

**JONATHAN MCLEAN**  
MONROE COUNTY CLERK

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MONROE COUNTY, ILLINOIS SEPTEMBER 21, 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 Knobloch, and Commissioner Green were present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Circuit Clerk Lisa Fallon and Deputy Circuit Clerk Julie Rusteberg came before the Board to present the budget request for the Circuit Clerk's office. The Mrs. Fallon discussed the negative impact the Illinois criminal justice reform bill will have on revenue collected through fines and court fees. The fines and court fees help to offset the operating costs to the County tax payers. Mrs. Fallon made a request that the Board use some of the federal COVID funds to help upgrade the technology in courtroom 215.

Judge Chris Hitzemann came before the Board to discuss the Judicial budget. Judge Hitzemann said that the recent legislation to move Monroe County in to a new 24<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court may create some additional expenses to the County for probation and office expenses. He said that the salaries for judges and judicial staff are paid by the State of Illinois. Judge Hitzemann said that an additional judge for the new circuit will most likely have an office at the Monroe County Courthouse. He also requested that the Board budget funds for renovation of the second courtroom.

State's Attorney Lucas Liefer presented the budget request for the State's Attorney's office. MR. Liefer requested additional funds for technology that would allow for his office to digitize records and work remotely.

Carl Wuertz presented the budget request for the Assessor's Office.

Amy Roever presented the budget request for the Board of Review. Mrs. Roever said they need to add around \$2,500 more in the budget for appraisals.

Kevin Scheibe presented the budget request for Emergency Management Agency. Additional funds were requested for the renovation of the emergency operations center. Commissioner Knobloch said some of this expense can be paid for with COVID relief funds.

Kelton Davis presented the annual funding for the Regional Office of Education. His funding request increased from \$245,168 to \$257,427.

John Wagner presented the budget request for the Health Department and Recycling Center. Mr. Wagner noted COVID makes it difficult to budget revenues and expenses. The Health Department has received many grants to help cover the costs associated with COVID.

Coroner Bob Hill presented the budget for the Coroner's office. Additional funds for equipment upgrades were requested.

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Chris Voelker presented the budget request for Zoning and Planning and Development. Mr. Voelker requested that lines item for “Appeals-Supplies 100-13-5422” be taken out of the budget for Board of Appeals and be added to the budget line item “Office Supplies 100-28-7425” in the zoning budget.

Laura Henry presented the budget request for Mapping and Platting.

Kevin Koenigstein presented the budget for the Treasurer’s office. In addition, he recommended budgets for the social security fund, tort and immunity fund, and the IMRF fund.

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

Meeting ended at 12:07 p.m.