

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

March 4, 2019

5:15 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Jackson
Jim Gresham
Laura Zimmerman
Kevin Greenfield
Debra Kraft

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Carol Reed, Auditor
Ed Yoder, Treasurer
Bruce Bird, County Engineer
Rocki Wilkerson, Workforce Investments
Kim Fowler, Supervisor of Assessments
Sheriff Antonio Brown
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

Greg Mattingley
Tim Dudley

CALL TO ORDER

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

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Mr. Gresham made a motion to approve minutes of the 2/4/19 meeting, seconded by Ms. Zimmerman and the motion carried 5-0.

CLAIMS

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

REPORTS

Audit Sub Committee –

Ms. Reed explained that the auditors were here in January and the first week of February. They have not been back here in a couple of weeks, but they are working off site and at other locations within the county.

Auditor –

Ms. Reed explained that the insurance committee had met this past week. We asked for a plan to hold or reduce costs and we think we have something that will work. She said she would be bringing it to the O&P Committee later this month and then it will come to the Finance Committee at the next meeting. She said the hope is that by tweaking a few things, the cost will be held steady or even be reduced a little bit. This is for the Blue Cross / Blue Shield health plan for the county employees. This is always a major thing that is worked on starting in February / March and then it renews July 1st.

Board of Review –

Ms. Fowler reported that they had met 2/28 and closed the Assessor Books for 2018. They are right on target to get those values turned over to the County Clerk on time in the next week or so.

GIS –

Ms. Fowler reported that they had hired a new Tax Mapping Specialist. She started 2/25. That is a huge relief. She is going through training on the office procedures and the Assessor's processes. She will start shortly on mapping maintenance. Chair Jackson asked if this is the person she had previously spoken about having hopes that they might get. Ms. Fowler said this is a recent graduate in December from ISU.

Supervisor of Assessments –

Ms. Fowler reported that the Chief Deputy position is still vacant. There are three applicants, but the job is still posted on the websites and she said she hopes to get a couple more. Interviews will start possibly next week.

This year is Decatur Township's Quad. That will be the only quad this year. That will give the office a chance to do a lot of clean up in the smaller townships with just permit work, picking up demolitions and new construction. The startup of the 2019 Assessment Cycle is beginning now. The townships that the office has to do the non-quad work for are Long Creek, Whitmore, Oakley and South Wheatland. That is very manageable.

Chair Jackson asked what the rollup looked like. Ms. Fowler said that would be coming shortly. A Freeze process is done and the numbers will be tallied by the end of the week. She said she would bring a report to the next meeting showing how it compares to previous years.

Treasurer

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

Mr. Greenfield made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Macon County Board Consent Calendar agenda for the Thursday, March 14, 2019 board meeting, seconded by Ms. Kraft, the motion carried 5-0.

Citizen Remarks – None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS –

Transportation

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Brush College Pavement Rehabilitation Project

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

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating County Matching Funds for the CH 38 Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project

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

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds to Romer Brothers Tree Service for Tree Removal on 85th St

Motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve made by Ms. Kraft, seconded by Mr. Gresham. Mr. Greenfield asked if this would really run \$90,000. Mr. Bird said he did not think so. They are getting done a lot quicker than what was originally thought. This is an amount to cover his estimate which was 3 to 4 weeks, but they've been out there a week and a half and they are almost finished. The motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of Temporary Easement #1 from Loren and Melinda Hiser on the CH 18 School Road Bridge Replacement Project

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

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of Right of Way Parcel 005 from Donald Roderick on the Reas Bridge Road Bridge Replacement Project

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

CLOSED SESSION None needed

NEXT MEETINGS – Monday, April 1, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Kraft, seconded by Mr. Greenfield, motion carried 5-0, and the meeting adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, County Board Office