

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**February 3, 2014**  
**5:15 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Keith Ashby, Chairman  
Jay Dunn, Vice Chair  
Kevin Greenfield  
Linda Little (arrived @ 5:18 p.m.)  
Patty Cox  
Susanna Zimmerman  
Tim Dudley

**COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Amy Stockwell, Auditor  
Jon Baxter, Board member  
Ed Yoder, Treasurer's Office  
Lori Long, Probation  
Lt. Jon Butts, Sheriff's Department  
Josh Tanner, Bd of Review, SofA, GIS  
Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office  
Bruce Bird, Highway Dept  
Tom Wheeler, Public Defenders Office  
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 5:15 p.m. by Chair Keith Ashby at the Macon County Office Building.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve minutes of prior meeting was made by Patty Cox, seconded by Kevin Greenfield and motion carried 6-0.

**CLAIMS**

Motion to approve the claims as presented made by Patty Cox, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman, and motion carried 6-0.

**REPORTS**

***Audit Sub-Committee***

Amy Stockwell reported that the outside auditors have started their field work. Things are going well so far. They are at the Health Department this week and in the Auditor Office Conference room when in this building. She encouraged anyone that might have questions or concerns to come in.

***Auditor***

Amy Stockwell reported that IMRF has reported their year end results. IMRF is a defined benefit plan and the County bears the investment risk. If investments are bad, what we have to contribute goes up and if investments are good, it will help us down the road. This proves the benefit of a retirement plan that works the way it is supposed to. If you put the money aside well before retirement, the money can earn returns in the market and it is all there when people are ready to retire. IMRF has just announced their 2013 results and their target rate is 7.5%. The actual was 20.1%. We have seen our reserves that they credited us with and we have received, for all of our programs, in excess of \$14 million in interest and payments. That brings our total up from just shy of \$29 million to just over \$43 million.

*Macon County Board Resolution Approving a Decrease in the Mileage Reimbursement Rate*

Amy Stockwell presented the resolution explaining that the O&P Committee has agreed some time ago that we would follow the IRS standards on the mileage rate. They have reduced the reimbursement rate from 56.5 cents to 56.0 cents.

Motion to approve forwarding to the Full Board with recommendation for approval made by Patty Cox, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman and the motion carried 7-0.

Jay Dunn requested that the Auditor send a copy of the IMRF report to the Macon County legislators.

### ***Board of Review***

Josh Tanner reported that the Board of Review is finished with their work for the year. All 760 appeals have been processed. Everybody should receive their final notices this week or next. Most have already been mailed.

### ***Supervisor of Assessments***

Josh Tanner reported that they are performing the Whitmore Oakley Multi Township Assessment District's work this year by their request. They have a vacancy and so they requested we do it for them. As per their contract signed by the County Board and their supervisor, they will be billed for that.

### ***GIS***

No Report

### ***Treasurer***

*Macon County Board Resolution to Execute Deeds to Convey Property on which Taxes were Delinquent*

Motion to approve forwarding to the Consent Calendar for consideration by the Full Board with recommendation for approval made by Linda Little, seconded by Patty Cox, and motion carried 7-0.

### **CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Probation / Court Services**

*Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the Probation Grant Fund for Drug Court*

Lori Long presented the resolution and explained that this is a cleanup resolution for the Drug Court Grant due to the Federal fiscal year not coinciding with the County fiscal year. This is a

timing issue that is being addressed with this resolution. She explained that it had been approved by the Justice Committee last week

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval made by Linda Little, seconded by Patty Cox and motion carried 7-0.

### **Sheriff**

*Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY2014 Sheriff Budget for Motorcycle Program*

Lt. Jon Butts reported that they had received a generous donation of \$40,971.97 from Mr. John Hanson who is a Forsyth resident. This is for a 3<sup>rd</sup> motorcycle that would cost \$24,000. Included is \$16,000 for equipment for all three motorcycles in the fleet and decals for two. Justice Committee approved the resolution last week.

