



Finance Committee

Mike Harris – Chairman
James Carius Community Room
101 S. Capitol Street
Pekin, Illinois 61554

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

immediately following Property Committee

- I. Roll Call
- II. Approve the minutes of the March 18, 2025 meeting
- III. Public Comment
- IV. New Business
 - A. Approve FY26 Budget Calendar
 - F-25-15 B. Recommend to Approve FY26 Budget Parameters
 - F-25-14 C. Recommend Approving the Increases in the Sheriff's Office Fees per Cost Study
 - D. Discussion: Assessment Tax Cycle
 - E. Discussion: Minier Fire & Rescue Opioid Funds Request
- V. Unfinished Business
- VI. Reports and Communications
 - A. Revenue Update Report
 - B. Treasurer's Report
 - C. Public Safety Sales Tax Report
- VII. Recess

Members: Chairman Mike Harris, Vice-Chair Max Schneider, Joe Woodrow, Deene Milam, Eric Schmidgall, Kim Joesting, Russ Crawford, Dave Mingus, Nancy Proehl, Eric Stahl, Aaron Phillips

Minutes pending committee approval



Finance Committee

James Carius Community Room
Tuesday, March 18, 2025 – 3:38 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Mike Harris, Eric Schmidgall, Kim Joesting, Dave Mingus, Eric Stahl, Russ Crawford, Nancy Proehl, Deene Milam, Joe Woodrow

Committee Members Absent: Vice-Chair Max Schneider

Others Attending: Mike Deluhery, County Administrator

MOTION **MOTION BY MEMBER JOESTING, SECOND BY MEMBER WOODROW** to approve the minutes of the February 18, 2025 meeting

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

MOTION
F-25-12

MOTION BY MEMBER STAHL, SECOND BY MEMBER SCHMIDGALL to recommend to approve Creation of Two Funds in MIP for Sheriff's State and Federal Asset Forfeitures

Finance Director Mindy Darcy stated that this is the creation of two funds in our accounting system, which will help us track and report better information for the Sheriff's Department for some state and federal forfeitures that they require us to keep separate, and this will allow us to do that.

Sheriff Jeffrey Lower stated that the funds must be used for drug enforcement.

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

MOTION
F-25-13

MOTION BY MEMBER STAHL, SECOND BY MEMBER WOODROW to recommend to approve a Transfer for Elevator Upgrade Costs

Administrator Mike Deluhery stated that this would be transferring the cost of the project from the general fund contingency line, which we have set up for these types of items that come up, to the buildings improvements line within the general fund.

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

DISCUSSION: FY24 Financials Update

Finance Director Mindy Darcy provided handouts to the members entitled "FY24 – Unaudited, Preliminary Financial Results – General Fund Only by Department" and FY24 – Unaudited, Preliminary Financial Results – All Funds – Summary with Fund Balance" and provided an overview of the documents.

Director Darcy stated that this information is currently being audited by our external auditors, Clifton, Larson, and Allen, based out of Peoria.

DISCUSSION: FY26 Budget Schedule

Finance Director Mindy Darcy provided a handout entitled "Budget Process Timeline" which is a preliminary schedule for the FY26 budget. She provided an overview of the timeline.

Chairman Harris stated that if a member wants to request to be at a certain department's budget meeting, to let him know. Otherwise, he will assign members to each department.

RECESS

Chairman Harris recessed the meeting at 3:55 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Gullette)



FY 2026 Budget Calendar of Budget Meetings

Finance Committee
(Harris)

Tuesday, September 2nd
3:30 pm
JCCR

Schneider, Crawford, Mingus, Proehl,
Joesting, Schmidgall, Stahl, Woodrow,
Milam, Phillips

Finance Committee
(Harris)

Monday, September 8th
3:30 p.m.
JCCR

Schneider, Crawford, Mingus, Proehl,
Joesting, Schmidgall, Stahl, Woodrow,
Milam, Phillips

Finance Committee
(Harris)

Monday, September 15th
3:30 p.m.
JCCR
(if needed)

Schneider, Crawford, Mingus, Proehl,
Joesting, Schmidgall, Stahl, Woodrow
Milam, Phillips

County Board Tentative Budget
(Harris)

Monday, October 6th
6:00 p.m.
JCCR

All County Board Members

County Board / Final Budget
(Grimm)

Wednesday, October 29th
Immediately following
County Board Meeting
JCCR

All County Board Members

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Tazewell County Board:

Your Finance Committee has considered the following RESOLUTION and recommends that it be adopted by the Board:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the County's Finance Committee recommends to the County Board to authorize the planning and developing of the Operating Budget for Tazewell County for FY26; and

WHEREAS, the goal is to achieve a balanced Operating Budget for the General and Special Revenue Funds; and

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board set FY26 budget parameters and process as follows:

