

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

January 25, 2024 @ 3:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debra Kraft
Andrew Hogan
Bill Oliver
Chair Greg Mattingley

MEMBERS ABSENT

Grant Noland

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Jeff Entler, County Board
Pat Berter, Probation
Judge Griffith, Circuit Court
Sheriff Root
Michelle Sanders, Public Defender
Sheriff Jedlicka
Kevin Greenfield, County Chairman
Jon Perona, Public Building Commission
Scott Reuter, States Attorney
Diane Couri, States Attorney
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

Motion to approve minutes of 12/21/23 made by Ms. Kraft, and seconded by Mr. Oliver. Motion carried 4-0.

CLAIMS

Motion made to approve the claims of 12/21/23 and 1/25/24 by Mr. Hogan, and seconded by Ms. Kraft. Motion carried 4-0.

REPORTS

Circuit Clerk- No Report

Circuit Court-

Macon County Board Resolution Approving a Budget Amendment for Court Technology Improvements

Judge Griffith reported that the IT person Robert received a grant for one hundred and twenty-eight thousand two hundred and thirty-two dollars from the AOIC for computer-type things. He is still working on updating various courtrooms. We have full Zoom capabilities I think in three of our courtrooms three or four and he is working on outfitting the others this money will come from the AOIC per Robert it has all been spent to outfit these courtrooms and that is our proposal.

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

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 there was an additional sexually dangerous person petition filed by Mr. Reuter's office and it pertains I am not going to mention the name because it is not pertinent. We have been through this before per the statutes from one of these petitions filed the defendant is entitled to his expert to access whether or not he is or is not sexually dangerous and the statutes specifically set out that the County has to pay for it. I think there is some vehicle where the County can be reimbursed by the State but I don't know that ever happens. The total for the assessor here was three thousand four hundred and seventy-five dollars and I am asking that be paid to the expert for the assessment which he has completed.

Chair Mattingley made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Oliver.

Chair Mattingley asked if anyone had a question for the Judge.

Chair Mattingley said the only question he had was is this a frequent flyer?

Judge Griffith replied no, he was not defending himself. I thought we had the thing resolved.

Mr. Reuter said no, I think the question he is asking Judge is if the defendant is a person who has a lot of criminal history.

Chair Mattingley...and what we have seen on these psychological evals... several times.

Judge Griffith...I don't know that he is that frequent of a flyer.

Mr. Reuter...I will say this though there was a time when it was before I was States Attorney it was a particular prosecutor in my office when a lot were filed. We are away from that process we don't file nearly as many as we used to as an office under my staff who deals with this and I think there is one that Mr. Shaw filed if I am not mistaken. We are much more judicious about which ones we think should happen so this is not a frequent expense you will see from my office.

Judge Griffith...just as an aside the court-appointed assessor the States Assessor found that perhaps we should not be moving forward and the defense assessor meaning the guy's expert that he paid for out of I think the Public Defender budget found just the opposite.

Mr. Reuter...our expert said no he is not sexually dangerous but the defense is saying he is.

Mr. Greenfield...is there a cap on what we have to pay?

Judge Griffith...I think this will be the total.

Mr. Greenfield...I mean for hiring someone like that is there a limit?

Chair Mattingley...I think the judge can decide whether it is reasonable.

Judge Griffith...just a limit of reasonableness

Mr. Oliver...who decides to take the case between the two entities.

Judge Griffith...it has to be filed by Mr. Reuter's office.

Mr. Reuter...that is why I said Mr. Oliver that is why I indicated that in the past from my office there was a particular prosecutor that would file a lot of these and that prosecutor was not with the office he left before I became State Attorney and since I have been States Attorney we have not filed that many.

Judge Griffith...the first one filed in a couple of years I think.

Mr. Oliver...are those people let back out into the general population again.

Mr. Reuter...we are just more judicious about which ones we think we should apply this standard to.

Chair Mattingley...they can take a track Mr. Oliver where they simply choose to prosecute them under the felony statutes for their felony offense or they can file the sexually dangerous or violent

person petitions which takes them on a different track into more of the Health and Human Services branch of holding them.

