

JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 28, 2017 @ 3:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jay Dunn
Debra Kraft
Jerry Potts
Greg Mattingley
Dave Drobisch
Bill Oliver (came in @ 3:01 p.m.)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Grant Noland

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Jay Scott, State's Attorney
Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office
Dave Ellison, Public Defender
Lt. Jon Butts, Sheriff's Dept
Pat Berter, Probation
Jerry Lord, DPBC
Judge Webber
Carol Reed, Auditor
Lisa Wallace, Auditor's Office
Lt. Brown, Sheriff's Department
Lois Durbin, Circuit Clerk
Sheriff Howard Buffett
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

Chairman Jay Dunn called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

Mr. Potts made a motion to approve the minutes from the August 24, 2017 meeting, seconded by Mr. Mattingley, and the motion carried 5-0.

CLAIMS

Mr. Drobisch made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Ms. Kraft and the motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS

Circuit Clerk –

Ms. Durbin reported that at the conference last week, she had signed Macon County up to be a pilot for Research Illinois. This is something that Springfield has mandated to go into effect on July 1 of next year. This is going to be where the parties of the cases can see their documents online. They were needing pilot counties, so Ms. Durbin said she had signed up.

Circuit Court –

Judge Webber reported that Judge Tom Griffith has been working with Mr. Jay Scott and Mr. Dave Ellison with a view toward reducing the jury weeks for next year from 16 to 12 based on usage thought to be appropriate. No final decisions have been made yet, but one is expected very soon. If this happens, it will further reduce the cost to the county for jurors and the burden placed on the citizens for jury service. It will only be done if they can be sure that all cases that need to be tried are tried.

Coroner – no report

Court Services / Probation –

Macon County Board Resolution Amending the Probation's FY17 Budget

Mr. Berter explained that he was requesting that money be added to the juvenile detention line. Currently, there is \$12,173.68 left in the line. A quarterly payment will have to be made next month to Peoria County in the sum of \$57,861.81. That will take care of that quarterly payment. The remaining \$12,000 would be for the overages for the rest of the fiscal year. Currently, 76 minors have been detained. That is pretty much on track with last year when the total was 110. There are 7 individuals in detention at this time for armed robbery, aggravated and unlawful use of a weapon, and residential burglary. The individuals being locked up need to be locked up.

Mr. Drobisch made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Mattingley. Mr. Mattingley asked if the quarterly payment would carry us through to the end of our budget year. Mr. Berter confirmed that it will. The motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Revenue in the Probation Grant Fund for Juvenile Redeploy Illinois Grant

Mr. Berter explained that a signed contract had finally been received from the state. This is a grant timing issue because of the fiscal year endings not being the same at the state as it is for the county. This is for July 1st to November 30th. A Site visit from two of the site advisors is scheduled for tomorrow at 1 p.m. Nothing has been done with the Juvenile Redeploy program. They will be meeting next week with stakeholders to start the process for the program.

Mr. Mattingley made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Potts, and the motion carried 6-0.

EMA – no report

Public Building Commission –No report

Public Defender –

Mr. Ellison reported that Mr. Berry is retiring tomorrow from the Public Defender's Office. A replacement is already lined up and will start on Monday. Everything else is going fine with the office.

Sheriff's Department –

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Fair and Impartial Licensing Agreement for Macon County Sheriff's Office

Lt. Brown explained that he and a deputy had gone to Minnesota for science based training so they could provide training to the Macon County Sheriff's Office. A contractual agreement that states that the curriculum can only be taught locally and cannot be taken on the road and no benefit can be made from it is needed.

Chairman Dunn asked if the contract had been run past Mr. Baggett. Lt. Brown confirmed that it had been.

Mr. Drobisch made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Ms. Kraft, and the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Donation from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation to Partially Fund Macon County Sheriff's Office Records Clerk from Part Time Employment to Full Time Employment for the Remainder of FY17, and for FY18 and FY19

Lt. Butts explained that the employee has been on part time status since August, 2015 when the force was reduced. There are currently 7 full time employees and one part time. This will allow 8 full time employees in the Warrants Division. This employee works a lot of extra hours filling in and does a great job. She has been a great employee for the last several years and this will take her back to full time status.

