

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Finance, Tax & Budgets
CHAIRPERSON: Steve Rutz, Chairman
DATE/TIME: October 29, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.

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

Other Board members:

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

1. **Call to Order** – Steve Rutz called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
2. **Roll Call** – A quorum was established.
3. **Review and approve minutes** – **Randy Jobgen made a motion to approve the September 24, 2015 Finance, Tax & Budgets Committee meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by John O'Boyle and motion passed.**
4. **Citizens Comments** – None
5. **Unfinished Business**
 - a) FY2015/FY2016 Strategic Goals & Plans – The committee reviewed their strategic goals and plans for FY2015/FY2016.
 - b) Township Assessor Program Intergovernmental Agreement – Ron Smith reported that the intergovernmental agreement went to States Attorney Hay. Smith will take responsibility to follow the progress on this agreement.
 - c) Update on options to maintain the Public Safety Radio Communications System – RJ Winkelhake reported that he has spoken to Sheriff Turner. There will be a meeting next week regarding the consolidation report.
 - d) Discussion and possible action on County policy for prioritizing options for reducing expenses and/or increasing revenue – This policy was reviewed and recommended by the Committee at last month's meeting. The FY2016 Policy for Prioritized Options for Reducing Expenses and/or Increasing Revenue was adopted by the County Board at the Budget Workshop meeting on September 29, 2015.
6. **New Business**
 - a) Discussion and possible action on establishing 2016 monthly meeting dates for Finance, Tax and Budgets Committee. – **RJ Winkelhake made a motion to approve the established 2016 monthly meeting dates and 6:00 pm start time for Finance, Tax and Budgets Committee. Motion was seconded by John O'Boyle and motion passed.**
 - b) FY2016 Jo Daviess County Budget Update – Dan Reimer provided an update on the FY2016 Jo Daviess County Budget. The proposed FY2016 budget will be posted on the county website tomorrow October 30, 2015. The Budget Hearing for the FY2016 Budget is scheduled for November 17, 2015.

- c) Discussion and possible action on a Resolution for a deed of conveyance of County's interest in parcel 05-504-490-00 in Dunleith Township to Dennis White - RJ Winkelhake made a motion to approve a Resolution for a deed of conveyance of the County's interest in parcel 05-504-490-00 in Dunleith Township to Dennis White. Motion was seconded by Randy Jobgen and motion passed.
- d) Discussion and possible action on the 2015 Jo Daviess County Property Tax Levy extension amount (payable 2016). Chief County Assessment Officer, Donna Berlage reviewed updated estimates for 2015 equalized assessed value and new construction. Dan Reimer discussed that the new estimates would have a minimal impact on the County's 2015 (payable 2016) tax levy extension.

7. Staff Reports

- a) **Chief County Assessment Office** – Donna Berlage reported that her office has finished reviewing property assessments. Property assessments will be printed and mailed out next week. They will also be published in the newspaper next Wednesday, November 4, 2015. The deadline to file complaint to the Board of Review is December 4, 2015.
- b) **Treasurer's Office** – County Treasurer, Melisa Hammer reported that the Jo Daviess County Tax sale was held Monday, October 26, 2015. A total of 202 parcels were sold. Fifty-four (54) parcels went to county trustee, Joseph Meyers and 148 parcels were sold and paid for a total of \$322,531. The total year to date amount of property taxes collected is \$50,776,743.
- c) **County Administrator** – Dan Reimer reported that Open Enrollment meetings for Health Insurance and supplemental insurance were held on October 27th and 28th. Employee turnout was very good. Representatives from TRICOR Insurance and Aflac representatives attended each of the meetings.

8. Citizens' comments - None

- 9. **Board Member Concerns** – RJ Winkelhake advised that the Joint Committee Jo Daviess County/City of Galena meeting will be held Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Board Room. John O'Boyle attended a Community Funding & Planning Service meeting in Stockton. He advised that the Mayors Meeting will be held November 17, 2015 at Stella's in Stockton. Steve Rutz reported on the state's budget from the UCCI Meeting.

The next Finance, Tax & Budgets Committee meeting will be on Thursday, November 19, 2015 @ 6:00 p.m.

John O'Boyle made a motion to adjourn at 8:21 pm. Seconded by RJ Winkelhake and motion passed.