

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

November 16, 2023 @ 3:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Greg Mattingley
Debra Kraft
Grant Noland
Bill Oliver

MEMBERS ABSENT

Andrew Hogan

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Sherry Doty, Circuit Clerk
Jon Perona, DPBC
Judge Griffith, Circuit Court
Jim Taylor, Probation
Michelle Sanders, Public Defender
Carol Reed, Auditor
Tammy Wilcox, County Administrator
Kevin Greenfield, County Chairman
Crystal Hugger, County Board Office

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

Chair Greg Mattingley made a motion to approve the minutes from the last Macon County Board Justice Committee meeting (10/24/2023). The motion was approved by Ms. Kraft and seconded by Mr. Noland. Motion carried 4-0.

CLAIMS

Chair Greg Mattingley made a motion to approve the claims. Motion to approve made by Mr. Oliver, seconded by Mr. Noland. Motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS

Circuit Clerk-

Ms. Doty did not have a report but wanted to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Circuit Court-

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the Circuit Court's FY23 Budget for Expense Fees in Certain Appeals

Judge Griffith reported that this resolution comes up about once a year. The States Attorney will choose versus having charged and prosecuted some of them in a criminal case will have them be deemed to be a sexually dangerous person or sexually violent person. One of the cases here is a petition to have someone deemed to be a sexually dangerous person and when that's the case the statutes set out that they are entitled to their expert to evaluate them to tell the court whether they

are dangerous or not and the county gets to pay for it. The person that Michelle found is a guy by the name Mark Carich and I think he does a good job. His fee is five thousand dollars. The other case is somewhat similar this person is already deemed to be a sexually violent person but he has claimed that he has recovered and so he wants to be something called conditionally released which means they put him into an apartment over in Springfield and watch him like a hawk. Again as to whether or not he gets conditionally released he is entitled to his expert but the county has to pay for it. I think theoretically the county can be reimbursed by the state but I don't think it happens very often. In any event with my apologies, it is five thousand dollars and five thousand dollars to pay Mr. Carich to do these evaluations which again is mandated by the statutes.

Motion to approve made by Mr. Oliver, seconded by Noland.

Mr. Greenfield asked if there was a cap on that.

Chair Mattingley replied the fees have to be reasonable.

Mr. Greenfield said they used to be twenty-three hundred dollars.

Chair Mattingley...when Jay Scott was the State's Attorney and when Jack Ahola was the States Attorney when they dealt with the sex offenses was more prone to take them in this route because it also carries a much easier burden of proof than the criminal prosecution whereas Mr. Reuter has been largely treating them as criminal cases which we haven't seen that many of these for a while and I am sure that is probably why we are seeing an increase in fees too.

Ms. Sander...the last one I did I am pretty sure it was about forty-six hundred dollars for that person...

Judge Griffith...I remember one for thirty-five hundred but it was a bit before that.

Mr. Oliver... sounds like they joined the union.

Motion carried 4-0.

Coroner- No Report

Court Services / Probation –

Mr. Taylor said I wanted to let you all know we are still having problems with bed space for juveniles throughout the state on three occasions in the last couple of weeks I have not been able to find a bed and we are looking. Edwardsville is now allowing outside counties to house there but they have an agreement that we have to go into with them. Just for overflow however, when I called them Sunday they didn't have a bed either so that is where we are at and I just wanted you to be aware that there is still limited bed space and limited staffing in the county.

Emergency Management Agency – No Report

Public Building Commission – No Report

Public Defender's Office –

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Transfer of Funds to Public Defenders

Salary Line to Budget Expense Lines

Ms. Sander reported that it is the end of the year reconciliation. We just want to take thirty thousand from the payroll line and move it to our contract line since we have been utilizing contract attorneys when we can't find full-time people. It is money that is already there it is not additional money.

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

Sheriff's Department – No Report

State's Attorney - No Report

CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT –

Ms. Aber Moten expressed her issues and concerns.

Old Business None

New Business - None

Closed Session – None needed

NEXT MEETING December 14, 2023

Chair Greg Mattingley adjourned the meeting @ 3:09 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Crystal Hugger, Macon County Board Office