- Commodities and contractual expenses may increase to cover anticipated cost increases due to inflation
- Departments are to continue to recognize in their respective budgets costs associated with the operation of their department operations as feasible (i.e. cell phone reimbursement, software costs unique to a department, office supply needs unique to a department, etc.)
- Elected officials and department heads will have a meeting scheduled with county administration and two Finance Committee members appointed by the Finance Committee Chairman to discuss the budget requests
- The County Administrator, Finance Committee, or Finance Committee member appointees may request additional information/supporting documentation for the need to increase costs
- A recommendation will be made by the County Administrator to the Finance Committee
- Special Revenue Funds are asked to submit operating budgets that consider the projected ending fund balance in relation to the County's Fiscal Management Policy
- It is requested that the Property Committee revise the multi-year Capital Improvement Plan
- Departmental requests for any new capital expenditures greater than \$5,000 should be submitted using a Capital Expenditure – Budget Request Form
- Non-union employees will be considered for a general wage increase based upon the recommendation of the HR Committee
- The property tax levy will be budgeted at the amount allowed under PTELL

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk notifies the County Board Office and the Finance Director of this action.

PASSED THIS 30th DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

ATTEST:

Tazewell County Clerk

Tazewell County Board Chairman

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Tazewell County Board:

Your Finance Committee has considered the following RESOLUTION and recommends that it be adopted by the Board:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Tazewell County's Fiscal Management Policies state that:

The County Board will establish and maintain user fees for services and programs which benefit a specific user more than the general public. The amounts of such fees are determined by statute or by a cost study. At a minimum, cost studies should be completed at once every four years. Fees shall be reviewed annually with recommended changes presented to the appropriate standing committee and the Finance Committee. Where practicable, fees for licenses, permits, fines and other charges shall be set at rates to recover the County's expenses in providing the related program or service.

WHEREAS, 55 ILCS 5/4-5001 provides that the statutory County Sheriff fees may be increased by the County Board if "the increase is justified by an acceptable cost study showing that the fees allowed by this Section are not sufficient to cover the costs of providing the services"; and

WHEREAS, the last increase in some of the Sheriff's Office fees occurred prior to 2013; and

WHEREAS, the County Board approved an agreement with Bellwether, LLC to conduct a cost study of the Sheriff's fees at the October 30, 2024 meeting with resolution F-24-33; and

WHEREAS, 55 ILCS 5/4-5001 requires a statement of the costs of providing each service, program, and activity be prepared and be part of the public record; and

WHEREAS, 730 ILCS 125/17 provides that the Sheriff may seek reimbursement for medical treatment costs; and

WHEREAS, a statement of cost (attached hereto and made a part hereof) and cost analysis by Bellwether, LLC has been prepared; and

WHEREAS, Attachment A lists the updated fees based on the cost study.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board approve the updated fees provided in Attachment A effective June 1, 2025.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk notifies the County Board Office, Finance, and the Sheriff of this action.

PASSED THIS 30th DAY OF APRIL, 2025.

ATTEST:

Tazewell County Clerk

Tazewell County Board Chairman

ATTACHEMENT A - SHERIFF'S OFFICE FEES

FEE DESCRIPTION	CURRENT FEE	TOTAL COSTS	NEW FEE
Serving Fees (general category, up to three attempts)	\$ 19.50	\$ 61.53	\$ 60.00
Each additional person served	\$ 19.50	\$ 14.70	\$ 14.00
For returning each process, in each county	-	\$ 15.82	\$ 15.00
Mileage for each mile of necessary travel to serve any such process as Stated above, calculating from the place of holding court to the place of residence of the defendant, or witness,	\$0.50 x miles	\$0.50 x miles	\$0.50 x miles
For serving or attempting to serve an order or judgment for the possession of real estate in an action of ejectment or in any other action, or for restitution in an action of forcible entry and detainer without aid, and when aid is necessary, the sheriff shall be allowed to tax in addition the actual costs thereof, and for each mile of necessary travel	\$ 19.50	\$ 170.70	\$ 170.00
For attending before a court with a prisoner in any criminal proceeding, in each county, per day.	\$ -	\$ 63.04	\$ 60.00
Fingerprinting (requests from outside of the department)	\$ 25.00	\$ 39.38	\$ 35.00
Eviction Stand By	\$ 19.50	\$ 116.58	\$ 115.00
Over Night Fees	\$ 48.00	\$ 63.04	\$ 60.00
Corrections fee for attending sick call on premises	\$ 10.00	\$ 21.01	\$ 20.00
Corrections fee for transport to medical / dental off premises	\$ 25.00	\$ 42.02	\$ 40.00

**3 ATTEMPTS OF SERVICE FOR 1 PERSON
 ADDITIONAL PERSON AT SAME ADDRESS IS ADDITIONAL \$14.00
 AFFIDAVIT OF SERVICE \$15.00**

