MINUTES

1. **Call to Order:** Chair John Purcell called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. **Members Present:** Lynn Cullick, John Purcell, Judy Gilmour, Amy Cesich, Elizabeth Flowers

   **Others Present:** Latreese Caldwell, Jill Ferko, Bob Jones, Jeff Wilkins

3. **Recommendation for External Auditor** – Discussion on the two applicant’s pros and cons, needs of the county, qualifications desired, length of time utilizing the same auditor, overall cost to the county, and the slight increase in cost to audit the separate entities such as KenCom, KAT, Circuit Clerk, and Forest Preserve.

   Member Gilmour made a motion to forward to the Board for approval of WIPFLI CPA’s and Consultants to provide external auditing services to the County for FY14, FY 15 and FY16, second by Member Flowers.  **With all in agreement, the motion carried.**

4. **Review of Budgets:**

   - **VACKC** – Ed Dixon introduced the VAC Board, and presented their budget with a slight decrease in the total amount.

   - **Regional Office of Education** – Chris Mehochko updated the committee on the use of the testing center, and the number of tests and evaluations tested in the first six months. Mr. Mehochko said that the budget that Grundy County has already reviewed the ROE budget.

   - **Assessor** – Andy Nicoletti reviewed his proposed budget, and informed the committee about the increase in Publications and Postage primarily due to the requirement to publish all 52,065 parcels since it’s a quad year.

   - **Public Defender** – Vicky Chuffo stated that her budget has only slight increases in ARDC and various Bar Association dues, and the part-time investigators dues to the increase in felony cases and the seriousness of those felony cases that have to be investigated.

   - **Circuit Clerk** – Ed Kline, Finance and Personnel Manager, reviewed the budget, and said that there was a decrease in the deputy clerk line item due to moving one supervisor to the court automation fund and one deputy clerk to the document storage fund, instead of the general fund.
Mr. Kline said there has been a decrease in the foreclosure filing fees, and approximately a ten percent decrease in fee revenue overall.

708 Mental Health Board – Gloria Mathewson reviewed their budget and stated that there is very little change to the budget for FY2015.

Member Flowers left the meeting at 3:49p.m.

Planning, Building & Zoning - Jeff Wilkins reviewed the budget and said there is an overall 6.8 percent reduction. Mr. Wilkins said the only change to the budget was the addition of funds for a recording secretary for several of the meetings.

Economic Development – Jeff Wilkins reviewed the EDC department budget.

Admin Services – Jeff Wilkins reviewed the proposed budget, and said there was an increase in the salary line item. Mr. Wilkins also reviewed the General Fund, KAT Fund, Contingency, COB Postage Fund, Liability Insurance, Employee Health and Dental Fund, Levy Fund, and Public Safety Sales Tax Fund.

County Board – Jeff Wilkins reviewed the proposed budget and answered questions from the committee.

5. Other Business

6. Public Comment

8. Executive Session

9. Adjournment – Member Cesich made a motion to adjourn the Budget Hearing, second by Member Cullick. **With all in agreement, the motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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