

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

May 26, 2022 @ 3:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debra Kraft – Vice Chair
Kevin Greenfield
Jim Gresham
Verzell Taylor
Lloyd Holman

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bill Oliver
Greg Mattingley, Chair

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Judge Geisler, Circuit Court
Scott Rueter, State's Attorney
Sheriff Jim Root
Jon Perona, DPBC
Pat Berter, Probation
Michelle Sanders, Public Defender
Tammy Wilcox, County Administrator
Carol Reed, Auditor
Sherry Doty, Circuit Clerk
Jessie Smalley, HR
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

Vice Chair Kraft called the meeting to order at 3 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

Mr. Gresham made a motion to approve the minutes from the 4/28/2022 meeting, seconded by Chairman Greenfield and the motion carried 5-0.

CLAIMS

Mr. Gresham made a motion to approve the claims, seconded by Chairman Greenfield and the motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS

Circuit Clerk –

Ms. Doty had no report

Circuit Courts –

Judge Geisler had no report

Coroner – no report

Court Services / Probation –

Mr. Berter thanked the Building Commission. All of the desks have been received and put together. The remodel is complete. It looks really, really nice. They did a really good job. The staff is very appreciative.

A while back there was discussion about the State of Illinois going to a Statewide Pre-Trial System. We are currently in Phase II of that which means that it will go live for January, 2024.

That means that until that date, this department will continue to provide the bond reports for the courts. In 2024, the State will take it over. They will probably be contacting the other stakeholders to set up meetings. They may want to pull data from the Circuit Clerk and from the jail daily. Mr. Berter said he did not know how that would be set up. The State wants to hire 300 staff. To date, they have only hired 15. Everyone else in this circuit is in Phase I. We could request to be put into Phase I, but Mr. Berter explained that he would rather let the others work through it first. What is being done here, works and the State is pleased with the reports. Once the 2024 deadline hits, we will lose 2 positions. Hopefully, they can be negotiated and kept, but maybe through retirements or attrition, layoffs won't be necessary.

Chair Kraft asked if we could anticipate a whole new computer program for everybody to have to learn. Mr. Berter said no and his office will not be responsible for anything dealing with Pre-Trial. The State will take that over along with all the reports, assessments, supervision of it – all of that. Mr. Berter said he would still have one person responsible for that so that if the Court does not receive their reports, we will still have a person that can take care of them.

Emergency Management Agency –No Report

Decatur Public Building Commission -

Mr. Perona had no report

Public Defender's Office –

Ms. Sanders had no report

Sheriff's Department –

Sheriff Root reported that there are currently 299 inmates of which 61 are federal.

We are going to start housing some inmates from Champaign County. They have had to close one of their facilities due to a shortage of manpower. We will be housing up to 15 of theirs; actually 30, but we will take the first 15 and then see if the rest can be plugged in. We committed to 30, but it will be at a cost to Champaign County.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Donation by Exelon Corporation

Sheriff Root explained that Exelon had purchased 70 radio microphones and then found that they were not compatible with the ones they had. They asked if we could use them. We tested them and they do work with our radios. We would like to accept them saving us from having to buy them for ourselves. It is a value of about \$5,176.50.

Mr. Gresham made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Chairman Greenfield, and the motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Disposal of Surplus Equipment

Sheriff Root explained that this five radios that are in the jail and no longer work. They will be sent off to recycling with the vender taking the codes and frequencies out and then dispose of them properly.

Chairman Greenfield made a motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve, seconded by Mr. Gresham, and the motion carried 5-0.

State's Attorney -

Mr. Rueter had no report

CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT – None

New Business - None

Old Business None

Closed Session – None needed

NEXT MEETING June 23, 2022

The meeting was adjourned by Vice Chair Kraft @ 3:07 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office