

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

June 23, 2022 @ 3:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg Mattingley, Chair
Debra Kraft – Vice Chair
Kevin Greenfield
Jim Gresham
Lloyd Holman

MEMBERS ABSENT

Verzell Taylor
Bill Oliver

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Judge Griffith, Circuit Court
Amy Smith, Probation
Sheriff Jim Root
Jon Perona, DPBC
Jim Taylor, Probation
Michelle Sanders, Public Defender
Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office
Shelly Eaton, Chief Deputy Circuit Clerk
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

Chairman Greenfield made a motion to approve the minutes from the 5/26/2022 meeting, seconded by Ms. Kraft 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. Eaton, Chief Deputy Circuit Clerk, gave an update on Sherry Doty. She said she knows Sherry wishes she could be present at the meeting. She is thankful for all the cards, flowers and good wishes she has received. They mean a lot to her. She is improving a little every day. She is still in the hospital in Springfield and it will probably be a while before she is back in Decatur. Once she is home, Ms. Eaton said she did not know how they will be able to keep her away from the office . . . even against doctor's orders. Ms. Eaton said she saw Ms. Doty on Monday and in between naps they talked shop and she was giving marching orders. She said that they are making sure the office runs efficiently in Ms. Doty's absence. The staff and supervisors are great and they know their jobs. They have received offers of help from the various offices in areas that they may need assistance with and they will take them up on those offers if necessary. Nobody knows the Circuit Clerk's office like Sherry but they will be fine until she is back with them.

Chair Mattingley said they all wish her the best and hope for a prompt and speedy recovery.

Circuit Courts – Judge Griffith had no report

Coroner – No report

***Court Services / Probation –
Macon County Board Resolution Authorizing the Disposal of Surplus Equipment by the Macon
County Probation and Court Services Department***

Mr. Taylor explained the surplus property is no longer serviceable. It is either obsolete or broken and is therefore unusable by the Probation Department or other county departments. The surplus is mostly old monitors that won't plug into the new computers, old printers that you can't get ink for, and some laptops that have not worked for quite a while.

Motion to approve forwarding on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve made by Mr. Holman, seconded by Mr. Gresham, and the motion carried 5-0.

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 320 inmates in the jail today with 64 federal and 10 from Champaign County. There is only one person waiting for DHS.

Sangamon County filed a lawsuit against the Department of Health and Human Services for not taking inmates that are not fit. Sheriff Root said he did not know where that was at this point, but that he does have a copy of the briefing. Mr. Baggett added that he had seen parts of it. He did not think he'd seen briefings, but has seen pleadings. Sheriff Root agreed that that is what he thought he had gotten. Ms. Sanders added that the update she had had was that DHS told Sangamon County there would be no problem and they would have these people out of your hair in the next couple of weeks. Thus, there may be no further need for this lawsuit to continue. Chair Mattingley asked if there might be a chance they only do that with Sangamon County and each county will have to take their own action. Ms. Sanders said she was close to filing her own contempt petition but now they are down to only one still remaining.

Chair Mattingley asked if there was still a problem with DOC not taking people. Sheriff Root explained that they had eliminated most of that. There are probably a few that still need to go, but the numbers are down to 5 or 6.

There still has not been any payment received on the ones that the department had agreed to accept their payment on – the ones from the beginning of the Pandemic until July 1, 2021.

State's Attorney - Mr. Baggett had no report

CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT – None

Old Business None

New Business -

Macon County Board Resolution Setting the Salaries for the Offices of State's Attorney and Public Defender Effective July 1, 2022

Mr. Baggett explained that the State controls the salary levels for the State's Attorney and by law, the Public Defender's salary is tied to the State's Attorney's. With the State FY23 budget, there was a 2.9% cost of living increase for the State's Attorney. This resolution is to increase the State's Attorney's salary pursuant to State Law as well as to increase the County's reimbursement from the State in accordance with that effective July 1 as well as the Public Defender's salary tied to the State's Attorney's.

Motion to approve forwarding on to the Finance Committee with recommendation to approve made by Ms. Kraft, seconded by Mr. Gresham, and the motion carried 5-0.

Closed Session – None needed

NEXT MEETING July 28, 2022

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

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office