

**MACON COUNTY BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

June 1, 2021 5:15 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kevin Greenfield, Chair
Ryan Kreke
Jim Gresham
Greg Mattingley
Linda Little
Marcy Rood

MEMBERS ABSENT

Helena Buckner

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Sherry Doty, Circuit Clerk
Scott Rueter, State's Attorney
John Jackson, Treasurer
Rocki Wilkerson, Workforce Investments
Carol Reed, Auditor's Office
Chief Deputy Adam Walter
Mike Baggett, Asst. State's Attorney
Bruce Bird, Co Highway Engineer
Kim Fowler, S of A
Jessie Smalley, HR
Brandi Binkley, Health Department
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greenfield at the Macon County Office Building.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Ms. Little made a motion to approve minutes of the 5/3/2021 Finance Committee meeting, seconded by Mr. Gresham & the motion carried 6-0

CLAIMS

Mr. Mattingley made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Mr. Kreke, and the motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS

Audit Sub Committee – No Report

Auditor –

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance Proposal from AJ Gallagher & Co.

Ms. Reed explained that this is for next year which starts 7/1/2021. The overall medical benefits did not change in terms of deductibles and copays for the individuals. The medical plan deductible will increase, but the deductible above the current level of \$1,500 which now goes to \$5,000 will be covered by a HRA (Health Reimbursement Account). That cost of the deductible between \$1,500 and \$5,000 will be paid by the County. That enables the county to actually lower the health insurance premiums for employees by 2.3%. This is a step toward

self-funding, but yet it can be estimated the amount it could be and it was felt that this is a good plan to have. Mr. Malachowski was present to answer questions along with Ms. Reed.

Ms. Little asked for clarification about the premium difference. Ms. Reed explained that while the employee deductible will remain as it was at \$1,500, the Blue Cross Blue Shield plan raises the deductible to \$5,000. The difference from \$1,500 to \$5,000 in deductible will be paid by the County.

Mr. Malachowski explained that the County has been running at 125% loss ratio in the last two years. So, initially, the proposal from Blue Cross Blue Shield was about a million dollar increase. After negotiations, it went to about half million dollar increase. With this HRA vehicle, the net result to the county will be about \$100,000 increase while the employees will see no change in benefits. Their maximum amount out of pocket will actually go down by \$300 as a result of this. The deductibles and copays for doctors and medicines will not change.

Ms. Little made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Gresham and the motion carried 6-0

Chairman Greenfield thanked Mr. Malachowski for the work he had put into this.

Board of Review –

Ms. Fowler reported that they will meet on Monday, June 7 to hold their organizational meeting for the 20-21 assessment year. At that time they will adopt the 20-21 rules and appoint a chair.

GIS - No Report

Supervisor of Assessments –

Ms. Fowler reported that the assessor books are due June 15. As of now, none have been received from the Township Assessors. They usually trickle in right around the time they are due. In the meantime, the department is finishing up the assessment work for the four townships that there are contracts with. As those wrap up, they can start inputting the Township work.

Treasurer –

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

Mr. Gresham made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board consent calendar with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Mattingley and the motion carried 6-0.

Citizen Remarks – No citizens were present that wanted to address the committee members.

NEW BUSINESS –

Transportation Department

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Andrews Street Resurfacing Project

Mr. Bird explained that this is the road between Macon & Dalton. They are going halfway – to Walmsley Road for this portion.

Ms. Little made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Mattingley and the motion carried 6-0

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for a 50/50 Drainage Project with Blue Mound Township

Mr. Bird explained that they occasionally do these with the townships on their request. With this, it is a large aluminum box culvert. We purchased the material and they do the install. It will be ordered, show up in parts and pieces on a trailer at the Township shed. They will build it at the shed, put it on a flat bed, haul it out to the site and drop it in the hole, backfill it and it is done.

