

**MACON COUNTY BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MACON COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
COUNTY BOARD ROOM #514
121 S. MAIN STREET
DECATUR, IL 62523**

**February 3, 2020
5:15 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Jackson
Helena Buckner
Kevin Greenfield
Jim Gresham

MEMBERS ABSENT

Greg Mattingley
Debra Kraft
Laura Zimmerman

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Carol Reed Auditor
Ed Yoder, Treasurer
Rocki Wilkerson, Workforce Investments
Dave Ellison, Public Defender
Adam Walter, Sheriff's Dept
Kim Fowler, S of A
Josh Tanner, County Clerk
Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office
Nick Burge, Env Mgmt
Bruce Bird, Highway Dept
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. Gresham made a motion to approve minutes of the 12/30/19 Finance Committee Meeting, seconded by Chairman Greenfield, and the motion carried 4-0.

CLAIMS

Motion to approve the report of the finance claims made by Chairman Greenfield, seconded by Mr. Gresham, and the motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS

Audit Sub Committee – *no report*

Auditor –

Macon County Board Resolution Approving a Decrease in the Mileage Reimbursement Rate

Ms. Reed explained that we follow the IRS guidelines and it went down one half cent to 57.5 cents for next year.

Mr. Gresham made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Buckner, and the motion carried 4-0.

Macon County Board Omnibus Resolution Approving Budget Clean –Up for FY19

Ms. Reed explained that this is done at the end of the year. Some budget lines cannot be transferred, but at the end of the year, a resolution can be done to clean up. There are not very many accounts, but it is necessary. The total amount is approximately \$65,000. It is just moving funds. It is not increasing the budget.

Mr. Gresham made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Chairman Greenfield, and the motion carried 4-0.

MCK has been in the Auditor's office for the past two weeks conducting the annual audit. Now, they are moving on to the Health Department and Workforce. Things are progressing. Chair Jackson asked if they could come in and speak to the Finance Committee. Ms. Reed confirmed that they would at the end of the audit process.

Board of Review –

Ms. Fowler reported that they are finishing up the hearings for the 2019 appeals. That will be wrapped up by the end of this month.

Supervisor of Assessments –

Ms. Fowler had no report.

GIS –

Ms. Fowler reported that the office had made the decision to take down an old server. That was due to risk of the hardware failing and no longer being supported by Microsoft. With the security of the County's website and protecting the users as well, the decision was made. One of the main functions of that server was to host and support the GIS data that was on the multiple different maps that are on the website. Along with taking that down, came the opportunity to see what was going to break, what they needed to fix, and links that needed to be checked into. She said they are working through that. Some of the data that is hosted on some of those maps is not maintained within the Supervisor of Assessment office. So, she said that they are working with the other departments on getting updated datasets for that as well. It is a work in progress. She said that if anyone has any questions or problems they should be sure to send them to her office and the Tax Mapping Specialist will be sure to help with anything. He has been working with the public as well in getting their links fixed and internally also with the other departments. Chair Jackson asked who else in the county would touch that as far as departments. Ms. Fowler said they have some information on there regarding the tax districts. So, the County Clerk, Election Polling sites, and things like that. There are just miscellaneous maps. Chairman Greenfield asked for a timeframe for completion. Ms. Fowler said she did not currently have a date set, but there are only a few things that need work done on them. One was the annotation and the Mapping Specialist is working with the Clerk's Office on some tax codes and things like that. Mr. Greenfield asked if she thought it might be 30 days or 6 months

or what. Ms. Fowler said she thought 30 to 45 days should be a good number, but she would keep them posted.

Treasurer-

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

Chairman Greenfield made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full county board consent calendar, seconded by Ms. Buckner and the motion carried 4-0.

Citizen Remarks – None

OLD BUSINESS- None

NEW BUSINESS –

Highway

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for Engineering on a Bridge Repair in Whitmore Township

Mr. Gresham made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Full Board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Chairman Greenfield and the motion carried 4-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving a Road Use Agreement with Ameren

Mr. Gresham made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Full Board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Chairman Greenfield and the motion carried 4-0.

Macon County Board Resolution to Dispose of Surplus Equipment

Chairman Greenfield made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Full Board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Gresham and the motion carried 4-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for the Sharing of Certain Costs Related to Project Coordination and Consulting Services for the Macon County Beltway, and for those Transportation Projects Connected to or Associated with the Macon County Beltway in the City of Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, Between the City of Decatur and the County of Macon, Illinois

Chair Jackson asked how this is managed. Mr. Bird explained that there is no special software, they just have to track how much is used for what source. They use spreadsheets.

Chairman Greenfield made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Full Board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Gresham and the motion carried 4-0.

Sheriff –

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Transference of Funds from At Risk

Services Line to Purchase Ballistic Vests

Chief Deputy Walter explained that this is in addition to last month's resolution. They have discovered they need additional vests. This resolution is to transfer \$5,000 from At Risk Services to the equipment line so they can be purchased. The current ones expire this year.