<u>CITY</u>	<u>CHARGE (\$60)</u>	<u>MILES (\$0.50)</u>	<u>W/AFFIDAVIT (\$15)</u>
ARMINGTON	\$93.00	66	\$108.00
CREVE COEUR	\$68.00	16	\$ 83.00
DEER CREEK	\$85.00	50	\$100.00
DELAVAN	\$80.00	40	\$ 95.00
EAST PEORIA	\$70.00	20	\$ 85.00
GREEN VALLEY	\$72.00	24	\$ 87.00
GROVELAND	\$67.00	14	\$ 82.00
HOPEDALE	\$83.00	46	\$ 98.00
MACKINAW	\$85.00	50	\$100.00
MANITO	\$78.00	36	\$ 93.00
MARQUETTE HEIGHTS	\$66.00	12	\$ 81.00
MINIER	\$87.00	54	\$102.00
MORTON	\$74.00	28	\$ 89.00
NORTH PEKIN	\$65.00	10	\$ 80.00
PEKIN	\$61.00	2	\$ 76.00
SOUTH PEKIN	\$65.00	10	\$ 80.00
TREMONT	\$70.00	20	\$ 85.00
WASHINGTON	\$85.00	50	\$100.00

SERVICE FEES

The following counties have responded with the following information concerning their service fees. Kendall Co. is the closest in population to Tazewell Co. (approx. 131,000)

DeWitt	\$60 plus \$.50 mileage	
Iroquois	\$41 plus \$.50 mileage	
Kankakee	\$55-\$105 (based on mileage) \$15 additional for more than 1 person at same address	<i>Last cost study 5/17</i>
Kendall	\$82-\$87 (based on mileage) \$70 additional person served at same address <i>Requires self-addressed stamped envelope and copies to be provided</i> \$65 counter service	<i>Last cost study 12/20</i>
Lake	\$59-\$158 (based on mileage) <i>Only 1 attempt for 1 person</i> \$15 additional person served at same address	<i>Last cost study 12/17</i>
Livingston	\$55 plus \$1 mileage	
Logan	\$42 plus \$1 mileage	
McLean	\$50 plus \$0.50 mileage \$14 return of service	
Macon	\$35 plus \$1 mileage	
Randolph	\$53 plus \$1 mileage	
Richland	\$32 plus \$1 mileage	
Rock Island	\$45-\$68 (based on mileage)	<i>Last cost study 2/10</i>
St. Clair	\$42	
Wabash	\$38 plus \$1 mileage	

We are asking to raise our \$19.50 plus \$0.50 mileage to **\$60 plus \$0.50 per mile** for up to **3 attempts** of service of 1 person at 1 location. An **additional person** to be served at the same location is an additional **\$14 plus \$0.50 per mile**. **Affidavit** of service will be an additional **\$15**. If service is not successful within 3 attempts, an **additional fee of \$60 plus \$0.50 per mile** will be charged.

EVICTION/STAND-BY FEES

The following counties have responded with the following information concerning their eviction/stand-by fees. Kendall Co. is the closest in population to Tazewell Co. (2pprox.. 131,000)

DeWitt \$25 (no property), \$180

Kankakee \$96-\$146 (based on mileage)
\$86 per hr. per deputy

Kendall \$285

Lake \$145-\$228 (based on mileage)
\$109 rescheduling fee

Livingston \$59

Macon \$50

McLean \$175

Rock Island \$41.94

St. Clair \$70 serve eviction
\$80 stand by

We are asking to raise our \$19.50 plus \$0.50 mileage to **\$115 plus \$0.50 mileage**. These evictions/stand-by events can require up to an hour of a deputy's time. On occasions, **2 deputies** must be present. If this is requested and is **not related to a criminal act** occurring during the eviction, **additional \$115 plus \$0.50 mileage** will be charged.

SEX OFFENDER REGISTRATION/RENEWAL FEE

Sex Offender Registration fee and annual renewal fee of \$100 will be enforced. CID Secretary will collect the fees and turn them over to the Administrative Assistant, who will deposit the funds with the Treasurer's Office. **\$35 goes to the County and \$65 is sent to the State.** Conversations as to specifics are to be determined between the Administrative Assistant and Treasurer. This will allow funds to be distributed properly. If a person is unable to pay due to being homeless, receiving only social security disability, or other extreme financial situation, a waiver may be completed. If a person cannot pay the full \$100 at the time of registration/renewal, payments may be made (\$10 a month).

Most counties responded that they do collect this fee. Many have offenders who pay the total overtime. **Financial affidavits and/or waivers** are commonly used and approved by either the Sheriff, Chief Deputy, or Chief Clerk. I would propose that guidelines be set up, and the CID secretary can determine eligibility based on those. If a waiver is granted, it only applies to that particular year. A new waiver must be submitted each year.

