

Finance Committee Meeting Report  
103J, February 10, 2022, 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Kelli Parsons, Mark Burton, Kippy Breeden, Ray Elliott, and Natalie Collins (left 6:15p.m.) Members Absent: Dwayne Anderson Others Present: Rosemary Rathjen, Kathy Nelson, Sheriff Loncka, Josh Versheure, Clerk Link, Tracey Vinavich, SA Runty, Treasurer Kiser, Robin Barnes (left 5:35p.m.), Julie Kaufman (left 5:35p.m.), Kathy Nelson (arrived 5:30 p.m.), and Erin Knackstedt

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Parsons at approximately 5:05 p.m.

Member Burton moved to approve the agenda, Member Collins seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Introduction of guests was unnecessary.

There was no public comment.

Member Elliott moved to approve the January 13, 2022 minutes as presented, Member Burton seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

The committee reviewed the report provided by Sheriff Loncka which updated the committee on the Henry County Correctional Center Population report, Sheriff sales, and the public safety sales tax and revenues/expenditures.

The committee reviewed the report provided by Assessor Tracey Vinavich which updated the committee on the Assessor's office including the assessments, rolling to the 2022 assessment year, tentative multiplier received, and the tax cycle is on schedule, tax exempt certificates, senior freeze assessments coming in, staffing, and daily activities.

The committee reviewed the report on the County Clerk's office including the election maps finalized and posted on the website, working on zip files, election training, all levies entered, drainage district, vital records program, new hire started and doing great, w2 and 1099's went out, audit underway, work comp audit date set, and FOIA. Member Breeden inquired on unpaid taxes on a specific property.

The committee reviewed the report on the Treasurer report which included office activities, tax sale, CD rates, keeping CD length short, and banking update.

The committee reviewed the report on the Hillcrest report which included a review of the financials from November and December, deficit is decreasing, agency costs have been eliminated, reallocation of duties to more effectively staff, admin nursing staff working weekends, and census numbers still low.

The committee reviewed the Treasurer's Bank Balance Report and the County Clerk's Dept. report. Member Burton moved to recommend the County Board place on file the Treasurer's

monthly Bank Balance reports and monthly interest report, and the County Clerk's monthly Department report, Member Elliott seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried. (on file)

The committee reviewed the January 2022 Revenue and Expenditure Accumulated Transaction report and Budget Performance Reports.

Member Collins moved to recommend the County Board approve the monthly County Accounts in the amount of \$2,719,130.05 Member Burton seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

There was no old business.

Under new business,

Member Burton moved to approve the RLF Plan, and Member Elliott seconded, there was a roll call vote, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Member Elliott moved to approve a the elected officials salary resolutions, Member Burton seconded,

The committee heard from the Sheriff regarding his feeling on the salary resolution presented and then he gave a brief presentation of his reasoning for the incoming Sheriff salary to be the same as the outgoing salary because of the nature of the position.

Treasurer Kiser gave his opinion on keeping the salary the same.

Clerk Link spoke regarding her opinion on the resolutions.

There was discussion surrounding salary processes for elected officials, position duties, and plans moving forward.

Member Collins moved to amend the original motion to increase the starting wage of the Sheriff to \$87,500 and keep the other salaries the same, Member Burton seconded,

Member Burton moved to amend the amendment to increase the starting wage of the Sheriff to \$87,500 and put in yearly percentage increase at 4.5%, 4%, and 3% for the years of the term, Member Elliott seconded, there was a roll call vote and all were in favor.

Member Burton moved to amend the original motion to increase the starting wage of the Treasurer to \$75,485, Member Elliott seconded, there was a roll call vote, Members Elliott and Parsons were a no and Member Burton was a yes, the motion failed.

Member Burton moved to lay over the elected officials resolutions until the March meeting, Member Elliott seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Member Burton moved to approve the Liberty System Program, Member Elliott seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

The next regular meeting was scheduled for Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 5:00 p.m., 303C.

Member Burton mover to adjourn, Member Elliott seconded, all were in favor and the motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Knackstedt, County Administrator