

**MACON COUNTY BOARD
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Kevin Greenfield, Chair
Ryan Kreke
Debra Kraft
Linda Little, Vice Chair
Greg Mattingley

MEMBERS ABSENT

Marcy Rood
Helena Buckner

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Rocki Wilkerson, Workforce Investments
Michelle Sanders, Public Defender
John Jackson, Treasurer
Carol Reed, Auditor's Office
Brandi Binkley, Health Dept Administrator
Tamara Wilox, County Administrator
Pat Berter, Probation
Kim Fowler, S of A
Scott Rueter, State's Attorney
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

Mr. Mattingley made a motion to approve minutes of the 5/31/2022 Finance Committee meeting, seconded by Ms. Kraft & the motion carried 5-0

CLAIMS

Ms. Little made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Mr. Mattingley and the motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS

Audit Sub Committee –

Ms. Reed reported that the audit is complete. The reports are available in the Auditor's office.

Auditor –

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

Ms. Reed explained that the IRS had increased the rate effective July 1. The County Board generally increases it at the next board meeting after that. So, after next Thursday's board meeting on July 15, the proposal is to raise the rate four cents to 62.5 cents per mile.

Chairman Greenfield asked how many people there are that are reimbursed for gas. Ms. Reed explained that it depends. Some people only once or twice a year for going to conferences or

Association meetings. There are a few at the Health Department. There is not a great number. Ms. Little asked about the impact on the budget. Ms. Reed said it is not a huge impact.

Ms. Kraft made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Kreke and the motion carried 5-0

Ms. Reed went on to report that the \$10 million ARPA funds has been received. It has been in the bank account since early June, but no one was notified. Mr. Jackson explained that they had just filed a claim today requesting payment and on the ICTA site indicates that out of 102 counties, most of them have no idea that they've got it. Poor communication.

Board of Review, Supervisor of Assessments, GIS –

Ms. Fowler reported that the Board of Review is approving Certificates of Errors for the 2021 tax bill and reviewing the non-homestead exemption applications that come in for churches and non-profits.

There is a currently a vacancy on the Board of Review. Mr. McGlaughlin submitted his resignation. She thanked him for his many years of service.

A Statewide exam will be hosted here on July 26th at 10:30 a.m. She said that if anyone knows of anybody that might be interested, they can send them her way and she would go over the application process and details with them.

All of the Townships have turned in their Assessor books for 2022 to the Supervisor of Assessments Office. They are just waiting on a couple to answer some questions on some mathematical things that just aren't adding up. She explained that they reach back out to the Township Assessors and give them an opportunity to correct it and then they just fix it going forward.

Treasurer –

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

Motion to forward to the County Board meeting consent calendar with recommendation to approve was made by Ms. Little, seconded by Mr. Kreke and the motion carried 5-0.

CITIZEN'S REMARKS - None

Chairman Greenfield reported that the new County Administrator had hit the ground running today.

OLD BUSINESS – Discussion of and possible action on - *–Requests Pertaining to ARPA Funds*

Mr. Jackson noted that they do have the resolution that had been tabled at the full board for the Mt. Zion Fire Protection District.

Chairman Greenfield said that in the meantime, the committee had discussed some of the other rural fire departments. Ms. Little said she would not be opposed to reaching out to the other fire departments within Macon County to see if there is an interest. Maybe there are some out there that do not know this is open to them. She said she is not ready to take the resolution off the table at a full board meeting until they are ready to address it. It can stay on the table until December 1st. There is no emergency to bring it back. She said she sees no point in bringing it off the table if no more is known now than was known a month ago when it was tabled.

Chairman Greenfield reminded that a month ago, they didn't have the money. Now that we do, the question is whether they want to give the rural fire departments a little bit of money. There is no question that they can all use it, some more than others. Ms. Little said that if they pull it off the table, they are pulling up the resolution that gives one fire department money. That is what would be pulled off the table and that is what she is speaking to. Mr. Jackson said it was tabled on April 14. Ms. Kraft explained that at all the meetings she has attended in Springfield, they have stressed and stressed that it is the County responsibility to distribute these funds within all of the county and not just one sanctity or community or whatever. That is what she said she is leaning to. It is not their responsibility to come to us. It is our money and up to us to reach out to them. It is for the County. Ms. Little said that if the focus is to fund this particular piece of equipment, then the only people we should be funding are fire departments that are eligible to use that equipment. We have to decide if we are going to support fire departments within the county or are we going to support this type of equipment and then make it fair to the fire department districts that can actually use it. Ms. Kraft said she has had two of her fire chiefs reach out to her and they all have the same equipment, the same monitors. They can be recalled at any time and they cost thousands. The only difference with Mt. Zion is that they can read theirs. They all have this monitoring equipment and they are thousands of dollars. Mr. Jackson explained that they have the staff to work with that specific tool at the next level which a lot of them do not. Ms. Kraft explained that the monitors each department has, they are qualified to use those monitors. Ms. Little asked if all of the fire departments have licensed EMTs. Ms. Kraft said that the two that have reached out to her do. There are some counties that have given like \$10 or \$20 thousand to each of their departments. She said she cannot support giving Mt. Zion their requested amount. She said she felt they have to be fair to all of them.

