

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 3, 2019 5:15 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Carol Reed Auditor
Judge Webber
Ed Yoder, Treasurer
Rocki Wilkerson, Workforce Investments
Kim Fowler, Supervisor of Assessments
Josh Tanner, County Clerk
Linda Little, County Board member
Lisa Wallace, Auditor's Office
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

Ms. Kraft made a motion to approve minutes of the 8/20/19 Budget Hearing Meeting, seconded by Mr. Mattingley, and the motion carried 7-0.

CLAIMS

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

REPORTS

Board of Review –

Ms. Fowler reported that they are finishing up the 2019 assessments hoping to get those published in the next few weeks. Then the Board of Review will be busy reviewing the appeals.

Supervisor of Assessments – no report

GIS – no report

Treasurer-

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

Mr. Greenfield made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full county board consent calendar, seconded by Mr. Dudley and the motion carried 7-0.

FY20 Budget Presentation

Mr. Yoder explained that the general fund budget reflects union contract raises of \$675 for each of the employees. \$1,000 was added to cover for the Leap Day.

Some of the other lines were reduced and in the end, the budget is under last year's by \$15.

Automation Fund – monies for this fund come from mortgage companies and banks via bill fees when tax bills are printed. Some expenses were taken from the general fund and put into the automation fund budget.

Postage went up due to costs. There was an increase in January that was not reflected in last year's budget. Mr. Yoder said he tries to be as lean on everything as he can be.

Chair Jackson asked about the other expenditures line. Mr. Yoder explained that it was for non-professional. Ms. Mansur, the auditor with May, Cocagne & King, came in for a meeting and this was payment for her time and service.

Mr. Greenfield made a motion to forward the proposed budget on to display, seconded by Ms. Zimmerman and the motion carried 7-0.

Audit Sub Committee – *no report*

Auditor –

Ms. Reed reported that 2 months ago she had brought a resolution for the Public Defender's salary increase. Mr. Baggett has since determined that a resolution is not needed, but the State requires a copy of minutes showing that there is consensus that the salary is to be increased when the PTAX form is submitted for reimbursement. The salary is to be increased to \$156,370.29. Ms. Kraft commented that they should recognize it and accept it. We are required to do it and will abide by it. Everyone agreed.

Citizen Remarks – None

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS –

Workforce Investments

Macon County Board Resolution Granting Permission to Dispose of Surplus Equipment

Ms. Wilkerson explained that they had done some spring cleaning and identified some old equipment and some things that were no longer usable and so is requesting permission to dispose of the old equipment. Everything has been tagged and logged.

Chairman Greenfield verified that the items would not be usable to any other departments. Ms. Wilkerson said that the items do not work and is not worth putting money into. It is just taking up space, is beyond its life and just needs to go.

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.

Circuit Court

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the Circuit Court's FY19 Budget for Expenses Fees in Certain Appeals

Judge Webber explained that this is a request to pay a fee to a psychologist for an evaluation of an individual who is being subject to a civil commitment as a sexually dangerous, sexually violent person. These are civil commitments by prior agreement with the Board. These are done on an ad hoc basis as opposed to a budget line. It is one of those things that is an unfunded mandate. The Statute says the person subject to civil commitment shall have an evaluation which shall be paid for by the county.

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 7-0.

County Clerk

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Contract between the Macon County Clerk and Liberty Systems, LLC

Mr. Tanner explained that this for the contract for the election vender. It is a 4 year contract. There is a slight increase of around \$4,000 over the 4 years. In total, between the last contract and the end of this one, it will be a year. So, it is not much of an increase. It does not cover the 2021 and 2023 primaries which are typically not held. If they were needed, an additional amount would be requested. This was discussed in Finance, and the Board has said they want a more realistic estimate of the budget every year. Since, historically, those primaries are almost never held, this should make the budget more realistic. Mr. Dudley asked if it is 16 equal quarterly payments of \$54,000 which is \$872,000 over 4 years. Mr. Tanner confirmed. Mr. Dudley asked what happens if they decide not to pay it. Mr. Tanner said they would have to get another vender or do it ourselves. The contract covers 400,000 ballots, 72 precinct kits, 72 test decks, etc. . Supplies could be ordered and put in bags, but after paying for that and staff, it costs more. Venders are better at this kind of thing because it is a very short period of time. They can ramp up staff and do for more counties at one time and do it much more efficiently.

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.

CLOSED SESSION None needed

NEXT MEETINGS – September 4, 2019 – Budget Hearing #2
September 9, 2019 - Budget Hearing #3
September 16,2019 – Budget Hearing #4
September 24, 2019 – Special Finance Committee to prepare for Display
September 30, 2019 – Regular Finance Committee Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Kraft, seconded by Ms. Zimmerman, the motion carried 7-0, and the meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, County Board Office