



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, January 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, D. Campbell, J. Douthit, D. McCain, J. Deters, T. Ellis

The meeting was called to order by Chair N. Soltwedel

1. Approve Minutes

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

2. Unfinished Business

• ARPA Reports Review

A monthly spreadsheet was provided to the board members for review on the ARPA funds. It was noted that Effingham County Farm Bureau is waiting on a written confirmation from the company to cancel their contract.

• Childcare Research Committee Gap Scholarship – Auditing Process

Courtney Yockey was present at the meeting and provided the board with a copy of the monthly verification form for the scholarship program. The childcare agreement states an audit will be done on 10% of those enrolled into the program. Currently there are three applicants approved. He is requesting feedback on the verification form and the audit process. There was discussion on the requirements for the audit which included wage increases for the applicants, documentation from the applicant to audit their wage/salary and modification on the frequency of the audit. Item #11 will be amended to reflect an annual audit with verification of income for compliance. The amendment to the childcare scholarship agreement will be on the regular board meeting agenda without committee recommendation.

3. New Business

- **ARPA Funding – Childcare Research Committee Reallocation of Funding**

This agenda item was postponed to the next tax and finance meeting. A proposal will be presented at that time.

- **Opioid Funding – Central East Alcoholism and Drug Council**

A representative from Hour House was present at the meeting to request \$10,368.00 in funding from the Effingham County Opioid Settlement Funds. A summary was provided to list a breakdown of the different areas in which the funding would be spent. It was noted all funding would stay in Effingham County. Aaron Jones stated this is the first request for funds and there are strict guidelines or criteria that must be met for the allocated funds. Member D. Campbell made a motion to recommend the full board to approve \$10,368.00 from opioid settlement funds to the Central East Alcoholism and Drug Council. Member J. Deters seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried**

- **Resolution – Increasing Election Judge Daily Compensation for Effingham County**

Michelle Kollmann, County Clerk, presented a resolution for an increase of \$20 to the election judge daily compensation. The increase will be reimbursed by the State Board of Elections. The new daily rate will be \$215 and this increase will start with the General Primary Election to be held on March 19, 2024. Member J. Douthit made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the resolution to increase the Election Judge Daily Compensation. Member J. Deters seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried**

- **2024 Mileage Rate**

The 2024 mileage rate will increase to .67/mile. Member J. Deters made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the 2024 mileage rate. Member T. Ellis seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried**

4. Appointments

- None

General Information/Public Comments

- Jessica Wells was introduced as the new Effingham County Director with Effingham County Extension. She explained her role and gave a brief history on herself .
- Courtney Yockey informed the board of a flyer to promote the childcare scholarship program which will be sent to the school districts in Effingham County.

5. Closed Session

- None

6. Adjourn

- Member J. Deters made a motion to adjourn this meeting. Member D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried**

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle M. Kollmann
Effingham County Clerk