



Special Finance Committee Budget Meeting – Thursday, September 9, 2021

Third Floor Boardroom, Old Lee County Courthouse - 8:00 a.m.

112 E Second St, Dixon, Illinois 61021

Meeting called to order at 8:02 a.m. by Chair Jim Schielein

Member Roll Call: Chair Jim Schielein, Vice Chair Arlan McClain (8:22-8:56), Doug Farster, Rick Humphrey, and Tom Kitson all attended in person.

Members absent: Lirim Mimini

Board Members, Department Heads, or County Employees present: John Nicholson (County Board Vice Chairman), Marilyn Shippert, Mike Koppien, Keane Hudson, and Jack Skrogstad (Board Members), Wendy Ryerson (Administrator), Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Paula Meyer (Treasurer), Paul Rudolphi (Chief Deputy, Treasurer's Office), John Simonton (Sheriff), Dave Glessner (Chief Deputy Sheriff), Jonathan Henrikson (IT), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) were all present in person.

Old Business: None

New Business

John Simonton and Dave Glessner presented the committee with an amended personnel request from the Sheriff's Office. The amended request included one (1) additional telecommunicator, two (2) additional corrections officers, and one (1) additional law enforcement officer. With the additional staff, they would be able to use the extra employee in 911 and corrections as a float. He also explained that he would be requesting an additional two (2) patrol deputies in FY2023.

The committee inquired if it made sense to hire patrol deputies instead of corrections officers because they understood that patrol officers could also work corrections, but not vice versa. John explained that the office had four (4) patrol officers certified to work in corrections. However, this scenario only works if the office is not shorthanded on the patrol side. He also explained that he was advocating for corrections deputies over patrol deputies at this time because of the cost saving in equipment and patrol cars that would be required.

John reported that he is seeking a replacement hire for a correctional deputy that recently resigned and he is anticipating the retirement of Shane Miller in June of 2022. John explained that he does have a candidate that is interested in the position that is currently a police officer but lives out of state. They are working through the process of a lateral transfer and reciprocal agreement through ILETSB that would allow the candidate to meet certain criteria without having to attend the academy. The replacement hire could start as early as the end of October. John explained that any reduction in overtime would be down the road once the personnel was fully trained.

Motion to adjourn by Arlan McClain:

Second by Tom Kitson. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,
Becky Brenner – Lee County Board Secretary