

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Special Meeting – Budget Hearing #1**  
**August 6, 2018 @ 5:15 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kevin Greenfield, Chairman  
Debra Kraft  
Greg Mattingley  
Patty Cox  
Tim Dudley  
John Jackson

**COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Carol Reed, Auditor  
Greg Collins, Veterans Administration  
Kathie Powless, Veterans Administration  
Doug Harlan, U of I Extension  
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Jay Dunn

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion to approve minutes of prior meeting on 7/30/2018 was made by Ms. Kraft, seconded by Mr. Mattingley and motion carried 6-0.

**Budget Proposals**

**Veterans Administration:**

Chair Greenfield asked where the budget is compared to last year. Mr. Collins explained that they are still within the levy. They are just changing a little on the EDP line because the server crashed this year. Mr. Greenfield asked about how many employees there are in the department. Mr. Collins said two full time employees plus one volunteer. None of them are union, but they went with the union negotiated raise which was a flat \$650 across the board. Part of the reason for the EDP changes also includes a Microsoft Office for the volunteer. Ms. Cox asked about the decrease in the donations line. Mr. Collins explained that they had not actually gone down. What is seen on the budget is only a part of the Help for Heroes money. Ms. Reed explained that the \$150,000 from last year for the Help for Heroes donations was actually deferred until this year's. The \$75,000 is coming into next year's budget. Ms. Cox asked about the reason for the IMRF change. Ms. Reed explained that it is based on \$66,000 salary. It did go down because the rate for next year goes from 10.84% to 8 point something. It goes down at least a percent. They only have two salaries, so it is pretty noticeable. Mr. Greenfield asked about the EDP going up \$900. Mr. Collins explained that it includes drop box business and an extra copy of Microsoft Office 365. Mr. Greenfield asked about the Veteran's burial line and if people don't take advantage of it. Ms. Powless explained that it has to be in the budget per by-laws, but they haven't used it since she has been there. If a Vet should need it, then \$600 and another \$400 can be paid out.

Ms. Kraft made a motion to approve the proposed budget and forward on for display, seconded by Ms. Cox, and the motion carried 6-0.

**University of Extension**

Mr. Harlan explained that, again this year, they are not asking for any increase in the tax levy. The tax levy is 445,136 and is about a 0.026 of a 5 mil levy. He explained that they are already currently in their FY19 budget, so are actually talking about FY20 for the County's contribution. In FY19, the plan is to add one new educator because the funding came in from the state and have been told that they would get it again next year. It is a Consumer Economics Educator which translates to Home Ec. There has been a large increase in the number of phone calls and opportunities for doing budgeting work with low income audiences. This is a position Mr. Harlan said he has been wanting to add for sometime, but hasn't felt comfortable doing so, but now that funding has come in, he feels that the ability to do so is there. The increases in some of the budget lines are due to that position. Some of the decreases are due to purchasing efficiencies through the university. They have finally got some things going so some money can be saved by using their contracts and not having do separate ones. Chair Greenfield asked about the \$21,000 in the travel line. Mr. Harlan explained they travel around the county, some state conferences, some professional development training, etc. There are 21 employees that are doing all of that and it adds up quickly. It was also bumped up because of the new educator position. Mr. Greenfield asked about the use of company cars. Mr. Harlan said they drive their own and get paid mileage at about 55 cents a mile.

Ms. Kraft made a motion to approve the proposed budget and forward on for display, seconded by Mr. Jackson and motion carried 6-0.

**CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT** - None

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**CLOSED SESSION** - None

**NEXT MEETING** - Tuesday, August 21, 2018 @ 5:15 p.m. (2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Hearing) which will include Circuit Clerk, State's Attorney, Circuit Courts & Regional Office of Education.

Tuesday, September 4, 2018 @ 5:15 p.m. (next regular Finance Committee meeting)

**ADJOURNMENT** - Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Cox, motion carried 6-0, and meeting adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office