

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 Highway Department located at 1164 E Laurel Ave, Havana, IL on Friday, February 2, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by committee chair Ronald Knollenberg.

The following committee members were present: RONALD KNOLLENBERG, ELDON GARLISCH, DOROTHY KREILING, and KENNETH WALKER. Committee member Scott Garlisch was absent. Also present at the meeting were the following: County Clerk Summer Brown and guests - Mason County Democrat Reporter Wendy Martin, Earl Allen of the U of I Extension Office, Kathie Brown and Sally Hanley with Greater Peoria EDC, and Julie Mize and Jess Kirby with Pets Without Parents.

Earl Allen presented the Board with details on the Extension budget and levy information. He explained his structure of revenues and expenses and took any questions. Of a \$20 4-H entry fee, \$7 is sent to the State and \$13 remains at the extension office. He plans to waive the extension charge and use foundation money for the other \$7 to bring the fee to \$0. In addition, he hopes to encourage the fair board to submit a "rental" invoice for the fairgrounds.

Kathie Brown and Sally Hanley spoke about and explained the different angles of an enterprise zone. They also discussed a few different incentives that could be offered to businesses and such. We will hear from them soon to set up a time to have a meeting with VISTRA.

Pets Without Parents representatives Jess Kirby and Julie Mize asked the Board if they would be willing to split the contract so that the building lease is separate - approximately 10 years.

Summer gave the board information from Snedeker Risk Management health care options. They will continue to try to decide what is next and proceed with what is best for the County and its employees.

The TBK walk through took place with Ameresco on Tuesday. They believe that they found asbestos and will be writing up a report for all of us. I will continue to keep you all updated.

The finance committee has agreed to offer Nick Peplow the position of County Highway Engineer. He will let me know his decision next week.