

**MINUTES  
FINANCE COMMITTEE  
MONTHLY MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2021  
6:00 p.m.  
County Board Room**

PRESENT: Bret Austin, Taylor Rakers, Matt Obert, David Hoskins

ABSENT: Robert Reich

OTHER: R. Kent Snider, Les Post, Dave Bellis, Gary Farha, Ryan Niekamp, F. Bryden Cory, Travis Cooley, Anthony Foster

6pm meeting was convened.

F. Bryden Cory stated to Bret Austin that he had received and brought in a \$10,000 bill for Bell Weather.

The committee reviewed the minutes from the previous meeting. Taylor Rakers moved to approve them as written, seconded by Dave Hoskins. The minutes were approved.

Brad Kestner and Rodney Voss from the Adams County Fair Association were introduced as speakers. They have a goal to offset the losses from previous year. Want to follow a lot of the state and federal programs on general infrastructure. Seeking broad level guidance or outline of what the money can be used for: sewer, pipes, water and broadband were mentioned as well as a blanket WiFi for entire fairground for all events and new building grandstands near the stage (maybe not for this year). Requesting some of the ARPA funds to go to their projects. It will improve tourism from visitors, attention to agriculture, and 4H groups.

Reports-Took a step in the right direction on the medical side of insurance this past month. Bryden said he received a healthy deposit to cover that massive maybe biggest he'd ever seen bill, but we are short of we need to pay this month haven't gotten a deposit yet hopefully they will be able to make that before the due date on the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month it's \$238,000 and it's \$99,000 short. As long as that deposit is made on time from the County Board Office, it should be good.

Ryan Niekamp states that his office received an almost \$5000 check for a sheriff's vehicle that was totaled or damaged. Payment was received today.

No Resolutions made

No Additional Fund Appropriations or Transfer of Budget Appropriation

Mr. Austin wants to upgrade the budgeting system not necessarily the levying but upgrading it from the current excel spreadsheet that only one person can edit. Complaints made about it being outdated when everything else is updating. Possibility of it connecting to ARPA funds was brought up. Ryan Niekamp suggested contacting UCCI for a membership questionnaire to find out what other counties are doing. Spreadsheet is

complicated and not the legacy the board wants to leave for future finance board members.

No old business

New Business went over credit card applications. Scott Graham limit was approved prior to meeting by Kent Snider or Bret Austin for a limit of \$1000-\$1500 and Matt from the health department was put in by Jerrod Welch for a \$2000 limit. Both are approved by Matt Obert and seconded by Taylor Rakers. Limits are approved with the reassurance from Ryan Niekamp that those applying are being reviewed. Ryan states that once Mark Peter gets settled in they will go back over reviewing the county codes on the processes which are outdated.

ARPA was discussed. Not approving spending at the moment, but would like the board to review priorities of where it will be spent. Funds break down to just north of \$1,000,000 over two years (\$500,000 this year and \$600,000 next year). Highest priority is network infrastructure upgrades, then replacement of Adams County Health Department's HVAC system (\$800,000) CDC recommendations to be more efficient and secure health environment, following that is the replacement of the courthouse elevators (\$250,000 for replacement of one elevator that doesn't work and \$700,000 improvement costs for 3 other elevators), and improvement to Adams County Courthouse Technology. Presentation made by Judge Larson was referred to as to what that could take to get the county where it needs to be.

Land Bank IGA is a quasi-governmental third party that can short circuit tax sales, aggregate property and get the property into the hands of more productive users quicker. Agreement on this would mean entering into an inter-governmental agreement with the city of Quincy, Two Rivers, city of Jacksonville, IL and Morgan County. The dollars will not be intermingled is assured and Two Rivers would be overseeing the project. Adams County dollars will remain in Adams County. They have the ability to grow the escrow for each entity involved. Two Rivers will be administrative. Adams County will not be trustee's to the properties making things easier on the County offices. There will be an executive committee for this and each entity will be represented. It has a three year business plan at the moment it will be up to Two Rivers to acquire extensions.

Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.

**End of Minutes**