

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING
Macon County Office Building
Macon County Board Room #514
141 S. Main Street, Decatur, IL 62523**

December 17, 2020 @ 3:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debra Kraft – Vice Chair
Jim Gresham
Lloyd Holman (@ 3:05 p.m.)

MEMBER PRESENT TELEPHONICALLY

Bill Oliver (joined at 3:06 p.m.)
Verzell Taylor (joined at 3:01 p.m.)
Dave Drobisch

MEMBERS ABSENT

Greg Mattingley – Chair

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Sheriff Tony Brown
Mike Baggett, State’s Attorney’s Office
Jennifer Tennysoon, PBC
Chief Deputy Adam Walter, Sheriff’s Office
Judge Griffith, Courts
Pat Berter, Probation
Jessie Smalley, HR

Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Kraft @ 3:00 p.m. at the Macon County Office Building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

Mr. Gresham made a motion to approve the minutes from the last Macon County Board Justice Committee meeting (11/19/2020), seconded by Ms. Taylor and roll call vote showed the motion carried 4-0.

CLAIMS

Mr. Gresham made a motion to approve the claims as presented, seconded by Ms. Kraft. Vice Chair Kraft asked about an invoice from Rose Petal Gifts for safety equipment for the jail. Sheriff Brown explained that new employee nametags come from this local business. Roll call vote showed the motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS

Circuit Clerk –No report

Circuit Courts –

Judge Griffith reported that jury trials were cancelled this past week due to high infection rates, some transition in the State’s Attorney’s Office & the Holidays. All things considered, Judge Griffith explained that he just did not think it appropriate to bring jurors in this past week. The next scheduled jury week is the week of January 11.

Associate Judge interviews were conducted and it is hoped that a new Associate Judge will be in place by some time in early January.

Vice Chair Kraft asked if they are still working in shifts. Judge Griffith said yes, the Clerks are in unison with the judges as well as the Court Reporters. He said he thought it is working quite well.

Coroner – No Report

Court Services / Probation –

Mr. Berter reported that for FY20 from the state, \$248,362.34 additional was received. That really helped out especially compared to past years when the department was cut. However, not a dime has yet been received for FY21. So, the state is behind \$577,473.39. It seems like that from July 1 until pretty much the middle of January, no reimbursements from the state are received. This is typical, but he said he wanted the committee to be aware. Ms. Kraft commented that we should be very cautious because she had recently read about the cuts the Governor wants to make.

Emergency Management Agency – No Report

Public Building Commission – No Report

Public Defender's Office – No report

(Mr. Holman has arrived at the meeting)

(Bill Oliver has joined telephonically)

Sheriff's Department –

Macon County Board Resolution Granting Permission to Dispose of Surplus Equipment

Chief Deputy Adam Walter explained that this is to dispose of self contained breathing apparatus which is stored at the Law Enforcement Center. There are several outdated and unusable special response team equipment to be disposed of as described in the resolution. The equipment is at end of life and is unusable and unrepairable. It will be taken to AEC Fire & Safety to be scrapped and there will be no cost to Macon County for this process.

Mr. Gresham made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Holman and roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0

Macon County Board Resolution Granting Permission to Dispose of Surplus Equipment

Chief Deputy Adam Walter explained that this equipment is damaged equipment that is being stored at the Law Enforcement Center. The equipment consists of an ARX Rifle that has been burnt beyond repair during a patrol vehicle fire (which was disposed of in a previous resolution). It will be taken to a Foundry in Granite City, IL to be incinerated / destroyed at no cost to Macon County for the process.

Mr. Holman made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Gresham and roll call vote showed the motion carried 6-0

State's Attorney's Office –

Mr. Baggett expressed the State's Attorney's apologies for not being present today. He is still transitioning into his new position.

The office is presently 4 or 5 Assistant State's Attorneys understaffed. At least one will join the office shortly replacing a recent resignation. He explained that COVID has allowed the office to make do with being understaffed, but in the event that normal rhythm comes back, the office is too understaffed for it to be dealt with. As the vaccine gets pushed out and COVID becomes more of a memory, it is going to become more and more impossible. The County is currently being save a little bit of money, but it won't last for much longer as the hope is to get back to full staff sooner than later.

CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT –

There were no emails received via email and there were no citizens present wishing to speak.

Old Business None

New Business - None

Closed Session – None needed

NEXT MEETING January 28, 2021

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Holman, seconded by Mr. Gresham and the meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Kraft at 3:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham , Macon County Board Office