

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 1, 2019

5:15 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Jackson
Tim Dudley (arrived @ 5:20 p.m.)
Laura Zimmerman
Kevin Greenfield
Debra Kraft
Greg Mattingley

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Lisa Wallace, Auditor's Office
Ed Yoder, Treasurer
Bruce Bird, County Engineer
Rocki Wilkerson, Workforce Investments
Kim Fowler, Supervisor of Assessments
Lt. Jon Butts, Sheriff's Department

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jim Gresham

Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

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. Mattingley made a motion to approve minutes of the 6/3/19 meeting, seconded by Ms. Kraft, and the motion carried 5-0.

CLAIMS

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

REPORTS

Audit Sub Committee – *no report*

Auditor – *no report*

Board of Review –

Ms. Fowler said she had no report because they have not started reviewing assessments yet for 2019.

Supervisor of Assessments –

Ms. Fowler reported that they are waiting on the Sales Ratio Study from the Illinois Department of Revenue. It is about 2 months later than it has been in past years which, in turn, can delay the assessment cycle. It will prohibit us from getting our multipliers together to publish the assessments. She said they are working with them closely and will hopefully get that pretty soon. They had changed from the Red System to MyDec which was just a software program and so now counties that tried to work ahead in the Red program are now actually duplicating their work again. It is causing some setbacks with counties and we happen to be one of them. Hopefully, we will get something soon. She said they are staying in contact with them working through those numbers. Chair Jackson asked if that was because we didn't have our software that linked up. Ms. Fowler said no, what happened was that MyDec was their new program. We had the Red program that we were working in. So, their solution to . . . MyDec had some bugs in it the first couple of months. So, they had advised us counties to keep submitting our

green sheets, our sales declarations in the old system and said that there would be no duplication of work and that they would work out the kinks on their end. Well, that didn't happen. So, management has changed. So, now we have 277 declarations that have to be manually re-entered. It is pretty time consuming. Chair Jackson asked if it had affected the title companies the same way. Ms. Fowler explained that these would not affect the title companies because they've turned in their paper copies and now the transmitting part of it is what is going to delay us. She said they get to do that. She repeated that she has been working very closely with them and hopefully would see some results pretty quickly.

GIS –

Ms. Fowler reported that they have been working through the 2019 parcel maintenance – just the creation of new parcels and the splits and combinations.

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, July 11, 2019 board meeting, seconded by Ms. Kraft, the motion carried 5-0.

Citizen Remarks – None

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS –

Sheriff's Department

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Acceptance of Donation to Help Defray Costs for upcoming Domestic Violence Symposium

Lt. Butts explained that DOVE, Inc. the local Domestic Violence Shelter was approached by Mr. Ed Bachrach about him donating \$3,000 to the County Sheriff's Office and also to the Decatur Police Department for officers, support staff and other employees who would benefit from this training. It is a Journey to Justice Symposium which will be held in Decatur on September 3rd at the Conference Center and we will be sending as many officers and support staff as possible. Mr. Bachrach wanted to donate this money to defray costs for the County so as many people as possible could attend this training. If we don't spend all the money, we will use it in the future for domestic violence training. This will also help us understand the importance of domestic violence training, how to handle those domestic calls properly for long term resolutions and protecting the victim while holding the perpetrator that is responsible. This will be really good training and we hope to send a lot of people.

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 5-0.

Transportation

Macon County Board Resolution Approving an Engineering Agreement with Kaskaskia Engineering Group on the TR 269 Jackson Road Bridge Replacement Project in Pleasant View Township

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 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving an Engineering Agreement with AECOM on the CH 38 Washington Street Bridge Replacement Project North of Argenta

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

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Funds to Replace Desktop Computers in the Highway office

Mr. Bird explained that as of January 20, 2020, the support goes away on the operating system. It takes about a week and a half before they will be riddled with . . . Mr. Mattingley asked about the Toughbook and why the cost was so high. Mr. Bird explained that it is used in the shop and has the diagnostic software on it for the vehicles as well as a yearly subscription service to keep it updated. It needs to be tougher than a typical laptop. Mr. Jackson asked why it would be needed. Mr. Bird explained that they work on the Sheriff's vehicles, the highway trucks and other departmental vehicles.

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 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving a Quote from Sangamo Construction on the CH 24 Reas Bridge Road Emergency Bridge Repair Project

Motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve made by Ms. Zimmerman, seconded by Mr. Mattingley. Chairman Greenfield asked if Mr. Bird had heard anything from Panhandle Eastern on the other project. Mr. Bird explained that their legal team has been in contact with Mr. Baggett. Chairman Greenfield asked about the funding on Reas Bridge Road. Mr. Bird said they had not yet heard anything. Chair Jackson asked if Mr. Bird thought that might be a bad sign. Mr. Bird said that the longer it goes, the worse it gets. The motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds and Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Forsyth for the CH 20 and Phillips Circle Drainage Improvement 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 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Funds for the Purchase of Parcel 004 on the CH 24 Reas Bridge 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 Ms. Kraft. Chair Jackson asked which one this is. Mr. Bird explained that there are two this time. One was Beckers and one was Forans. The motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Funds for the Purchase of Parcel 007 on the CH 24 Reas Bridge Road Bridge Replacement Project

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

CLOSED SESSION None needed

NEXT MEETING – Monday, July 29, 2019

Chairman Greenfield reported that they are currently under negotiations on the deputies contract. He said that Dr. Zimmerman and he had sat in on those meetings and the deputies have been pretty receptive. He said they've talked to them about insurance costs and how expensive it is, and the fact that we are probably going to have to make some cuts on the insurance. We want it to be as minimal as possible. Therefore, if they are willing to leave it open, we will do our due diligence to make sure we cut the least amount we have to.

We are still trying to get funding on Reas Bridge Road. There was a \$50 billion Capital Bill and we were not named in it.

Chairman Greenfield distributed copies of the report on the study of the compost site and asked the committee members to please take a look at it so they could have a discussion on it as they move forward. Mr. Buffett wrote a very favorable recommendation that Mr. Greenfield said he would like to be given consideration.

Mr. Greenfield said they had been meeting with Carol Reed, the Auditor and we would possibly be \$1.3 to \$1.4 million in the red. He said they feel like if they can cut \$800,000 to \$900,000 this year and maybe the same next year, we should be able to get to a balanced budget. The goal is that in the next two years we obtain a balanced budget and then continue to sustain it.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Zimmerman, seconded by Ms. Kraft, the motion carried 6-0, and the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, County Board Office