

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

January 26, 2023 @ 3:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg Mattingley – Chair
Debra Kraft
Andrew Hogan
Bill Oliver

MEMBERS ABSENT

Grant Noland

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Judge Griffith, Courts
Shelly Eaton, Circuit Clerk
Jon Perona, PBC
Caleb Brown, Public Defender
Sheriff Root
Carol Reed, Auditor
Pat Berter, Probation
Scott Reuter, State’s Attorney Office
Sheriff Roseman
Karl Coleman, County Board
Crystal Hugger, County Board Office

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

Ms. Kraft made a motion to approve the minutes from the last Macon County Board Justice Committee meeting (11/17/2022), seconded by Mr. Oliver and the motion carried 4-0.

CLAIMS

Ms. Kraft made a motion to approve claims, seconded by Mr. Hogan. Motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS

Court Services / Probation -

**Macon County Board Resolution Entering Into an Agreement with Peoria County
For the Sale of Juvenile Detention Bed Space**

Mr. Berter reported that this is annual contract that he always present. The only changes were the financial and the price has gone up to over \$14,500 dollars. It is going to be a \$155 dollars a day per child and that is the going rate that they charge now for Tazewell County. Peoria has been good to work with and they take care of the transportation of the kids. The Sheriff department has been good we have had to send some kids to other counties. We sent one down to Belleville, one in McLean because it is getting very difficult to find bed space for kids that needs to be detained. Vermillion County they are only excepting kids in their circuit. Champaign County they are not excepting any kids because of staffing levels. Peoria County has had some issues with staffing level. This is a good contract and we are going to continue to look at other ways to maybe work with other detention facilities but for right now this is the best we can do.

Motion made to approve by Ms. Kraft and seconded by Mr. Oliver. Motion carried (4-0).

Mr. Berter also reported that last year they did detain 58 minors. The year before that was over 60 and the year before that was 92.

Mr. Berter stated that 98% of the kids they detained were all for gun charges.

Discussion on Illinois Court Technology Modernization Program Funding Agreement

Judge Griffith reported that their court system will get over \$100,000 dollars, \$100,056.75 from the AOIC the Administrative Office of Illinois Courts in order to keep our technology computers etc... up to date. This will be for a printer, scanner and the main expense is to upgrade the computers in the court rooms with some back up. None of the money comes out of the Counties pocket it is all from the State and it is all to be used for various technology purposes.

State's Attorney –

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Illinois FOP Labor Council Collective Bargaining Agreement for FY2023- FY2025, Regarding the Macon County State's Attorney's Special Investigators

Mr. Reuter reported that there were no real changes from prior year, prior contract except for one of our investigators has always lived down in Moweaqua and they wanted to account for their residency requirement. The prior contract was kind of odd in my estimation but I think because both of them are retired officers they were not huge for big amounts of money. There raises by the last contract were just \$1000 dollars a year. We changed that to a cost of living raise to 3.25 that is the only changes.

Motion made to approve to move on to full board by Mr. Oliver and seconded by Mr. Hogan. Motion carried (4-0).

Sheriff-

Sheriff Root stated that he wanted to cover was introducing Mr. John Roseman who is a deputy with the Sheriff's Office. He is one of three candidates for the Chief Deputy position that I posted. He is on a trial which is like a drive and try and his end of month is the 31st and I will get the next one which is Lieutenant Barrows from the jail. Then the following month after that will be Deputy Jedlicka. You will be able to see them throughout the next three months. This will give me the ability to see what their capabilities are before I make my decision.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Food Service Agreement With Summit Food Service, LLC for Inmate Food Service at Macon County Jail

Sheriff Root reported that this was put out for RFP in first part of 2022. We were currently under contract with Summit and have been under contract with Summit since 2019. In 2019 is when we had first brought Summit in and as a result of the contract it is built in it that had an adjustment every year for increase in the amount of food, cost which was based on a consumer price index. Consider the economy is the way that it is this year they came back and it went up substantially. It went from last year proposed budget of being \$1.47 for a meal to \$1.92 per meal. This triggered a problem for us because one it was under contract and two if we were to go by that it would be outside what the normal was for the contracts. They did have the ability to exercise 90 day clause of

pulling out of the contract at which time we agree that we would have to put it out for a request for proposal again and we have done that and we are now going to be switching to Summit foods. Summit foods contract is a \$1.72 per meal for this year and \$1.90 per meal for next year. However, my FY23 budget will be over budget of about \$103,000 dollars at the end of the year. This is due to the inflation cost of food and this is going to give at least two years of being stabilized but they could exercise a 90 day expiration or cancellation of the contract and we would have to do this again. Right now we are going to be paying \$1.72 this year and then next year we will be paying \$1.90.

Motion made to approve by Ms. Kraft and seconded by Mr. Hogan. Motion carried (4-0).

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Agreement between the City of Decatur, Macon County, and CIRDC to Share Costs Related to CAD Software

Sheriff Root reported that this money is going to be paid out of American Rescue Plan Funds. This was previously approved by the County Board last meeting and this cost share spells out what the percentages are and money that has already been allotted and we have to enter into agreement how the cost is shared and when that money is due to the dispatch center.

Mr. Oliver asked if this cost was divided between three entities.

Sheriff Root said it is divided between three entity and it is a total cost of \$1.8 million dollars divided between the three.

Motion to approve made by Mr. Oliver and seconded by Ms. Kraft. Motion carried (4-0).

Old Business - None

New Business -

Discussion on increase of Jury Pay was presented by Mr. Oliver who wanted to bring the attention to the Justice Committee about upping the cost to the citizen who serve on the jury for the jury duties. Mr. Oliver states that 35-40 years ago he served twice and it was \$10 dollars then and has not change since and he thinks something she be done about it. He feels that it makes it tough for people who may not get paid by their employer to do this service and that the County should up their amount somewhat.

State's Attorney Reuter gave a historical perspective on jury duty.

Judge Griffith made a statement that when he started as a judge 12 years ago there was 3 jury weeks every six weeks and have since whittled down with less trials and now they have one week a month. Typically that week they will have juries in two or three days. If there is a third day it is usually not all the juries but half the juries.

Mr. Mattingley said he thinks that this is a discussion to have but at a later point after they figure out how the court system and County's income are impacted by what is going to happen with the court's, bonds and fees.

Ms. Kraft said this is a discussion worth having and I think it is a discussion that maybe we should readdress at a later date when we do see how everything flushes out.

Public Comment-

Mr. Coleman want to reiterate on Jury Duty and states he have not had the fortune of serving on Jury Duty or being called to do so. I know several people who have in the past and as it alluded to

that have found just about any means they can of not doing so. Not because they simply don't want to serve and do their due diligence for the County but because they are lower class individual that pay out of pocket for childcare and at the end of the week or the end of the month that does play a fact in \$10 dollars. Mr. Coleman feels that if we are to meet the requirement of the U. S. Constitution and afford everyone a fair and equal representation of their day in court and jury of their peers by having the rules often times whether for economic or social reasons eliminate some people from being able to do that. Mr. Coleman feels that this needs to be researched and that a flat pay or rate that we currently have of \$10 dollars should be escalated considerably and feels that minimum wage should be the baseline.

Mr. Mattingley said Scott if you can check with some other counties or Judge. Either one of you or both on similar compensation size and population to see what they are doing.

Closed Session – None needed

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Mattingley @ 3:29 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Crystal Hugger, Executive Secretary, Macon County Board Office