Motion to approve forwarding to the Full Board with recommendation for approval made by Patty Cox, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman and motion carried 7-0.

### **States Attorney**

*Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Designation of the Office of the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor to Act on Behalf of Macon County*

Mike Baggett presented the resolution and explained that this is the annual resolution giving the Appellate Prosecutor's Office the authority to act on behalf of Macon County in criminal appeals. It includes an appropriation of \$20,000 that was included in the FY14 budget.

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval made by Jay Dunn, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman and motion carried 7-0.

*Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the State's Attorney's Budget for Forensic Mental Examination Expenses*

Mike Baggett presented the resolution explaining that this is a situation where a bill in the amount of \$1,750 has been received related to an examination performed by Dr. Jekyl for a sexually dangerous person case that the state is prosecuting. The County is required by law to fund these expenses when they come up. It has been the decision of the Board in prior years to appropriate for these expenses on an ad hoc basis.

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval made by Linda Little, seconded by Patty Cox and motion carried 7-0.

### **County Board**

*Macon County Board Resolution Setting the Salary for Office of Treasurer Elected 2014 – 2018*

Chair Ashby announced that this resolution was being pulled from the agenda.

## **Transportation**

*Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for Engineering Expenses for a Bridge on CH 57 (85<sup>th</sup> Street) Section 12-00249-00-BR*

Bruce Bird explained that most people know this as the Dalton City Blacktop. Keith Ashby asked what the amount was. Bruce said \$198,357.

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval made by Patty Cox, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman and motion carried 7-0.

*Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for Engineering Expenses for a Bridge on CH 36 (Baker Road) Section 14-00264-00-DR*

Bruce Bird explained that this is located approximately 2 ½ miles southwest of Macon. The total amount is \$34,668.93.

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval made by Patty Cox, seconded by Linda Little and motion carried 7-0.

*Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for Engineering Expenses for a Bridge Repair on Nevada Road in Pleasant View Township, Section 14-14126-00-SM*

Bruce Bird explained that this is a repair, not a replacement and the total amount for the engineering is \$22,723.20.

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval made by Patty Cox, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman and motion carried 7-0.

*Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for a 50/50 Cost Share Drainage Improvement Project with Blue Mound Township*

Bruce Bird explained that this is on Peru Road and Nevada Road in Blue Mound Township. The total amount on that is \$21,176.00. Keith Ashby asked if that was our share. Bruce confirmed that it is our share.

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval made by Patty Cox, seconded by Jay Dunn and motion carried 7-0.

*Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Replacement of the Highway network Server*

Bruce Bird explained that the total amount on that is \$19,410.73.

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval made by Susanna Zimmerman, seconded by Patty Cox and motion carried 7-0.

*Macon County Board Resolution Approving Agreement for the Sharing of Certain Costs on an Environmental Study to Modify the alignment of that Portion of the South East Beltway in Macon County, Illinois Between the Village of Mount Zion, Steven A. Lewis, The County of Macon, Illinois and Hanson Professional Services, Inc.*

Bruce Bird explained that this resolution was not passed by the Transportation Committee because it came in after the agenda had been set. It was discussed and they were informed that it would be brought to Finance for initial approval.

