

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 30, 2013
5:15 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Keith Ashby, Chairman
Jay Dunn, Vice Chair
Kevin Greenfield
Tim Dudley
Linda Little
Susanna Zimmerman
Patty Cox

MEMBERS ABSENT

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Amy Stockwell, Auditor
Tom Schneider, Sheriff
Ed Yoder, Treasurer's Office
Lori Long, Probation
Jeff Scheibly, Animal Control
Josh Tanner, Bd of Review, SofA, GIS
Julie Aubert, Health Dept
Jean Moore, Child Advocacy
Jay Scott, State's Attorney
Mike Baggett, Asst State's Attorney
Bruce Bird, Highway Dept
Judge A. G. Webber
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

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 Jay Dunn, 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

No Report

Auditor

Amy Stockwell reported that there will be a resolution pertaining to purchase of bulk paper that supplies most of the offices in the County, but she is still gathering details so will present it at a later date.

Board of Review

Josh Tanner reported that Mr. Baggett had submitted the County's offer to Tate & Lyle today. It is our counter offer to their offer. We are in that process and will hopefully hear something from them soon.

There are 370 appeals this year so far. It is going to be a pretty low year. Mr. Ashby asked if there were 700 last year. Mr. Tanner confirmed.

Supervisor of Assessments

Josh Tanner reported that they are coordinating with the Herald & Review on publishing either this week or next for most of the Townships, except for Decatur, Mt. Zion and Long Creek. They will follow a week or two after mainly because Decatur is huge and Long Creek and Mt. Zion had their quad this year and we want to publish them separately so they stand out a little more.

GIS

No Report

Treasurer

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

Motion to approve moving resolution on to the consent calendar was made by Jay Dunn, seconded by Patty Cox and motion carried 6-0.

Ed Yoder reported that last year at this time, he had mailed out 3,817 certified, delinquent notices. On Friday, September 20 of this year, about 4,800 postcards were mailed out @ a cost of .33 cents per card. For the last six days, from Monday, 9/23 through today, 1,083 parcels have been paid for a total of \$1.3 million. As of tonight, there are 3,561 certified letters to be mailed out on Friday, except on Friday, the list can be updated to reflect the payments received this week. He said that a lot of customers compliment the post card reminder because a lot of people just forget. This is going to help a lot on the certified mailing and he thought there should be less tension. Keith Ashby requested he be emailed on Friday the number of certified letters that go out. Ed said he expected the number of certified letters that actually go out to be quite a bit less than the number he has today. When the process was started, there were 4,714 unpaid parcels. Last year, there were approximately 4,400 unpaid parcels before the certified letters went out. Ed said he felt like the postcards made a big difference.

Jay Dunn asked Mr. Yoder if a temp agency was being used for part time help. Ed confirmed. Mr. Dunn asked what the reason for this was since the County has Workforce Investments, ads could be put in the paper, and Millikin and Richland resources to utilize and wondered why a temp agency was being paid. After discussion on the pros and cons of the various agencies and options for the hiring of temporary help, Jay said he would prefer to see Ed use someone other than the temp agency. It costs \$5 an hour more for the temp agency plus there was an increase in the budget for temporary help. Cost wise, it would be cheaper to use someone other than a temp agency. Keith said he could get Ed some contacts at Richland to use as a resource.

CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Health Department

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY13 Health Fund Budget for Year End Additions and Cleanup

Julie Aubert stated that there is one additional change to the resolution because at about 3 p.m. today the HVAC unit in the dental clinic shot craps. It was one of the original ones that were in the building, and depending on the bids, another \$8,000 was put in to cover that. It has to be done ASAP. The revenue going in is more than the expenses going out.

Motion to approve sending the resolution to the Full Board with recommendation for approval was made by Linda Little, seconded by Kevin Greenfield, and motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY13 Health Fund Budget for In Person Counselor

Julie explained that this is fairly new. Two people have just been hired and started training today. That has to do with the affordable care act. They will be counseling people through the marketplace process. They are working with the Auditor's office to get the County employees access to the counselors if they need them. They will also be doing that for the 12,458 people in Macon County that currently do not carry insurance. Keith Ashby asked how many counselors there are. Julie said that there are 2 full time, but two other staff members that are also going to be trained plus one additional staff member not included in this that completes all kids applications. That's a total of 5 people that will be accessible. They will make home visits, go to employers and take walk ins. It will be a very busy year.

Motion to approve sending the resolution to the Full Board with recommendation for approval was made by Patty Cox, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman and motion carried 6-0.

Animal Control

Macon County Board Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Oreana Regarding an Animal Control Program

Lt. Scheibly explained that this is very similar to other contracts they have with the Villages of Long Creek and Niantic over the last couple of years.

Motion to approve sending the resolution to the Full Board with recommendation for approval was made by Kevin Greenfield, seconded by Linda Little and motion carried 6-0.

