

FINANCE COMMITTEE-BUDGET PLANNING MEETING
September 5, 2018

The monthly Finance Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 3:00 p.m. The meeting was held at the McDonough County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Law Library. Committee members present were Chairman Alice Henry, Larry Aurelio, George Dixon, and Trevor Toland. Members absent included, Travis Hiel, and Clarke Kelso. Other persons present were Animal Control Officer Kelsey Havens, County Engineer Rick Walker, Supervisor of Probation Lorrie Chaplin, Carol Fowler, Patrick Stout, Stacey Alexander, County Chairman Scott Schwerer, and County Clerk Gretchen DeJaynes.

Chairman Henry called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

BUDGET-Supervisor of Probation

Supervisor of Probation Lorrie Chaplin requested that her FY 2019 budget be the same as her FY 2018 budget.

BUDGET-Regional Superintendent

Regional Superintendent John Meixner presented his FY 2019 budget. The budget has an overall increase of just over \$4,000.00.

BUDGET-Highway Department

County Engineer Rick Walker along with Carol Fowler of the McDonough County Highway Department presented their budget for FY 2019. A 3% salary increase for non-union employees Carol Fowler, Dave Cadwalader, and Scott Hance was requested. The oil and chipping will be held off until next year due to the late letting.

BUDGET-Animal Control

Animal Control Officer Kelsey Havens presented her FY 2019 budget. Havens requested a 2% salary increase for herself and her employees. She requested that her budget remain the same as last year except she will need two new computers.

BUDGET-States Attorney

States Attorney Matt Kwacala presented his FY 2019 budget. Kwacala requested a 2% salary increase for his employees, a new law that will take effect July 1, 2019 may or may not increase their work load, and they have been working hard to collect money on old cases.

BUDGET-Judge Poncin

Judge Poncin presented his FY 2019 budget. Poncin requested a small increase in the Translation budget and in the administrative assistant budget. He also believes that a court security fee will be eliminated.

Transfer of Funds

Member Dixon moved with a second by Member Toland to recommend to the Treasurer a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 from Insurance Clearing to Investment. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Member Aurelio moved with a second by Member Dixon to recommend to the Treasurer a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$250,000.00 from Liability Insurance to Investment. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Member Aurelio moved with a second by Member Toland to recommend to the Treasurer a Transfer of Funds in the amount of \$100,000.00 from Social Security to Investment. Motion carried on a voice vote.

Other

County Chairman Schwerer discussed CASA with Judge Poncin and States Attorney Kwacala. Schwerer has some concerns that the CASA funds are not being utilized correctly. Kwacala is unsure how the CASA funds are being used but that a CASA fee will be eliminated by law after July 1, 2019. He also stated that Child Advocacy is working well, and that Teen Court will be eliminated.

There will be a public hearing regarding the wind farm on September 19, 2018 at 6:00 p.m., one hour before the Full Board meeting.

Member Aurelio moved with a second by Member Toland that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried on a voice vote. With no further business to discuss the meeting was adjourned at 4:12 p.m.