

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

November 3, 2014

5:15 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jay Dunn, Vice Chair

Kevin Greenfield

Patty Cox

Susanna Zimmerman

MEMBERS ABSENT

Tim Dudley

Keith Ashby

Linda Little

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Rodney Forbes, Public Defender

Pat Berter, Probation Director

Cherie Meyer, Treasurer

Carol Reed, Auditor

Josh Tanner, Bd of Review, SofA, GIS

Bruce Bird, Highway Dept

Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office

Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of prior meeting (September 29, 2014) was made by Patty Cox, seconded by Kevin Greenfield and motion carried 4-0.

CLAIMS

Motion to approve the claims as presented made by Patty Cox, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman, and motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS

Audit Sub-Committee - No Report

Auditor

Macon County Board Resolution Accepting A One Year Insurance Renewal Proposal Through Arthur J Gallagher

Carol Reed reported that the resolution says "up to \$477,500" because it was unsure what the final figure would be. Ted Miller has now finalized the renewal with Travelers and the correct amount is \$453,073. It came in quite a better than anticipated.

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with the updated final figure of \$453,073 with recommendation for approval made by Patty Cox, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman and motion carried 4-0.

Board of Review

Josh Tanner had no report. Jay Dunn asked about the number of commercial appeals. Josh said that the only thing they have is stuff that has been appealed to the State and is still pending. He said that there are State Hearings the first week of December for Walgreens and a couple of other, so they should be wrapped up soon. There were not that many new commercial appeals. Jay said he knew more money had been spent for getting our own appraisals and asked if that was helpful. Josh said yes, unless they feel they have very good evidence on their part, they are

not filing as often. When they do file, they have pretty good evidence that helps make a decision. There have only been a few and when we got the appraisals, we generally won those cases. It does help to have those appraisals.

Supervisor of Assessments - Josh Tanner had no report

GIS - Josh Tanner had 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 with recommendation for approval made by Patty Cox, seconded by Kevin Greenfield and motion carried 4-0.

CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

County Board

Macon County Board Resolution Creating and Defining Use of Funds Collected for Wind Energy Conversion System Permits

Jay Dunn said it seems like we are getting closer to issuing permits sometime next year. He said he thought it would be prudent to put those monies, which should be substantial, aside and look at using it toward the purchase of some big ticket items. The County Clerk is in need of new voting equipment sometime soon. The software in the Auditor's office needs to be replaced and this is not a cheap product. We are spending a lot of money on software between the State's Attorney's Office, the Circuit Court, Public Defender, & Probation and some of these programs cannot even speak to each other. A lot of the grants we are getting have requirements that must be followed or they not only take the grant away, but also make you pay them back, so it is prudent that this be looked into. Mr. Dunn said he has attended some of the Justice Council meetings and this is something they've been working on for years. He said he felt we need to be looking for a system where we can gather all the data from the different departments because the Justice System is one of the biggest County expenses. He explained that he felt the money needs to be set aside. It can be changed by the next board and put back into the general fund, but the way it is set up is so that it takes 2/3 vote or a majority of the Board to make the right decision.

Motion to approve the resolution made by Jay Dunn. Kevin Greenfield asked if part of the money could go back into the general fund because he thought that after talking with the Auditor about the budget this year, if things don't improve, it might be necessary to raise the levy. He said he wouldn't want to see that happen. Jay said the resolution provides for that, but it takes 2/3 vote for the Board to spend it however. Kevin said he agreed this was a good idea, a great idea, but wondered why 2/3 and if 11 to 10 wouldn't be good enough. Jay said he was trying to keep it from being a partisan vote. It should be a vote based on doing the right thing for the county and that is why he made it 2/3. It will take people from both sides to spend that money. Kevin asked how it would be if it takes 2/3 to spend it, but a 11-10 vote could put it back into the general fund. Jay said he didn't have a problem with that.

Kevin Greenfield made a motion to amend the resolution so that to put the money back into the General Fund, it would take a majority vote of the Board, seconded by Patty Cox and the motion to amend passed 4-0. Motion to approve forwarding the amended resolution to the full board with recommendation for approval carried 4-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Accepting A Generous Donation by the Howard G. Buffett Foundation for Economic Development Corporation of Decatur and Macon County Marketing and Branding Program

Jay Dunn explained that this came about because the Howard Buffett Foundation wanted to assist the Economic Development Corporation in their Marketing and Branding Program and we are going to act as the pass-through. There are stipulations they must meet or the money will be given to a different charitable organization as designated by the Buffett Foundation.

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval made by Jay Dunn, seconded by Patty Cox and motion carried 4-0.

