

LIVINGSTON COUNTY BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF APRIL 3rd, 2013

Committee Chair Tim Shafer called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. in the committee meeting room within the Livingston County Historic Courthouse.

Present: Shafer, Bullard, Campbell, Cohlman, Runyon, Vietti, Wittenberg

Absent:

Also Present: Marty Fannin, Earl Rients, Bill Flott, Adam Dontz, Seth Uphoff,
Randy Yedinak, Alina Hartley, June Slagel, Sandy Erschen

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

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the March 6th, 2013 meeting. *Motion by Campbell, second Vietti to approve the minutes of the March 6th, 2013 meeting as presented. MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.*

GLCEDC Request for Funding – Manufacturing Skills Training Program – Adam Dontz and Sandy Erschen were present to review the manufacturing skills training program with the Committee. Dontz stated that the program was developed in an effort to retain current businesses and attract new businesses as well. Dontz stated that the program is targeted at unemployed and underemployed Livingston County residents seeking to better themselves. Dontz stated that the total cost is \$2,235 per student based on 20 students. Dontz stated that each student will be asked to contribute \$90 which will cover the cost of the drug screening and background check. Dontz stated that the certificate earners will be guaranteed an interview after completion of the program. Dontz further stated that should a certificate earner be hired, the employer will reimburse the GLCEDC education fund up to \$1,118, after 90 days of successful employment. Dontz stated that employers can send current employees through the program provided they pay the full cost of tuition. Discussion took place. *Motion by Campbell, second by Bullard to fund the manufacturing skills training program from the Enterprise Zone Fund on a per student basis up to \$42,900 for 20 students. MOTION CARRIED ON ROLL CALL VOTE.*

Futures / Humiston Request for Funding – Fannin reported that Louis Lyons had contacted the county board office regarding a request for funding the Humiston Trust had received from Futures Unlimited for various items. The request totaled \$127,989.50 to \$131,306.78 depending on options chosen. Discussion took place. Consensus of the Committee was to table the request.

Contract Counsel – William Bertram – Shafer stated that last month a request was received from Judge Bauknecht to do a one year extension of the contract counsel agreement. Shafer stated that the States Attorney pointed out that the agreement is probably non-complaint with the current statute. Shafer stated that in response Bauknecht has indicated that she still feels that the agreement is appropriate and Mr. Scanlon concurred with her assessment. Shafer stated that the extension also includes an increase from \$46,000 to \$58,000.

Uphoff stated that the statute says that the public defender shall be appointed unless the defendant requests or there is prejudice between the defendant and the public defender, in which cases conflict counsel will be appointed. Uphoff stated that Mr. Bertram handles all the misdemeanor and traffic cases, is referred to on the record as an assistant public defender and should fall under the public defender office in which case Randy Morgan would be responsible for setting his salary. Uphoff referred to case law and Attorney General ruling from Sangamon County. Discussion took place. Consensus of the Committee was to request a copy of the AG opinion and consult with Morgan on his preferences.

Finance Report – Slagel reported that the expense summary had been distributed; she had no new information to report on the summary. Slagel stated that the 2014 IMRF rate had decreased 4%, while SLEP increased 1% and the Veterans decreased 16%. Slagel reported that the county is 91% funded, while SLEP is 59% funded and Veterans are 88% funded. Slagel stated that it was researched a couple years ago and it would have taken approximately \$2.5 million to become fully funded at that time.

Committee Goals – The Committee discussed possible goals for 2013 including getting a greater understanding of where the county revenues come from and understanding the mathematics of the EAV.

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

Motion by Vietti, second by Bullard to adjourn. **MOTION CARRIED WITH ALL AYES.** Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Alina Hartley
Administrative Resource Specialist