WEEKENDER FEES

Those sentenced to serve weekends in jail so they can retain their employment during the week have been paying \$48. This is to cover the expense of housing and food for the individual. Check-in is on Friday evening and check-out is on Sunday morning. Therefore, their stay is for 2 nights and 4 meals. This fee will be increased to **\$60** to cover the increased expenses of meals and services.

ATTENDING COURT WITH DETAINEE

ATTENDING SICK CALL ON PREMISES

TRANSPORT TO MEDICAL/DENTAL

Statute allows a fee to be charged when a Correctional Officer **attends court** with a detainee. We do not charge a current fee, but it is estimated to cost approximately **\$60**. This charge would be deducted from the detainee's funds at the time of discharge.

Currently, we charge \$10 for a sick call in jail and \$25 for transport to a medical/dental office. It is estimated that the fee for **sick calls in the jail** costs approximately **\$20** and **transport** to a medical/dental office costs **\$40**.

OVERVIEW

There were 15 potential fee changes presented to us by Bellwether. Service-related fees made up 5 of those fee changes. Jail-related fees made up another 5 charges, with 2 fees never being charged by our department in the past. The sex offender registration fee is not changing; however, we have not been enforcing the fee as we are allowed to. Bail/bond-related fees are not applicable due to the new laws, and home detention fees are handled by probation.

These fee changes do not affect the Sheriff's Office accounts since the revenue goes to the general fund. Rather than having taxpayers pay for the missing funds to perform these services, it should fall onto those individuals utilizing the services. The Sheriff's Office has not raised fees since the study in 2004. A cost study was completed in 2013, but no adjustments to fees were made. It has been approximately 20 years of the same fees for services that cost up to triple the fee.

MISC. FEES

Fingerprinting fees are set at \$25, yet we are charged \$28.25 by the State (BOI). Therefore, we are losing money providing this service. By increasing the fee to **\$35**, the State can collect its portion of \$28.25, and the remaining \$6.75 can go towards the cost of maintaining the LiveScan printer. This would include toner and cleaning sheets for the device.



Bellwether, LLC

Management Services & Consulting

Government Performance Services

Cost of Services

Tazewell County, Illinois

Sheriff / Jail Fees

February 2025

The **Tazewell County Sheriff's Department** engaged Bellwether LLC to complete a review of existing and potential new fees authorized by Illinois State Statute. We used data and comments provided by staff to develop models of staff effort and time spent.

The following fees were reviewed as part of this project:

Process Service / Civil Standby / Sheriff Sale

- Serving Summons / Garnishment / Subpoena / Attachment / Summons
- Serving Judgment / injunction / Levy
- Serving Replevin
- Serving Warrant
- Returning each process
- Removing property
- Eviction Standby
- Sex Offender Registration
- Fingerprinting

Jail / Inmate Fees

- Taking Bail (Bond Fee)
- Escort Inmate to medical / dental outside of jail
- Attending court with prisoner (any proceeding)
- Inmate Nurse Visit (per request)
- Inmate in Jail Doctor Visit (per request)

Fees are defined by state laws and county ordinances. County governments may charter cost studies to review the appropriateness of these fees and adjust meet actual expenses. The process and authority to adjust these fees are addressed in laws of the State of Illinois.

The following excerpts from 55 ILCS 5/4-5001) (from Ch. 34, par. 4-5001) describe the included fees.

"For serving or attempting to serve summons on each defendant in each county, \$10."

"For serving or attempting to serve an order or judgment granting injunctional relief in each county, \$10."

"For serving or attempting to serve each garnishee in each county, \$10."

"For serving or attempting to serve an order for replevin in each county, \$10."

"For serving or attempting to serve an order for attachment on each defendant in each county, \$10."

"For serving or attempting to serve a warrant of arrest, \$8, to be paid upon conviction".

"For taking special bail, \$1 in each county."

"For serving or attempting to serve a subpoena on each witness, in each county, \$10."

"For returning each process, in each county, \$5."

"For summoning each juror, \$3 with 30¢ mileage each way in all counties."

"For serving or attempting to serve notice of judgments or levying to enforce a judgment, \$3 with 50¢ mileage each way in all counties."

"For taking possession of and removing property levied on, the officer shall be allowed to tax the actual cost of such possession or removal."

"For attending before a court with prisoner, on an order for habeas corpus, in each county, \$10 per day."

"For attending before a court with a prisoner in any criminal proceeding, in each county, \$10 per day."

"For serving or attempting to serve an order or judgment for the possession of real estate in an action of ejectment or in any other action, or for restitution in an action of forcible entry and detainer without aid, \$10 and when aid is necessary, the sheriff shall be allowed to tax in addition the actual costs thereof, and for each mile of necessary travel, 50¢ each way."

