

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

July 29, 2019

5:15 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Carol Reed Auditor
Sheriff Brown
Bruce Bird, County Engineer
Rocki Wilkerson, Workforce Investments
Kim Fowler, Supervisor of Assessments
Tammy Esposito, EMA
Pat Berter, Probation
Nicholas Leon, Assessor'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

Dr. Zimmerman made a motion to approve minutes of the 7/1/19 meeting, seconded by Ms. Kraft, and the motion carried 7-0.

CLAIMS

Ms. Kraft asked about the \$25,000 charge. Ms. Reed explained it could be a number of things. She said she'd have to go look at the bill. They bill for several reasons. It could be and probably was a work comp case.

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

REPORTS

Board of Review – *Budget Presentation*

Ms. Fowler explained that there are no increases. Everything, all line items, stayed the same.

Members decided that they would make one motion for all S of A budgets.

Supervisor of Assessments – *Budget Presentation*

Ms. Fowler explained:

- The office holder salary decreased
- The only change in the S of A staff salary was the contractual raises
- Travel & Training expenses show a small increase due to having 3 new staff that all started at the same time. She said she wanted to be sure the money is there now rather than having to come back and ask for it later.

She said she had included in the packet, the list of positions within the office and a graph of how it breaks down in their positions and what they do.

Chairman Greenfield asked how many union staff members there are. Ms. Fowler said there are 6 union plus the Chief Deputy and herself making 8 total.

Ms. Kraft made a motion to move the budgets on to Display, seconded by Dr. Zimmerman and the motion carried 7-0.

GIS (Automation Fund) – Budget Presentation

Ms. Fowler explained that the fund is not a part of the general fund. It is self-funded. For that budget, the only allocation that changed was the Tax Mapping Specialist salaries due to the contractual raises.

Also, the equipment line shows a large decrease due to the equipment that was purchased through last year's budget for the parcel fabric migration that is pretty much 100% complete now other than just fine tuning some of the tools.

Chairman Greenfield asked about the service charge / bank fees line item. Ms. Reed said that not all bank accounts are service charge free. We may order deposit slips or certain things from them so a miscellaneous expense is figured in for most of the checking accounts. This is not a penalty charge. Ms. Kraft commented that we should get those things free. Ms. Reed said that some things are free, but there are charges for some things and it depends on where the bank account is too.

Chair Jackson asked about the reduction on the equipment side. Ms. Fowler said it was for a new server that was purchased for the Cloudpoint parcel migration last year. All of the equipment has been purchased.

Ms. Kraft made a motion to move the budget on to Display, seconded by Mr. Mattingley and the motion carried 7-0.

Treasurer- No Report

Chair Jackson said that the Treasurer was deferring his budget presentation to the next finance committee meeting.

Audit Sub Committee – no report

Auditor –

Macon County Board Resolution Setting the Salaries for the Office of State's Attorney and Public Defender Effective July 1, 2019

Chair Jackson announced that in the absence of this being passed by the state, they would discuss.

Mr. Mattingley suggested that it be tabled until Mr. Baggett could inform them that it has been signed. He said he was wondering if the resolution could be redrafted to say subject to and only upon the signing of the legislation by the Governor or would it be better to just leave it tabled until they do so. Ms. Reed will check with Mr. Baggett. Once this is done, she will have to go

back retroactively to July 1 and backpay, but that will have to be done anyway. She thought it would be best to just wait.

Ms. Kraft made a motion to table, seconded by Mr. Greenfield and the motion carried 7-0

Citizen Remarks – None

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS –

Transportation

Macon County Board Resolution Approving a Bid from Miles Chevrolet for a 2020 ½ Ton 4x4 Crew Cab Pickup Truck

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 a Bid from Miles Chevrolet for 2 2020 ½ Ton 4x4 4 door Pickup Trucks

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

Macon County Board Resolution Approving a Bid from Decatur Mack for a 2020 Plow and Dump Truck

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

Chair Jackson asked if anything had been traded in. Mr. Bird said that they would try to sell outright themselves because they usually end up getting a better deal that way, especially the plow truck. Those usually end up going to the townships around here. That way the taxpayer dollars get a little more use throughout the county.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Funds for the Purchase of Parcel 001 on the CH20 Box Culvert Replacement Project

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

Probation

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Donation from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation to Fund County Drug Court Probation Officers for FY2020

Mr. Berter explained that this would fund one Probation officer fringes & health care plus health care for another officer. He said he was trying to slowly decrease the amount from the

Howard G. Buffett Foundation. That way, hopefully, by next year, they will be able to sustain through their own funds.

