

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
July 3, 2017

5:15 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jay Dunn
Kevin Greenfield
Debra Kraft
Greg Mattingley
Tim Dudley

MEMBERS ABSENT

Patty Cox
John Jackson

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Josh Tanner, S of A
Bruce Bird, County Highway
Carol Reed, Auditor
Ed Yoder, Treasurer
Rodney Forbes, Public Defender
Lt. Jon Butts, Sheriff's Dept
Rocki Wilkerson, Workforce

Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Greenfield, at the Macon County Office Building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Kraft made a motion to approve minutes of prior meeting, seconded by Mr. Dunn and the motion carried 5-0.

CLAIMS

Motion to approve the report of the finance claims as presented made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Ms. Kraft and the motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS –

Audit Sub Committee – no report

Auditor –

Ms. Reed reported that they are working very diligently on the software conversion. AP checks will probably be produced on it this week. The conversion date is July 1. There are still some bugs to work out, but should be ok. Payroll will convert to the new system next quarter, in October. It is a process.

Board of Review –

Mr. Tanner reported that the board began their new session 2017 last month.

Supervisor of Assessments –

Mr. Tanner reported that almost all townships have turned in their books. Only Mt. Zion is missing. Chair Greenfield asked about bills that will be sent out. Mr. Tanner replied that there are five townships that have vacancies, so all of them will get a bill. None of them were quadrennial. This year's quadrennials are Long Creek and Mt. Zion.

GIS –no report

Treasurer –

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

Motion to approve placing the resolution on the consent calendar of the agenda for the July 13, 2017 Macon County Board meeting made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Mattingley, and the motion carried 5-0.

CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT - None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS –

Sheriff's Department

Macon County Board Resolution Authorizing the Macon County Sheriff's Office to Enter into an Agreement with the Newly Formed Central Illinois Regional Dispatching Center (CIRDC) for Full Dispatching Services

Lt. Butts explained that currently, the City of Decatur operates the dispatching telecommunications and emergency center for the City of Decatur, County of Macon and all first responders for Macon County. We have been paying the City of Decatur for the last 2 ½ years for dispatching services. Originally, back in the 90's, they were doing all dispatching. They moved to the new location and we had to start paying for dispatching services. At this time, on June 4th at their meeting, the City of Decatur approved the new Central Illinois Dispatching Center where it will be run by the ETSB and will be overseen by a three member executive board comprised of the County Board Chairman, the Mayor of the City of Decatur, and an at-large member that would serve a 2 year term. A governing group of six members would oversee the daily functions and operations of the center. In the last couple of years, there has been very good service from the City of Decatur at a very reasonable price, but this is going to be billed on average calls for service. After the City of Decatur, the Sheriff's Office has the 2nd highest volume of calls. Our fee structure will be based on those calls. Chairman Greenfield asked if all the small communities have been made aware of this so they can budget for it. Lt. Butts confirmed saying they have had several group meetings. The six representatives would be from the Sheriff's Office, City of Decatur Police, City of Decatur Fire, ETSB, Rural County Fire and County Police. Their representatives have all been given information to take back to their fire associations and other police departments so they will know what their fees will be. There has not been any negative feedback. There is a little concern about having a receptionist in the building 16 hours a day, but the center would do all the dispatching which would be another fee to the village. Chair Greenfield asked when this would go into effect. Lt. Butts explained that the agreements would have to go out to all the fire protection districts, the villages, county & city. Chairman Dunn stated that it starts January 1st. Mr. Mattingley said that in the resolution it talks about amending the Sheriff's budget to provide additional expenditures as previously described in the resolution, but he said he could not find anything described as additional expenditures. He said he was wondering what it is going to cost us. Lt. Butts said it will cost more. Right now there is \$350,000 appropriated, but he thought it would be more than that based on our calls for service and structure of fees. He said we've gotten very good service for a reasonable fee structure in the last couple of years. Some studies have been

done with the neighboring, smaller counties like Christian, DeWitt, Shelby and they've been paying more than we have to operate smaller dispatch services, so we know we've gotten very good service for the price. The fee structure for this center will be more. He said he did know what the figures will be. He said the current \$350,000 could very realistically go up to between \$550,000 and \$600,000. Mr. Mattingley asked if the LEST would help. Lt. Butts said he hopes so. This is a good thing for all the first responders in the county.

Motion made by Mr. Mattingley, seconded by Ms. Kraft, to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, and the motion carried 5-0.

