

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Finance, Tax & Budgets
CHAIRPERSON: RJ Winkelhake, Vice-Chairman
DATE/TIME: August 25, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: John O'Boyle Rick Dittmar Randy Jobgen
 Vacant RJ Winkelhake Ron Smith
 Merri Berlage

Other Board members:

Others: Melisa Hammer, Donna Berlage, Dan Reimer and Mary Althof.

1. **Call to Order** – RJ Winkelhake, Vice-Chairman, called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm.
2. **Roll Call** – A quorum was established.
3. **Review and approve minutes** – **The July 28, 2016 Finance, Tax & Budgets Committee meeting minutes were not ready to be presented.**
4. **Citizens Comments** – None
5. **Unfinished Business**
 - a) FY2015/FY2016 Strategic Goals & Plans – Nothing new to report at this time.
 - b) Update on options to maintain the Public Safety Radio Communications System – RJ Winkelhake discussed the NG911 Project. It is anticipated that all ten NINGA Counys will participate. The County portion of the start-up cost is \$108,400 and a claim for this amount was approved at the August County Board meeting. Winkelhake reported that Carroll County to find a new County to back up their 911 system as Lee County will no longer be provided this service. They asked Jo Daviess County ETSB/911 if they would be interested.
 - c) Discussion on proposed Courthouse office space layout – Melisa Hammer, County Treasurer, reported that she has spoken with Sheriff Turner. There are some departments that do not want to change and some that would be willing to discuss it. Nothing has been moved forward at this time. Winkelhake will contact the Sheriff and ask him to discuss this at a future Finance Committee meeting.
6. **New Business**
 - a) Review Round 2 General Fund Revenue Estimates – Dan Reimer, County Administrator, reviewed Round 2 revenue estimates. General Fund FY2016 Round 2 estimated actual revenue of \$7,458,862 is \$15,636 less than the FY2016 budget amount of \$7,474,498. FY2017 Round 2 General Fund revenue is estimated to be \$ 7,573,383, this amount is \$98,885 or 1.3% more than the FY2016 budget amount.
 - b) Review 2017 unfunded requests – The committee reviewed the list of unfunded requests earlier this evening at the Joint Budget Review meeting.
 - c) FY2017 Jo Daviess County Budget Update – The committee also reviewed the FY2017 Jo Daviess County Budget at the Joint Budget Review meeting.

- d) Discussion and possible action on a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of County's interest in parcel 05-504-350-00 in Dunleith Township to Chris Martin - Melisa Hammer, County Treasurer, discussed that Jo Daviess County took deed to this property and Joseph Meyer has sold the property for us. **Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of County's interest in parcel 05-504-350-00 in Dunleith Township to Chris Martin. Seconded by John O'Boyle and motion passed.**
- e) Discussion and possible action on a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of County's interest in parcel 09-000-332-00 in Hanover Township to Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation, Inc. – This is another property that Jo Daviess County took deed to and Joseph Meyer has sold for us. **John O'Boyle made a motion to approve a Resolution to execute a deed of conveyance of County's interest in parcel 09-000-332-00 in Hanover Township to Jo Daviess Conservation Foundation, Inc. Seconded by RJ Winkelhake and motion passed. Nay votes were recorded for Randy Jobgen and Merri Berlage.**

5. Staff Reports

- a) **Chief County Assessment Office** – Donna Berlage, Chief County Assessment Officer, reported that her office has been busy reviewing the township assessors' work. They have been through the non-quad townships and are currently reviewing the quad townships now. They continue to work on the normal day to day items such as deeds and handling exemptions.
- b) **Treasurer's Office** – Melisa Hammer, Treasurer, reported made the third property tax distribution to Jo Daviess County taxing districts on Friday. The Treasurer's Office is busy receiving property tax payments as September 1st is the deadline. There is currently approximately \$13 million yet to be collected. So far this year in PTAB's we have paid out \$34,000. From the original amount of taxes we have credited back eighteen parcels or \$25,000. The State of Illinois is currently up to date with their payments to us.
- c) **County Administrator** – Dan Reimer, County Administrator, reported that he has been working with County Departments to updated information for the renewal of property casualty and workers compensation insurance with Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust. The County's Health Insurance consultant is working on getting competitive quotes on group health insurance and dental insurance. A meeting of the Ad-Hoc Health Insurance Committee will be scheduled once all the quotes are in and recommendations will be made to the Finance, Tax & Budgets Committee. An RFP for Audit Services has been prepared and sent out. Proposals are due September 21st.

6. Citizens' comments - None

- 7. **Board Member Concerns** – John O'Boyle asked if we have a schedule for the budget hearings. Dan Reimer reviewed the schedule in the Joint Committee Budget Review Meetings booklet.

The next Finance, Tax & Budgets Committee meeting will be on Thursday, September 29, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

Randy Jobgen made a motion to adjourn at 8:35 pm. Seconded by John O'Boyle and motion passed.