

Minutes approved 3.18.25



Finance Committee

James Carius Community Room
Tuesday, February 18, 2025 – 3:44 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Mike Harris, Vice-Chair Max Schneider, Eric Schmidgall, Kim Joesting, Dave Mingus, Eric Stahl, Russ Crawford

Committee Members Absent: Nancy Proehl, Deene Milam, Joe Woodrow

Others Attending: Mike Deluhery, County Administrator

MOTION **MOTION BY MEMBER JOESTING, SECOND BY MEMBER SCHMIDGALL** to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2025 meeting

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOTION
F-25-08 **MOTION BY MEMBER STAHL, SECOND BY MEMBER MINGUS** to recommend to approve budget transfer for Human Resources

Administrator Mike Deluhery stated that this transfer is to cover the employee service recognition pins. He stated that this stopped years ago and this would allow us to catch up with all the employees who did not receive pins.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOTION
F-25-09 **MOTION BY MEMBER CRAWFORD, SECOND BY MEMBER SCHNEIDER** to recommend to approve bid for Budgeting and Capital Planning Software Solution

Finance Director Mindy Darcy stated that in November, she brought to the Finance Committee a preview of what she was going to be looking at regarding budget software. She stated that this has been budgeted for in FY25.

She stated that the request for proposal was issued in early January, the bid opening was in late January, and four proposals were received. She stated that a committee helped review the proposals and they narrowed the proposals down to two. She stated that they had chosen Euna Solutions.

She stated that Euna Solutions met all the requirements set forth in the Request for Proposal and more and came in under the budget.

She stated that this software would provide improved accuracy, improved efficiency, improved forecasting and reporting, improved presentation, and will provide improved transparency to the public and one another.

Member Crawford questioned if there is anything that this program does not offer that Director Darcy would like it to do and she stated no, that this software does things that they did not even know it offered. She stated that she received positive feedback regarding the implementation team and customer service.

Member Stahl questioned if we were going to be saving any money from any software that we would no longer be utilizing, and Director Darcy stated they would not.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOTION

F-25-10

MOTION BY MEMBER STAHL, SECOND BY MEMBER SCHMIDGALL to recommend to approve budget transfer for Community Development

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

MOTION

F-25-11

MOTION BY MEMBER SCHNEIDER, SECOND BY MEMBER STAHL to recommend to approve budget transfer for Community Development

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

DISCUSSION: TAX LEVY PROCESS OVERVIEW

Administrator Mike Deluhery provided handouts and a presentation of the Tazewell County Property Tax Overview. He provided an overview of the County revenues, tax levy funds, explained how the tax levy and tax rate are determined, and explained PTELL.

Administrator Deluhery stated that in a Tax Rate Comparison from 2020 (payable 2021), Tazewell County was the 4th lowest tax rate out of 102 counties in Illinois. He stated that half of the counties were double what Tazewell County's rate was. Chairman Brett Grimm stated that we are the 16th largest county in Illinois.

Vice-Chair Schneider requested an updated Tax Rate Comparison chart of where we fall in the chart since the comparison we have is from 2020 (payable 2021). He also requested a breakdown of where the consumption tax goes. He stated that East Peoria decided to levy the same amount, and they kept their levy flat. He requested information on what that would look like for our county. He also stated that no county in the State of Illinois has opted into PTELL in almost 20 years.

RECESS

Chairman Harris recessed the meeting at 5:02 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Gullette)