PROCEEDINGS OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Proceedings of a meeting of the County Board Finance Committee of Mason County, a meeting begun and held at the Mason County Courthouse located at 100 N. Broadway St., Havana, IL on Thursday, January 11, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 10:15 a.m. by Committee Chairman Ronald Knollenberg.

The following committee members were present: RONALD KNOLLENBERG, ELDON GARLISCH and DOROTHY KREILING. Scott Garlisch being absent. Also present at the meeting were the following: County Board Chairman Kenneth Walker, County Clerk Summer Brown, Chief Deputy Clerk Lori Wickman, Payroll Administrator Shannon Roat, County Board Member Bill Parsley and County Board Member Darell Sarff.

Jason Boothe from Snedeker Risk Management, Ltd spoke to the committee about other plans that are available for health insurance for the county employees.

The committee discussed the County Highway Engineer Package that will be offered to the new County Highway Engineer. It was agreed that the starting salary would be \$103,700 with the option to increase if needed. It was also agreed that the County Highway Engineer could drive their work vehicle home and that the County Highway Engineer would be required to follow the county ETO and sick time policy.

County Clerk Brown explained to the committee that the county needs to transfer the salary that was budgeted for our previous IT employee to a different fund because we cannot pay our current IT from the department head funds, per our auditors.

The committee discussed the salary for our EMA Director, Richard Crum. To meet minimum wage requirements, it is necessary to increase his salary. It was agreed to raise his yearly salary from \$10,000 to \$15,600.

County Clerk Brown reminded the committee that Kathy Brown from the Greater Peoria Economic Development Council had requested that Broadband have a representative from Mason County. Hugh McHarry had volunteered to be that representative. With his passing, another representative needs to be appointed. The committee wants to know if it must be a board member. County Clerk Brown will discuss with Kathy Brown.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 1:06 p.m. Notices will be sent out for the next committee meeting.

MOTION: E. Garlsich made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.