

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 2, 2018

5:15 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kevin Greenfield
Jay Dunn
Patty Cox
Tim Dudley
John Jackson
Debra Kraft
Greg Mattingley

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Ed Yoder, Treasurer
Lt. Kris Thompson, Jail
Lt. Jim Root, EMA
Carol Reed, Auditor
Bruce Bird, Highway Dept
Josh Tanner, S of A
Laurie Rasmus, Environmental Mgmt
Rocki Wilkerson, Workforce
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Cox made a motion to approve minutes of the 2/26/18 meeting, seconded by Mr. Jackson and the motion carried 7-0.

CLAIMS

Motion to approve the report of the finance claims made by Ms. Cox seconded by Mr. Jackson and the motion carried 7-0.

REPORTS

Audit Sub-Committee –

Ms. Reed had no report

Auditor

Ms. Reed had no report

Board of Review

Mr. Tanner reported on his annual report. It is in line with where it has been for the last 3 or 4 of years. It is .3366 reduction or \$6 million. There was a larger than usual amount of cases, but the total reduction was not significantly greater. Mr. Dunn asked how many of them would go on to state. Mr. Tanner said they have 30 days to file with the state. A few of the larger cases have come back, but he said he did not anticipate that there would be any more than usual except for the Decatur Housing Authority filed over 100 at the Board of Review. They'll file the same with the state probably. They will treat it as one case because the appraisal covers all of them.

GIS –

Mr. Tanner had no report

*Supervisor of Assessments –
Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Macon County Board Planning & Zoning
and Supervisor of Assessments Departments Vehicle Purchase from Windfarm Account*

Mr. Tanner explained that this is the transfer of dollars and then approval to purchase two vehicles; one for Supervisor of Assessments Office and one for Planning & Zoning. These were put out to bid. Two bids were received; Jackson Ford and Bob Brady Dodge. Jackson Ford was selected. The state master contract was checked, but the company that has that contract for the state on the Ford Explorer is going out of business, so we were not able to purchase off of the state master contract but Jackson Ford was very close to honoring the price. Chair Greenfield verified that it was Jackson Ford of Decatur. Mr. Tanner confirmed.

Ms. Cox asked if the departments have the funds for the purchase. Mr. Tanner explained that this is to transfer the funds from general fund into lines so the vehicles could be purchased. So, the answer is no, we don't. The reason is that both vehicles were acquired from the Sheriff's department. They used to be patrol vehicles. After using the vehicles for 3 years, the Sheriff's Department was done with them, we purchased them and used them for 5 more years. They are now starting to incur more and more maintenance expenses each year. Both vehicles have about \$1,000 worth of expenses that need to be done this year. Those are safety related as they are the shocks, struts, power steering, etc. Over the last couple of years they've been incurring anywhere from \$500 to \$1,000 worth of expenses. The expenses are starting to stack up. Mr. Greenfield asked what year the vehicles are. Mr. Tanner said they are 2011 & 2012. Mr. Jackson asked about the mileage. Mr. Tanner explained they are both over 100,000. After the vehicles were used and became not cost effective, because the SofA and P&Z needs are not the same, they were used for 5 years, but have now gotten to the point where they are no longer cost effective for them either. Each department has to have a vehicle. S of A has contracts with the townships and P&Z have inspections to do. Either we continue to invest in these vehicles or get something new and lower maintenance costs. Ms. Cox asked if the fund would be paid back. Mr. Tanner said no. Chair Greenfield verified with Ms. Reed that the Windfarm money is what was received from permits. Ms. Reed confirmed and explained that there is currently over \$2 million in that account. Ms. Cox commented that in the past, whenever departments bought vehicles, there was a fund for it and paid back. Ms. Reed said we still have that fund and it is still available. Ms. Cox asked why these purchases are not going through that. Mr. Tanner explained that they could. It all comes out of the same pot in the end. It is a matter of what the Board wants. He said they could stick it in their budget and repay it. In the end, it comes as a request for \$24,927 each whether it is paid over 3 or 5 years. It all comes out of the county fund the same way. He said the resolution could be rewritten and they could borrow and repay the money. Ms. Cox said she felt like that is what should be done because they make the other offices and departments pay back the money. Chairman Dunn explained that the only problem is that they would have to raise both budgets next year. Mr. Tanner added that when you raise the budget, you increase the tax burden. If you take it out of money you already have, you don't affect the tax levy. The problem is that funds are generated in certain accounts that have to be spent for certain reasons. This account can be used for this purpose. If we put it in our budgets, it comes out of the general fund and we just keep increasing the general fund. When you have a bunch of money here and ask for more money to spend somewhere else, the public

does not understand. So, if you have money somewhere that you can legally use it, Mr. Tanner thought it would be better to use it.

