department

Approve for \$14,000.00

Mr. Long made a motion to approve, and Mr. Fairfield seconded it. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 12 ayes and 0 nays. Voting aye were: Mr. Ekhoﬀ, Mr. Hess, Mr. Webber, Ms. Polk, Mr. Dunnill, Mr. Fairfield, Ms. Parker, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Long, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Wheeler

Amending Resolution 2023-03-14-78 New Vision Food Pantry

Approve for \$51,600 to be divided into 2 equal payments after purchase of refrigerator

Mr. Hunter made a motion to approve the amendment, and Ms. Polk seconded it. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 12 ayes and 0 nays. Voting aye were: Mr. Ekhoﬀ, Mr. Hess, Mr. Webber, Ms. Polk, Mr. Dunnill, Mr. Fairfield, Ms. Parker, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Long, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Wheeler

Ms. Goudie commented that this item could not be paid in advance and would need to follow procedure and have it approved by the full board first.

Treasurer's Office – Nick Africano

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

- County Treasurer's Report –May 2023
- County Collector's Report – May 2023
- Monthly Resolutions for July 2023

Mr. Swanson made a motion to combine and approve and Mr. Fetherling 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 and Kankakee county. 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

Kankakee County Jury Pay

Discussions were held regarding Kankakee County Jury Pay and the need to increase it.

Ms. Webber made a motion to increase the jury pay to \$10/day and \$15/day if selected and also use the IRS mileage rate. This will begin the new budget year, Mr. Swanson seconded it. Motion carried with a roll call vote of 12 ayes and 0 nays. Voting aye were: Mr. Ekhoﬀ, Mr. Hess, Mr. Webber, Ms. Polk, Mr. Dunnill, Mr. Fairfield, Ms. Parker, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Long, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Wheeler

Adjournment

Mr. Fetherling made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:08 a.m., and Mr. Fairfield seconded it. Meeting was adjourned.

Colton Ekhoﬀ, Committee Chairman

Kelly Bylak, Executive Coordinator

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