

AUDIT/FINANCE/PURCHASING COMMITTEE

February 14, 2011

Present: Paul Schmitz, Chairman
Tim Butcher Jack Pearce, Jr.
Dick Breckenridge Tony Woods

Absent: Others present: John Curtin, Sheriff Kettelkamp, Andrew Nelson, Bruce Engeling, Jeff Brown and Jan Bland.

The Audit/Finance/Purchasing Committee met on Monday, February 14, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. in the County Board Meeting Room, second floor Christian County Courthouse, Taylorville, IL. The purpose of the meeting was to approve claims and any other matters.

A motion was made by Dick Breckenridge and seconded by Tony Woods to approve the claims as presented for payment in February. The motion carried.

Sheriff Kettelkamp discussed with the Committee the need to stay on schedule in the replacement of squad cars. Money was originally in the budget for two cars, but then cut. There are several issues concerning waiting another year to replace the aging and high mileage car and one is that after the first of March; the Crown Victoria will no longer be available. Any new models purchased hereafter will cost more because the interior equipment will not fit so cannot be taken from the old and put into the new cars.

It was reported due to legislation, there are fees have been increased which are attached to traffic violations and other services which will generate more revenue. After much discussion and budget evaluation, a motion was made by Tim Butcher and seconded by Jack Pearce Jr. to allow the Sheriff to purchase two new squad cars from Bob Ridings FORD at/or below the state bid price @\$20,668, to transfer \$20,000 from contingency into the new squad car line item and using the equipment line item to pay the balance of purchase. The motion carried.

As referred from the Building Committee was the repair in the County Board meeting room ceiling not to exceed \$3,000. A motion was made by Jack Pearce and seconded by Tony Woods. The motion carried.

OTHER:

The Committee

- Reviewed the policy on repairs and had no objections.
- Discussed to wire and implement the gas tank card system at the Highway Department in order for the Sheriff's Department to utilize it.
- The cost of inmate prescription drugs last year was \$13,000 and it is rapidly being spent this year. The Sheriff will attempt to assure generic drugs are prescribed.

A motion was made by Dick Breckenridge and seconded by Jack Pearce to approve the resolution R2011 CC 002 to opt out of the electronic citation fee program at this time. Currently only one county participates and it is the opinion more research needs to be done prior to participation. The motion carried.

The Committee briefly, but adamantly discussed the issue of the homestead exemption applications not being mailed out to the senior citizens. A motion was made by Dick Breckenridge and seconded by Tony Woods to strongly advise and recommend to Supervisor of Assessments Ron Finley to mail the homestead exemption applications out immediately. The motion carried.

A motion was made by Jack Pearce and seconded by Dick Breckenridge to adjourn. The motion carried.