

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 1, 2019

5:15 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Jackson
Jim Gresham
Laura Zimmerman
Kevin Greenfield
Debra Kraft
Greg Mattingley
Tim Dudley

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Carol Reed, Auditor
Ed Yoder, Treasurer
Bruce Bird, County Engineer
Rocki Wilkerson, Workforce Investments
Kim Fowler, Supervisor of Assessments
Sgt Matt Reynolds, Animal Control
Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office
Lois Durbin, Circuit Clerk
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

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

Ms. Kraft made a motion to approve minutes of the 3/4/19 meeting, seconded by Mr. Mattingley and the motion carried 7-0.

CLAIMS

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

Chair Jackson explained that there is one pending claim for Romer Brothers for \$90,000 that they are holding so they can look it over and go through it again. This is where they were going to give a discount on it. It looks like about \$12,500 in expenses and the rest does not have justification with the invoice. He said they would hold on to it and talk with them first. Ms. Reed said that one has not been paid yet. The claims being approved are paid claims.

REPORTS

Audit Sub Committee –

Ms. Reed explained that the auditors are continuing with the audit. It is nearly complete, but not finished yet.

Auditor –

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance Proposal from AJ Gallagher & Company

Ms. Reed explained that the insurance committee had met on 2/28 and discussed various combinations of things trying to hold costs down or even decrease costs if possible. The insurance committee is well aware that things are very tight. The committee consists of representatives from the various unions plus a lot of staff. There were about 15 or so present. A final renewal that was approved by the insurance committee raises the individual deductibles

from \$1,000 to \$1,250. The other thing was that the ER copay goes from the current \$150 to \$500 in an effort to discourage the use of the ER unless it is an emergency. With those things being changed, the individual deductible goes up \$250 and the family deductible goes up to a total out of pocket of \$12,750 which is three deductibles. Individual deductible will be \$1,250, family deductible will be \$3,750, individual out of pocket will be \$4,250 which is three deductibles. With those changes, we were able to get a small decrease of .005% or \$25,000 savings for the County.

Chair Jackson explained that they had discussed at O&P that everybody that would be affected was represented at the meeting and they were good with the changes.

Motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve made by Mr. Greenfield, seconded by Ms. Kraft and the motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving One Year Delta Dental Insurance Proposal From AJ Gallagher & Company

Ms. Reed explained that Delta Dental had given two options to extend the current contract that expires this year. We could either have zero increase for one year or take a 2% increase over 2 years. Based on the claims, it was recommended that we go with the one year at no increase.

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

Board of Review –

Ms. Fowler reported on the changes for 2018. There was a decrease of .4909% or a little less than ½% that comes out to be about \$9 million in assessed value. It is a little higher than last year, but pretty average over the last several years. The number of appeals was on par with prior years as well.

In May, two of the board members, one democrat and one republican, will be expiring.

GIS – No report

Supervisor of Assessments –

Ms. Fowler reported that as of now, the Chief Deputy position is still vacant. A hiring segment was done with WAND on 3/26 and a hiring event was held at Workforce from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on 3/28. Chair Jackson asked about the turnout. Ms. Fowler said there were 3 applicants, one that met the minimal requirements. She said she would be able to do 3 interviews. Mr. Dudley asked what the pay range was for the position. Ms. Fowler said it is \$29,500 to \$33,500.

Treasurer

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

Ms. Kraft made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Macon County Board Consent Calendar agenda for the Thursday, April 11, 2019 board meeting, seconded by Mr. Dudley, the motion carried 7-0.

Citizen Remarks – None

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS –

Transportation

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the 2019 Annual County MFT Culvert Bid

Motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve made by Mr. Greenfield, seconded by Ms. Kraft and the motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the 2019 Annual County Non-MFT Culvert Bid

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 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the 2019 Annual County Sign Bid

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

Macon County Board Resolution approving the 2019 Annual County Sign Blank Bid

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

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of Temporary Easement #1 and 2 from Scott A. Becker and Christine M. Becker on the CH 24 Reas Bridge Road Project

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

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of Right of Way Parcel 009 from the Decatur Park District on the Reas Bridge Road Project

Motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve made by Mr. Dudley, seconded by Ms. Zimmerman. Chair Jackson asked if that wraps up the Reas Bridge Road stuff now. Mr. Bird explained that there are a few other ones left to pay for but everyone has signed. It's just a matter of going through the process, check title, make sure everything is clear and then pay for it. The motion carried 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Decatur on the 2019 Annual Striping Contract

Motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve made by Mr. Greenfield, seconded by Ms. Zimmerman and the motion carried 6-0 with Mr. Dudley abstaining.

