

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF AUGUST 8th, 2012

Committee Chair Carl Borngasser called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. in the meeting room on the 2nd floor of the Pontiac Public Library.

Present: Borngasser, Heath, Flott, Ingles, Shafer, Vietti

Absent: Allen

Also Present: Bill Fairfield, Alina Hartley, June Slagel, Kristy Masching,
Sheriff Meredith, Chief Rutledge

Borngasser called for any additions or changes to the agenda with none being requested. *Motion by Vietti, second by Flott to approve the agenda as presented. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the July 11th, 2012 meeting. *Motion by Ingles, second Shafer to approve the minutes of the July 11th, 2012 meeting. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

FY 2013 Budget – Mike Burke was present to request consideration to increase his chief deputy salary line item from \$10,000 to \$12,000. Burke stated that these are actually stipends and they have not been increased since 2003. Burke stated that if you include the annual wage percentage increases it would be higher than what is being requested. Burke stated that he was able to decrease his budget even with this increase by eliminating the co-op student, reducing mileage and autopsies.

The Sheriff and Chief Deputy were present to review the salary line item request for the Sheriff's department. Chief Rutledge stated that when they calculated the figures they used 3% over last years figures. Slagel calculated the salary line item based on anniversary date to get a more accurate picture of what the actual cost will be. Rutledge stated that they do not feel comfortable with those numbers and would ask for future consideration should the line item go over. It was also noted that there was no increase included in the budgeted amount for the chief, so that amount would need to be updated once the salary increase for 2013 is decided. Discussion took place regarding the chief deputy salary and the past practice of paying overtime on top of the salary. Consensus of the Committee was that overtime would not be paid to an exempt employee since it would be contrary to the personnel policies. Ingles requested Slagel provide 5-6 years of history on the actual amount paid to the chief deputy.

The Sheriff noted that he reduced his line item for auto purchases by \$50,000 as this amount is also allocated in the capital budget. Woodburn questioned increases in the water bill associated with the new garden. Woodburn stated that the line item for the

water was increased by approximately \$4,000 to cover expenses related to the garden. The Sheriff stated that he was not aware of that, but he would look into it.

Slagel reported that the general fund budget shows a \$2.5 million deficit without the transfer. Slagel further reported that the departments did well with holding the line on expenses, some had slight increases and had contacted her with the reasons which seemed to be understandable. Slagel stated that the Treasurer is showing a 2.66% increase and the jail is showing a 5.7% increase. Slagel stated that the increase in the jail is related to the housing of Cook County inmates, but revenues associated with those contracts are not being budgeted.

Circuit Clerk Semi-Annual Report – Judy Cremer was present to review her semi-annual report with the Committee. *Motion by Vietti, second by Heath to recommend approval of the Circuit Clerk Semi-Annual Report.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Other Business – Larry Vaupel reported that EVT is requesting to amend their request. Vaupel stated that EVT has purchased an existing building instead of building new. Vaupel stated that the request has dropped from \$500,000 to \$200,000 with the collateral being a blanket lien on the inventory and equipment and not a mortgage on the building. Vaupel stated that this will create 12-30 jobs.

Executive Session – N/A

Action Resulting from Executive Session – N/A

Approval of Bills – The Committee reviewed the bills submitted. *Motion by Vietti, second by Ingles to approve the bills.* **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.**

Motion by Vietti, second by Heath to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.** Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Alina Hartley
Administrative Resource Specialist