Chair Greenfield advised Mr. Tanner to give a little more notice. Mr. Tanner explained that they have time. Mr. Greenfield said he did not disagree, that the vehicles are needed, and that was kind of what the windfarm money had been set aside for. Mr. Tanner agreed saying that they were trying to avoid taking care of some deferred maintenance that they would not be able to defer for too much longer. Mr. Greenfield asked what would happen to the old vehicles. Mr. Tanner explained that they would be sold like any other excess equipment and the money goes back to the general fund.

Mr. Dudley made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Jackson and the motion carried 7-0.

Treasurer

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

Ms. Cox made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Macon County Board Consent Calendar agenda for the Thursday, April 12, 2018 board meeting, seconded by Mr. Mattingley, the motion carried 7-0.

Chairman Greenfield questioned Mr. Yoder about his monthly report saying that there seem to be 2 or 3 that draw no interest and asked if there was a reason why. Mr. Yoder said it depends on which bank it is in. SOY, where most of the accounts are, is drawing interest. The one where the bond issue with PNC . . . Mr. Greenfield said he was talking about Hickory Point and Regions. The interest rates are 0, 0, 0. Mr. Yoder said the collector accounts are in those two banks and right now it is down to almost nothing because nothing is being collected. Minimal amounts are kept in there so the accounts won't close. Mr. Greenfield said there are a couple that are 1%, which is really good, but there are some that are .05 or 00. He said he was surprised that all the banks are not paying the same. Mr. Yoder said he would review the accounts, but he said he was able to, on SOY, which has over 90% of the accounts on the Treasurer's side, going back to January 1 of this year, a lot of theirs was paying .1 and some were less, but he was able to work an agreement where they doubled that to .20 and then on the Collector's side, he had 3 accounts at .1 and they agreed to up it to 1% on all three of the accounts on the Collector side. On Busey bank, theirs is paying about the same as SOY or about .1. Busey agreed to raise all of their accounts to .25 which is a huge amount. Chairman Greenfield commented that he just knew that interest rates are going up a little and you have to keep a close eye on them like he does at the Township.

Citizen Remarks – None

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS –

Environmental Management

Macon County Board Resolution Approving an Agreement between the County of Macon and Electronic Recyclers International, Inc.

Ms. Rasmus explained that ERI would provide transportation and recycling services at no charge. They are a state registered collector. They also have R2 certification which is a 3rd party certification by Sustainable Electronics Recycling International group. She said they felt like ERI would handle the electronics in a responsible manner and at no charge.

Mr. Dudley made a motion to approve forwarding on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Cox and the motion carried 7-0.

Chairman Dunn said that he had heard about a Styrofoam collection. Ms. Rasmus explained that they had started a pilot collection for Styrofoam which is a #6 plastic that is not accepted in curbside recycling. This is a way to capture that. The box that was used to collect Christmas lights is being used for this pilot collection. It is a partnership with the Community Environmental Council. The Styrofoam will be used in the Environmental Management Department's packaging of electronics that are taken to recycle. She explained that when they are packaging them to go to ERI and they need to get as much on the pallet as they can, the Styrofoam can be squeezed between items to help stabilize the pallet or it will go to DART in Champagne. There is also an agreement with ADM to help with the transportation. There is no cost in the program. Mr. Dunn asked how they were communicating this out to the public. Ms. Rasmus said there has been a public media announcement that went out last week. It has been on the email blast and they are using Facebook and social media. She said she is hopeful some of the media outlets will pick up on that. Mr. Dunn asked if the Styrofoam containers used to take home food from restaurants would be included. Ms. Rasmus said yes, but it has to be really, really clean. She said they try to make that clear in their communications. She said it is mostly like the Styrofoam that comes packed in with new TV's, appliances, etc...

Highway Department

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds to Purchase Right of Way from Shirley A. Brown for the CH57 Dalton City Blacktop Bridge Replacement Project

Mr. Jackson made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Mattingley and the motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Granting Permission to Dispose of Surplus Equipment

Ms. Cox made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Mattingley and the motion carried 7-0.

