

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**March 3, 2014**

**5:15 P.M.**

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

### **MEMBERS ABSENT**

Patty Cox

### **COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Amy Stockwell, Auditor  
Jon Baxter, Board member  
Ed Yoder, Treasurer's Office  
Bruce Bird, Highway Dept  
Lt. Jon Butts, Sheriff's Department  
Josh Tanner, Bd of Review, SofA, GIS  
Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office  
Rodney Forbes, Public Defender

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 Jay Dunn seconded by Kevin Greenfield, and motion carried 6-0.

### **REPORTS**

#### ***Audit Sub-Committee***

Amy Stockwell reported that the field work is in process of wrapping up so an Audit Sub-Committee would be appropriate by the end of the month.

#### ***Auditor***

No report

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

Josh Tanner reported that everything has been sent in and they are waiting on the State for their final multiplier.

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

Josh Tanner reported that there are a couple of legislative bills pending that a request for support has been received on. Josh said he wanted to make the committee aware of them. HB4639 would end the statutory requirement that all disabled veterans and disabled persons renew their exemption annually. He said he thinks the bill will pass pretty overwhelmingly. The association is supporting it because most of the people who are disabled and have qualified

for it never become un-disabled so dragging them down to the office each year to file in person seems to have no purpose. One of the ways to qualify for the disabled persons homestead exemption is to use the state issued ID card with a certain tag on it. That ID card is good for 10 years, so if the card is good for 10 years, there's no reason to make them keep coming in every year.

HB4532 permits Township and County Officials to charge appropriate fees for electronic records sought by commercial entities. This is something the association has been fighting for for a while. Our County and other counties have been sued for this. What happens is that there are out of state commercial enterprises that want to buy our records and then resell them. Right now, according to FOIA, you have to give it to them. If a resident wants records, we give them to them. For the most part, all of the records that any resident has ever been concerned about are already available online. This is for commercial enterprises that want a copy of our database so that they can load it into their database and then resell it. The chances of this one passing are not nearly as good, but it is supported by the association. Keith Ashby asked what a commercial operator would be charged. Josh said the bill does not give a specific fee, but in the past, 10 cents per record has been the going rate. That is where he thought they were wanting to land. It is just for commercial enterprises that are buying the data for a commercial use to resell. Linda asked if it has to be out of state. Josh said it does not have to be, but that is generally what they are. Illinois taxpayers paid for the data, but it is not even Illinois companies that want the data. A lot of them are from California. There were cases in Franklin and Lee Counties that went all the way to the Appellate Court and they lost because of FOIA. This is supposed to fix that. Linda asked if all the information is available online, can't they just be told to go online and figure it out. Josh said yes, but they don't want it that way, they want it in an easily digestible format. Some even request it be reformatted, but FOIA does not require us to do that. They still request it anyway. They want the whole thing in one big piece so they can just stick it right into their database. They are not really interested in a specific piece of information. They just want to sell it. If there are major corporations in town that are doing some sort of big project, we generally provide that free because what they are wanting is a specific section. We've had pipelines and other entities that just need to notify people along a certain corridor of something and we provide that for free. Normally, we rarely have commercial enterprises in town or in the state buy the data for something other than public use. Keith asked if 10 cents a record would cover the cost. Josh said yes and no. Collection of the data is expensive, but it has to be done for internal purposes anyway. The cost of reselling it is more of a way to try to recover some of those expenses that have been absorbed by local people. It helps to recover something and a lot of counties are using 10 cents and feel it is reasonable.

## ***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 Jay Dunn, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman, and motion carried 6-0.

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

None

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **Sheriff's Department**

*Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY2014 Sheriff Budget for Purchase of Weapons*

Lt. Jon Butts reported that the County Board had agreed and passed a contract with Consolidated Communications in September of 2013, and as a result of that agreement, the \$20,000 that the Sheriff's Department was to receive has been received and the money is to be used for duty weapons and other equipment. This was passed by Justice last week.

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

*Macon County Board Resolution Approving A Contract Between the Macon County Sheriff's Department and the Decatur Public Building Commission*

Lt. Jon Butts reported that this is for the salary and benefits for a security office to be assigned to the County Office building full time. The portion that each office will pay is \$18,846.58. Keith Ashby asked if the total salary would be \$37+. Lt. Butts confirmed.

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

#### **County Board**

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

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval made by Jay Dunn, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman. Roll Call vote showed Keith Ashby, Jay Dunn & Susanna Zimmerman voting aye and Kevin Greenfield, Linda Little and Tim Dudley voting no resulting in a tie vote. Per Mike Baggett, the resolution will go to the full board with lack of approval from the Finance Committee.

### **Transportation**

*Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for Right of Way Negotiation Expenses for Section 07-00218-00-LA, a Bridge on CH 60 (Sefton Road) 2 Miles East of Mount Zion*

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval made by Linda Little, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman and motion carried 6-0.

*Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for Construction Expenses for Section 14-00262-00-PV, a Cold In-Place Recycling Project on CH 38 (Washington Street) east of Maroa*

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval made by Tim Dudley, seconded by Jay Dunn and motion carried 6-0.

*Macon County Board Resolution Awarding Annual County Sign Bid*

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval made by Susanna Zimmerman, seconded by Jay Dunn and motion carried 6-0.

*Macon County Board Resolution Awarding Annual County Culvert Bid*

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval made by Kevin Greenfield, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman and motion carried 6-0.

*Macon County Board Resolution Awarding the Purchase of a New Mower Deck*

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval made by Kevin Greenfield, seconded by Jay Dunn and motion carried 6-0.

*Macon County Board Resolution Awarding the Purchase of Two 2014 Snow Plows*

Kevin Greenfield clarified that this was for snow plows – no trucks. Bruce confirmed.

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval made by Susanna Zimmerman, seconded by Kevin Greenfield and motion carried 6-0.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

none needed

**NEXT MEETING –** Monday, March 31, 2014 @ 5:15 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Linda Little seconded by Jay Dunn, motion carried 6-0, and meeting adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office