Finance Committee Meeting Report
Courthouse, Room 303C, Monday, June 29, 2009, 9:00 A.M.

Members Present: Pat Ripperger, Jerry Thompson, Muriel Weber and Dennis Sullivan. Member Absent: None. Others Present: Jesse Crouch and Colleen Gillaspie, County Administrator.

Chairman Ripperger called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The Committee discussed the Proposed FY10 State of Illinois budget and the ramifications the approval of that budget would have on the County revenue for the current and next fiscal year.

The Committee discussed the proposed cuts to the Probation Reimbursement. The Probation Department has supplemented the current State reimbursements to the County through their Probation Service Fees Fund and have agreed to continue supplementing what would be necessary if the proposed cuts to the Probation Reimbursement were approved by the State of IL.

The Committee discussed the proposed cuts to the State's Attorney's Salary Reimbursement. The Committee requested the State's Attorney be contacted regarding the possibility of using restricted funds to fund the revenue shortfall from the State.

The Committee discussed the proposed cuts to the Public Defender's Salary Reimbursement. It was recommended that the Public Defender's salary remain at the 90% of the State's Attorney's salary because the State only reimburses for the Public Defender's salary if their salary is set at 90% of the State's Attorney's. The proposed reduced reimbursement is still more than we would receive if we lowered the Public Defender's salary.

The Committee discussed the proposed cuts to the Assessor's Salary Reimbursement. It was recommended that the Assessor's salary remain competitive with the Elected Official's salaries.

The Committee also discussed a staffing situation in the Jail Kitchen. Member Weber approved a temporary $2.00 per hour increase for the employee that is filling in for A. DeGroot while she is on medical leave, subject to the opinion of the County's labor attorney, Member Thompson seconded, all were in favor and motion carried. The increase would be removed when A. DeGroot returns to work.

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 11:42 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen Gillaspie, County Administrator