

**MACON COUNTY BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MACON COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING
COUNTY BOARD ROOM #514
121 S. MAIN STREET DECATUR, IL 62523
January 31, 2022 5:15 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kevin Greenfield, Chair
Ryan Kreke
Jim Gresham
Linda Little, Vice Chair

MEMBERS ABSENT

Greg Mattingley
Marcy Rood
Helena Buckner

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Rocki Wilkerson, Workforce Investments
Rodney Forbes, Courts
John Jackson, Treasurer
Carol Reed, Auditor's Office
Kim Fowler, SofA
Jessie Smalley, HR
Pat Berter, Probation
Jim Root, Sheriff
Brandi Binkley, Health Dept
Michelle Sanders, Public Defender
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 1/3/2022 Finance Committee meeting, seconded by Mr. Kreke & the motion carried 4-0

CLAIMS

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

REPORTS

Audit Sub Committee –

Ms. Reed reported that the audit is scheduled to begin next week. Her office will give them a trial balance by this Friday and then they will come in and do field work starting next week.

Auditor –

Macon County Board Resolution Approving an Increase in the Mileage Reimbursement Rate

Ms. Reed explained that the current IRS mileage rate is going up to 58.5 cents. The County has been following that for quite some time.

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 4-0

Board of Review –

Ms. Fowler reported that on the 27th of January, they wrapped up the rest of the hearings for the 2021 assessment appeals. There will be a couple of short meetings just to wrap up loose ends before the values are turned over to the Clerk.

Supervisor of Assessments –

The 2022 Senior Freeze forms have been delivered to the various locations within the County. That is most banks, credit unions, post offices, libraries, and pretty much everywhere that has a walk in service that will accept the forms. After those are delivered, the public service announcement has already been put into all the local newspapers letting the senior citizens know that they are available. They are also on the website and at the front counter in the office.

Chairman Greenfield said, depending on the weather, he would plan to meet with Ms. Fowler to go over the fees for the assessors.

GIS – No Report**Treasurer –*****Macon County Board Resolution to Execute Deeds to Convey Property in which Taxes were Delinquent***

Mr. Kreke made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Little and the motion carried 4-0

Mr. Jackson went on to explain that he had received an ARPA fund request from the Mt. Zion Fire Protection District for two specialized apparatuses for stroke care. They have three and two will be outdated per COVID ruling for HSHS. They would like their request to be considered.

Chairman Greenfield asked if there were questions. Ms. Little pointed out that they had referred to some fundraising in their email to Mr. Jackson and asked if any of that had been successful.

Chairman Greenfield said that there are only two rural fire departments that are able to carry this life effective drug and that is Mt. Zion and Long Creek. Mr. Jackson said there is also Warrensburg. The other two are current with the new equipment, but they only have one of each. Mt. Zion has a team that can support three vehicles at any time, but will now only have one machine as the other two are phased out. Mr. Greenfield said he had spoken with the Village of Mt. Zion about possibly going in and helping with this. Ms. Miller was going to talk with their Mayor. The thing is, like with Mt. Zion, a lot of times, they'll get called out of the area to administer this drug to another township. You have to have the monitors to give this drug. They may be in South Macon Township because they can administer this drug and then there's a possibility that something happens to someone in Mt. Zion and they can't administer it to them. The drug is a time mannered drug that has to be given in a short period of time to be effective. Because of COVID they changed the rules and so their equipment will be obsolete because of the new federal guidelines.

Ms. Little said she was just wondering if they'd been able to raise any funds at all. Mr. Jackson said he could find that out. Ms. Little said she absolutely thinks this is a very good use of the money. Mr. Greenfield said he would hop that Mt. Zion would also partner a little bit on this. He will reach out to them again to see what Ms. Miller found out. Mr. Gresham said he felt that this would be very important but felt that Mt. Zion should be willing to step up as well.

