

FINANCE, TAX AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

County Board Office

200 Lafayette Street Jerseyville, IL

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 @ 5:00pm

Minutes

1. Call to Order

The Finance Committee meeting of Tuesday, September 19th, 2023 was called to order by Chairman Kara Ontis at 5:00pm.

2. Roll Call

Members present were: Chairman Kara Ontis, Dave Crone, Mark Wagner, Sheila Beers, Sandy Hefner and Eric Ivers, Ed Koenig. Absent: None Guests: Jarrod Hayes, Board Chairman Gary Krueger, Dan Schetter – Circuit Clerk, Treasurer Katie Abbey, Pam Warford County Clerk, Kevin Ayres Coroner, Kelley Ingram County Board, Sheriff Nick Manns, Brock Hendricks – First State Insurance

3. Public Comment

None

4. Old Business

None

5. New Business –

- 1) *Continued Review and Discussion regarding the First Draft of the Budget for FY 2024 – Chairman Ontis opened the meeting for discussion on the FY 2024 draft budget carried over from the September 5th committee meeting. (A full audio of this discussion and be requested through the board office.) A motion was made by Mark Wagner to place a .25% public safety sales tax increase on the Primary Ballot in March 2024, for the purpose of hiring a new deputy in the Sheriff's office, seconded by Gary Krueger. Motion carried. (If the sales tax doesn't pass, then no new deputy is hired.) It was agreed by the committee to place into the budget, \$\$ for a new Coroner vehicle. Current quote from Ford is for \$55,000, Quality is \$78,000. It is also agreed to change the language for mileage throughout the budget. With regards to the Circuit Clerk's budget, he is requesting a 50K increase, but the committee is opposed to spending an additional \$30K and leaving the current line item for extra hire at \$20K. Three members are opposed, 4 agree to leave this as current. Chairman Ontis is requesting that the committee be a little more conservative at this point. A request from the State's Attorney came to the Treasurer for an extra hire, but the committee feels that he needs to query the committee if he wants money in this line item. Until then, this line item within his budget was not changed.*
- 2) *Insurance Proposal/Presentation from Brock Hendricks of First State Insurance Agency regarding the employee Health Insurance. Chairman Ontis turned the meeting over to*

Mr. Hendricks at this point. Mr. Hendricks presented to the committee a proposal showing county and employee fees for coverage of health insurance. This is a CIGNA plan which would beginning January 1, 2024. No recommendation is warranted at this time. Presentation was to simply inform the committee on the recommended plan.

6. Recommendations from the Finance Committee for consideration and action to the County Board at the October 10th, 2023 board meeting. *Please see items above*
7. Adjournment
With nothing further to discuss, a motion to adjourn was made by Sheila Beers, seconded by Sandy Hefner. Meeting was adjourned at 8:33pm.