

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

April 29, 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
Nick Burge, Environmental Mgmt
Rocki Wilkerson, Workforce Investments
Kim Fowler, Supervisor of Assessments
Patty Cox, County Board Member
Linda Little, County Board Member
Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office
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 4/1/19 meeting, seconded by Ms. Zimmerman and the motion carried 7-0.

CLAIMS

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

REPORTS

Audit Sub Committee –
Ms. Reed had no report

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Board of Review –
Ms. Fowler reported that the County Board reappointments to the Board of Review are coming up.

On the first Monday in June, they will reorganize and adopt their rules.

GIS – No report

Supervisor of Assessments –
Ms. Fowler reported that field work had started in Long Creek Township for 2019.

There is a tentative offer out for a Chief Deputy Assessor. Hopefully, that will be filled by the end of the week.

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, May 9, 2019 board meeting, seconded by Mr. Mattingley, the motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Yoder deferred to Mr. Baggett on the resolution that had been placed on the agenda.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving and Adopting Investment Policy for Macon County Treasurer's Office

Mr. Baggett explained that pursuant to the State Statute, the Public Funds Investment Act, for the purposes of a county, the Investment Policy shall be adopted by the elected Treasurer and presented to the Chief Executive Officer in the governing body. The County Board does not have the prerogative or authority to approve the policy. By submitting it to Chairman Greenfield and presenting it to the board, and filing it with the County Clerk, Mr. Baggett said he believes the obligation under the law has been satisfied. Chair Jackson removed the resolution from the agenda.

Macon County Board Approving a Transfer within the Treasurer's FY19 Budget

Mr. Yoder explained that this is on the automation fund where he is moving two line items up to extra help.

Chairman Greenfield asked what the purpose of doing this was. Mr. Yoder explained that he had zero on the automation side for extra help and has used 52% of \$9,000 on the general fund balance. He said with 48% left in the funds, he will run out quickly. With this move on the automation side, it will carry it through the rest of the year on the extra help line.

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

Citizen Remarks – None

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS –

Transportation

Chairman of the Transportation Committee, Ms. Patty Cox was present at the meeting and presented the resolutions in Mr. Bruce Bird's absence.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving a Funding Agreement with IDOT on CH18 School Road Bridge Replacement Project

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 and Appropriating Funds for the 2019 and 2020 Weed Control 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 and Appropriating the Purchase of Right of Way from Timothy Rink, Susan Rink, and Jill Costello on the CH18 School Road Bridge Replacement Project

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

EEHW

Macon County Board Resolution Regarding a Feasibility Study for a Proposed County Owned Recycling and Compost Facility

Mr. Dudley explained that they had passed this through EEHW with an amendment to the 5th paragraph.

Mr. Gresham made a motion to approve forwarding this on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Zimmerman.

Chairman Greenfield asked for an explanation on the amendment. Mr. Dudley said that the 5th paragraph took out the line that said no cost to the County. He explained that since, at the present time, there is nothing in writing and that the grant is not secured or that anybody would pay for that for the County, so they took it out. He said they also put some time constraints in that it be assigned to a consultant by June 15, 2019 and for the study to be completed by the consultant by August 31, 2019. Mr. Greenfield asked for clarification on the voting timeframe. There was discussion as to whether a study could be done by the end of August. Mr. Dudley said it can be done. He said he has talked with a couple of consultants and it is no problem. Mr. Greenfield said he had spoken with several too and they're telling him at least 3 months.

Mr. Jackson asked how much cost the County is already into the project. Mr. Dudley said none to his knowledge. Ms. Reed explained about Ms. Rasmus' time. Mr. Jackson asked if there are costs incurred by the Public Building Commission that we are on the hook for. Discussion had agreement that it was approximately \$225,000. Ms. Reed commented that the county would reimburse them. Mr. Baggett explained that that is an expense to the County. The Building Commission's money comes from the County in this instance. Any money the Public Building Commission has expended would have to be reimbursed by the County by terms of the agreements. Mr. Baggett said his understanding is that they have expended over \$200,000 at this point. Mr. Jackson asked who manages the property as this point. Mr. Baggett said it would be the Building Commission. Mr. Jackson asked if it would have been them that had accepted the \$100 per acre cash rent. Mr. Greenfield commented that at \$225,000, the study should have probably been done before that was spent. Ms. Kraft said she had actually suggested that about a

year ago. Chairman Greenfield said he had known that \$225,000 had been spent. The thing is, no blame on PBC, but it should have rented for quite a bit more, like closer to \$330 an acre which would have helped up pay off the debt a little quicker to them. Mr. Jackson said he has all of Ms. Rasmus' numbers and would, at any time be willing to help anybody including whatever consultant they bring in. He said he has worked on it through the last reconciliation.

Mr. Greenfield asked for another recap; Mr. Dudley explained that at the May meeting, we vote for or against the study. Mr. Greenfield asked when the consultant is picked to do it. Mr. Dudley said it is the meeting on the 13th. In the resolution, it states that Nick, who is the head of the Environmental Management Team will put some suggestions forward and the board will vote on that at the June 13th meeting and we will be able to assign the consultant. In May, you vote on this resolution to do the project.

Mr. Gresham commented that one of the key things here is that sometime between now and the board meeting, somebody needs to be in touch with Mr. Buffett in regards to whether they are officially going to pay for the study. If that cannot be accomplished, then at the board meeting, we have to decide if we want to pay for the study.

Mr. Baggett commented that he had not been able to attend the last week's EEHW committee meeting, has read the minutes, and is as familiar with the amendments that were made and adopted by that committee as his memory will allow. The original language indicated that one of the directives from the Board, if this resolution is formally adopted in May, would be that the Environmental Management Department (EMD) reach out to potential benefactors, whether that's a particular one or others, to determine if a feasibility study could be conducted on behalf of the county at no expense to the county. That is one of the instructions that the resolution, as originally drafted, had in there. He said he did not want to speak to the way it was amended in EEHW. It may have changed that language somewhat. That was the idea. The Board would formally instruct the EMD to reach out to benefactors by virtue of this resolution. This is how the Board takes action. Doing it prior to that, while there may not be anything wrong with that, this is the instruction to make that occur. Mr. Gresham said that at the discretion of the EMD, they could. Mr. Baggett confirmed, saying that there is nothing legally preventing them from reaching out ahead of time. Chair Jackson said he is in agreement with putting it on for the full board vote to conduct the feasibility study, but said he would like to kick the can, at least, on the cost if we decide on a consultant. Ms. Zimmerman said that she thought that was what the resolution does because in June, we would have the consultants, the cost, and if the benefactor was available. So, we could decide then if the cost is worth it. This would get us to yes, go and check out the options and can somebody pay for it. So, that is what we would vote on this month and then decide on who that would be the next month and how much that would actually cost. Mr. Baggett clarified that the point of this resolution is to simply lay out the instructions for how to solicit bids or whatever it takes so that the board can make an informed decision with all the numbers in front of it to determine whether or not to conduct the feasibility study.

The motion carried 7-0.

CLOSED SESSION None needed

NEXT MEETINGS – Monday, June 3, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Zimmerman, seconded by Mr. Mattingley, motion carried 7-0, and the meeting adjourned at 5:38 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, County Board Office