"The foregoing fees allowed by this Section are the maximum fees that may be collected from any officer, agency, department or other instrumentality of the State. The county board may, however, by ordinance, increase the fees allowed by this Section and collect those increased fees from all persons and entities other than officers, agencies, departments and other instrumentalities of the State if the increase is justified by an acceptable cost study showing that the fees allowed by this Section are not sufficient to cover the costs of providing the service. A statement of the costs of providing each service, program and activity shall be prepared by the county board. All supporting documents shall be public records and subject to public examination and audit. All direct and indirect costs, as defined in the United States Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87, may be included in the determination of the costs of each service, program and activity."

Section 730 addresses expenses related to the housing of inmates. In part it provides direction whereby counties may collect fees for medical expenses incurred.

(730 ILCS 125/17) (from Ch. 75, par. 117)

“To the extent that such person is reasonably able to pay for such care, including reimbursement from any insurance program or from other medical benefit programs available to such person, he or she shall reimburse the county or arresting authority.”

“The county shall be entitled to a \$10 fee for each conviction or order of supervision for a criminal violation, other than a petty offense or business offense. The fee shall be taxed as costs to be collected from the defendant, if possible, upon conviction or entry of an order of supervision. The fee shall not be considered a part of the fine for purposes of any reduction in the fine.”

Bellwether recommends Tazewell County actively pursue recovery of inmate medical expenses and other inmate debt to the county through the **Illinois Comptroller Local Government Debt Recovery Program**.

Bellwether LLC does not provide legal advice. The decision to change or add fees is the sole responsibility of Tazewell County government.

Methods

The Cost of Services Study or Fee Review is a detailed analysis of the data related to the operations and expenses of the department. Central to the analysis is:

- Annual budgeted expenses
- Actual expenses
- Inclusion (or exclusion) of expense categories or lines within the department budget(s)
- Actual staff related expenses
- Current revenues derived from fees
- Current revenues derived from other sources
- Service requests - Volumes and trends
- Changes in State Law or Regulations
- Onsite observation of core processes related to each service
- Appropriate exclusions of data (related to services that are non-eligible for fees)

Bellwether engaged County staff only to the extent necessary to collect and clarify the data.

- The provided data was assessed for reasonableness and completeness. The Bellwether analysis produced a detailed description of each service under review and detailed direct and indirect costs that can be attributed to each.
- Both direct and indirect expenses may be included for the purpose of establishing the cost of services under Illinois law. Direct expenses are expenses, including labor, that are directly incurred for the purpose of delivering a particular service. These expenses include pre-printed forms, dedicated equipment or software, or dedicated office facilities. Indirect expenses are expenses that include shared management services or administrative costs, portions of shared facility costs and equipment.
- While it is not possible to attribute every moment of every transaction to an individual, it is possible to understand the flow of the work and develop a weighted value of labor.
- Several processes have direct materials, equipment, and other relatable costs. To the extent possible these costs are determined on a "per transaction" basis.

Indirect costs were allocated to specific activities within the office when possible, when not possible the costs were allocated to general administration. According to federal rules (US Office of Management & Budget Circular A-87), indirect expenses associated with central services provided to sub-units of local governments would be documented in a Central Services Cost Allocation Plan to ensure the consistent treatment of these expenses.

