

COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 28, 2016

Call to Order

The Budget and Finance Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Bob Davidson at 5:30p.m.

Committee Members Present: Bob Davidson - yes, Matthew Prochaska - here, Elizabeth Flowers – present. **With three members present, a quorum was established to conduct business.**

John Purcell arrived at 5:35p.m.

Committee Members Absent: Scott Gryder

Others Present: Latreese Caldwell, Jeff Wilkins

Claims Review and Approval– Member Prochaska moved to approve claims in an amount not to exceed \$863,838.30 and Petit Juror Claims in an amount not to exceed \$2,825.00. Member Flowers seconded. **Roll Call:** Member Prochaska – aye, Member Flowers – aye, Member Davidson – yes. **With three members present voting aye, the motion carried.**

Department Heads and Elected Official Reports: None

Items from Other Committees: Member Davidson questioned Jeff Wilkins as to why the recommendation for the Coroner and Circuit Clerk salaries were discussed and any recommendations were made from the Admin HR Committee. Mr. Davidson stated that according to The Board Rules of Order, everything that involves appointing and setting salaries for county employees and elected officials must go through the Finance Committee for verification, and then any recommendations for approval for the County Board are to come from the Finance Committee.

Member Prochaska and Member Flowers agreed with Member Davidson that they would like to review the salary recommendations before they go to the County Board. Member Purcell did not agree that these two recommendations this year had to come to the Finance Committee.

Jeff Wilkins made copies of the proposed Coroner and Circuit Clerk recommendations, and also the information showing the history of elected officials from 2008 to present.

Discussion on past salary increases for the Circuit Clerk, Treasurer and County Clerk, and the differences between the Circuit Clerk, County Clerk and Treasurer’s current salaries.

Member Prochaska said that it was his understanding that the Finance Committee has always tried to keep these three salaries and increases on the same scale. Member Davidson stated that if elected officials aren’t receiving salary increases, that maybe department heads should not receive salary increases either.

Items of Business:

- *IMRF Discussion* – Latreese Caldwell reported that representatives from IMRF are not available to attend the May Committee of the Whole meeting. Ms. Caldwell and Jill Ferko are working together to schedule the IMRF reps at a future COW meeting.
- *Benefits Reimbursement Policy* – Member Prochaska suggested that if a department or office has employee salaries funded by a grant, that a portion of the administrative fees for that grant should fund some or all of the benefits for that employee. Discussion followed. Item to remain on the agenda for future discussion.

Other Business:

Member Davidson questioned why there have been continued issues regarding several county employees being turned over to collection agencies because workman’s comp claims have not been paid by the County. Member Davidson asked why this has gone on for 5 or 6 months and has still not been resolved.

Jeff Wilkins said that Worker’s Comp claims and payments are managed by IPMG claims adjusters. Mr. Wilkins said that any bills should be going to IPMG for payment. Mr. Wilkins said that IPMG pays everything first, and then it is billed back to the County for anything under \$250,000. Mr. Wilkins said it is the responsibility of IPMG to manage the payments.

Mr. Davidson said that these issues are still unresolved, and payments are not being made, and he wants to know why someone from the County has not contacted IPMG to get to the center of these issues.

Public Comment: None

Questions from the Media: None

Action Items for County Board:

- *Approval of Claims in an amount not to exceed \$863,838.30, and Petit Juror Claims for in an amount not to exceed \$2,825.00*

Items for Committee of the Whole: Discussion with IMRF Reps in June

Executive Session: Not needed

Adjournment: Member made a motion to adjourn the Budget and Finance Committee meeting, second by Member. **The meeting adjourned at 6:33p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant and Recording Clerk