Mr. Mattingley made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Rood and the motion carried 6-0

Macon County Board Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Purchase of Right of Way Parcel 001 for a Bridge on Meridian Road in Blue Mound Township

Ms. Little made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Gresham and the motion carried 6-0

Circuit Clerk

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Additional Appropriations in the Circuit Clerk's FY2021 General Fund Budget

Ms. Doty explained that everyone knows we have all been hit by COVID. After presenting the budget, Ms. Doty said she had been contacted last year by the State's Attorney's Office stating that they had made arrangements with the previous administration for the collection fees to be put back into their budget and legally, it is theirs. It amounted to \$24,999.

She, her Chief Deputy, and Robert Bellah from IT started contacting vendors and negotiating contracts on maintenance and the vendors were very generous as soon as they heard that they had gotten rid of Tyler. Mr. Baggett helped with jury parking. After all was done and said, there was a savings of \$20,000. She said she thought the office was fine.

Two months after the budget was passed, the Supreme Court mandated that one fee shall be collected on traffic incidents instead of being assessed per ticket. She said she still thought they were fine. They would still have collections, Comptroller, Failure to Pays which put holds on licenses until people pay. COVID restrictions killed that.

In the Court system also. The bonds went down because the Sheriff could not hold people in due to a fear of COVID in the jail. The Collections had restrictions. Comptroller had restrictions. All these restrictions were due to hardships on families. She said she had thought

they were still ok because they still had the Failure to Pays. That is now changing. On July 1st. Governor Pritzker signed the Criminal Reform Bill that lifts all holds on drivers licenses. She said she wishes she had had a crystal ball, but she didn't. She said they still don't know how this is going to affect them.

This office has always brought income in. The office, as of today, is 7 people down due to previous cuts. The staff has absorbed all of that work. The special projects have been put on hold. The staff works diligently. They take pride in their work. The supervisors and several union people come in early and work late, sometimes on weekends and this is donated time. They don't ask for anything. Ms. Doty said they are at the minimum staff the office can be at to make the deadlines for the local courts, the Appellate Courts and the Supreme Courts. This resolution is to save the staff due to COVID and the two new laws, which about 89% of that is due to COVID.

But, there is a silver lining. January 1st, in 2022 there will be a new record keeping manual that states how cases are filed and how they are collected. Right now when someone files a Petition for a Tax Deed for 150 parcels the one time fee is \$202 but come January 1, 2022 we will be charging \$306 per parcel for a total of \$45,900. Only \$13 goes to the state. The rest stays right here with us.

With that being said, she asked for approval of the resolution. Three people have been flipped over to document storage, lower paid people which can be covered. This is the management team which are very necessary for the office to function.

Ms. Little made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Mattingley and the motion carried 6-0

Chairman Greenfield said this should be able to be paid out of the \$10 million.

State's Attorney

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

Mr. Baggett explained that this is obsolete, old equipment with some being broken and some just out of date and they are asking permission to get rid of it.

Mr. Mattingley made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Kreke and the motion carried 6-0

Environmental Management –

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Intergovernmental Delegation Agreement Between the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency and Macon County

Chairman Greenfield explained that Ms. Sumpter was unable to attend the meeting, presented the resolution and explained that this is where they refund the County for a lot of the costs for

the Environmental Department such as salary, gas, phones, etc. He said he thinks there may be a lot more things that can be charged to them that maybe have not been in the past.

Ms. Little explained that the agreement had been presented to and discussed at the EEHW committee and there are no changes. It is basically the same agreement with different dates. Chairman Greenfield said that Mr. Baggett had looked at it.

Mr. Baggett explained that this is a standard agreement. The language is state language. We are not going to get very far trying to negotiate anything beyond what they are willing to give us. They have the authority to delegate, but they do not have to. It is boilerplate language for the state. There is nothing outlandish or out of sorts in it. He recommended agreement.

Ms. Little made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Rood and the motion carried 6-0

CLOSED SESSION *None needed*

NEXT MEETING - 6/28/2021

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Ms. Little & seconded by Chairman Greenfield and the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, County Board Office