

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 29, 2014
5:15 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tim Dudley

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office
Jim Root, EMA
Pat Berter, Probation Director
Craig Culp, Treasurer
Carol Reed, Auditor
Josh Tanner, Bd of Review, SofA, GIS
Bruce Bird, Highway Dept
Jennifer Hoffman, P&Z
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of prior meeting (September 23, 2014 Special Budget Hearing) was made by Patty Cox, seconded by Linda Little and motion carried 6-0.

CLAIMS

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

REPORTS

Audit Sub-Committee

No Report

Auditor

Carol Reed reported that at the next budget committee meeting on October 8th, she would have budgets for Social Security, Retirement Fund, Insurance, Capital Projects & all the misc ones that have not yet been covered.

The Chief Deputy that had been hired was supposed to start today, but called last week and she has decided to stay where she was. That process will have to start over.

Board of Review

Josh Tanner reported that there is one week left to file appeals. They are still at 250. It is incredibly low. Either a lot are going to come in or it's going to be a low number this year. They have already reviewed 150 of them. Those will be going out in the next few days.

Supervisor of Assessments

Josh Tanner had no report

GIS

Jsoh Tanner had no report

Treasurer

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

Presented by Craig Culp in Ed Yoder's absence, Motion to approve forwarding to the Consent Calendar with recommendation for approval made by Jay Dunn, seconded by Patty Cox and motion carried 6-0.

CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Planning & Zoning Department

Macon County Board Resolution Amending the Planning & Zoning Fee Schedule

Jennifer Hoffman explained that she wanted to lower the demolition permit fee and increase the penalties for not obtaining building permits from 1 ½ times the permit fee to double. She also wants to increase the fees for demo permits. When a demo permit is not obtained, the proposed fees will be \$250, \$500, & \$1,000 for the different offenses.

Mr. Greenfield said he had voted against it in EEHW, but likes the idea of lowering the fees and as long as he can be assured that what is being looked for are the professional demolition contractors and not the guy that tears down his shed or garage not realizing he needed a permit to do it. Jennifer confirmed, saying the reason she is asking for the increase is because there has been a string of contractors that do this for a living and know the rules, but do not come in and get the demo permits. The bottom line is, get the permit. The fees will be lower and it won't cost you as much, but do it the right way so we don't tear houses down in Macon County illegally. Linda Little asked what the current fees were for demolition. Jennifer explained that currently demolition permits are \$50 and \$25 is added to every demo permit for a total of \$75 for the demo fee right now. If it is lowered, it will be a total of \$50. Ms. Little asked if Ms. Hoffman thought that \$25 would make them more inclined to get the permit. Ms. Hoffman said she wanted to give a little incentive to do it the right way. Ms. Little asked what had to be done to get a demo permit. Jennifer said they fill out the demo permit application, have the homeowner sign it, draw a sketch of what they want to tear down and put an X through it, and submit it. This process also gets it taken off the tax rolls. The Supervisor of Assessments Office gets a copy of every permit and it gets taken off the tax rolls. It's either pay \$75 or next year, you get charged for 2 sheds when there really is only one. Is it easier to pay the \$75 or go to the Board of Review to debate your taxes. Chair Ashby asked if the fees were the maximum allowable. Jay Dunn explained that there is not a Statute involved. Jennifer has done a lot of research on what other counties do, but there is no Statute.

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

Court Services / Probation Department

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Revenue in the Probation Grant Fund for Drug Court Enhancement Grant

Pat Berter explained that this is a grant timing issue. The Drug Court Grant was awarded in the amount of \$100,000 and this is to move money into FY14.

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

Macon County Board Resolution Amending the Probation's FY14 Budget

Pat Berter explained that they received a check from Genoa Pharmacy which was money that came out of the DUI Lap Grant for a treatment for alcohol addiction that was not used. The money will go into the misc fund to pay Heritage for the drug testing fees and services.

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

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Revenue in the Probation Grant Fund for IDOT DUI Grant

Pat Berter explained they had received the grant and this is for DUI Court. This is another grant timing issue.

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

Emergency Management Agency

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Agreement for Relocation during a Disaster or Extreme Emergency between Main Place Properties and the County of Macon

Jim Root explained that this is a piece of the Business Continuity Plan and will allow an agreement where, in the event of a disaster and needs to relocate until the office can be gotten back up and operational.

Motion to approve forwarding to the Full Board with recommendation for approval made by Jay Dunn and was seconded by Susanna Zimmerman. Ms. Little asked if this were to happen, who determines the need to relocate. Who signs the contract. Jim explained that the Board Chairman would have to execute the agreement. If it's a building commission building, they would determine it and say we need to relocate. This provides the ability to get a location for them to do business while the building is being restored. Motion carried 6-0.

Highway Department**Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for Section 15-00000-00-FM – The 2015 MFT General Maintenance Project**

Bruce Bird explained that this is the annual resolution to cover all the MFT expenditures for rock, oil, striping, salt, etc... Mr. Dunn asked if the figure is down from last year. Bruce said the salt figure is double, but the whole amount is up mostly because of the additional amount for the salt.

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

CLOSED SESSION

none needed

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, October 8, 2014 @ 5:15 p.m. – Special Finance Committee Meeting To Prepare for Display Budget

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Linda Little seconded by Patty Cox and motion carried 6-0, and meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office