Minutes approved 11.10.26

Finance Committee

James Carius Community Room
Tuesday, October 20, 2026 – 3:34 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Vice Chairman Max Schneider, Nancy Proehl, Russ Crawford, Joe Woodrow, Eric Stahl, Eric Schmidgall, Deene Milam, Eugene Glueck

Committee Members Absent: Chairman Mike Harris, Dave Mingus, Kim Joesting

Others Attending: Mindy Darcy, County Administrator

MOTION **MOTION BY MEMBER WOODROW, SECOND BY MEMBER SCHMIDGALL** to approve the minutes of the September 22, 2026 meeting

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

F-26-20 **MOTION BY MEMBER WOODROW, SECOND BY MEMBER MILAM** to recommend to Approve the Purchase of a Truck for Animal Control

Administrator Darcy stated that this is to replace a truck that was totaled in a car accident back in August. She stated that the truck will be paid for out of the Risk fund.

Member Stahl stated that he would appreciate seeing the County purchase vehicles from a Tazewell County dealer. Administrator Darcy stated that the purchase is being made through a cooperative bid agreement so this is the dealership we typically use.

Member Crawford stated that back in the 1980's they went through a cooperative bid agreement and they overall saved money for the Tazewell County taxpayers.

Member Proehl stated that the Highway Department also uses the cooperative bid process and it works pretty well for them.

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

F-26-21 **MOTION BY MEMBER GLUECK, SECOND BY MEMBER STAHL** to recommend to Approve Use of Contingency Funds for Security System Upgrades to the Tazewell County Jail Control Room

Administrator Darcy stated that Capital Improvement Plan fund contingency dollars to pay for security system upgrades to the Tazewell County Jail related to the tunnel that is being built.

Sheriff Lower stated that this software controls every door, every intercom, and every security system within the jail. He stated that it is 25-26 years old. He stated that in the past when a new door or intercom is added, they call S&S and they come in and modify the software. He stated that it has reached end of life and they will no longer support it.

Member Proehl questioned what will happen to the old tunnel. Sheriff Lower stated that it will still be used since there will be two courthouses.

Member Glueck questioned if there were bids for this project. Administrator Darcy stated that there were no bids because it is a proprietary system being used within the jail so he went with the upgraded, but same system. Sheriff Lower confirmed that S&S is the original vendor that installed the system and this is the cheapest option.

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

MOTION **MOTION BY MEMBER SCHMIDGALL, SECOND BY MEMBER PROEHL** to move the Committee into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(29) – meetings between internal and external auditors and the County Board at 3:49 p.m.

On voice vote**, MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Vice Chairman Schneider moved the Committee out of Executive Session at 4:27 p.m.

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Vice Chairman Schneider recessed the meeting at 4:27 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Gullette)