County Board

Macon County Board Resolution Setting the Salary for the Office of Sheriff of Macon County Elected 2018-2022

Chair Greenfield explained that the sheriff currently makes \$93,856.52 and at the end of the 4 years, he would be making \$115,000.

Ms. Cox asked where the money would come from. Ms. Reed said the salary comes out of the general fund. The next resolution for the \$4,000 for Public Safety comes out of the self-insurance fund. Ms. Cox asked for clarification; his increase over the 4 years will come out of the general fund. Mr. Greenfield said it can or at budget time, it can be split up however the sheriff or finance committee chooses. Some can come from LEST or general fund, but he said that last time he had voted against the sheriff's salary increase and he now thinks he was wrong. If you go over what the sheriff does and the responsibility of the sheriff along with the 300 plus inmates that are there on a regular daily basis, the responsibility is astronomical and the sheriff should make more than the lieutenants. He said that probably at the next contract negotiations with the lieutenants, we may need to be a little tougher. Mr. Greenfield said he has no problems with giving this raise to the Sheriff. Chairman Dunn pointed out that the sheriff has basically made less than some of the people working under him since Sheriff Fisher. He said he had tried a few years ago to take care of this, but it was in the middle of the 4 year term and the States Attorney's opinion was that it could not be done at that time. Right now there are 8 lieutenants and one sergeant making more than the sheriff and they also get sick, comp, vacation time too. He said he could not think of a sheriff that has taken anywhere near what he should be taking, let alone any excess time. Ms. Cox said she has no problems with the sheriff getting an increase because she feels he deserves it, especially after being a part of the recent tour at the LEC, but she said her concern was with the general fund. She said she just did not think they need to plug the general fund for any more money because it looks like we are going to be at probably even more of a deficit than thought at the end of 2018. Chairman Dunn said his preference would be that it comes out of LEST, but it can be worked on at budget time. Chairman Greenfield agreed that it would be set by the Finance Committee and sheriff at budget time. He said that it has always been the County Board's route to try to keep all office holders at the same pay. He said he thinks it is a big mistake. Some office holders have a lot more employees, a lot more responsibility and there is no way they should make the same amount of money. This will put the sheriff ahead of some other people, but he should be. Ms. Cox asked how many lieutenants there are that make more than the sheriff. Chairman Dunn said 8. Lt. Root commented that there are 7 lieutenants and not all of them make more than the sheriff. He said he thought only 2 do right now.

Ms. Cox made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Jackson and the motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Decrease in the Salary of the Supervisor of Public Safety

Mr. Dunn made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Mattingley and the motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Setting the Salary for the Office of County Clerk Elected 2018-2022

Mr. Dunn made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Cox.

Mr. Dudley asked about both the County Clerk and Treasurer's resolutions. He said for the last several years they had worked to get the salaries up to where they would be consistent with County Clerks and Treasurers in other counties and now, all of a sudden, for the next 4 years we are not going to give any raises and they are going to stay the same. What is the theory on that? We just gave the Sheriff a 13%, 3%, 3%, & 3%. Chair Greenfield said that the Sheriff has lots more employees and responsibility. Mr. Dudley said he understood, but the point is that we've worked to get the others comparable to other counties and now we're not going to keep them there? Mr. Greenfield said he felt that the current salary shouldn't be anything to complain about. Chairman Dunn said this also goes along with the resolution from a couple of years ago for the other office holders salary when they were given 0%, 0%, 0%, 0%. This keeps it in line with them. Mr. Greenfield said in the Clerk's office, you have a brand new person coming in and in the Treasurer's Office, it could be someone new. Ms. Cox asked about stipends. Chairman Dunn said they do receive stipends of \$6,500 that comes from the state. The Clerk also gets extra pay of possibly \$2,000 to \$4,000 for the birth & death certificates. Mr. Dudley agreed that the stipend makes a difference.

The motion carried 7-0.

CLOSED SESSION

None needed

NEXT MEETING – April 30, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Kraft, seconded by Mr. Dudley, motion carried 7-0, and the meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Motion to return to session made by Mr. Mattingley, seconded by Ms. Kraft and the motion carried 7-0. It was realized that the Treasurer's resolution had not been properly voted on.

Macon County Board Resolution Setting the Salary for the Office of Treasurer Elected 2018-2022

Mr. Mattingley made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Cox and the motion carried 7-0.

Ms. Cox asked Mr. Yoder if Linda Stuart had retired from his office and if he had hired anyone yet. He confirmed and said Laura Lents is now working in the office.

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Mattingley and the motion carried 7-0.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, County Board Office