



Finance Committee Budget Workshop Meeting – Thursday, July 22, 2021

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

Meeting called to order at 9:05 a.m. by Chair Arlan McClain

Member Roll Call: Chair Arlan McClain, Vice Chair Jim Schielein, Doug Farster, Rick Humphrey, Tom Kitson, Lirim Mimini (9:00-10:00).

Members absent:

Board Members, Department Heads, or County Employees present: Board Chairman Bob Olson (9:08-10:30), County Board Vice Chairman John Nicholson, Paula Meyer (Treasurer), Wendy Ryerson (Administrator), Paul Rudolphi (Chief Deputy, Treasurer's Office and member of the ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) Committee), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary).

New Business

Arlan McClain started by explaining that the purpose of the meeting was to get a general overview of the 2022 budget needs and clarify what benefit, if any, the American Rescue Plan Act would provide to the budget in the coming months. Rick Humphrey wanted to make sure the committee had a snapshot of where the County was financially so any requests from Department Heads could be considered with that in mind.

Paul Rudolphi explained to the committee that ARPA funds cannot be used to replace a budget shortfall unless the shortfall is a direct result of a revenue deficit. He went on to confirm that the County did not experience a revenue deficit, so the County would not be able to supplement the general funds with any ARPA funds for the 2022 budget.

Paula Meyer provided all the members with a copy of her projections for the general and public safety funds through FY2026 and explained how she arrived at the numbers. She reported that revenues for FY2021 were very strong, and she projected the same growth in her projections going forward.

She also presented the committee with a proposed "balanced FY2022 budget". The proposed budget includes a minimum wage increase but did not include (6) new hires requested by the Sheriff's Office.

One suggestion made during the meeting was to have the new construction growth from properties taxes added to the Highway fund, with the general fund remaining at about 1.4% CPI.

There were lengthy discussions throughout the meeting on many topics, but no final decisions or motions were made.

Budget Hearings are scheduled for July 29th, 30th, and August 2nd starting at 8:30 am.

Motion to adjourn by Jim Schielein:

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

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Becky Brenner – Lee County Board Secretary