

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Finance, Tax & Budgets
CHAIRPERSON: Steve Rutz
DATE/TIME: September 25, 2014 @ 7:00 p.m.

PRESENT: John O'Boyle Rick Dittmar Randy Jobgen
 Steve Rutz RJ Winkelhake Ron Smith

Other Board members:

Others: Dan Reimer, Steve Hamilton, Carol Soat and Donna Berlage.

1. Review and approve minutes – RJ Winkelhake made a motion to approve the September 3, 2014 meeting minutes. Seconded by Ron Smith and motion passed with an abstain from Randy Jobgen.

2. Citizens Comments

Chairman Rutz moved item 5a and 5b forward at this time. Jo Daviess County Health Insurance -Steve Hamilton, TRICOR Insurance - Steve Hamilton from TRICOR Insurance reviewed the renewal proposal for Jo Daviess County HMO health insurance from Medical Associates. The premium rate increase for FY2015 is 2.33%. Hamilton reviewed a medical benefits and cost comparison report for Jo Daviess County. Ron Smith discussed that Jo Daviess County established a health insurance ad hoc committee earlier in the year. The committee is in the process of reviewing possible health insurance options with Steve Hamilton including a Health Savings Account (HSA) plan with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois. The health insurance ad hoc committee will continue to meet in FY2015 to determine a recommendation for the FY2016 budget year.

Discussion and possible action regarding FY2015 Health Insurance Renewal with Medical Associates- **Rick Dittmar made a motion to approve the FY2015 Health Insurance Renewal with medical Associates for HMO \$25/\$500 with \$15/\$30 RX care and Chiropractic Care with a \$3000/\$6000 out of pocket maximum effective 12/01/2014 at a rate of single \$642.81 per month and family \$1,574.92 per month. Seconded by Randy Jobgen and motion passed.**

3. Staff Reports

- a) **Chief County Assessment Office** – Chief County Assessment Officer, Donna Berlage reported that her office has been reviewing township assessor work and so far 16 townships have been completed and rolled over to the supervisor level. Of the 16 completed townships, 3 are quad year townships. Berlage stated that there is nothing new to report on PTAB cases at this time. Berlage reported that she has submitted the responses received from the townships on the new multi-township assessment district map to the Finance, Tax & Budgets Committee and to the State's Attorney's Office for review. According to the States Attorney, the Finance Committee will need to make a recommendation to the full County Board for

approval. Once the County Board approves the multi-township assessment district map it will be sent to the Illinois Department of Revenue.

- b) **Treasurer's Office** – County Treasurer, Carol Soat reported that on September 25th she send out the fourth property tax distribution to the taxing districts. Soat plans to send out the final distribution the first or second week of November. On September 9th the Treasurer's Office sent out 1630 delinquent reminder letters and within a week there were only approximately 800 properties that were still delinquent. The list of delinquent taxes will be sent to the newspapers on October 3rd and certified notices will be mailed. Soat reported that the property tax sale is scheduled for Monday, October 27th. Soat explained the tax sale process.
- c) **County Administrator** – County Administrator, Dan Reimer reported that Dan Dittmar of McCoy Insurance just received the County's 2015 renewal quote from ICRMT for property and casualty insurance and workers compensation insurance. Reimer reviewed the 9 months financials which included payroll expenditures compared to budget, revenues/expenditures compared to budget for all funds and the general fund financial summaries.

4. Unfinished Business

- a) Jo Daviess County strategic goals – Nothing new to report at this time.
- b) Township Assessor Pilot Program – Nothing to report at this time.
- c) Township Assessor Program Intergovernmental Agreement – Nothing to report at this time.
- d) Update on options to fund the Public Safety Radio Communications System- Nothing to report at this time.

5. New Business

- a) Jo Daviess County Health Insurance - Steve Hamilton, TRICOR Insurance- See above.
- b) Discussion and possible action regarding FY2015 Health Insurance Renewal with Medical Associates- See above.
- c) Discussion and possible action regarding FY2015 Optional Health Insurance Incentive Program – Dan Reimer reviewed the current optional insurance incentive program. The program offers a \$1,500 annual incentive (pre-tax) to those eligible employees who enroll in this program. **John O'Boyle made a motion to approve the Jo Daviess County Optional Insurance Incentive Program at a rate of \$1,500 annually to eligible employees. Seconded by RJ Winkelhake and motion passed.**
- d) Discussion and possible action to adopt proposed Jo Daviess County Multi-Township Assessment Districts - **Randy Jobgen made a motion to accept the proposed Jo Daviess County multi-township assessment districts with 9 districts as presented. Seconded by Ron Smith and motion passed.**
- e) Discussion and possible action regarding a quit claim to Jeffrey and Diane Ege for parcel 21-001-676-00 in the Village of Warren – **Randy Jobgen made a motion to**

approve a quit claim to Jeffrey and Diane Ege for parcel 21-001-676-00 in the Village of Warren. Seconded by Rick Dittmar and motion passed.

- f) Discussion and possible action regarding a quit claim to Dennis and Diana Sparr for parcel 23-001-028-10 in the Town of Woodbine- Rick **Dittmar made a motion to approve a quit claim to Dennis and Diana Sparr for parcel 23-001-028-10 in the Town of Woodbine. Seconded by John O'Boyle and motion passed.**
- g) Review Round 3 General Fund revenue estimates – Dan Reimer reviewed Round 3 General Fund Revenue estimates which total \$7,196,812. This amount is an increase of \$242,080 or 3.5% more than the FY2014 budget amount of \$6,954,733.
- h) Review 2015 unfunded requests – Dan Reimer reviewed the FY2015 unfunded request list. Currently there are nine requests totaling \$813,251.
- i) FY2015 Jo Daviess County Budget Update – Dan Reimer reviewed several updated FY2015 budget documents including the General Fund target budget spreadsheet and the summary report of special funds. The first of three County Board Workshops is scheduled for Tuesday, September 30th.

6. Board Member concerns - None

7. Citizens' comments - None

Next committee meeting is on Thursday, October 30, 2014 @ 6:00 p.m.

John O'Boyle made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 pm. Seconded by RJ Winkelhake and motion passed.