Mr. Drobisch 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 Approving Donation from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation to Purchase a New 2016 Chevrolet Impala that will be Assigned to the Sheriff's Civil Process Division

Lt. Butts explained that the current part time employees that serve papers get the hand me down cars that take a lot of maintenance and are not very reliable. The current 2011 vehicle has 165,000 miles on it and a bad transmission. This will allow a newer car that will be strictly used by them. They do travel a lot of miles and this is something that needs to be done to put them in a safe vehicle. The cost is \$21,074 donation for the vehicle that will be assigned to the Civil Process Officers.

Mr. Drobisch made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Mattingley, and the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Donation from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation to Purchase up to Ten (10) Ballistic Vests that will be issued to Newly Hired Uniformed Sheriff's Deputies

Lt. Butts explained that these are vests that are assigned to the officers. The cost is about \$1,200 per vest. The Foundation has agreed to donate up to \$1,200 per vest for the new hires. There is one deputy retiring tomorrow and there have been several retirements in the last 4 months with 3 in the last 30 days. These vests are specifically for the new officers coming on.

Mr. Drobisch asked how long the vests last. Lt. Butts said it is recommended they be replaced every 4 to 5 years for safety purposes. Sheriff Buffett added that the outer layer will last a lot of years, but the armor inside which is typically 2A is, almost always obsolete after 5 years according

to the manufacturer. Lt. Butts commented that the officers do wear them on a regular basis and the vests are important.

Mr. Drobisch made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Ms. Kraft, and the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Donation from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation to Purchase Three (3) Correctional / Jail Medical Beds and Two (2) Correctional / Jail Safety Restraint Chairs

Lt. Butts explained that in the last 10 days, the Foundation had a professional consultant that does inspections throughout the country in to get some feedback of what is being done right and what can be improved. He immediately identified a couple of issues. The jail medical beds are not in very good shape and the two restraint chairs that are being used are not up to standards. He recommended that they be replaced immediately with new equipment. The jail medical beds are used specifically for inmates that are put in the jail medical section. One of the restraint chairs would be a portable one and one would be fixed. This will decrease liability, but also gives the inmate and officers better equipment. Total purchase price of all five items is \$7,966.95.

Mr. Drobisch made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Ms. Kraft, and the motion carried 6-0.

Sheriff Buffett gave an update saying that in 16 & 17, they had 7 officers leave the department. There are 7 oncoming. Two are graduating tomorrow with two more in class. There is a lateral coming on and two that had to go through the full process even though they could probably be considered lateral. If they make it through FTO, the force will be back to where it was before losing some over the past 2 years. There was one officer that left, but then came back.

Both the commissary and the food service will be put out for bids this year.

He said they would probably be back in front of the board with some other items that come out of the jail consultant inspections. Those are primarily to improve security and reduce liability and give more safety for the officers.

State's Attorney's Office-

Macon County Board Resolution Amending the State's Attorney's FY2017 Budget for the Child First Center

Mr. Baggett explained the final numbers will be available and final confirmation has been received from the state. This is a clean up resolution for the remainder of the FY17 year. Almost \$300,000 in a new grant was received for the C1C effective 7/1/17. The fiscal years do not coincide. This resolution appropriates a portion so grant employees can be paid and purchases can be made.

Ms. Kraft made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Potts, and the motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Amending the State's Attorney's FY2017 Budget for Teen Court (Budget Cleanup Resolution upon Closure of Teen Court Unit)

Mr. Baggett explained that the Teen Court Unit had closed for the County on 7/31/17 and is operated by Millikin University effective 8/1/17. Prior to the closure, a copier had been purchased as part of the contract that copier services would be provided within the courthouse for their staff. In order to do that, the supplies line was exceeded, but there is now money that will not be used this fiscal year in the personnel lines. This will shift the funds. It does not increase the allocation for the overall budget.

Mr. Drobisch made a motion to approve forwarding the resolution to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Ms. Kraft, and the motion carried 6-0.

CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT – none

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS

NEXT MEETING October 26, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Potts made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Drobisch, the motion carried 6-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office