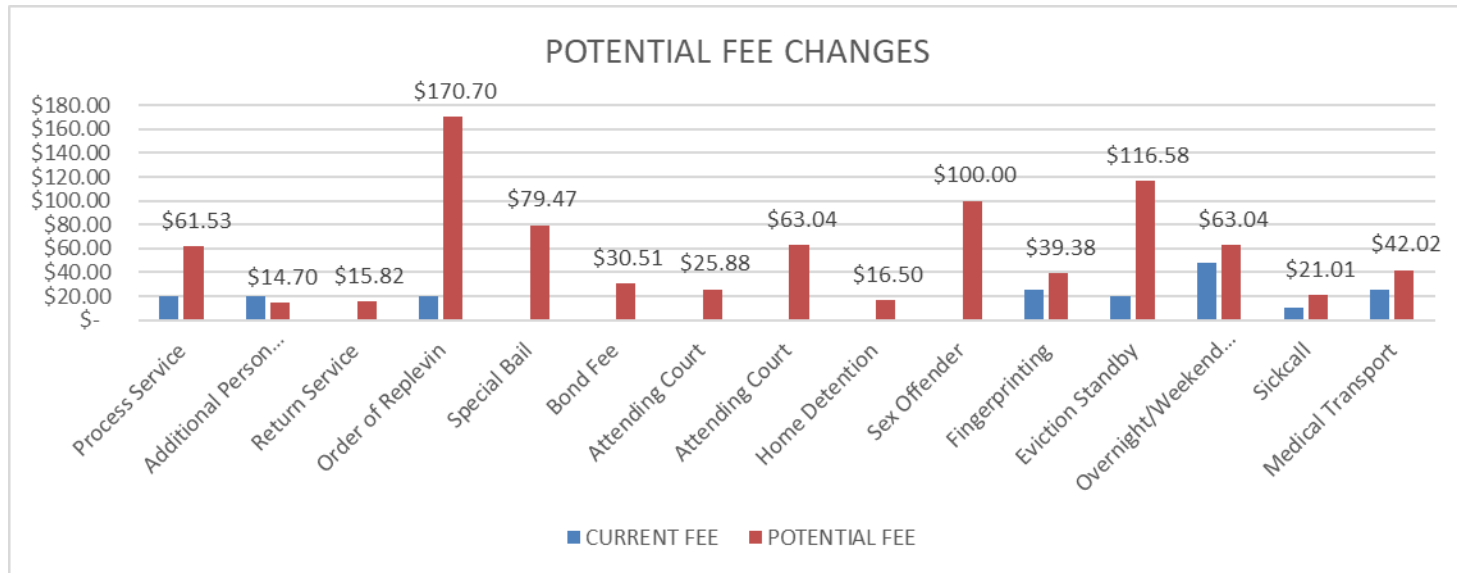
Summary of Results

Information suggests that the fees reviewed as part of this project are not sufficient to recover actual costs. Adjusting fees to actual costs would result in a potential increase in fee-based revenue.

Actual annual revenue may vary based on the final fee established and the actual annual volume of transactions. Many counties choose to round down to the next full dollar to avoid additional cash management efforts.

The following chart provides an overview of the gap among current fees (blue) and potential fee (red).

Overview of Fee Potential



Bellwether assumes the information provided by the departments to be true and accurate to the best of their ability and does not propose specific recommendations for establishing or changing fees. Our observations suggest an increase in some fees may be warranted and acceptable under current state law not to exceed the Actual Total Cost above.

Some annual volumes of transactions are estimates using the best judgement of the Sheriff Department staff and by juxtaposing related values by Bellwether staff experience. (i.e., the number of inmates relative to sick call request volume) Bellwether recommends conservative estimation for budgeting purposes until actual volume data can be confirmed by the department.

The following Table contrasts the **Statute Fee** from the **Current Fee** and the calculated **Total Costs**

FEE DESCRIPTION IN STATUTE	STATUTE FEE	CURRENT FEE	Total Labor	Vehicle Costs	Indirect Costs	Total Costs	Fee Change
Serving Fees (general category)	\$ 10.00	\$ 19.50	\$ 36.18	\$ 16.50	\$ 8.86	\$ 61.53	\$ 42.03
Each additional person served	\$ 10.00	\$ 19.50	\$ 12.93	\$ 1.15	\$ 0.62	\$ 14.70	\$ (4.80)
For returning each process, in each county,	\$ 5.00	\$ -	\$ 11.39	\$ -	\$ 4.43	\$ 15.82	\$ 15.82
Mileage for each mile of necessary travel to serve any such process as Stated above, calculating from the place of holding court to the place of residence of the defendant, or witness,	\$ 0.50	\$ 0.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$0.50 x miles	\$ -
For serving or attempting to serve an order or judgment for the possession of real estate in an action of ejectment or in any other action, or for restitution in an action of forcible entry and detainer without aid, and when aid is necessary, the sheriff shall be allowed to tax in addition the actual costs thereof, and for each mile of necessary travel,	\$ 10.00	\$ 19.50	\$ 126.54	\$ 16.50	\$ 27.67	\$ 170.70	\$ 151.20
For taking special bail, in each county.	\$ 1.00	\$ -	\$ 62.20	\$ -	\$ 17.27	\$ 79.47	\$ 79.47
In addition to the above fees there shall be allowed to the sheriff a fee of \$600 for the sale of real estate which is made by virtue of any judgment of a court, except that in the case of a sale of unimproved real estate which sells for \$10,000 or less, the fee shall be \$150. In addition to this fee and all other fees provided by this Section, there shall be allowed to the sheriff a fee in accordance with the following schedule for the sale of personal estate which is made by virtue of any judgment of a court: For judgments up to \$1,000, \$75; For judgments from \$1,001 to \$15,000, \$150; For judgments over \$15,000, \$300.	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