Mr. Jackson went on to report on the broadband issue that he had posted in last Wednesday's paper, an RFI per Mr. Baggett's directive. It will run until Saturday, 2/5. At that point, they have 7 days to submit any requests. He said he also had worked with Frank Miller and his IT team at the Sheriff's Department about the possibility of some other opportunities that had been brought up by Ms. Rood at a prior meeting. There were none. There are just the ones that people talk about that will bring in some fiber in certain areas. These are Ryse, Axe and Metro. Metro is already doing a little work at the CIRDC. Both Frank & Robert Bellah both said that if we could tie on to something that would give more opportunities here also. We are currently stuck with Comcast and the State mandated internet they have now, Illinois Centurynet. They don't have any other options. He said once they see if they get anything back on the RFI, they can go from there.

CITIZEN'S REMARKS - None

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

Court Services/Probation –

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of Office Furniture for the Probation Department through the Rent Surplus Funds in the Decatur Public Building Commission Lease Fund Account

Mr. Berter explained that the department is going through a remodel being taken care of by the Public Building Commission. Because of COVID and some of the other issues, office spaces are being created for all of the staff. They will now have their own individual offices. Currently, the 15 staff members have some old Decatur Police Department desks that are pretty worn out. He said he had researched via the internet. The desks they had are about \$3,200 each. He said he felt that was too much and after research, found desks very comparable at a lesser cost.

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 4-0

Sheriff

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Donation of Training Weapons

Sheriff Root explained that there are five training weapons that were previously donated to the Sheriff's Office by the Howard G. Buffett Foundation. Those training weapons go to a simulator that is no longer being used. It is now at the Training Facility down south. He said

they would like to transfer those weapons that are regular firearms that have to be properly donated and transferred through an FFL dealer to make the transfer.

Ms. Little made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Kreke and the motion carried 4-0

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Intergovernmental Agreement for Macon County Sheriff's Police Services for the Village of Long Creek, Illinois

Sheriff Root explained that this is the same resolution previously done. There is a contractual requirement with the Village of Long Creek. The only change is the amount that the deputies will be paid. Everything else is still the same.

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

Macon County Board Resolution Approving an Agreement between the Macon County Sheriff's Office and Flock Group, Inc.

Sheriff Root explained that Flock Group Inc. is a technology company that provides fingerprint technology for vehicles which includes vehicle make, model & license plate numbers. It captures the image of the vehicles that can be used for solving crimes in Decatur. The Sheriff's Department does not have any of the Flock cameras, but will be granted access under this agreement to the ones that the City uses. Chairman Greenfield asked for clarification. Sheriff Root said they take pictures of vehicles that can be searched, based on the technology. If the technology says the vehicle passed one of the cameras and we know it is your vehicle because we have the license plate number, color, and details like maybe a bumper sticker, it can be linked to a crime description of a vehicle that may have left the scene of a crime and follow up on it.

Mr. Kreke made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Ms. Little and the motion carried 4-0

Health Department –

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY22 Health Fund Budget for MIECHV ARPA

Ms. Binkley explained that MIECHV is one of their home visiting programs. They have eligibility criteria for the families to be able to receive those services. These MIECHV funds are specifically for those clients through that program.

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

Macon County Board Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property by the Macon County Health Department

Ms. Binkley explained that they have a lot of broken or out of date items that they would like to get rid of. Some of the items are not broken. With those, they will send something out to all county department heads asking if anyone wants anything. If they don't, the items would be donated. If they are not able to be donated, the items will be disposed of along with anything that is broken.

Ms. Little made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Kreke and the motion carried 4-0

Public Defender –

Macon County Board Resolution Amending the Public Defender's FY2022 Budget for the Payment of an Expert Witness Evaluation

Ms. Sanders explained that the amount being requested is \$2,640. There will be no further expenses incurred in this case. It is now closed. She explained that they had been able to mitigate this case. There were multiple experts. Most of the payment came out of the defendant's bond money.

Ms. Little made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Kreke and the motion carried 4-0

CLOSED SESSION

Ms. Little made a motion to go into closed session **Pursuant to Illinois State Statute section 2 (c)(1) For the purpose of discussion of the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body**, seconded by Mr. Gresham and the motion carried 4-0.

Motion to return to open session made by Ms. Little, seconded by Mr. Gresham and the motion carried 4-0.

NEXT MEETING - 2/28/2022

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Kreke, seconded by, Ms. Little, motion carried 4-0 and Chairman Greenfield adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, County Board Office