



Finance Committee Budget Hearing Meeting – Monday, August 2, 2021

Third Floor Boardroom, Old Lee County Courthouse – 8:30 a.m.
112 E Second St, Dixon, Illinois 61021

Meeting called to order at 8:35 a.m. by Chair Arlan McClain

Member Roll Call: Chair Arlan McClain, Vice Chair Jim Schielein, Doug Farster, Rick Humphrey, Tom Kitson (8:30-12:36), and Lirim Mimini.

Members absent: None

Board Members, Department Heads, or County Employees present: County Board Chairman Bob Olson (8:35-9:12, 10:00-10:20) County Board Vice Chairman John Nicholson, Wendy Ryerson (Administrator), Paula Meyer (Treasurer), Paul Rudolphi (Chief Deputy Treasurer's Office and member of the ARPA Committee (American Rescue Plan Act), Becky Brenner (Board Secretary), Marilyn Shippert (Board Member)(8:50-12:50), Nancy Petersen (County Clerk)(9:17-9:35), Staci Stewart (Probation)(9:20-9:50), Charley Boonstra (States Attorney)(9:21-10:20, 10:31-12:50), and Paul Gorski (IT Administrator)(10:00-11:20).

County Board

Chairman Bob Olson walked the committee through the changes to the budget. With the addition of the Administrator some of the line items were increased. The budget requests included an increase for mileage and per diem because of additional meetings, an increase in the full-time secretary's salary and overtime, increase in the grant stipend, increase in economic development, and an increase in FF&E.

Treasurer

Paula Meyer explained that the salary line item showed a correction for the minimum wage correction.

County Clerk

Nancy Petersen explained that she had submitted a request from the ARPA Grant for new election equipment but was not sure the grant would cover the equipment and or the software for the equipment. The committee discussed the option of leasing equipment. She reported that fees were up on the recording side.

Probation

Staci Stewart walked the committee through the department's special funds. She reported that the only increase in county general will come from salaries. She also reported that her contractual services line-item doubled because of a new computer program that is being purchased by the office along with the cost of data conversion.

State's Attorney

Charley Boonstra reported that the only increased he is requesting is an increase in salary for this hourly staff and employees and \$10,000 for work on a cold case in his office.

IT

Paul Gorski walked the committee through his budget and explained that not everything would align perfectly as it did in the past because certain things had been restructured. One example was the addition of a third full-time employee. He explained that software licensing had changed with the removal of the DevNet Software from IT and the increase of Microsoft and Zoom licensing. The phone budget increased

dramatically with all the phone, internet and dark fiber expenses being paid by IT. Capital request included a firewall, multifactor authentication, updating file servers and backups to a virtual server environment, battery backup devices, and recycle/shred hard drive system.

Executive Session

Motion from Tom Kitson: To enter into Executive Session at 11:30 a.m. for the purpose of 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(1) personnel

Second by Lirim Mimini.

Roll call vote: Chair Arlan McClain, Vice Chair Jim Schielein, Doug Farster, Lirim Mimini, Tom Kitson and Rick Humphrey.

Also present: Charley Boonstra

Roll call vote back in open session: Roll call vote: Chair Arlan McClain, Vice Chair Jim Schielein, Doug Farster, Lirim Mimini, Tom Kitson and Rick Humphrey.

Also present: Charley Boonstra

Back in open session at 11:47 a.m.

Back in open session the committee discussed raises and how to get the County employees bump up to the eventual \$15.00 minimum wage.

Motion to adjourn by Lirim Mimini:

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Becky Brenner – Lee County Board Secretary