FEE DESCRIPTION IN STATUTE	STATUTE FEE	CURRENT FEE	Total Labor	Vehicle Costs	Indirect Costs	Total Costs	Fee Change
For attending before a court with a prisoner in any criminal proceeding, in each county, per day.	\$ 10.00	\$ -	\$ 49.75	\$ -	\$ 13.28	\$ 63.04	\$ 63.04
Sex Offender Registration - (730 ILCS 150/3) - (6) The person shall pay a \$100 initial registration fee and a \$100 annual renewal fee. \$35 retained by the County and \$65 sent to the State of Illinois	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
NON-STATUTORY FEES COMMON IN OTHER COUNTIES							
Fingerprinting (requests from outside of the department)	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.98	\$ -	\$ 6.64	\$ 39.38	\$ 14.38
Eviction Stand By	\$ -	\$ 19.50	\$ 95.55	\$ -	\$ 21.03	\$ 116.58	\$ 97.08
Over Night Fees	\$ -	\$ 48.00	\$ 49.75	\$ -	\$ 13.28	\$ 63.04	\$ 15.04
COPY FEE (general)	\$ -	\$ 0.50	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accident Reconstruction	actual	NA	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Corrections fee for attending sick call on premissis	\$ -	\$ 10.00	\$ 16.58	\$ -	\$ 4.43	\$ 21.01	\$ 15.22
Corrections fee for transport to medical / dental off premissis	\$ -	\$ 25.00	\$ 33.17	\$ -	\$ 8.86	\$ 42.02	\$ 30.45

MUTIPLE ATTEMPTS AT PROCESS SERVICE

The Sheriff's Department may establish a limit on the number of attempts for the initial fee. In the policy the Sheriff may establish an additional fee for further attempts. For example, additional attempts may be charged the deputy labor costs (\$38.16) plus mileage. The department policy should be clearly posted for requesters.

EVICION STANDBY

The Eviction Standby fee assumes one deputy present per hour. Additional deputies requested as standby and not required by a criminal act occurring during the eviction will result in additional fees.

BOND FEE / BOOKING FEE

The effect of the Illinois Safe-T Act will drastically reduce the instances of collecting bond/bail. Some Illinois Counties have instituted a "Booking Fee" that is not specifically defined in statute. Bellwether's analysis draws process similarities between the initial booking and the bonding processes and has used the fee calculations interchangeably.

COLLECTION OF FEES FROM INMATES

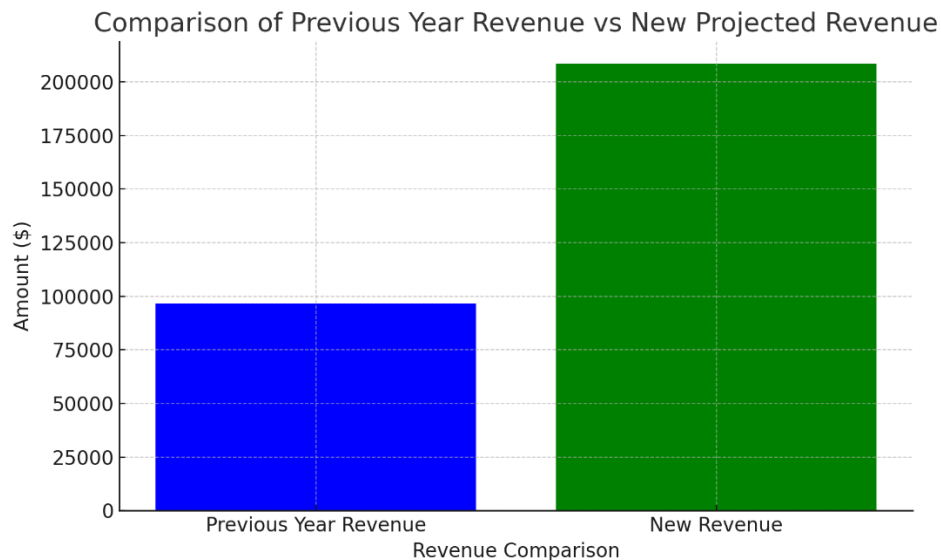
Collection of fees from inmates can be particularly difficult. Illinois State Comptroller's Act (15 ILCS 405/10.05) (from Ch. 15, par. 210.05) provides for programs to aid local governments in collecting fines and fees due the county. The **Local Government Debt Recovery Program** is a ZERO cost partnership with the Illinois Comptroller's Office. The local government submits regular list of those owing fines or fees to the County.

The Comptroller's Office compares the list to all recipients of payments from the State of Illinois. Any debt to the County is automatically deducted from the state payment (most commonly tax refunds). There are provisions that allow Counties to go back seven years in collection and may collect up to \$500 per year.

Bellwether has seen several counties and municipalities increase collections on a quantum scale using this program. We strongly recommend Tazewell County explore the program and exert effort into identifying and submitting outstanding debt.

