

FINANCE
October 16, 2019

- Call to order** The meeting was called to order by Chairman Duane Rogers at 9:03 a.m. Committee members present were Geri Kozelka, Wayne Jerrett, Gerry Krachey and Greg Russell. Board Chairman Tom Cornford and County Clerk Janet Geisler were also present.
- Verify posting** The meeting was verified as being properly posted.
- App of Minutes** Jerrett moved, Kozelka seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.
- App of Bills** Krachey moved, Russell seconded to approve the regular monthly bills and the bonding bills. The motion carried with no negative votes cast.
- 911 Costs** Information was provided from Julie Cipra, 911 Coordinator, with the total estimate of funds needed to complete radio and tower projects in the amount of \$87,500. There would be \$79,701.49 remaining in the bonding money which needs to be spent before the end of the year. The committee would like to use those funds to purchase squad cars. The Sheriff will be asked to be at the next meeting.
- Dept reports** Nancy Dowling, Register in Probate, advised that the Community Service Supervisor is resigning and will need to be replaced. She also advised that she may be over budget because of guardian ad litem costs.
- Treasurer Deanne Lutz presented report on sales tax and Fair revenue. The amount of revenue from the Fair was \$78,521.98. The revenue for the Fair for the 2020 Budget has been increased based on those figures.
- Blackhawk Junction** Supervisor Rogers reported on his recent meeting with the City. The City feels that \$600,000 for the property is too much and that \$300,000 is more accurate. The City does not believe that they should be charged any interest or penalty costs. The property may need to go up for auction if an agreement cannot be reached with the City.
- The Treasurer has drafted a letter to go to the City Administrator. The six-month verbal agreement with the City will be up on November 29th. The letter will give the City a deadline that must be met or the County will be moving forward. A final offer from the City will need to be made by December 1st. The City would like an asbestos study done. The City will be charged for the taxes for the previous year as of December 1st.

2020 Budget

The Clerk presented several updates on the budget which included the amount of the levy limit which is 8,446.044. The amount currently in the budget is 9,512,318 which means that 1,066,274 must be cut. Supervisor Rogers discussed implementing a wheel tax which would result in revenue to offset future budgets. This will be looked into further. Other suggestions to cut the Budget were:

1. Cut \$72,000 from the Sheriff's budget for new vehicles since the vehicles will be purchased from the bonding money.
2. Cut \$37,000 from the water study in Land Conservation.
3. Cuts to the Highway Budget possibly in the amount of \$500,000.
4. Cuts to the Human Services Budget possible in the amount of \$225,000.

Next Meeting

October 23, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Krachey moved, Jerrett seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried with no negative votes cast and the meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Janet Geisler, County Clerk