



## **Finance Committee Meeting – Thursday, April 8, 2021**

Third Floor Boardroom, Old Lee County Courthouse - 9:00 a.m.  
112 E Second St, Dixon, Illinois 61021

Meeting called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chair Jim Wentling

**Member Roll Call:** Chair Jim Wentling, Vice Chair Arlan McClain, Doug Farster, Rick Humphrey, Tom Kitson, Lirim Mimini and Jim Schielein were present in person, there were no committee members that attended via Zoom video conferencing.

**Members absent:** None

**Board Members, Department Heads, or County Employees present:** Bob Olson (Board Chairman)(9:00-9:08), John Nicholson (Board Vice Chairman)(9:00-9:08), Dave Bowers and Mike Koppin (Board Members), Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Nancy Petersen (County Clerk), Paula Meyer (Treasurer), Wendy Ryerson, Jonathan Henrickson (IT Intern), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) were all present in person, Marilyn Shippert (Board Member), Staci Stewart (Probation), Greg Gates (LOTS), Kevin Lalley (EMA), John Simonton (Sheriff), Greg Saunders (Maintenance Supervisor), Teri Zinke (Animal Control), Kevin Marx (LCIDA Executive Director)(9:00-9:08) and Andy Shaw (Blackhawk Hills Regional Council)(9:00-9:12) attended the meeting via Zoom video conferencing.

Kevin Marx attended the meeting to give positive feedback regarding the Property Accessed Clean Energy or CPACE program that was tabled last month. Andy Shaw attended the meeting to answer any questions that the committee might have if the CPACE item that was tabled last month was taken off the table.

The March 2021 minutes of the Finance Committee were approved with one modification.

Paula Meyer provided the committee with the latest County financial statements and was present to answer any questions the committee might have.

**Motion from Jim Schielein:** To approve the Treasurer's Quarterly Report.

**Second by Tom Kitson.** Roll call vote: Arlan McClain yes, Doug Farster yes, Rick Humphrey yes, Tom Kitson yes, Lirim Mimini yes, Jim Schielein yes, and Jim Wentling yes. Motion carried unanimously.

### **No GREDCO report for March.**

Jim Schielein reported that there was an Insurance Committee meeting tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 15, 2021, from 2:00 – 3:30 pm.

### **Board Member or Department Head Reports:**

Wendy Ryerson provided the committee with a comprehensive summary report unpacking all the advantages of the Eagleview Technologies Arial Photography Software. This report included the cost of the high-resolution color imagery, oblique imagery, ChangeFinder software, findings, and County-wide impact. The full report will be included in the April 15<sup>th</sup> County Board agenda packet. Wendy also updated the committee on the multi-township assessment district elected assessor position for the Townships of South Dixon, Hamilton, Marion, and East Grove. This district did not have a candidate on the ballot for the Consolidate Election and will therefore not have an elected Assessor come January 1, 2022. It is likely that the township will contract with the County for their assessment work.

### **Old Business**

**Motion by Tom Kitson:** To move the following items, that were on the cancelled County Board Agenda for March, to April's Executive Committee agenda: County Administrator discussion, setting salary range \$80,000 - \$125,000 for the Administrator position, and Animal Control – new and expanded number of inside dog kennels – concrete with stainless fence gates.

**Second by Doug Farster:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

### **New Business**

Jim Wentling reported that Wipfli will be presenting the highlights from the final FY2020 audit next month during the Finance Committee meeting.

John Simonton explained that LEADS 3.0 was a periodic upgrade to the existing LEADS software. Syndeo would be updating the software at an hourly rate at approximately \$148 an hour. He thought the work could be completed in 2-5 hours. The one-

time cost of the software update was not included during the budget process. The software is used by the Sheriff's Office, dispatch, Probation, and the State's Attorney's Office.

Teri Zinke reported that the concrete had been poured for the inside kennels at Animal Control and they look nice. Teri and Dave Bowers walked the committee through the proposal that was submitted for the outside kennel work at Animal Control. The cost of the project would be \$20,396, which was not budgeted for 2021. However, there was \$250,000 that was budgeted in 2021 for the Old Courthouse Tuck-pointing project, that will not be used because the work will be paid for by a grant dedicated to the project by Representative Demmer.

**Motion by Tom:** To move the Animal Control Outside Kennel Upgrade to the Executive Committee.

**Second by Doug Farster.** Motion carried with 5 yes and 1 no vote.

Jim Wentling thanked Dave Bowers for his service to the Lee County Board and expressed his appreciation for Dave's expertise and help with all the projects he was involved with. The committee responded with a round of applause.

**Motion to adjourn by Jim Schielein:**

**Second by Tom Kitson.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,  
Becky Brenner – Lee County Board Secretary

*The next scheduled Finance Committee meeting will be 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 13, 2021*