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MINUTES

DATE/TIME: October 13, 2021 9:57 a.m.

PRESENT: Christopher Grau, President
Frank Pocchi, Vice President
Bob Potts, Secretary
Mel Baher, Commissioner
Jon Reiss, Executive Director
Feronne Williams, Deputy Director
Mary Kitko, Executive Secretary
Mark Musson, Assistant County Prosecutor

EXCUSED: Clay Uzell, Commissioner

VISITORS: None.

PURPOSE: GENERAL MONTHLY MEETING/APPEAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order by President Chris Grau followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Executive Director received an email stating that the budget amount being presented at the council meeting was different than the amount submitted. After conversations with OBM, the Executive Director was assured that changes would be made, and the budget amount presented at the council meeting would match the amount submitted. Once email confirmation is received, the Director will make the decision whether to attend the council meeting.

Claim documents are now submitted in multiple ways, to include in person, mail, drop box, etc. To provide the best customer service, signs will be posted stating that in order to protect the date of claim, documents must be submitted no later than the 20th of each month.

The Executive Director and Deputy Director met with the new owners of the building. Closing is expected on October 25, 2021. Discussion included the length and terms of the new contract, available interim space, construction start date, etc.

The Executive Director investigated a buyout program (ERIP) for employees. The cost of the program is very high and will not be offered at this time.

The performance evaluation has been modified. Managers are required to complete the new performance evaluation for all employees by November 1, 2021.

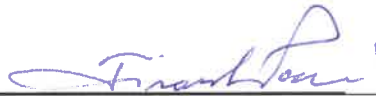
VSC contracts must go through the proper channels with the County. The VSC Board of Commissioners can approve purchases up to \$5,000, exempt services, and items purchased through state contract. The County Fiscal Department must sign purchases over \$5,000.

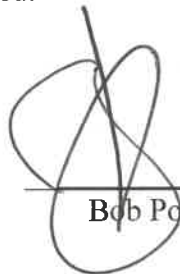
GOOD OF THE ORDER:

Frank Pocci took part in the Columbus Day Parade. Mr. Pocci passed out VSC bags and brochures and received a great reception.

With no further business, a motion was made by Bob Potts and seconded by Mel Baher to adjourn the meeting at 11:03 a.m.

AYES: Baher, Grau, Pocci, Potts. NAYS: None. Motion carried.


FOR Chris Grau, President


Bob Potts, Secretary

CONTACT INFORMATION

Requests for Financial Assistance/
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Mary Kitko, Secretary to the Board (216-698-2651)