

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: March 18, 2024 at 5:03 p.m. County Building

MEMBERS PRESENT: Melonie Tilley – Chair, Dan Matthews, Jamie Prestegaard, and Megan Myers at 5:04 p.m. Also present, Dee Dee Rentmeister, County Administrator.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Terry Ferguson

SUMMARY OF DISCUSSION:

- Motion by Prestegaard, 2nd by Matthews to approve last month's minutes. Voice vote, motion carried.
- Motion by Matthews, 2nd by Prestegaard to approve the claims. Voice vote, motion carried.
- Motion by Matthews, 2nd by Myers to create second full time animal control warden position. Tony Harris explained to the committee that the two part time office/kennel assistants are not working out keeping the shelter clean. He would eliminate the part time positions. The money budgeted for part time positions would offset the full time position and the increase in the number of hours that J&M Critter would have to clean. J&M Critter Care has indicated that they would charge \$30 for the first hour and then \$25 an hour thereafter. Voice vote, motion carried.
- Tilley indicated that the wage needed to be set for the second animal control warden position. \$16.73/hour is the beginning wage. Tony Harris stated that the current warden would take on the lead position to handle day to day operations. Would continue with shelter hours open to public 10-4 and handling calls 8-4. Law enforcement has pledged to assist when staff is busy and on weekends. Motion by Prestegaard, 2nd by Matthews to set the wage at \$16.73 for the second animal control warden position. Motion by Myers, 2nd by Matthews to amend the wage to \$17.22 for the second animal control warden position. Voice vote on the amended motion, motion carried.
- Brief discussion on the initial request from PSI to increase the levy for ambulance service to DeWitt County and the Farmer City Fire Protection District. Will contact PSI to ask for their official request along with their operating budgets for the two entities.
- Motion by Prestegaard, 2nd by Myer to adjourn at 5:28 a.m. Voice vote, motion carried.

COMMITTEE ACTION:

Approve last month's minutes.

Approve the claims.

Create a second full time animal control warden position.

Set the wage for the second full time animal control warden position at \$17.22.

RECOMMENDATIONS TO FULL BOARD:

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: April 15, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.