

**MACON COUNTY BOARD  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

**MACON COUNTY OFFICE BUILDING  
COUNTY BOARD ROOM #514  
121 S. MAIN STREET    DECATUR, IL 62523  
August 29, 2022      5:15 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Kevin Greenfield, Chair  
Ryan Kreke  
Debra Kraft  
Linda Little, Vice Chair (5:17p.m.)  
Greg Mattingley

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Helena Buckner  
Marcy Rood

**COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Rocki Wilkerson, Workforce Investments  
John Jackson, Treasurer  
Carol Reed, Auditor's Office  
Crystal Hugger, County Board Office  
Tamara Wilox, County Administrator  
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office  
Brandi Binkley, Health Department  
Jim Root, Sheriff

**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. Kraft made a motion to approve minutes of the 8/15/22 Finance Committee Budget Hearing meetings, seconded by Mr. Mattingley & the motion carried 4 -0

Mr. Kreke made a motion to approve minutes of the 8/23/22 Finance Committee Budget Hearing meeting, seconded by Ms. Kraft & the motion carried 4 -0

**CLAIMS**

Mr. Mattingley made a motion to approve the claims as presented, Mr. Kreke seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

**REPORTS**

***Audit Sub Committee –No Report***

**Auditor – Ms. Reed stated that today we got are notice for personal property replacement taxes for next year, and please to report that it is going up like 7.5 %. In the last 5 years it has gone up 247% in what we've collected from the state for personal property replacement tax. In 2018 we had \$677, 000 and next year it is projected to be \$2,354,000. As long as the state sending it to us we will continue to take it. The local government distributive formula which is the income tax, and it has gone up not as much over the last 5 year 48% we are now collecting about \$2.5 million, and this past year right now we are at \$2.1 for the year. Over the last 5 years it has gone up \$823, 000. Mr. Greenfield said that's good news. Ms. Reed said that it depends on this LGDF fund income tax kind of**

depends on what the state wants to give us. They both do but right now they are doing well.

**Board of Review- No Report**

**Supervisor of Assessments- No Report**

**GIS – No Report**

**Treasurer**

***Macon County Board Resolution to execute deed to convey property in which taxes were delinquent***

**Ms. Kraft said so moved, seconded by Mr. Mattingley. Mr. Greenfield said can we do this to set it up where you don't have to come in. We do it every month, couldn't it be a yearly resolution? Mr. Jackson said it's just forever ongoing. Mr. Greenfield said to check with Mr. Baggett seems like an automatic you know?**

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

**CITIZEN'S REMARKS - None**

**Old Business –**

**Mr. Greenfield said possible discussion of and Possible Action on ARPA Funds. Sheriff Root said in the discussion to use ARPA Funds to fund this dispatch center and ETSB portion of the project that we are currently working late earlier this year or late last year they went out for a RFP which is a request for proposal for a new cad system, RMS system for the entire dispatch center including the city of Decatur, Macon County and all the surrounding agencies. We are down to two vendors, first vendor is going to be Hexagon which was almost \$3 million dollars, and the second one was Tyler which was \$1.8 million dollars. Mr. Mattingley asked, was this our infamous Tyler from the circuit clerk? Sheriff Root responded same company different branch of it because it is a different software. We have a meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss the future of this plan, I would prefer to spend the extra money to go with the product that is up to date which would be the Hexagon project side of it. But those are still on discussion on which one we decide. The money probably needs to come from somewhere, I figured to be close to \$1 million dollars our portion of it would be just under that. If it's the larger amount of the bid which was Hexagon which is the larger product but it is more up to date software and everybody at our office that went to the demo's thinks they are far more superior product than the Tyler product which was kind of a newer form of what they are running but there are part's of it that is new and part's that is 20 years old. I don't want to get into buying an obsolete software and spending that kind of money. I rather get on board since we have the fund's available for this infrastructures. I want to get up here and kind of make that request. Ms. Little asked how much money you talking? Sheriff Root**

