

FINANCE AND GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Monday, November 2, 2015, at 8:00 a.m.

PRESENT: Minner, Holiday, Trucano, Tracy, Goggin, Meyer

ABSENT: Gorman

OTHERS: A. Dunstan, J. Parente, J. Zoelzer, R. Faccin, Barry Harris, Nathan Grimm

1. Mr. Minner asked if there was any public comment. There was none.
2. FY 2016 Budget

Chairman Dunstan presented the proposed 2016 county budget and provided the following statement in his presentation:

The Final Budget is before you. It is made available to the public and will be posted on the county web site after this meeting.

The proposed property tax levy for 2016 will be 2.3% lower than the current year. "This will result in a cut in taxes for property owners in Madison County for the county portion of the property tax bill,"

Property taxes are one of the biggest concerns for taxpayers and the County Board has worked diligently over the past four years to hold the line on property taxes. "Madison County will actually levy less property taxes in 2016 than it did four years ago."

It has been the priority of mine and this Finance Committee to reduce our reliance on property taxes. I am proud to say we have demonstrated our ability to do this, while still maintaining core county services and preserving the board's commitment to fiscal responsibility.

In preparing the 2016 budget, we were faced with the possibility of funding cuts from the state of Illinois due to the uncertainty of the Illinois budget. There is a reasonable chance that there will be a property tax freeze once a budget deal is reached.

I am confident we are submitting a balanced budget that will enable us to continue to effectively provide required and other services the people of Madison County expect and deserve.

Mr. Minner opened up the meeting for questions from County Board members.

A discussion followed on the proposed property tax levy and budget. Questions were answered by Mr. Dunstan, Mr. Parente, and the Auditor's office.

A motion was made to approve the proposed budget by Mr. Meyer. Seconded by Mr. Holliday. Roll call: Ayes: Minner, Holiday, Trucano, Tracy, Goggin, Meyer Naves: None. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Holliday moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Kelly. **MOTION CARRIED.**