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.

Emergency Management Agency

Macon County Board Resolution Entering into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Village of Mt. Zion Regarding the Use of Water Towers within the Village of Mt. Zion for the Installation of Radio Equipment by the Macon County Emergency Management Agency

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

Chair Jackson asked if this would be at no charge. Ms. Esposito explained that it is no charge to have the equipment on the tower. We do pay a utility fee which is minimal. Previously, it was \$44 a month which was more for bringing the utilities for our use. Our usage was \$2 to \$5 a month. It is a substantial decrease in the cost. It will be \$10 a month and they will invoice us.

Chairman Greenfield asked if the service would be better with the new tower. Ms. Esposito said it is taller and she believed that they would.

Public Defender

Macon County Board Resolution Amending the Public Defender's FY2019 Budget for the Payment of an Expert Witness Including an Examination and Report

Mr. Ellison explained that there is no set budget line for these items. They come up and are paid for on an as needed basis. They are fairly rare with maybe one a year. This one is for a murder case. The total amount being requested includes both the making of the report, the interviewing they have to do and any witness testifying if the report comes back that we cannot use as a defense. Mr. Greenfield asked who asks for these. Mr. Ellison said it is the responsibility of the Public Defender to ask for the expert if they think one is needed. The judge looks at it and actually approves the amount that the expert is paid, but it is up to the Public Defender to decide if this is needed as a defense in a case. If it was not done, they could be found guilty of not doing their jobs. Mr. Greenfield asked how many a year they average. Mr. Ellison said he has asked for one about 3 times during his time as Public Defender. Mr. Greenfield asked if a mental health exam also falls under the same guidelines. Mr. Ellison explained that the mental health exams are already in the budget. This is for an expert. Mr. Greenfield said he thought there was something else that he or the judge had come to the board for. Mr. Mattingley said those are for sexually violent or sexually dangerous. Mr. Ellison agreed saying that the ones for fitness are already in the budget, but this is the expert part where the need is for someone in the field that can tell if the person has this condition or not. In this particular case, the expert is in battered women syndrome based upon the facts. Mr. Greenfield said that usually it is Judge Webber that comes asking. Mr. Mattingley agreed that it is usually the judge, but we have to do this. It is mandated. Sexually violent and dangerous people have this right. Mr. Ellison said that in a sexually violent situation, many times they will get an

examination at a treatment and detention facility. If that expert says that they are not, then the state can ask for another expert to do another examination. A sexually dangerous person is examined before going to trial or before there is a finding of guilt. Mr. Greenfield asked who determines if they are an expert. Mr. Ellison explained that they have a board that is set up by the state and you have to be listed on that board to be able to do those examinations. He said they just look for people that are experts in the field by reading literature, networking with other attorneys and looking at people that can do that. In this case, the expert was found by a national group that does this and they guided us toward that person.

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

Sheriff's Department

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Contract with the Macon County Sheriff's Deputies #144 Bargaining Unit

Sheriff Brown explained that this contract expired on 11/30/20. Under the terms of this new proposed contract, a 2 14% back pay retroactive to 12/1/18 through 8/8/19. This wage increase would conclude at the end of the current fiscal year. The additional year, FY20, would include a 2% wage increase. This increase is currently in the Sheriff's FY19 budget and there will be no additional appropriations asked for.

Mr. Gresham asked if there were any other items of interest in the contract. Sheriff Brown said it was mostly about the wage structure, but something was done to test a new schedule that would actually help both sides; them with time off and the department with sick time and things.

Chairman Greenfield added that he and Dr. Zimmerman had sat in on the negotiations. The deputies were very professional and good to deal with. They have agreed to leave the insurance line open not knowing what our insurance costs would be. It is covered this year because we've already got a signed contract but for next year, in their contract, it is left open. They know there is a possibility for some cuts in the insurance. They also agreed to a drivers policy which they had not done in the past. With the raise, which was talked in length about, and going into a deficit year where you hate to give raises, their philosophy was that they deserve it and earned it and if they have to lay off a couple to do it, so be it. That is where it was left. He said he hopes it won't come to that point and he didn't think it would. But, they were ok with that. As far as the insurance goes, not knowing what the insurance costs are going to be, they were very receptive and very open minded.

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

CLOSED SESSION None needed

NEXT MEETING – Monday, September 3, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Kraft, seconded by Dr. Zimmerman, the motion carried 7-0, and the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, County Board Office