Highway Department

Macon County Board Resolution Requesting the State's Attorney to Commence an Eminent Domain Action to Acquire Property for Use in Construction of the Brush College Road IL 48 Connector Project

Motion made by Mr. Dudley, seconded by Mr. Mattingley, to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, and the motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Construction Funds for Section 16-00268-01-PV, the Macon County Beltway Brush College Road Connector Project

Motion made by Mr. Dudley, seconded by Mr. Dunn, to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, and the motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Right of Way Funds for Section 16-00268-01-PV, the Macon County Beltway Brush College Road Connector Project

Motion made by Mr. Dudley, seconded by Mr. Mattingley, to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, and the motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for Section 16-00268-01-PV, the Macon County Beltway Brush College Road Connector Project

Motion made by Mr. Dudley, seconded by Mr. Mattingley, to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, and the motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of Two Tandem Axle Diesel Dump Trucks

Ms. Kraft asked if this was the only bid submitted. Mr. Bird said there were bids from Mac Sales, Peterbilt in Bloomington, and the dealer in Morton. Mac was the lowest and local bidder.

Motion made by Mr. Dudley, seconded by Mr. Mattingley, to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, and the motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for the 2017 CH 7 Baltimore Avenue Resurfacing Project

Motion made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Ms. Kraft, to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, and the motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Matching Funds for a Bridge on Drummer Road in Austin Township

Motion made by Ms. Kraft seconded by Mr. Mattingley, to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, and the motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Matching Funds for a Bridge on Nevada Road in Pleasant View Township

Motion made by Ms. Kraft, seconded by Mr. Mattingley, to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, and the motion carried 5-0.

CLOSED SESSION - None

Mr. Forbes addressed the members of the Finance Committee saying that he will be sworn in as judge on July 13th and invited everyone to attend. He said that since he will no longer be the Public Defender, this is the last time he will have opportunity to address this committee. He said it has been a pleasure working them and he appreciates the work they do. He said he had identified a problem with the budget and wanted to let everyone know before he left. He said he found out he has been underpaid all these years. For the last 5 years, he has been underpaid a little more than \$5,000 each year. He said he thought that when Mr. Mattingley was Public Defender, he was also underpaid by the same amount. This goes back to 2008 when the State's Attorney was given a salary increase. The law requires that the Public Defender be paid 90%. He said he had identified this and had asked the Auditor to look into it. The State reimburses 2/3 of the Public Defender salary, so in order to correct this, the state reimbursement would also have to be corrected. He said he just wanted to let the committee know he had discovered this, but was not asking for any reimbursement, but when the office is transitioned to somebody else, that person needs to start off on the right foot and be paid the proper amount. That will affect the budget. It is a tough time. In looking at 6.2% decreases for FY18, this would be \$60,000 for the Public Defender's Office. When you look at adding another \$5,000 to the budget to make up for the pay that the county, by law, must pay the Public Defender, Mr. Forbes said he was asking that this all be taken into consideration when looking at the next budget and listening to whoever is presenting it to you. This is an error that needs to be fixed and the county has been lucky to escape paying the full amount for the last 9 to 10 years. Mr. Forbes said he wasn't sure if he is entitled to payment for vacation time or not. In the past, vacation time was just taken prior to the person leaving. He said if he asked to have it cashed out, it would affect the budget, so he is not asking. The budget is so tight right now that he just doesn't even want to do it. He said he just wants to let the board know that the budget is so incredibly tight that he is willing to forego any payments he might get just so it doesn't hurt the rest of the office. The budget is almost entirely salary so if the County had to pay out this money, it would be a loss of income or maybe even

having to let an attorney go and it just can't be cut back any further. He said the committee has been very good about looking out for the county's best interest, but he just wanted to make that statement on behalf of the Public Defender's Office.

Mr. Dudley thanked Mr. Forbes for his service and congratulated him on his promotion. Mr. Forbes repeated that the swearing in ceremony would be in courtroom 3A, but he would be in courtroom 2B civil law hearing cases on Orders of Protection, Child Support, Law Cases, Marriage Ceremonies, Tax Cases, etc... This is a completely different world with no criminal law cases.

Mr. Forbes was asked about the process for finding his replacement. Mr. Forbes said that the Circuits would interview, but would not have time to interview and select before the swearing in. He said they are probably looking at an interim of some sort. He said he would need to speak with the Circuits to see how they would like to handle it. It is up to the Circuits. There are four Circuits that would vote.

NEXT MEETING – July 31, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Dudley, the motion carried 5-0, and meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, County Board Office