



Effingham County Board
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**Tax & Finance Committee of the Whole of the Effingham County Board
3rd Floor Board Room, Effingham County Building
Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.**

MINUTES

TAX & FINANCE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: Norbert Soltwedel Chairman, Sandi Gillet Vice Chair, Chris Keller, Dave Campbell, Josh Douthit, Doug McCain, Jeremy Deters, Tim Ellis, Elizabeth Huston

Committee Members Present: Chair N. Soltwedel, Vice Chair S. Gillet, C. Keller (late), D. Campbell, J. Douthit, D. McCain, J. Deters, T. Ellis.

The meeting was called to order by Chair N. Soltwedel.

1. Approve Minutes

- Member D. Campbell made a motion to approve the minutes. Member T. Ellis seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

2. Unfinished Business

• ARPA Reports Review

A monthly tracking report and spreadsheet was provided to the members. There was discussion on the entities who requested funding. It was noted the remaining ARPA funds which have not been designated is \$38,024.53.

• ARPA Funding

○ Childcare Research Committee – CEFS Project

Courtney Yockey gave an update on the CEFS project. CEFS has hired a site director. There have been a few delays with the renovation which has changed the start date for services to June 3, 2024. CEFS is in the process of gathering bids for the outdoor playground.

3. New Business

- **ARPA Funding – Funding Wrap-up**

It was suggested to have a plan to spend the available ARPA funds by August. Currently the remaining funds to be spent are \$38,024.53 and this amount will change with entities not spending all their requested amounts. N. Soltwedel listed the entities with available funds. There was discussion on the remaining ARPA funds available and suggestions on possible allocation of these funds. Some of these suggestions included the items on the Capital Improvement list.

- **Mill Road Thresherman’s Association**

Kathy Schroeder, with Mill Road Thresherman’s Association, was present at the meeting to request \$7,500.00. These funds will go to the cost of insurance and rental of the fairgrounds. The annual show will be held in August 2024 and she highlighted some of show’s events. Member J. Douthit made a motion to recommend to the full board the disbursement of \$7,500.00 from the hotel/motel tax fund to the Mill Road Thresherman’s Association. Member C. Keller seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried**

- **Capital Improvement Advisory Committee Recommendation**

A spreadsheet was provided by the Capital Improvement Advisory committee listing recommendations for spending in this fiscal year. The committee would need approval of these recommendations for the capital improvement, repair and replacement items listed on the spreadsheet. Member J. Douthit gave highlights of the items on the spreadsheet. There was discussion of the items on the submitted list. Member J. Deters made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the list of recommendations submitted for capital improvements, repairs and replacements. Member D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried**

4. **Appointments**

- None

5. **General Information/Public Comments**

- None

6. **Closed Session**

- None

7. **Adjourn**

- Member C. Keller made a motion to adjourn this meeting. Member J. Douthit seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried**

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle M. Kollmann
Effingham County Clerk