

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

January 27, 2022 @ 3:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg Mattingley – Chair
Debra Kraft – Vice Chair
Jim Gresham .
Lloyd Holman .

MEMBERS ABSENT

Verzell Taylor
Bill Oliver

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Mike Baggett, Assistant State's Attorney
Scott Rueter, State's Attorney
Sheriff Root
Jon Perona, DPBC
Jessie Smalley, HR
Michelle Sanders, Public Defender
Pat Berter, Probation
Sherry Doty, Circuit Clerk
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

Chair Mattingley called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

Ms. Kraft made a motion to approve the minutes from the 12/16/2021 meeting, seconded by Mr. Gresham, and the motion carried 4-0.

CLAIMS

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

REPORTS

Circuit Clerk –

Ms. Doty reported that the Tyler e-filing is not going well. The Clerks are not real happy. They have not, as we know about the shenanigans we went through here, they are not updating the things all through the state. Zone 5, up north, wrote a letter directing them to let us pick our own e-filing CMS. Zone 2, which is this zone, is going to do this next week at the zone meeting. The hope is that they will relieve Tyler of us at all and it will go smoothly. An example, 9 tickets in. The Law Library is still in as 21 when it is supposed to be 20. So, Ms. Doty is having to write refunds of \$1 which costs \$3 to print and mail. She said they are asking for that money back from AOIC. They are asking for damages. She said Mr. Baggett will probably be getting involved with that soon, representing her. Other than that, it is going pretty smooth with filing cases. So far, there hasn't been any bad things happen with her girls taking things in. Its just Tyler not working. She said she had worked on it last night for 4 ½ hours and was kicked out 4 times because their server is not large enough to handle the State of Illinois. It bounces off 22 iclouds.

The new carpet in the office looks wonderful. It went from bright orange that looked like 1965 to subdued colors. It looks much better. She thanked the Building Commission for the updates.

Circuit Courts – no report

Coroner – no report

Court Services / Probation

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Purchase of Office Furniture for the Probation Department through the Rent Surplus Funds in the Decatur Public Building Commission Lease Fund Account

Mr. Berter explained that currently the department is going through a remodel to create individual offices for all the staff. With COVID, sharing a room has resulted in multiple staff having to be out at different times. The Building Commission has been unbelievable developing those offices. Years ago, when the Probation Department moved to the Courthouse, some really nice desks were purchased for the staff. Looking online for something comparable for the new offices showed that those desks cost anywhere from \$3,500 to \$3,800 each. After some research for something comparable, the desks being requested are \$1,487.27 per desk. The desks the office is currently using are the desks that DPD had when they were there. They are not horrible, but it would be nice to have something comparable in all the offices to make the department look professional and nice and will last for many years to come. The business is out Wisconsin and the desks are nice. The Building Commission will put the desks together. Delivery will be sometime after March which will work perfectly with the estimation of when the department remodel will be complete.

Mr. Holman made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Ms. Kraft. Ms. Kraft clarified that this resolution is for a total of 15 desks. The motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Berter went on to report that they had received information on January 10, 2022 that the Hybrid Court has been recertified for another 3 years.

Emergency Management Agency – no report

Decatur Public Building Commission – no report

Public Defender's Office –

Macon County Board Resolution Amending the Public Defender's FY2022 Budget for the Payment of an Expert Witness Evaluation

Ms. Sanders reported that the total amount is \$2,640. This particular case required at least 2 expert opinions. One of those was paid out of the Defendant's bond. So some expense was saved that way. It did end up as a favorable outcome for the client. All that is now owed is \$2,640.

Mr. Gresham 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.

Sheriff's Department –

Sheriff Root reported that there are currently 328 inmates in the jail with 59 of those being federals. 23 are currently on quarantine due to positive results. That is down from 63 earlier this week. They are doing pretty good in getting people through it. There are about 6 jail staff members out as well. He said he thinks everyone in the patrol division is now back, but in the last week, they have been a little short on manpower.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Donation of Training Weapons

Sheriff Root explained that these training weapons were donated to the Sheriff's Office in 2017 by the Howard G. Buffett Foundation. Those training weapons were used for virtual training simulator. That simulator was transferred to the academy when it opened in 2018. The weapons went with it, but still belonged to the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office would like to donate those weapons to the training academy for the purpose of maintaining their training simulator. They were no cost to the Sheriff's Department and they would like to donate them to the academy at no cost as well. These are actual weapons that are converted for the purposes of the machine they use them on. So, they have to be transferred through an FFLD and once that is done, they will become the responsibility of the academy.

Mr. Gresham 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.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Intergovernmental Agreement for Macon County Sheriff's Police Services for the Village of Long Creek, Illinois

Sheriff Root explained that this is one that is already currently being done. They just wanted to do an amendment to make sure that it is up to date. He pointed out that there is an error on the resolution which he will correct prior to presenting it to the Finance Committee. That is the actual thing that changed. It is the hourly rate that will be going from \$29 per hour to \$45 per hour. That is the only thing being changed in the agreement.

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

Macon County Board Resolution Approving an Agreement Between the Macon County Sheriff's Office and Flock Group, Inc.

Sheriff Root explained that the Flock Group, Inc. is a technology company that provides a patented fingerprint technology that is being used throughout the City of Decatur in various locations. The Memorandum of Understanding is only being entered into for the purpose of getting access to the data. The data belongs to the company. The only thing the Sheriff's office wants is access to it and in order to do that, an agreement has to be signed because there is patented technology that they do not want given out to other places. In addition, there is user agreement information that requires monitoring what it is being used for. It can only be used for law enforcement purposes. This is not a renewal. The City of Decatur already has this technology. The Sheriff's Department

will only have access to what they are using. Mr. Baggett has looked the agreement and had no concerns with it. Sheriff Root explained that this will give him the authority. It is an electronic signature and allows him to enter into the agreement.

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

State's Attorney - no report

New Business - None

CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Old Business None

Closed Session – None needed

NEXT MEETING February 24, 2022

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Mattingley @ 3:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office