

JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING
October 25, 2018 @ 3:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jay Dunn
Jerry Potts
Debra Kraft
Greg Mattingley

MEMBERS ABSENT

Grant Noland
Bill Oliver
Dave Drobisch

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

David Ellison, Public Defender
Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office
Lt. Kris Thompson, Jail
Mike Day, Coroner
Pat Berter, Probation
Jon Perona, PBC
Judge Webber
Carol Reed, Auditor
Michelle Sanders, Public Defender's Office
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

Chairman 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 23, 2018 meeting, seconded by Mr. Mattingley and the motion carried 4-0. ***(Reminder: September meeting was cancelled)***

CLAIMS

Ms. Kraft made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Mr. Mattingley and the motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS

Circuit Clerk – No Report

Circuit Court – Judge Webber had no report

Coroner –

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY18 Coroner's Budget

Mr. Day explained that they have a shortfall in their budget. Unfortunately, they are unable to know what is going to happen or to what extent it will happen. He said he is asking for \$15,000 to be allocated to the autopsy line. The fees are in pretty good shape and that approximately \$31,000 that has been brought in is where this money will have to be drawn from. He said he is hopeful that \$15,000 will be sufficient, but if not, he will have to come back and ask for more. The line is already \$7,000 over.

Mr. Potts made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Mattingley, and the motion carried 4-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving a Donation from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation to Purchase a New Vehicle for the Coroner's Office

Mr. Day explained that through the graciousness of Sheriff Buffett and his Foundation, the office will be receiving a new vehicle, a Chevrolet Tahoe. This resolution allows that donation be spent for the vehicle. It is for \$37,960 which is pretty much the state bid cost. He expressed appreciation.

Ms. Kraft made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Mattingley, and the motion carried 4-0.

Court Services / Probation –

Macon County Board Resolution Amending the Probation FY18 Budget

Mr. Berter explained that they would like to do a bucket transfer from the Chief Probation Officer line into the EDP or automation line so they can purchase 11 new computers to help the transition to the Tyler Technologies upgrade. Some scanners have already been purchased out of the automation line. He explained that they are trying to get everything ready for when Tyler Technologies comes in and starts the update.

Mr. Mattingley made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Ms. Kraft, and the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Berter reported that there are currently 4 individuals detained in Peoria County, so this is going to be one of the first years that he will not have to come back and ask for more money for that line. It has been low all year, fortunately.

Mr. Berter expressed appreciation to the committee for supporting the extra money for the FY19 budget. He assured them that the department will do what they need to do for the department.

Emergency Management Agency – No Report

Public Building Commission – No Report

Public Defender's Office –

Mr. Ellison explained that the office is losing one of their Assistant Public Defenders effective 11/7/18. He will be transferring to the State's Attorney's Office.

Mr. Ellison introduced his recently named 1st Assistant, Michelle Sanders.

Sheriff's Department –

Lt. Thompson explained that they have a resolution for a Mutual Aid Agreement for Police Services between Christian, Macon, Shelby Counties and Moweaqua. He said he would like to make the committee members aware of it and ask that it be passed on to the Finance Committee. This is not a monetary resolution. If there is something catastrophic, each agency can call upon the others to respond. Mr. Baggett explained that this is a new intergovernmental agreement between these entities. The agreement is because of the indemnification clauses that are included. We're agreeing to be financially responsible for our acts. Because of that, better safe than sorry, the County Board is asked to sign off on the contract in addition to the Sheriff.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Transfer within the Sheriff's FY18 Budget

Lt. Thompson explained that they are asking for a transfer of \$35,326.56 from the Jail's Correction Officer salary line to two different lines. The law supplies line which is ammunition. He explained that he had found that the jail firearms training was insufficient as it had been, so they are increasing it, giving them more rounds and hours of training. \$2,316.65 is for ammunition and \$33,009.91 is for software and hardware upgrades. With the new paperless system, more scanners and computer monitors had to be purchased. In January, the Bail Reform Act was passed. This has helped in keeping the jail population numbers a little lower than were normally seen. The staff was having to go in and manually reduce bonds by \$30 per inmate per day. It is a highly litigated area when someone is in jail when they shouldn't be, which it should be highly litigated. So, specialists created a program in the new Jail Management System that automatically does this. That came with costs. That is the reason for this request to transfer money. Mr. Mattingley asked the reason for the decreased expenditures in the salary lines that left this money available for transfer. Lt. Thompson explained that there was a combination of several things. He said they were able to incentivize retirements of 6 or 7 staff members in June. Their replacements have been slowly hired and trained. Chairman Dunn asked if Lt. Thompson had the jail fully onboard with the Tyler Technology that the Buffett Foundation bought. Lt. Thompson confirmed that they are and have been live with it since October 2nd. Mr. Dunn asked how long it had taken. Lt. Thompson said they had started building it in January. Their typical turn around time is about 18 months, but through lots of force and lots of help from Lt. Thompson and some other staff that he had designated as full time to the project, they were able to get it done quickly. He said it is working out well. There are still bugs and a learning curve, but it's way better than what they had.

Mr. Potts made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Mr. Mattingley, and the motion carried 4-0.

State's Attorney's Office –

Mr. Baggett reported that they had been down one senior Assistant States Attorney since the beginning of May this year. This week, they lost two assistants. One went to Sangamon County State's Attorney's Office. The other one had moved here from Colorado about a year ago and went back there to rejoin her old office out there. That put the office down 3 from full staff, however, an offer was made and accepted by an attorney from the Public Defender's office. He will begin working for the office in November. He will be coming on as a Senior Assistant State's Attorney. Also, an entry level Assistant State's Attorney has been hired who will be starting November 1. That will leave the office, as they were at the beginning of this week, just one down. He said they are interviewing applicants for that position currently. That will be someone between an entry to mid level ASA depending on who applies. He said they prefer a mid level because of the need for experience, but the market is what it is.

CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT –

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – None

CLOSED SESSION – None needed

NEXT MEETING Thursday, November 15, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Mattingley made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Potts, the motion carried 4-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office