responded, just less than \$1 million dollars. Mr. Greenfield asked Sheriff Root he thinks the city was going to owe a couple of million dollars? Sheriff Root responded that they already indicated that they wanted Tyler they indicated that the extra money for the product doesn't outweigh this expense, I beg to differ. Mr. Mattingley asked what's the difference percentage wise? Sheriff Root states \$3 million dollars and \$1.8 million dollars so were almost talking twice the amount. I don't know what they spend their ARPA money on. Mr. Greenfield states that what he understood was they were going to spend it on they were going to take some of that and put it on towards this. Sheriff Root said they might but they are probably wanting to spend the smaller amount of the project but I wanted to bring that to your attention at some point were going to need to fund a new RMS system for the county. Mr. Greenfield said Jon had stopped in his office and he told him he should come to the meeting. The \$3 million covers everybody right? Sheriff Root replied yes, I think it is they just did a renegotiations with them they brought some maintenance down and I think they brought the product line down to just a little over \$3 million dollars. Mr. Greenfield asked that when it comes down to vote which one we pick, which board dictates that? Sheriff Root said it would be the user that dictate that. The user are made up of everybody that uses the dispatch center because it is the cad system adjoined with the RMS system. Right now we have Macon County, Decatur Police department, Decatur Fire, Mount Zion are all on this current system, report writing and records management. The other smaller communities such as Warrensburg, Maroa, Blue Mound, and Macon are not on this RMS they are on just a cad system that is used with the dispatch center. Mr. Greenfield said one man one vote or? Sheriff Root responded I have no idea how that works, I know we pay 15% of the fees out of the dispatch center so I don't think we have more than any vote of anybody else that is using it. I don't know how they weigh that? Sheriff Root states that the user group is the one's that will put the information out because that is who will be discussing this and they're all on the invite to the meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Greenfield asked where's that at Jim? Sheriff Root responded at the dispatch center CIRDC. Mr. Greenfield said after the nightmare we had with Tyler. Sheriff Root states that after he expressed that with everybody throughout this process that he would keep an open mind on their product. I express my concern with going down the path of another product that doesn't meet the standard. Ms. Kraft states that you know there is an old saying that you get what you pay for. Ms. Little states she doesn't want to spend a million dollars for 20 year old equipment. Sheriff Root responded that is what we ended up with this product we have now when we purchased it, it was out of date at the time that we bought it. Mr. Mattingley states that next time you want to have a discussion to invite Judge Griffiths, or Sherry or both to talk about their experiences with implementing Tyler products, technology, and promises. Sheriff Root said he thinks they are well aware the issues with Tyler, I've expressed it multiple times throughout these meetings. Ms. Little asked, so if they do pick the correct ones, and it is a \$3 million dollar tab, and you've said that your asking for less than a million dollars out of the ARPA funds. Sheriff Root said, so who picks up the rest? Ms. Little replied, yes. Sheriff Root said the city of Decatur would be responsible for their portion, and I think their fees are made up of between the city Police department. Ms. Little said this could be the counties? Sheriff Root said this could be the county portion of it I am estimating that it going be close to a third just a little under a third we only pay 15% of the fees out of the dispatch center so I am assuming that we would be responsible for a little bit more of those fees

since we are one of the three largest user. I don't know if any of those smaller municipalities would have any buy-in if they were going to spend that kind of money, or if they had that money available. Mr. Greenfield asked, what does this do Jim over what a normal one that is using just a regular dispatch at CIRDC what does this give you that, that doesn't? Sheriff Root respond, so the smaller municipality that are not using our records management system are not linked into the same system. I can't access reports and access contents whether we took a report with Deb being the victim. We wouldn't be able to see that information if she was a victim in Blue Mound if she was a victim in Blue Mound we would see that because Blue Mound would go out and take the report so there is some benefit of getting all that was the purpose of putting the RFP out was to try and get every agency within the county to be on the same system so that we can share the information within the county. Mr. Greenfield asked, well it hadn't been that long ago wasn't it where the county picked up the tab for all that outer lying municipality. Sheriff Root said, only for the dispatch use itself when the dispatch center moved away from the City of Decatur in our building the county picked up all the fees but since they went to Central Illinois Regional Dispatch center our fees has increased substantially because we are now paying for their operation verse just a portion of what we use. We are paying a larger portion what we actually use. Mr. Greenfield responded, you mean for the 911 system? Sheriff Root said, yes. Alright any other questions? Mr. Greenfield said, Thank you Jim.

#### **NEW BUSINESS –**

##### ***Workforce Investment Solutions***

##### ***Macon County Board Resolution Approving a Budget Amendment for Workforce Investment Solutions FY22 Budget- Youth Career Pathways Grant***

Ms. Wilkerson she states Workforce Investment Solutions is requesting a resolution tonight for the Youth Career Pathways Grant the grant was approved on the 2021 budget we graduated 11 out of 12 in July and we are asking for approval to add this grant to the 2022 budget because we had some money left over and we want to try and get another class in. I don't know if we will have 11 or 12 students but we are going to try and get what we can with the money we have left over. I am asking for approval.

Ms. Little made motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Mattingley. The motion to carry 4-0.

Mr. Greenfield asked, are you going to have enough Ms. Wilkerson when will you have to have that class filled by. Ms. Wilkerson replied, I am going to try and get it filled by December so we can start it in January but I am also waiting to find out when I am going to schedule the next Illinois Works grant so we just graduated 23 Wednesday out of 25 on that grant so I got kind of set them up so they are alternating.

#### **CLOSED SESSION – (if needed)**

**NEXT MEETING -**

**09/06/22 Budget hearing #3**

**9/12/2022 Budget Hearing #4**

**9/20/22 Budget Hearing #5**

**ADJOURNMENT** Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Little, seconded by Ms. Kraft, the motion carried 5-0 and Chairman Greenfield adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Crystal Hugger, County Board Office