

**MACON COUNTY BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

January 4, 2021 5:15 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

John Jackson, Chair
Ryan Kreke
Jim Gresham
Greg Mattingley
Linda Little

Via Teleconference:

Marcy Rood

MEMBERS ABSENT

Helena Buckner

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Jessie Smalley, HR
Sheriff Brown
Bruce Bird, County Highway
Rocki Wilkerson, Workforce Investments
Carol Reed, Auditor's Office
Greg Collins, Veterans Administration
Kim Fowler, S of A
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 11/30/2020 Finance Committee meeting, seconded by Mr. Gresham, & roll call vote showed the motion carried 5-0 with Ms. Little voting present.

CLAIMS

Ms. Reed explained that the claims report was unavailable due to the software transition process.

REPORTS

Audit Sub Committee – *no report*

Auditor –

Ms. Reed reported that they are now working on the new system which is MIT. Effective December 1, the general ledger & January 1, the payroll. Payroll is the biggest priority right now.

Macon County Board Resolution Accepting One Year Proposal From Midwest Employers Casualty for Workers Compensation Excess Liability Insurance Coverage

Ms. Reed explained that the premium went from \$80,000 last year to \$85,000 this year which is good because the other quote received was double that. It is a pretty tight market with not very many players. They expect, because of COVID, the costs to go up quite a bit more next year. The County is self-insured for workers comp. This is for the excess over \$500,000.

Ms. Little asked what the premiums are based on. Ms. Reed said it is mainly payroll. We don't have that many claims that go over the \$500,000.

Ms. Little made a motion to forward to the full board with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Mattingley, and roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0.

Board of Review –

Ms. Fowler reported that the Board has reviewed about 315 appeals so far. Once all of them are docketed, there will probably be about 580. That is a norm for most years. There are usually between 500-600. So far, all of the tentative decisions have been mailed out for the files, that they've made a decision.

Supervisor of Assessments –

Ms. Fowler reported that the Township organizational meeting was held in December. It was a little unusual meeting for this year as it was held via call-in conference. Packets were mailed or emailed out to Township Assessors. That gives them their instructions to complete their work for 2021. For the most part, it was a slight adjustment, but it worked out.

GIS-

Ms. Fowler reported that the map site of the edits are being completed for 2021. That is for the splits, combinations and new subdivision changes. None of that is posted to the website for the public until they are all finalized. That happens later in the fall.

Treasurer

Macon County Board Resolution to Execute Deeds to Convey Property in which Taxes were Delinquent

Chair Jackson presented the resolution and made a motion to forward to the full board consent calendar with recommendation for approval, seconded by Ms. Little, and roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0.

Citizen Remarks – No citizen's remarks were submitted via email by the deadline for today's meeting. No citizens were present that wanted to address the committee members.

NEW BUSINESS –

County Board

Macon County Board Ordinance to Approve Lease Agreement Renewal with Macon County CASA

Chair Jackson presented and made a motion to forward to the full board with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Gresham, and roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0.

Transportation Department

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Annual MFT General Maintenance Estimate of Maintenance Costs

Ms. Little made a motion to forward to the full board with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Mattingley, and roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving a 50/50 Cost Share with Whitmore Township on the TR 45 Kirby Road Bridge Repair Project

Mr. Gresham made a motion to forward to the full board with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Mattingley, and roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of Four 2020 15 Ft. Flex Wing Rotary Cutters

Mr. Bird explained that these are mowing decks.

Mr. Mattingley made a motion to forward to the full board with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Gresham, and roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Disposal of Equipment

Mr. Bird explained that this is for 2 rotary cutters and one bush hog. He said they are keeping a couple of the Schultes as back ups in case one of the new ones go down for maintenance.

Ms. Little asked about how they would be disposed of. Mr. Bird explained that the standard procedure is to offer them to the local governments & the County first. They always put a minimum bid on them after taking a look at the market to see what is out there. Second, they will be disposed of publicly through an auction. None of the other local governments wanted these, so they will go straight to the auction. Chair Jackson asked when that would happen. Mr. Bird said after full board approval.

Mr. Kreke made a motion to forward to the full board with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Gresham, and roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Awarding the 2021 Motor Fuel Bid

Mr. Bird said the bid came in at .0099 over cost which is one penny above whatever the cost is. That is cheaper than last year.

Mr. Gresham made a motion to forward to the full board with recommendation for approval, seconded by Ms. Little, and roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Awarding the 2021 Oil & Lubricant Bid

Mr. Bird explained that this comparable to last year. Morgan Distributing had it last year and they got it again for this year.

