

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

**July 28, 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 Bollinger, Circuit Court  
Pat Berter, Probation  
Sheriff Jim Root  
Sherry Doty, Circuit Clerk  
Tammy Wilcox, County Administrator  
Tammy Schneider, EMA  
Michelle Sanders, Public Defender  
Scott Rueter, 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**

This agenda item was skipped over. The June 23, 2022 minutes will be approved at the next meeting along with the July 28 meeting minutes.

**CLAIMS**

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

**REPORTS**

***Circuit Clerk –***

Ms. Doty thanked everyone for their thoughts and prayers and said she is happy to be on the mend. Her job is important to her and she is thankful to be on her way back to work.

***Circuit Courts –***

Judge Bollinger reported that he was present in Judge Griffith's place because he was unable to attend. Six jury trials took place during the last jury setting. He indicates that there is really no back log.

***Coroner –*** No report

***Court Services / Probation –***

Mr. Berter reported that they are currently in the process of purchasing 3 new radios. They would like to eventually purchase 2 more. The money is in the budget. They are also looking at purchasing 5 tasers for the officers. The vests have already been purchased. This would be another tool to help keep them safe. Mr. Berter said he had received approval from the Chief

Judge for his officers to carry those. Deputy Majors from the Sheriff's Department will be doing the training probably sometime in October. As things happen with the officers being out in the community more often, the goal is to make sure they are safe. Chair Mattingley asked if they are designed to supplement but not supplant the ones that you sometimes have to have. Mr. Berter explained that in a situation like this, they would, once deployed, probably would have to go into a control situation to control that individual until the deputies arrive. Officers do carry handcuffs. They have been trained on how to use them. It just depends on the situation. The officer safety training that is done in the department quarterly addresses different needs. Currently they carry the OC spray, impact weapons and handcuffs. This is just another tool. They probably will eventually replace the impact weapons. Mr. Berter said that he was previously a training officer and one of the things they will most likely continue to do is to look for different options for the staff. The Field Officers are out there every day.

### ***Emergency Management Agency***

#### ***Macon County Board Resolution Approving Hiring of Integrated Solutions Consulting, Inc. for the Update of the Macon County Hazard Mitigation Plan***

Ms. Schneider explained that this resolution is requesting approval of a vendor and the appropriation of a \$33,000 grant from FEMA to update the Hazard Mitigation Plan. It was first approved in April, 2014 and it needs to be in place for some grants and if there is a disaster to get additional assistance. So, it is very important that we have it in place. A revenue and expense line have been set up for it through the Auditor's office. The expectation is for it to kick off around August 30 and project conclusion will be March 18, 2024. FEMA granted \$33,000. The plan will cost \$48,997. There is a \$14,000 difference. There are no in kind contributions so time that people put in cannot be counted. Once the grant funds have been expended, the LEST will pay for the \$14,000 deficit at the end. (An updated resolution with the figures will be provided for the Finance Committee meeting)

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

Ms. Schneider went on to give the following report:

- Update of Emergency Operations Plan in preparation for 2023 submission to IEMA. That approval will be 2023 through 2025.
  - Updates to the annexes identifying EMS responsibilities are on hold until new ambulance services selected.
    - EMS providers have roles & responsibilities throughout the EOP.
    - Meetings will be scheduled with all new EMS providers to discuss those items, make necessary changes and obtain their agreement to the plan.
- Continue to work toward training and exercise requirements to maintain accreditation for the EMA program.
- In 2018 EMA began working on having Macon County recognized by the National Weather Service as a "Storm Ready County". Thanks to the purchase of NOAA weather radios by the county for County School Districts and City/Village offices, we were able to meet the

final requirement of the application. Although, we met the criteria in 2020, the pandemic stalled NWS and everyone's ability to follow through with these types of efforts. On July 19<sup>th</sup> we received our letter notifying us of our designation award!

- I will request that a formal, in-person awarding by the NWS be added to that agenda and occur at the County Board meeting. During that time, I will also request the opportunity to recognize our EMA Storm Spotters. These volunteers go out in the worst of weather to communicate invaluable information that helps us keep our citizens safe. They do this for free, pay for their own fuel and they are a terrific group who deserves our many thanks at the very least!
- EMA is part of the working group for the Dementia Friendly Decatur initiative to become an accredited community.
  - Currently on committee for a Summit to take place on October 11 at the Scovill Zoo.
  - The zoo has agreed to meet with our group to develop a plan for 2023 to host events for community members affected by dementia/memory challenges & their caregivers.
  - We are proud to be a partner in this initiative as most all of us have experience with a loved one or friend who is or has been affected by the diseases that rob them of their memories. This will become an issue for more of our citizens as our population ages.
  - Look for training opportunities in 2023 for local businesses and industry to familiarize their employees and associates with signs to look for and how they can be helpers. In addition, it will provide an opportunity to educate on available community resources.

#### ***Decatur Public Building Commission – no report***

#### ***Public Defender's Office –***

Ms. Sanders reported that they still have one job opening that they've had for quite some time.

#### ***Sheriff's Department –***

Sheriff Root reported that there are currently 336 inmates in the jail. 57 of them are feds. There are 10 from Champagne County. IDOC is caught up with most of their transports and are now intaking on a regular basis. We have 3 males and one female ready for IDOC transfer. We currently have 3 unfit to stand trial and six pending fitness hearings. The County or the Sheriff joined a lawsuit with Sangamon County to sue the Department of Health and Human Services for the inability to take in unfit people that have been ordered to their custody. The first hearing on that will be August 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### ***Macon County Board Resolution Approving Police Dog Retirement and Transfer of Ownership***

Sheriff Root explained that there are two dogs that have been retired. One has been retired for well over a year and the other is coming up on a year in October. He said he would like to transfer the ownerships of those two canines to the previous handlers who have accepted the responsibility for

those dogs. The dogs have been in their care since they retired. This will officially transfer the ownership.

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

***Macon County Board Resolution Approving Permission to Dispose of Surplus Equipment***

Sheriff Root explained that they currently have 56 radios and one refrigerator. The radios are unusable. They were replaced in 2019. The refrigerator was one that was placed in the jail. It still works but has no handles.

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

***State's Attorney*** - Mr. Rueter had no report

**CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**Old Business** None

**New Business** -

**Closed Session** – None needed

**NEXT MEETING** August 25, 2022

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Mattingley @ 3:17 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office*