

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, ILLINOIS NOVEMBER 14, 2018
SPECIAL MEETING

The meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois was called to order at 8:00 a.m. Chairman Robert Elmore, Commissioner Vicki Koerber and Commissioner Delbert Wittenauer were present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

There being a quorum present, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Elmore.

Others present included Treasurer Kevin Koenigstein, Annmarie Marcuson, Jonathan McLean and County Clerk Dennis Knobloch.

This meeting was scheduled to discuss the 2018-2019 fiscal year budget.

Kevin Koenigstein provided a detailed explanation of Revenue and Expense projections. Some of the discussion items included:

The Circuit Clerk's office will be adding a full-time employee to the budget. This employee is already an office employee, but was previously paid from the office Document Storage fund because of the work she was performing.

The Coroner budget includes additional expense for new radio equipment.

The County Clerk's budget is lower for the next fiscal year due to 2019 being a one-election year.

The Judge's budget included a request for \$9,000 increase for the Public Defender salary and \$8,000 increase for the Probation budget. Correspondence was read indicating that the Probation budget, currently run through St. Clair County, could become the total responsibility of Monroe County, depending on contract negotiations with the employees of that Department.

The State's Attorney would like to add one more Assistant State's Attorney to keep up with the case load in the office.

The Assessor's office will have one more additional full-time employee until March 1, depending on when the assessment files are completed for that year.

Mr. Koenigstein said Connie Seboldt wanted to cut back on her hours and work part-time, and he was wanting to add one more full-time employee to his office to make up for those lost hours.

There was discussion about changing the Board of Review employees to hourly salaries.

Mr. Koenigstein said right now it looks like the budget will include about \$8.2 million in expenditures and \$7.9 million in revenues.

There was discussion about the potential cost of repairs at the Annex Building.

The County's insurance program was discussed. Bids were received from CIRMA in the amount of \$682,500 and from ICRMT in the amount of \$610,000. Commissioner Wittenauer made a motion to stay with CIRMA for the County's insurance coverage. This motion died for the lack of a second.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Koerber with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to revise the compensation for the Board of Review members as follows: to be paid \$20 per hour (for a minimum of one hour of service), to be reimbursed for continuing education related to the Board of Review position, and to be reimbursed for travel, mileage and meals using the same policy as adopted for all County employees. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wittenauer with a second by Commissioner Koerber. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.