Court Services / Probation Department

Macon County Board Resolution Amending the Probation's FY14 Budget

Pat Berter said that a month ago, he had brought a resolution to the Board revenue that was coming in from the State along with savings from the secretarial line, but did not show the expenditures to the juvenile detention line. That is the purpose of this resolution.

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval made by Patty Cox, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman and motion carried 4-0.

State's Attorney's Office

Macon County Board Resolution Amending the State's Attorney's Child Advocacy Center Budget for FY 2014

Mike Baggett explained that this is due to a donation from an anonymous donor in the amount of \$64,000. Most of that money will be utilized in the FY15 budget, but \$11,119 in this resolution will be used to pay for half of a recording equipment purchase that was necessary to replace equipment that failed earlier this year.

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval made by Patty Cox, seconded by Kevin Greenfield and motion carried 4-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Designating The Illinois State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor as its Agent to Administer the Operation of Appellate Offices and Process Appellate Cases for Macon County during FY 2015

Mike Baggett explained that this is an annual resolution and was already approved with respect to the annual fee in the FY15 budget.

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval made by Patty Cox, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman and motion carried 4-0.

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

Mike Baggett explained that this is an ad hoc resolution related to the Sexually Dangerous Persons Act. This is the unfunded mandate from the State. There are multiple invoices related to several felony cases from the evaluators the County is obligated to supply the funds for.

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval was made by Susanna Zimmerman, seconded by Patty Cox. Kevin Greenfield asked if these are the same type cases that Judge Webber brings to them. Mr. Baggett said this is separate. Judge Webber's are related to determination of parental rights and this is for child victims of sexual abuse or otherwise. Mr. Greenfield asked if they should expect to see more. Mr. Baggett said it was hard to predict. Any time the court is petitioned to have someone declared a sexually dangerous person, the Act requires that 2 evaluators be appointed and that we have to pay for them. Motion carried 4-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in State's Attorney's 708 Grant Fund For FY14

Mike Baggett explained that this resolution had not gone through the Justice Committee because the Mental Health Board voted on the Tuesday prior to the last Justice Committee meeting to appropriate additional money to help defray the cost of the Assistant State's Attorney who does Mental Health Court. They increased the appropriation in their FY15 budget from \$14,402 to \$19,000 and made it retroactive to July 1. Mr. Baggett explained that they found out about this two days after the Justice Committee had met. He said he checked with Chairman Mattingley and he had no problem with it going to Finance directly because it does need to be passed before the end of the fiscal year. This would retroactively increase the 708 Board's revenue and allowance to spend it toward the salary expenses of that attorney. There has already been created a 071 account number in the FY15 budget because per Denny Crowley, it is required by the grant contract that there be a separate fund to receive and disperse the funds.

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval made by Patty Cox, seconded by Kevin Greenfield and motion carried 4-0.

Highway Department

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Additional Funds for the 2014 Guardrail Repair Project

Bruce Bird said that in doing the repair project this year, an additional damaged end section was found and this resolution is to cover the additional cost.

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval was made by Patty Cox, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman. Kevin Greenfield asked if there would be any car insurance or payment for the damage. Bruce said that if they know who hit them, they go after them, but the one that was found looked like it had been hit from behind by a piece of equipment of something. There was no police report. The motion carried 4-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Additional Funds for the CH 25 Argenta Road Resurfacing Project

Bruce Bird said this is an asphalt project and this resolution is just meant to balance the quantities that were used there.

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval made by Susanna Zimmerman, seconded by Kevin Greenfield and motion carried 4-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Additional Funds for Engineering for Section 13-00200-01-PV, CH 30 & CH 41 Connector Project

Bruce Bird explained that this is the project close to the intersection of Route 48 & Wyckles Road where County Highway 30 & 41 are going to be realigned. He said they are in process of coordinating with IDOT. They are going to improve the intersection at Wyckles & 48 at the same time. They are going to have to realign the intersection to make it safer. They are going to add turn lanes out in the middle. There is some additional engineering work that had to be done in coordinating with their work and this is to cover that.

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval made by Patty Cox, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman and motion carried 4-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer's Salary

Motion to approve forwarding to the full board with recommendation for approval made by Patty Cox, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman and motion carried 4-0.

CLOSED SESSION - none needed

NEXT MEETING – Wednesday, December 3, 2014 @ 5:15 p.m.

This meeting is being moved to Wednesday due to a conflict created in scheduling a special reorganizational board meeting on Monday, December 1st.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Patty Cox seconded by Susanna Zimmerman, motion carried 4-0, and meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office