

**RICHLAND COUNTY
FINANCE COMMITTEE
May 11, 2023**

FINANCE

Steve called meeting to order. Travis, Morgan and Steve were present.

Discussed claims; Zach made mention that Circuit Court Fund is running low.

Finance Committee discussed putting a transfer of funds for this line item on next month's agenda.

Travis made a motion to approve claims. Morgan second. Claims approved.

Travis made motion to adjourn meeting. Morgan second. Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

**RICHLAND COUNTY BOARD
MAY 11, 2023 7:00 PM**

1. Call to Order
Proclamation
Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
Roll Call – Dennis, Brian, Shawn, Cynthia, Travis, and Steve present; Morgan was absent.

2. Dennis welcomed all guests to meeting.

3. Changes to and Approval of Agenda –
Steve wanted 6F under Consent Agenda regarding the approval of updated gaming ordinance – Fees moved to "Open".

Steve wanted 9B – Approval of Animal Control Gun Carry Resolution – moved to Executive Session with no action to be taken at this time.

Dennis asked for a motion to approve the Changes to the Agenda.
Travis made a motion to approve the changes made to the agenda; Brian second.
Motion carried.

4. Information, Correspondence, Upcoming Meetings
Steve mentioned the 708 Board will meet next Wednesday.
Dennis noted that information had been received from Snedeker Insurance about an upcoming meeting. He stated that all county board members were invited and would be a good event to attend.

5. Open

Approval of Updated Gaming Ordinance – Fees

Steve mentioned that the current fee for gaming machines are \$25.00 per machine per year. Steve stated the fee should be changed to the maximum of \$250.00 per machine per year. This would affect all new and renewed contracts.

Board Member Given thought this was a little steep for new businesses trying to get started in Richland County and suggested lowering the fee for the first year.

Steve stated that the fees are a way of generating revenue for the county.

Steve made a motion to increase the gaming fees from \$25.00 to \$250.00 per year per machine. Brian seconded the motion. Dennis asked for vote: (5) ayes (Dennis, Brian, Shawn, Travis and Steve) – (1) no vote (Cynthia). Motion carried.

6. Consent Agenda Items

Steve made a motion to approve consent agenda items minus the Approval of Updated Gaming Ordinance Fees that was moved to “Open” and approved.

7. Finance Committee

County claims - \$205,037.14

Non-County Claims - \$329,932.71

Shawn made a motion to approve all county and non-county claims as stated. Brian second. Motion carried.

8. State’s Attorney Report

John Clark was present; nothing to report.

9. Animal Control

A. Status of Building Proposals – it was stated that bids are due to the county clerk’s office by May 19, 2023.

B. Approval of Animal Control Gun Carry Resolution – moved to Executive Session.

10. Highway Business

A. Approve Resolution of Support for State Township Bridge Funding increase

Dan Colwell present to discuss resolution. This resolution would ease efforts to replace township bridges. Instead of one replacement every three years, this could take place approximately every eight months. State funding would increase from \$16 billion to \$50 billion. Would be more favorable for local contractors to bid on projects.

Brian made motion to support resolution for State Township Bridge Funding increase. Travis second. Motion passed unanimously by 7 “Aye” votes.

11. Board Committee Reports

Cynthia mentioned that 911 Board was to meet last week. No quorum.

12. IT Business

Corey was not present to discuss IT Business.

13. Old Business

A. ARPA Review/Update

Steve mentioned there were some items on the list that needed to be approved by the county board – (1) \$10,000 for Bellweather fee; (2) \$31,000 allocated for circuit clerk's office remodeling. Additional funds are needed to complete this task; more funds will be allocated; and a \$500 fee from Kapper.

Steve made a motion that the county board approve the list of expenditures paid through the ARPA funds. Cynthia seconded the motion.

B. County Website – no action taken.

14. New Business

A. Employee Life Insurance – Currently the county provides a minimal life insurance policy for each full-time employee through Dearborn Life Insurance. Colonial Life Insurance has approached the county about providing this service. Steve talked to Baughman Insurance regarding this policy. Renewal is in October. Steve will review quotes from Colonial Life and the county's current coverage.

B. CTS – Key Fob Installation – Steve mentioned that our current telephone carrier, CTS, will make key fobs available for courthouse doors for each employee at no additional cost to the county. Steve made a motion to move forward with this project of providing key fobs for county employees. Shawn second. Motion carried.

Shelly Herman, Director of RCDC, was present to discuss grant writing. She expressed some concern about keeping lines of communication open to keep from doubling up on grant applications in the community. Possibly RCDC could serve as a clearinghouse for grant applications to keep this from happening. All applications could be sent to RCDC before submission to omit duplication..

15. Executive Session

A motion was made by Travis Paddock to enter into Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Brian Vanblaricum seconded the motion. Motion carried.

16. Adjournment

Cynthia Given made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Shawn Rose seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.