Ms. Little made a motion to forward to the full board with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Kreke, and roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for Payment of County Engineer's Salary

Mr. Gresham made a motion to forward to the full board with recommendation for approval, seconded by Ms. Little, and roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0.

Sheriff –

Macon County Board Resolution Granting Permission to Dispose of Surplus Equipment

Sheriff Brown explained that they have 12 Patriot Air Packs/Tanks, 5 Scott SCBA Air Packs, 5 MSA Air Tanks, 1 Scott SCBA harness and 1 set of Remington Tactical vision spheres have experienced end of life, are unusable/unrepairable.

Ms. Little made a motion to forward to the full board with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Kreke, and roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Granting Permission to Dispose of Surplus Equipment

Sheriff Brown explained that the Sheriff's Office has 1 Beretta model .223 caliber ARX Rifle that was burnt beyond repair during a patrol vehicle fire. This will be taken to a facility where it will be disposed of at no cost to the Sheriff's Office.

Ms. Little made a motion to forward to the full board with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Mattingley, and roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0.

Veteran's Assistance

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Transfer Within the Veterans Assistance Commission Fund

Mr. Collins explained that they had not figured into the budget that Ms. Powless was going to retire with vacation time coming. There is money in the budget to move into this line, but they need to request permission to do so.

Ms. Little explained that the EEHW committee had reviewed and this is just to make sure the money is in the right line and then made a motion to forward to the full board with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Kreke, and roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0.

Planning & Zoning

Macon County Board Resolution to Approve Intergovernmental Agreement for the Educational Portion for the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4), Between the Macon County Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD), Village of Forsyth, Village of Mt. Zion, City of Decatur and the County of Macon , Illinois

Mr. Bird explained that Ms. Gunter could not be present so he would present since he said he was involved with the genesis of the agreement.

Mr. Bird reported that the agreement between all the agencies had to be updated. It does not really change anything for Macon County. Ms. Gunter has always done the inspection part of the work. But, as part of the original agreement, Soil & Water did what is required by the Feds for the educational part and also hosted the website. We have always paid the \$1,000 via an agreement for the website. We have always done that. The big difference is with the small municipalities who were using the Soil & Water to do their on site construction inspections. They will now do that with their own in-house people now and Soil & Water will not be doing them. That is the only difference. There is no financial impact on us whatsoever.

Ms. Little made a motion to forward to the full board with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Mattingley, and roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0.

Mr. Jackson said he had wanted to bring the CARES Fund Act up and asked if they should talk about donating any of that money or not? Ms. Reed said they had determined that the ETSSB, since they are really a part of the county, should be in line for some funds. She said they have prepared a check for them. That is the only money that has been issued, other than to the county for improvements like new TVs and systems. She said they have also gotten a few new computers, but the rest of the money is still there. Mr. Jackson asked if there are any restaurants that affect the county. Ms. Reed said Chairman Greenfield had told her that there is one bar and grill in the County that would be eligible for funds, the DAV. She said she did not know about amounts, but said that would be up to the board.

Ms. Little said she would like to see the County help them out. Mr. Jackson agreed. Ms. Little said she would not just say to pick a number out of the air. Ms. Reed agreed saying that with ETSSB, they distributed reimbursement of wages to people who had to be off due to COVID. She said she there are no guidelines that come with the money, but she felt that possibly for PPE or whatever they might have had to come up with would also be allowable. The money was granted to the County and she said she thought it would be up to the County if they wanted to disperse it further.

Chair Jackson asked about whether the City had taken any steps about what they are doing. Ms. Reed said they have some applications out now for restaurants that are due Wednesday. They didn't have much turn around time. She said they could ask for a list of expenses or things they feel should be reimbursed and then bring it back to this committee. Ms. Little & Mr. Jackson commented that they felt this would be a good idea. Ms. Reed asked who the proper person to reach out would be.

Mr. Gresham added that the County does have two licensees and asked about the other one, The New Back Door. Ms. Reed said she would assume they would reach out to both of them. Mr. Jackson agreed. Mr. Gresham said he thought that a lot of the DAV is volunteer, but he would love to support them in any way they can. Mr. Kreke said they pay their people. Some is volunteer, but they pay their staff. Ms. Little said she would like to reach out and have them include what revenues they show last year that they didn't bring in this year due to COVID. Mr. Jackson agreed that a P&L statement would be needed.

Ms. Reed asked if the committee would like for her to talk to Chairman Greenfield and one of them reach out to them. Mr. Jackson said yes, please. He went on to say that he felt the Auditor would be a good one to do it, or Ms. Smalley or somebody.

CLOSED SESSION None needed

NEXT MEETING - 2/1/2021

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Little, seconded by Mr. Kreke, and Chair Jackson adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, County Board Office