Chairman Greenfield said he thought there were about 12 or 14 fire departments (verified by Ms. Fowler) and they should exclude Decatur Township because the City would take care of them. He said he thought that Mt. Zion and Hickory Point were the only two that were able to carry this lifesaving drug for if someone was having a stroke or heart attack. They were the only ones that had the people that were qualified or trained to administer that drug. Therefore, because of that, they would get called to other townships. Mr. Jackson asked if Long Creek has one. Chairman Greenfield said that yes, Long Creek has one, but they paid for their own. But, in the meantime, Long Creek has heard about Mt. Zion getting money so they are now coming forth. Every one of them are going to come. Ms. Kraft added that Mt. Zion had reached out to at least one of her fire chiefs and made it known they were getting money. Chairman Greenfield said that whether it is based on the population of the Township or the size of the fire district. He said he thought it would be a good idea to give it to Mt. Zion, but also a good idea to give to the rest of them too. They just need to come up with a number. He suggested they think about it until the next finance meeting and then, at that point in time, try to have a number in mind and then see if it would be a feasible thing to do. For the next Finance agenda, an item

to act and discuss the possibility of giving the rural fire districts some of the COVID money needs to be included.

Chairman Greenfield added that there is also the ambulance issue which is under current discussion. HSHS is not going to on September 1st say “we’re done”, but make no mistake, they are getting out of the ambulance business. There are several options available and he said that he had told both the City Manager and the Mayor that he wants the rural area involved in this discussion. This is a decision that needs to be made by people that are familiar with the situation. People like the CIRDC, in dispatch, fire and police communities, etc. That is the direction we will go. We need to see who is willing to come here, perform the duties, bring their ambulances and equipment, etc... We need to get an idea of what the costs are going to be. HSHS says they are losing a ton of money. They probably are or they would not be getting out of it. The other problem is finding people to run it. It takes a lot of manpower. He said one thing he does not want to see is the City taking it over and the last thing the City wants to do is take it over. Mr. Greenfield said he would keep the committee up to date on where they are on this. Hopefully by getting the people involved in it that need to be involved, the best decision for Macon County will be made.

NEW BUSINESS –

Court Services / Probation

Macon County Board Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Equipment by the Macon County Probation and Court Services Department

Mr. Berter explained that this is a bunch of computer equipment. The list is attached.

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 5-0

Mr. Berter continued to report saying that the State of Illinois is paid up through March, 2022 only owing now for April, May & June.

State’s Attorney / Public Defender

Macon County Board Resolution Setting the Salaries for the Offices of State’s Attorney and Public Defender Effective July 1, 2022

Mr. Rueter explained that this is the annual raise, 2.9% this year. It is set by the legislature.

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 5-0

Health Department

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Subcontractor Agreement for Coordinated Care Alliance Homemeds Program

Ms. Binkley explained that this is a new contract. Mr. Baggett has reviewed this contract. He requested some edits from the organization which they agreed to and changed. The Board of

Health has approved it. The EEHW committee also approved. This is a program that Starting Point, which is seniors and people with disabilities, can refer their patients and clients to and now the Health Department will get reimbursed for doing it. They make referrals every day for all kinds of programs and services. This is just one that this contract can be entered into and the Health Department can get some money back for doing this. The premise behind the program is that someone's medications, if they are a client, can be turned in for a pharmacist and doctor to review. It is just one more set of checks and balances to make sure that someone does not have medications with contra-indications or that they are not increasing their fall risks and possible risk of hospitalization. The goal of Starting Point and any referrals made is to keep people in their home and independent for as long as possible.

Ms. Little asked if this was a review by actual people or if it was a computer program where everything is listed and a report is produced. Ms. Binkley explained that actual people would be reviewing the information.

Ms. Kraft made a motion to forward the resolution on to the full board with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Kreke and the motion carried 5-0

CLOSED SESSION – None needed

NEXT MEETING - 8/1/2022

ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Little, seconded by Mr. Kreke, the motion carried 5-0 and Chairman Greenfield adjourned the meeting at 5:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, County Board Office