

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MONROE COUNTY, ILLINOIS SEPTEMBER 13, 2016  
BUDGET HEARINGS – DAY #2

The meeting of the County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois (Budget Hearings – Day #2) was called to order at 7:30 a.m. Chairman Terry Liefer, Commissioner Delbert Wittenauer, and Commissioner Robert Elmore were present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Liefer declared there was a quorum present and the meeting was ready for business.

Also present included County Clerk Dennis Knobloch, Sheila Wetzler, and Treasurer Kevin Koenigstein, and Annmarie Marcuson.

Chris Howell came to the meeting to present the budget request for the Weed Commissioner. His request was \$35,200 compared to \$34,800 last year.

Aaron Metzger presented the budget request for the Highway Department. The resulting tax levy request for the County Highway, Bridge Fund and Matching Tax fund totals \$1,158,000 compared to the total last year of \$1,149,300. The Highway Department budget once again includes \$110,000 for CST Road District project funding. He plans to purchase a new backhoe, a tandem truck and a new 1-ton truck. Mr. Metzger said he is also trying to make arrangements to build a storage building in the Valmeyer area for equipment used on the western side of the County. He said this building could also be used to store various pieces of equipment for the EMA Department.

Sandy Sauget presented the budget for the Circuit Clerk's office. Her budget request showed no major changes from the previous year. She said her office is going to be installing equipment to remain compliant with State law, where those who wish to file civil suits will have to complete their paperwork on a computer and scanner provided in the office.

John Wagner came to the meeting to present the budget for his office. The first budget presented was for the Recycling Center. He said the total for that budget was the same except for the slight increase in the telephone line. For the Health Department budget, there was a slight increase for medical supplies as the cost for those continues to increase. Mr. Wagner said the availability of grants is decreasing. He included \$75,000 in misc. expenses to cover the cost of a digital sign in front of the building, and for installing AV equipment in the meeting room at the Annex Building. There was some discussion about combining accounts as per the request of the County Auditor, and Mr. Wagner said he would work with the Treasurer's office on that situation.

Jeannine Belt presented the budget request for the 708 Mental Health Funding Board. She requested an increase of 5% over the previous year. She said their Board provides funding to five different County groups, and it is very important to maintaining the necessary services for those requiring assistance.

Dana Hutchings presented the State's Attorney's budget request. All line items were the same except for a \$500 increase in the publications line item.

Dennis Knobloch provided the budget for the County Clerk's office. He said all of his line items will remain the same except for the Election costs. Since there is only one Election in 2017, the

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annual Election expense will be reduced by \$44,000. Mr. Knobloch said he is also looking at some possible unexpected expenses to bring the County's polling places into compliance with ADA requirements.

Chairman Liefer said he was contacted by Thelma Watson of the House of Neighborly Service. She would like for the County to waive the rental requirement on the office to be used for Violence Prevention services. Following discussion it was decided that rent will continue to be charged, but the County will provide a donation to the group in the amount of those rental payments.

Chairman Liefer said he was asked whether the County would once again consider sponsoring an ad in the State Fair Queen publication. The Commissioners decided to support this project by purchasing an ad as they have in the past.

Ryan Weber came to the meeting to present the budget for the EMA office. As in past years, Mr. Weber once again told the Board he felt this should be made into a full-time position. His budget proposal included taking the \$14,400 previously charged for rental of office space, and dividing that between his position and Bill Hasty's position, if the County does not want to create a full-time Director position for the office. Mr. Weber also increased the line item for overtime and meetings. He included a line item for a possible State grant to upgrade computer equipment, and a line for providing the necessary funding in the case of an unexpected disaster.

There was some discussion of the budget for the Commissioners and various other County expenses.

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