Chairman Greenfield made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Full Board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Buckner and the motion carried 4-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Donation from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation to the Overtime Fund

Chief Deputy Walter explained that the Sheriff's Office began a warrant program primarily in Macon County and Decatur. There are approximately 3,800 outstanding warrants filed through the court system. The program was begun in March, 2018. So far, 576 of those warrants have been cleared. This is for a continuance of that program. The Howard Buffett Foundation has agreed to donate \$75,000 to the overtime fund to fund that project. Chair Jackson asked if this had been considered in the budget process. He asked how this would have been covered without the donation. Mr. Walter said the program would not be continued. It begins in March of each year.

Mr. Gresham made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Full Board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Chairman Greenfield and the motion carried 4-0.

State's Attorney's Office

Macon County Board Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property by the State's Attorney's Office

Chairman Greenfield made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Full Board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Gresham and the motion carried 4-0.

Environmental Management –

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Lease Renewal at 1710, 1750 & 1760 N. 21st Street, between the Wicker Real Estate Trust and Macon County Environmental Management

Chairman Greenfield made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Full Board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Buckner and the motion carried 4-0.

County Board

Macon County Board Resolution Adding Territory to Enterprise Zone and Approving the Amendment of the Enacting Ordinance and Intergovernmental Agreement – Decatur Orthopedic Center, LLC

Chairman Greenfield explained that this is the doctor's office in Mt. Zion that Jake Sans owns. He purchased the lot behind him which is not in the enterprise zone. The original building is.

They are proposing about a \$5 million building there. This will add that lot into the Enterprise Zone.

Chairman Greenfield made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Full Board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Buckner and the motion carried 4-0.

Macon County Board Resolution to Approve Lease Agreement with Macon County Mental Health Board

Chairman Greenfield explained that the Mental Health Board would be moving into the 6th floor of the County Office building. Mr. Baggett explained that a 10 year lease has been put into the agreement as a placeholder at this time. He said that he is awaiting final word from Chairman Greenfield and the Mental Health Board as to the exact term. Mr. Greenfield explained that this agreement had been started by Chairman Dunn. They currently rent one of Romano's buildings at 132 S. Water (The Millikin Building). By renting from the County, it will free up some money for them to be able to spend somewhere else.

Chairman Greenfield made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Full Board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Gresham and the motion carried 4-0.

County Clerk

Macon County Board Resolution Authorizing the Payment of Expenses Related to a Full Hand Recount of the Contested 2018 General Election for the Office of Macon County Sheriff

Mr. Tanner explained that the parties of the 2018 Sheriff's race got together and decided that they would agree to a full hand recount. They are requesting that the County Board pay for the County Clerk expenses. That would be election judge expense. There may be a few other small expenses, but the Election Judges are the main expenses. He explained that they would hand count that. One Democrat and one Republican would count. They are asking that the Board authorize the Clerk's office to pay for that. He explained that the County is still paying for their attorney expenses. The candidates' expenses and any other expenses related to the Court case would be borne by them. Chair Jackson asked Mr. Baggett if the Board is bound by this. Mr. Baggett explained that the way the resolution is drafted is that this is the County Board's way of committing itself to pay for this in the event that the court does order the hand recount. The parties have agreed to this, but until there is a court order, and there is no guarantee that the judge would necessarily accept their agreement, but it is more likely than if they did not agree. Only in the event that the court does order the hand recount to take place would the County Board be agreeing to pay whatever the cost of that hand recount is. This is the County Board's way of committing itself and obligating itself to do so in the event that the judge does order it. Otherwise, it would be subject to the judge's order who would be on the hook for it. That may be the county or it may be the parties. It is unknown exactly how that would be borne out. One of the thoughts behind volunteering to do this and for the cost to be borne by the County is that it may help to facilitate the Judge's ordering the recount to occur. Mr. Gresham asked if there was an estimate of costs. Mr. Tanner said less than \$10,000. He explained that he had run the math on how long it would take assuming it is a smooth process. The actual numbers were

about \$3,300, but used three times that as his estimate. Election judges are paid \$10 an hour. So, that is \$20 an hour per pair. It would be nice to run three tables, but that is all subject to them agreeing to it. A set of election judges can count about 240 ballots an hour. A machine can do about twice that. They will work a 7 hour day allowing for lunch and two 15 minute breaks. He said they would try to move it along, but it is really up to the parties that are contesting the election as to how long the process takes.

Chairman Greenfield commented that when the story broke in the Herald & Review, he had called both candidates to make sure they were both in favor of this. They both, without question, are. This was talked about over a year ago when the election was over. If we could have hand counted at the time, we probably would have had this over a year ago. Unfortunately, that was not able to happen. Just because we get the hand count, that does not mean it is over. Don't be fooled that we will know in a week or two because more than likely, there will be several questionable ballots that will probably have to go back to the judge for a decision on whether they are usable or for one candidate or the other. He said he wanted to make everyone aware that this is not the end. But, it is a really good start and he said he thought the County is obligated to do this.

Chairman Greenfield made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Gresham, and the motion carried 4-0.

Public Defender –

Macon County Board Resolution Amending the Public Defender's FY2020 Budget in Order to Hire Two Conflict Attorneys

Mr. Ellison explained that the title should actually say two contract attorneys.

Mr. Gresham made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Full Board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Chairman Greenfield and the motion carried 4-0.

COMMENTS None

CLOSED SESSION None needed

NEXT MEETING March 2, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Gresham, seconded by Ms. Buckner, the motion carried 4-0, and the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, County Board Office