Circuit Court

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the Circuit Court's Budget for Attorney's Fees in Certain Appeals and for Expenses in Certain Appeals

Judge Webber explained that this would be the last time in FY13 he would be asking for supplemental funding in this particular line which is paying for appeals in juvenile abuse & neglect cases where there is a termination of parental rights.

Motion to approve sending the resolution to the Full Board with recommendation for approval was made by Jay Dunn, seconded by Kevin Greenfield and motion carried 6-0.

Sheriff's Department

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in FY2013 Sheriff Budget for Motorcycle

Sheriff Schneider explained that the source of the money is \$24,000 from Mr. John Hanson. Keith Ashby asked if the County would be incurring extra expense for the vehicle. Amy Stockwell said yes, but she wasn't sure of the number. Any new initiatives affect the calculation of our risk pool and affect the coverage. Sheriff Schneider assured the committee that he does not put a person on a motorcycle unless they've been certified through the Northwest Institute or an equivalent type training. It is for seasonal usage and keeps mileage off of other vehicles.

Motion to approve sending the resolution to the Full Board with recommendation for approval was made by Jay Dunn, seconded by Patty Cox and motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Ground Lease Agreement for the Operations of a Law Enforcement Training Facility for Macon County Sheriff's Office

Sheriff Schneider explained that this is an indoor training center through the HGB Foundation and is in addition to the outside facility they currently use.

Motion to approve sending the resolution to the Full Board with recommendation for approval was made by Linda Little, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman and motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Changes in Fees Charged by the Macon County Sheriff's Department

Sheriff Schneider explained that Bellwether had conducted the study and made recommendations. He said he had gone in and looked at the areas that they were low on and brought it up to what the comparables were and found that the increases were justified in certain areas.

Motion to approve sending the resolution to the Full Board with recommendation for approval was made by Jay Dunn, seconded by Patty Cox and motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution approving Increase in Appropriations in FY2013 Sheriff Budget for Community Outreach Funds

Sheriff Schneider explained that this is a HGB Foundation Fund of \$100,000 coming to the Sheriff's Office for some programs in the community.

Motion to approve sending the resolution to the Full Board with recommendation for approval was made by Jay Dunn, seconded by Patty Cox and motion carried 6-0.

Sheriff Schneider stated that he wanted to inform the committee that a jailed individual had died. Officers did CPR and revived him, but he did pass away at the hospital. The guys did an exemplary job and will probably be brought up for recognition.

Kevin Greenfield commended the Sheriff on the job they did with the recent arrest. There was discussion regarding funds, new safeguards that are now in place and transparency.

State's Attorney's Office

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the State's Attorney's Grant Fund ARI Budget for Fy13

Mike Baggett explained that this is a reconciliation resolution that brings the FY13 amounts in line with what has actually been awarded due to the lack of congruity between the state fiscal year and the county fiscal year.

Amy Stockwell requested a technical correction to have the resolution show the change rather than the resulting budget. Mike had already made the corrections as discussed prior to the meeting and submitted the corrected copy for submission at the board meeting.

Motion to approve sending the resolution to the Full Board with recommendation for approval was made by Jay Dunn, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman and motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Authorizing an Increase in the Children's Advocacy Center Fee

Mike Baggett explained that there is a situation where, as a result of clarification from the Administration Office of the Courts, the Child Advocacy fee that had been assessed 2 fiscal years. Prior to last year, it was assessed on all cases including traffic cases which were paid over the counter or through the mail. The Administrative Office of the Courts indicated to the Circuit Clerks in the State that that was not to be done because of the fact that traffic tickets are set by Supreme Court Rule when they are paid over the counter or through the mail. Otherwise, they are subject to the normal fines and costs that can be assessed in any other kind of petty offense. This resolution would recoup some of the money that was lost as a result of recalculating the monies that can be assessed in criminal cases and increase the Child Advocacy Center fee from \$15 to the Statutory maximum of \$30. This would be assessed in felony, misdemeanor, petty and business class offenses. It would not affect traffic tickets that are paid over the counter or through the mail, but it would affect costs that are assessed after a disposition of a conviction or supervision in other cases.

Motion to approve sending the resolution to the Full Board with recommendation for approval was made by Jay Dunn, seconded by Linda Little and motion carried 6-0.

Highway Department

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for Engineering Expenses for the Agee Bridge Repair Study Along CH38 (Washington Street) East of Maroa

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for Engineering Expenses for the Boody Road Bridge Repair Plans in Pleasant View Township

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for Engineering Expenses for the CH18 (School Road) Bridger Repair Project

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for Engineering Expenses for the CH54 (Wise Road) Culvert Replacement Project

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for Engineering Expenses for the CH30 / CH 41 Connector Curve Project

Motion to approve sending the five resolutions to the Full Board with recommendation for approval was made by Patty Cox, seconded by Linda Little and motion carried 6-0.

CLOSED SESSION

None

NEXT MEETING –

Thursday, October 3 – Budget Hearing #5

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Patty Cox seconded by Jay Dunn, motion carried 6-0, and meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham
Macon County Board Office