

MACOUPIN COUNTY
EXECUTIVE/BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING

March 7, 2013

MINUTES

PRESENT: Thomas, Coatney, Pomatto, Watson, Dragovich, Zirkelbach, CFO Springer, County Clerk Pete Duncan, and Jeanette Baker.

A meeting of the Executive Committee will be held **Thursday , March 8, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the County Board Conference Room.**

AGENDA:

1. Review timesheets for non-union personnel
2. Approve March 2013 County Board Agenda
3. RLF Report – February
4. 2013 County Lease Report
5. Six Month Budget Review

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Watson at 5:00 p.m.

First item on the agenda: **Approval of Timesheets.**

Committee reviewed non-union personnel time sheets and made the following motion:

MOTION: Motion was made by Coatney, seconded by Harding to accept the February 2013 Time Sheets for Non-union Personnel as presented. All in favor, Motion Carried.

MOTION: Motion made by Coatney and seconded by Thomas to approve claim for mileage from CFO Springer. Motion carried.

The **Draft Agenda** for the March 2013 County Board Meeting was reviewed and discussed.

MOTION: Made by Harding, seconded by Vojas to approve (with additions and corrections) the draft Agenda for the March 2013 County Board Meeting. All in favor, Motion Carried.

Revolving Loan Fund Report – February 2013 – CFO Springer reported that we continue to receive payments from R & A Enterprises despite being told that the business in Mt. Olive has shut down operations. The county has also received its first payment from TDS Transport per the terms of its loan. In December, the Connexus loan was turned over to the State's Attorney for further investigation. Springer said that today we received a \$500.00 cash payment which brings the loan balance close to currency, excepting out late fees and interest.

MOTION: Motion made by Thomas and seconded by Coatney to accept revolving loan fund report as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Annual Lease Report – CFO Springer distributed a copy of the lease report document which showed lease payments dating back to 2009. He reported that back in 2011 when the Board was working to reform its revolving loan program, we also looked at all the outstanding county leases. As part of the reforms of the lease program we decided to prepare an annual lease report of all leases out there. Springer explained that we have five active leases and all are current. Richard Lippold and Rosentreter Farms, LLC made recent payments on the first of March according to their terms; Cisco and County Fair both made payments back in January. The fifth active lease is with Springfield Coal Company - they have paid their \$20,000 advance payment. Any earned royalty payments are not expected to come until at least the 2nd quarter of 2013 according to the coal company (this is when they plan to begin mining operations).

MOTION: Motion made by Vojas and seconded by Harding to approve the annual lease report as presented. Motion carried.

Six Month Budget Review

CFO Springer stated that as part of the General Fund budget that the county board adopted in September, there was a clause that required that the board come back at the six month point and review available revenue and expenses. County officials spoke with committees earlier in the week to demonstrate their current budget status. The Circuit Clerk and Sheriff estimated they would run deficits this fiscal year. Circuit Clerk estimates his deficit to be just under \$100,000 while the Sheriff estimates his deficit to be around \$500,000. However, the Sheriff believes that as much as \$300,000 could be transferred from his Public Safety Fund to cut his deficit to around \$200,000 (much of the money from the Public Safety Fund is money he receives from 911 for telecommunicating services). Judge Deihl stated that he would return to the committee in April or May with potential deficit estimates. All other presenting officials stated that they believe their budgets would be sufficient for the remaining part of the fiscal year.

CFO Springer stated that he looked at all major revenue sources and sees that they are for the most part slightly outpacing where they were at this point last fiscal year. Springer said that the share of income and sales taxes appears close to on target with last year, but that the county should remember that the increase in the state income tax is set to sunset in 2015 – this would reduce the share to the county. Springer said that the Governor has also recently suggested that revenue sharing from the state with local governments be reduced. Springer said that this could significantly impact the county.

Last year, according to our audit, general fund revenues were right around \$7 million. Springer estimates our general fund revenue to be near \$6.7 million this year as we are set to receive less property tax distributions during the course of this fiscal year according to the county Treasurer. Springer said current expenses in the General Fund are budgeted at just over \$6.5 million.

Watson adjourned the meeting at 5:39 P.M.

Prepared by Jeanette Baker