

**COUNTY OF KENDALL, ILLINOIS
BUDGET & FINANCE COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, December 29, 2020**

Call to Order - Committee Vice Chair Scott Gryder called the Budget and Finance Committee to order at 9:01a.m.

Roll Call

Attendee	Status	Arrived	Left Meeting
Amy Cesich	Present		
Brian DeBolt	Here		
Scott Gengler	Here		
Scott Gryder	Here		
Matt Kellogg	ABSENT		

Others Present – Latreese Caldwell, Scott Koeppe

Approval of Forwarding Claims for Final County Board Approval – Member DeBolt made a motion to forward the claims to the County Board for final approval, second by Member Gengler.

Amy Cesich	Present
Brian DeBolt	Here
Scott Gengler	Here
Scott Gryder	Here

With four members present voting aye, the motion carried by a roll call vote of 4-0.

Department Head and Elected Official Reports – None

Items from Other Committees – None

Items of Business

- *Discussion and Approval of an IGA with the Village of Oswego, United City of Yorkville, and Village of Montgomery to Retain the Firm Elevate Government Affairs* – Mr. Koeppe explained the IGA, with Oswego as the lead agency of those involved in the IGA. Discussion on the one-year contract, the start date, the amount for the County’s involvement, and the timeliness of potential federal funding with the installation of the new Presidential administration and the proposed stimulus package.
- *Discussion of Federal Lobbyist Memo from Scott Koeppe* – Mr. Koeppe summarized the memo and stated that a few months ago the first round of interviews was completed by

staff with a group of federal lobbyist, a top three were chosen, and then a second round of interviews was completed by staff, mayors and County Board Chair Scott R. Gryder.

Mr. Koepfel stated that all three lobbyist charge the same amount of \$12,500 per month, and if approved the IGA would then be enacted. Mr. Koepfel stated that the idea was to have the contract be with Village of Oswego, the model used by Oswego and Yorkville for their state lobbyist. The Village of Oswego approved the contract on December 15, 2020 at their Council meeting. If the Village of Montgomery, the City of Yorkville and Kendall County approve the IGA, there would then be a cost sharing agreement.

The main purpose for the federal lobbyist is to work toward the second step for bringing Metra to Kendall County, which is to get funds from the federal government.

Another large item is water crisis, and the best option between the Fox River and Lake Michigan. Joliet is also exploring Lake Michigan and it might be advantageous to partner with them and other communities in the area, which might help to expedite the federal funding for local government unity and participation together.

From the Omnibus bill recently signed by the President, one billion dollars for USDA rural water and waste disposal program included, as well as the possibility under President elect Biden for the possibility of a larger scale stimulus package to restore the country after the pandemic.

There is also funds through the Omnibus bill for rural broadband projects, but we need to find a local partner.

Ms. Caldwell reminded the committee that the County treasurer does not suggest taking funds out the contingency line, and that if this expenditure is approved, she would like to set up a new line item either in the County Board or utilities budget for a federal lobbyist. Member Gryder said there was discussion last year during the budget process about being in the Administration budget. Mr. Koepfel stated that it would be General fund, and should be determined by the committee.

Mr. Koepfel stated this is a four party intergovernmental agreement drafted by Attorney's for Oswego, and all four parties would have to agree on any changes.

Mr. Koepfel asked if the committee would like the item discussed at the Committee of the Whole meeting, and if they would like the State's Attorney's Office to review it.

Member DeBolt made a motion to forward the item to the Committee of the Whole, second by Member Gengler. **With four members present voting aye by roll call vote, the motion carried by a vote of 4-0.**

Public Comment – None

Questions from the Media – Jim Wyman, WSPY News asked about the 11-month intergovernmental agreement and the monthly cost.

Items for the January 5, 2021 County Board Meeting

- *Forwarding Claims for Final County Board Approval*

Items for the January 14, 2021 Committee of the Whole Meeting

- *Approval of an IGA with the Village of Oswego, United City of Yorkville, and Village of Montgomery to Retain the Firm Elevate Government Affairs*

Executive Session – Not needed

Adjournment – Member Gengler made a motion to adjourn the Budget and Finance Committee meeting, Member DeBolt seconded the motion. **With four members present voting aye, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23a.m. by a roll call vote of 4-0.**

Respectfully submitted,

Valarie McClain
Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary