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MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, ILLINOIS SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 – BUDGET HEARINGS

The meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois was called to order at 8:00 a.m. Chairman Vicki Koerber, Commissioner Dennis Knobloch, and Commissioner George Green were present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chairman Korber asked for public comment. There were no public comments.

Amy Cope presented the annual request for funding for the University of Illinois Extension Office. The requested amount is \$195,000.

Chris Howell presented the budget request for weed commission. He requested an increase of \$725.

Aaron Metzger presented the budget for the Highway Department. Mr. Metzger noted that the union increase will be 2 ½% this year. There are also some addition costs built in for a new Highway office.

Carla Heise presented the budget request for the Monroe County Ambulance Service.

Cindy Zipfel and Pat Wetzel presented a funding request for soil and water conservation.

Sheriff Neal Rohlfing and Joe Lewis came before the Board to present the requested budget for animal control, courthouse and jail, and the sheriff's departments. Sheriff Rohlfing presented the animal control budget.

County Clerk Jonathan McLean presented the budget for the County Clerk, Elections, and Recording of Deeds. Mr. McLean requested additional funds for salary raises for his staff. He is concerned that some members of his staff are underpaid compared to other employees in the County. Mr. McLean also said there will be some additional costs associated with elections due to the passage of permanent vote by mail. The additional costs will go towards software and labor to properly implement the new legislation.

Kevin Koenigstein discussed the levy for 708 Mental Health Board. It was decided to keep the levy the same at \$445,000.

County Commissioner discussed budget for County Commissioners, General County, General Assistance Levy, Transportation and Nursing Home Salary Levy. the 2021-2022 budget year. There was discussion about removing budget account 100-12-7210 for Van/Western Egyptian. The account number has not been used for several years.

The nursing home salary levy was discussed. The general consensus was to set it at \$900,000 and review it again mid-year to see if the full amount is necessary.

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The Commissioners and Treasurer Kevin Koenigstein went over estimated revenues for the 2021-2022 budget year. Since inflation has increased the costs of good, sales tax is coming in better than expected. Also, revenue from services provided by the County Clerk's office has been higher than estimated.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Commissioner Koerber made a motion to adjourn. Second by Commissioner Knobloch. All voting aye. None Nay. None Absent. Motion carried.