

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

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chair Greg Mattingley
Debra Kraft
Andrew Hogan
Bill Oliver (arrived at 3:02)

MEMBERS ABSENT

Grant Noland

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Sherry Doty, Circuit Clerk
Jon Perona, DPBC
Scott Rueter, State's Attorney
Pat Berter, Probation
Tammy Schneider, EMA
Michelle Sanders, Public Defender
Sheriff Jim Root
Michael Baggett, State's Attorney
Sheriff Jedlicka
Tammy Wilcox, County Administrator
Judge Griffiths, Circuit Court
Carol Reed, Auditor
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 (8/24/2023). The motion was approved by Ms. Kraft and seconded by Mr. Hogan. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS

Chair Greg Mattingley made a motion to approve the claims from 9/21/23 to the current. Motion to approve made by Ms. Kraft, seconded by Mr. Hogan. Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS

Circuit Clerk-

Macon County Board Resolution Authorizing Disposal of Surplus Property by The Macon County Circuit Court, Macon County Probation Department, and Macon County Circuit Clerk's Office

Ms. Doty reported that this resolution is regarding broken obsolete computer systems that we need to get rid of. I just wanted a resolution saying that we can dispose of property and attached is a list of Robert Bellah made for offices. He is taking all the parts that he can to fix other computers and the parts that work now and Judge we got him all new computers last time that we could and you guys got new computers and we are getting ready to get another grant.

Ms. Kraft made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Hogan. Motion carried 3-0.

Circuit Court-

Judge Griffiths reported that the only thing he had and touched on a couple of times is Mr. Baggett is being sworn in at 10:00 tomorrow morning in courtroom 3A at the Macon County courthouse. We are very pleased to have Mike and I am sure you all will miss him. Good luck Michael you will see more of him than you think.

Coroner- No Report

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 the annual contract however this is different because we have another guaranteed bed space so now we will have six. Also, the City has agreed to pay for half of that bed space and I think it is like thirty or forty thousand dollars but still, it is better than nothing. Next year around depending on what is going on we will probably ask for another guaranteed bed space. I know that with the situation that happened over in Sangamon County, they have had to transfer all of their juveniles to other facilities it is still premium. Currently, right now we have eight individuals in detention we are very fortunate Peoria has been taking our kids.

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

Mr. Berter said the only thing else that he had to report is that Lori Norfleet who has been the Administrative Assistant with the department for several years last day will be next Thursday. She was a very dedicated employee and will be much missed. We have a reception for her on Wednesday from 12:30 to 2:00 I believe Crystal sent out the notice. Just to kind of let you know I met with Dan Hunt who is the director of AOIC for the probation division and what we would like to do is to hire another supervisor position and that supervisor position would almost be like a lead position that would take over some of those administrative duties also would supervise staff and it would be a good transition to I mean I am going to be here for a while but when I decide to retire that person would have more of the foundation than when I did when I first started for that position. It will also be good because it will be a State-funded position instead of a county-funded position. That is what I would like to do.

Ms. Doty asked if she had been here forty years.

Mr. Berter said she is going to use the rest of her sick time to take it to April and she will be here forty years.

Emergency Management Agency –

Ms. Schneider reported that on November 14th we have our Biannual Nuclear exercise coming up and I am very pleased this year with the buy-in from our Stakeholders who are our partners. They are going to come and almost all of them are sending two people everybody seems new to positions so we are going to be training them up and training whoever will be their second in line of succession because we never practice what we would do if we had more than one operational period were someone would have to come in and take over for them. We are going to attempt to do that during a FEMA-graded exercise. Things are going well on the FEMA scoping meetings with

the entities that applied for public assistance from the June 29th derecho we had ten or eleven entities who applied municipalities the water treatment district for Decatur, Decatur Park District, and the Conservation district, and various municipalities for a total of nearly 500,000 dollars that they are looking to recoup from what was spent for debris removal and emergency work during that time when the big winds came through and knocked everyone's power out. We had debris everywhere. We don't often qualify because of the threshold that needs to be reached to get any money back for what we spend during a disaster it is quite the high threshold of \$22 million for the State. To meet it there has to be significant damage and there was during this and we met our County threshold and exceeded it by a couple hundred thousand. A lot was put out there here hoping that during the scoping meetings and the documentation process everyone's stuff counts and they can recoup 75% of what they spent. It is a good opportunity for them to get a little bit back.

Public Building Commission – No Report

Public Defender's Office –

Macon County Board Resolution Amending the Public Defender's FY2023 Budget For the Additional Funding Provided by the State of Illinois

Ms. Sanders reported that as part of the Safety Act going into effect, there was a 10 million dollar grant set aside for the Public Defender's office throughout the State for a while that was an unfunded mandate but has recently been funded and that money has been dispersed it happened fast and while I was on vacation. There have been one hundred and twenty-four thousand dollars a little bit over that was sent to Macon County for use by the Public Defender's office it is a contract that I am not part of it was between our Treasurer and AOIC and Judge Rosenbaum also signed off on that. This is money that has been deposited into a separate line item at the moment until we get full authorization it is a one-time use fund it is not something at this point that is occurring annually and it is meant to be there as a buffer for those one-time things that a Public Defenders office might need that the County can't otherwise always provide. If we were to need technology upgrades or things like that this kind of money could be used for that. It does not have to be used by the end of the fiscal year which is great since our fiscal year is about to end all we have to do is account at the end of the year for how much we spent for 2023 and then try to spend the rest of it in 2024. I did find a copy of the contract like I said I am not the one who is part of it but I did bring copies for everyone so you at least can see what it looks like. With any luck, this will be an annual thing just as of right now there is nothing in place for this to happen every year.

Chair Greg Mattingley said out of curiosity can any of this be used if you run into maybe adding a part-time person or someone to perform some of the additional functions of the pre-trial... Ms. Sanders replied yes we can use it for whatever we want. I would not just want to use it just for salary generally because it is a one-time thing.

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

Sheriff's Department –

Sheriff Root reported that he wanted to report on where the population is. It is down 241 from where we normally are. Champaign inmates are at 16 and our Federals are at 35 and are unfits are at 6. Those are steady numbers that we have had throughout the entire time so as a result of

probably the pre-trial fairness act that is probably the decrease as a result of us doing what we do to comply with that requirement.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving a Labor Agreement between Macon County and the Illinois FOP Labor Council on Behalf of the Macon County Court Security Officers

Sheriff Root reported that the Court Security Officers are going to get a twenty-one hundred dollars per year increase it is not going to be set on a percentage there are a couple of other things in the agreement that don't have anything to do with financial it has to do with the way that the office operates. The twenty-one hundred dollars is over a four-year contract.

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

Macon County Board Resolution Approving a Labor Agreement between Macon County and the Illinois FOP Labor Council on Behalf of the Macon Command Deputy Sheriff's

Sheriff Root asked that this resolution be pulled as a result of going through the contract that was presented on Tuesday by the labor counsel there are some errors in there. I would like to ask that I present this to the fiancé committee because I will be at the fiancé committee to adjust my 2024 budget to accommodate the contracts.

State's Attorney -

Mr. Baggett stated that he did not have a report and wished everyone the best. I will not be far I suspect that I will see you if not as frequently then certainly on a regular basis. It has been I guess two weeks ago now my pleasure and I am looking forward to the next chapter.

CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT –

Ms. Aber Moten expressed her issues and concerns.

Old Business None

New Business - None

Closed Session – None needed

NEXT MEETING November 16, 2023

The meeting was adjourned by Chair Greg Mattingley @ 3:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Crystal Hugger, Macon County Board Office