Tim Dudley asked if the proposed cost to the county was \$40,000. Bruce confirmed saying that is our share. Mr. Dudley said that this is many, many, many years down the road and asked why the modification was being done now. Bruce explained that, as of last Thursday, we are completely finished with our portion of the beltway. We got a letter back from the Feds signed, sealed and delivered. Our portion of the study part of it is done. In a 24 miles alignment, as you get the point where you want to build things, it is not uncommon that you would want to make modifications based on the initial alignment. That is what is going on here. We were approached by the Village and an individual requesting that that be done. There was a meeting in December with representatives of the County Board present. The agreement attached to the resolution was discussed and agreed upon during negotiations at that meeting. Tim Dudley said he understood that they want to move it south, but in talking with many community leaders in the County that believe the first priority should be to run the beltway from 72 to the airport. That is going to be a long undertaking. It is \$40,000. We are getting way ahead of ourselves here. He asked Bruce's opinion. Bruce said that is what was agreed to in the negotiations. Mr. Dudley asked if it could be more. Bruce said it could not by this agreement. He explained that Hanson Professional Services would be doing the engineering work and they have agreed to the cost structure as it is set up. Their estimate for the work was \$160,000 so they are including \$40,000 of expenses on their own. In regards to the other segments of the beltway, since we received that letter last week, we can proceed on those items and our part of the study, from the very beginning, said that the very first area we are going to look at was up in the northeast part of the alignment. Once we got that letter, we can break it down in any segments and bits and pieces that we want to. It allows us to take that next step and do that. From our standpoint, at least as far as what we want to do with the beltway, it still allows us to go forward. The Village wants to take a look at possibly changing the alignment down there. They can do that. It is not really going to impact us moving forward. Mr. Dudley said it is going to cost us \$40,000 to have them realign it and he said he did not see it because the beltway may not ever go that way. Bruce said that with the language in the agreement, it's not like a line can be drawn that says this is where it goes. They still have to meet the requirements of our original study when you are talking about the cross section, type of curvature, and the type of speed limit. They still have to do the exact same things that we just went through for the entire alignment of the beltway. They have to do all the environmental studies; they have to get all those clearances; and they still have to get the same thing we got last week – they have to get the Federal Highway Administration to sign on board before we ever look at possibly changing that alignment. Mr. Dudley said he understood, but felt we were getting way ahead of ourselves. Jay Dunn said that even though we are going to pay \$40,000 now, it could save us quite a bit of money in the end because S.A. Lewis built a subdivision right in the middle of this proposed by

pass. If we leave that segment the way it is, we are going to be having to buy out several houses that are valued at anywhere from \$1 million to \$3 million. We'd have to tear them down to build that. This should probably save us money in the long run. With this agreement, we've talked to the Village of Mt. Zion and to Jennifer Hoffman. We've got to try to prevent any more of this type of stuff happening in the new proposed segment if it meets all the environmental studies. We are all going to be focused on that because it is ridiculous to pay out all this money to pay for a \$3 million house and then tear it down. This is a win, win, win situation for everyone and we probably should have looked at it a little harder in the past, but it is what it is. Going forward, it doesn't impact getting the segments of the by-pass built that we want to. It might be one of the last segments. At least, Mt. Zion is dedicated to where they want it. They are going to keep people from building in that area. Jennifer is going to keep an eye on it if it is in the county. Hopefully, we can keep that land free for the future development whenever it comes. Bruce said that the 5<sup>th</sup> item under the "THEREFORE's" says that, as part of the agreement, the Village agrees to support the alignment and prevent development from occurring on any alignment we choose. That was one of the issues we had going into this. We didn't have that kind of a guarantee in any kind of a document. Keith Ashby asked if the \$40,000 had been spent. Bruce said no. Kevin Greenfield asked if the Village would be the lead agency on it. Bruce said yes, the Village is the lead agency, we are just getting billed. When it comes to public meetings and things like that, it is their baby not ours. Tim Dudley asked who wanted the alignment changed. Bruce said the Village and Steve Lewis. Mr. Dudley asked why we are paying \$40,000. If they want it, they can modify it. Bruce said they are paying \$40,000 too.

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval made by Susanna Zimmerman, seconded by Patty Cox and motion carried 7-0.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

Jay Dunn made a motion to go to closed session for the purpose of discussion of property purchase pursuant to Section 2 (c)(5) of the Open Meetings Act, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman and motion carried 7-0.

### **RETURN TO OPEN MEETING**

**NEXT MEETING** – Monday, March 3, 2014 @ 5:15 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Patty Cox seconded by Jay Dunn, motion carried 7-0, and meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office