Potential Revenue

The potential revenue gains from the proposed fee adjustments indicate a significant increase, with projected revenue rising from **\$96,681** to approximately **\$208,531.19**. However, it is important to note that this estimate is based solely on the **previous year's data** and assumes that service volumes and collection rates remain consistent. Many factors—such as changes in demand, enforcement, external economic conditions, and policy adjustments—can impact actual revenue outcomes. While these projections provide valuable insight into potential financial improvements, they should not be viewed as a guaranteed outcome but rather as a data-driven estimate



Attachment A – Sample County Board Action on Sheriff Fees

WHEREAS, 55 ILCS 5/4-5001 provides that the statutory County Sheriff fees may be increased by the County Board if an increase is “justified by an acceptable cost study showing that the fees allowed by this Section (55 ILCS 5/4-5001) are not sufficient to cover the costs of providing the services”; and

WHEREAS, 55 ILCS 5/4-5001 requires a statement of the costs of providing each service, program and activity be prepared and be part of the public record; and

WHEREAS, 730 ILCS 125/17 provides that the Sheriff may seek reimbursement for medical treatment costs; and

WHEREAS, a statement of cost (attached hereto and made a part hereof) and cost analysis by Bellwether LLC. has been prepared; and

WHEREAS, based on the Bellwether LLC study and the recommendation of the County Sheriff, and the County Board agrees that the County Code should be amended to change and establish the fees charged by the Tazewell County Sheriff.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the County Code is amended as follows:

INSERT NEW FEE SCHEDULE HERE



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To Whom it May Concern:

The Little Mackinaw Fire District has been a pillar of support and safety for our community, diligently responding to emergencies and providing essential medical care. The district encompasses a diverse population, including a significant number of individuals affected by opioid use and related health emergencies. With the rise of opioid-related incidents, there is an urgent need for advanced medical equipment to enhance our emergency response capabilities and ensure the safety and well-being of our residents.

Opioid addiction has reached crisis levels in Illinois and across the United States. According to the Illinois Department of Public Health, opioid overdose deaths have been on the rise, with thousands of lives lost each year. This public health crisis has placed significant pressure on emergency medical services to provide timely and effective interventions to save lives.

The purpose of this proposal is to request funding from the Illinois Opioid Allocation Fund to purchase a new Lifepak 35 Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator. This state-of-the-art medical device will enable our first responders to effectively manage cardiac emergencies, which are often associated with opioid overdoses. By acquiring this equipment, we aim to improve our response times, increase the chances of survival for patients, and provide high-quality care during critical moments.

Objectives:

1. **Enhance Emergency Medical Response:** Equip our first responders with a Lifepak 35 Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator to improve the quality of care provided during cardiac emergencies.
2. **Increase Survival Rates:** Utilize advanced medical technology to increase the chances of survival for individuals experiencing cardiac arrest due to opioid overdoses.
3. **Support Community Health:** Address the opioid crisis by ensuring our emergency medical services are adequately equipped to handle opioid-related emergencies.

Rationale: The increasing prevalence of opioid use and its associated health risks necessitates the acquisition of advanced medical equipment. Opioids, particularly when combined with other substances, can lead to life-threatening conditions such as respiratory depression and cardiac arrest. A Lifepak 35 Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator will allow our first responders to administer timely and effective treatment during cardiac emergencies, ultimately saving lives. Additionally, having access to this cutting-edge technology will enhance our ability to provide comprehensive care, instilling confidence in our community's emergency medical services.

By equipping our team with the Lifepak 35, we can:

- Provide rapid assessment and intervention during opioid overdoses, significantly reducing the time to administer life-saving measures.
- Improve patient outcomes by using advanced monitoring and defibrillation capabilities to manage cardiac complications often associated with overdoses.
- Increase our preparedness and response capacity, ensuring that we can handle the growing number of opioid-related emergencies in our community.

Budget Allocation: The estimated cost for purchasing a new Lifepak 35 Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator is \$50,000. This budget includes the following:

- **Equipment Cost:** \$48,000

Implementation Plan:

1. **Procurement:** Upon approval of funding, the Little Mackinaw Fire District will initiate the procurement process for the Lifepak 35 Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator, ensuring compliance with all relevant regulations and standards.
2. **Training:** Our first responders will undergo comprehensive training to operate the new equipment effectively. This training will be conducted by certified medical professionals and will cover all aspects of using the Lifepak 35.
3. **Deployment:** The Lifepak 35 will be integrated into our emergency response operations, with designated personnel responsible for its maintenance and functionality.
4. **Evaluation:** We will monitor and evaluate the impact of the new equipment on our emergency response capabilities, collecting data on response times, patient outcomes, and overall efficiency.

In light of the opioid crisis and the critical role that advanced medical equipment plays in saving lives, we respectfully request funding from the Illinois Opioid Allocation Fund to purchase a new Lifepak 35 Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator. This investment will significantly enhance our emergency medical services, ensuring that we are well-equipped to handle opioid-related emergencies and provide the highest standard of care to our community.

We appreciate your consideration of this proposal and look forward to the opportunity to improve the health and safety of our residents through this vital funding.

Sincerely,

Jaclyn Mortimer

EMS Chief

Little Mackinaw Fire Protection District