Mr. Bird explained, in regard to the Romer Brothers bill, that he had spoken to them. He said that typically things like that are handled like this. If it is an extra on a construction project, it is treated as a force account bill. They can come up and give a quote for what they are going to do, but if it looks like it is going to be too much, it has to be done by force account which he said they keep track of all the hours they work. There is an IDOT process where they are reimbursed a certain amount by an hourly rate as well as the fringes and an hourly rate for equipment used, material and then an additional amount they are allowed that they can put on top for markup. Whenever he gets that bill back, we will run through that process and see what he's got. A good rule of thumb is that labor cost is about half of what everything else is. If you've got \$12,500 in labor and the bill is \$90,000, there's something in there. He said they'd take a look at what is turned in, but it's going to take a couple of days for him to put it together.

Animal Control

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Creation of a Payroll Line Item & the Appropriation of Funds for Personnel Expenses and Equipment

Sgt. Reynolds explained that they'd like to create a line for a new Administrative Assistant in the amount of \$32,128 from the Reserve Fund to fund that item including computer and software.

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 7-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Contractual Agreement with St. Mary's Hospital for Laboratory Services

Sgt Reynolds explained that this would be a one year contract where they provide free courier service for laboratory samples; they pick up the sample, analyze it at a substantially reduced amount and give a report. This was done through local veterinarians in the past. Ms. Kraft commented that this is way cheaper.

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

State's Attorney

Macon County Board Resolution Amending the State's Attorney's FY2019 Grant Fund Budget for Adult Redeploy Illinois (ARI)

Mr. Baggett explained that they had applied for and received notification that they were approved for an increase of \$14,400 for certain contractual expenses that would occur through the ARI program. The condition from the State is that it has to be spent by June 30th. This appropriates the funds and allow them to be spent within the contract year.

Motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve made by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Ms. Zimmerman and the motion carried 7-0.

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 FY2019

Mr. Baggett explained that this is an annual resolution that would appoint the Appellate Prosecutor's Office to act as Appellate Counsel for the County in criminal matters. It also represents the County in certain other matters such as property tax types of cases or instances where a special prosecutor is appointed by the court. This is normally done in November or December, but for some reason they didn't get the paperwork to us. The money has already been appropriated and paid to them.

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

Circuit Clerk

Macon County Board Resolution Establishing Civil Fees to be Charged by the Clerk of the Court

Ms. Durbin explained that this is for the new bill and Public Act that goes into effect July 1, 2019. She distributed information on schedules and fees that are to be collected according to the Act. It tells what the lump sum that can be collected is and how it is to be divided.

Chair Jackson asked what the effect of this would be. Ms. Durbin said she had to have this resolution passed so she could turn it over to Tyler by May 3rd so they could get it into the system and ready to go by July 1st. The lump sum that goes into the general fee is under Schedule C. \$250 is to be remitted to the County Treasurer, the Court fee is \$5, Court Security in Schedule 1 gets \$75. Chair Jackson asked, based on historicals, what the net benefit might be to the county if there is one. Ms. Durbin said the county would probably lose some money. Along with this, the Public Act allows for waivers. Right now, when someone files a fee waiver, it is at 100%. The new fee waiver will give a 25%, 50%, 75% or 100% waiver. It will depend on what the judges do and what guidelines they are given. Those guidelines are still moving. Mr. Baggett explained that currently it is 125% of the federal poverty level for a family of 4, but with the sliding scale, it could be 90% or 130% or 200%. Depending on what percent they fall into, where in the past they could have gotten 100% waiver just for being at less than 125%, now if they are at 200%, they might be entitled to a 25% waiver. That is going to have a fairly significant impact. Mr. Greenfield asked if each judge would have their own discretion. Ms. Durbin said no, there will be guidelines set by the Supreme Court. Mr. Dudley asked who proves that. Ms. Durbin explained that they would have to fill out paperwork stating

their income. Mr. Baggett said they would be filing a affidavit under the pains and penalties of perjury. They would be committing perjury if they are lying.

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

CLOSED SESSION None needed

NEXT MEETINGS – Monday, April 29, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Greenfield, seconded by Mr. Gresham, motion carried 7-0, and the meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, County Board Office