Judge Griffith...as Ms. Couri just pointed out to me while we were talking the other thing that happens is once someone goes to prison on a sex case when it comes time for them to be released to the general public the prison system does a review of them to see if they qualify as what is called a sexually violent person. If that is the case then SVP this is an SDP petition that we file if DOC upon release determines that they are violent they file an SVP and the Attorney General prosecutes that it is the same idea should this person be let out because they are a danger to the community or not. A lot of times what we are doing is we are seeking the original conviction just to get them in the Department of Correction and that saves us from having to do SDP.

Motion carried 4-0

Coroner – No Report

Court Services / Probation –

Macon County Board Resolution Amending the Probation’s FY2023 Budget- Bucket Transfer

Mr. Berter reported that what they are doing is taking money from the personnel line items and putting them in juvenile detention.

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

Macon County Board Resolution Amending the Probation’s FY2023 Budget-Increase Expenditure

Mr. Berter reported that they are asking for additional appropriations for the juvenile detention budget. We are currently over sixty-six thousand three hundred and seventy-nine dollars and thirty-eight cents. This line item is beyond our control we have had a lot of individuals locked up this year and they have been in there for quite a long time. Currently, right now we have nine kids that are being held.

Judge Griffith said I think that two of them are charged with first-degree murder.

Mr. Berter replied I think we have four of them total that are in there for murder.

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

Mr. Berter said I did want to let you know that the City of Decatur did pay for the full amount for the extra bed space that they promised. They have already sent that check to us and that is already here.

Emergency Management Agency – No Report

Public Building Commission – No Report

Public Defender’s Office – No Report

Sheriff's Department –

Sheriff Root reported that right now the population is 215, general population we have 32 FEDs, 10 Champaign, and 2 unfit. The numbers are staying steady right where we are at. A couple of weeks ago, we closed our lobby in the evening we have had some issues in the lobby, and our lobby is now closed. As soon as our visitation is over lobby is closed and the jail our main lobby and our Law Enforcement center are closed. Anybody that has to do a bond under the previous bonding system just calls a phone number we let them in and they go up and pay the bond. Just wanted to let the board know we are taking steps to correct some problems that we are having with people in the lobby.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Contractual Agreement for Providing Pharmacy Services for Inmates in the Macon County Jail

Sheriff Root reported that this was negotiated we put it off for an RFP in 2022. We awarded it and worked out the contract language when Mike Baggett was at the States Attorney's Office and everything was approved. It got caught in our firewall and we never got to sign a contract to send it before the board and this is to correct that problem. We implemented it back in 2022 we just never had a signed contract and we want to make sure that we get it corrected. This is for pharmacy services previously we were paying 15% on top of what we were doing for pharmacy with our healthcare provider this takes that out of it so we are paying the pharmacy directly they are not able to collect the 15% on the pharmacy part of it. It is a little bit more management on our side and our medical staff but a money saver for us.

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

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Agreement with Crossing Healthcare For Inmates Services in the Macon County Jail

Sheriff Root reported that Crossing had previously provided this service they began this service when their rehab services opened. The first part of that was funded through the Howard Buffet Foundation and after that funding dried up Crossing continued that service until last year when the person who was doing the service went on to another department. They want to hire somebody and they don't have the funding we would like as we discussed previously the opioid settlement money was available to be used for this so we are asking that the opioid money that was given to the County be used to fund this. This will probably fund this for the first year or maybe a little bit more for the first year after that we are going to start applying for some grants to see if we can't fund it that way. As we look at the resolution the only thing that is missing is the expense line. I failed to get that noted in there on the resolution but I will get that from the auditor's office on the expense line for that. The amount of the revenue is \$113,142.23 and the expense for the one year of the actual contract with Crossing to provide the services is 85,000 dollars. They have not hired that person so it is the cost of the person who is going to be running that program.

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

State's Attorney –

Mr. Reuter reported that he has a new assistant States Attorney on board for traffic as well as Ms. Couri joining to fill in for Mr. Baggett.

CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT – Ms. Moten spoke about her concerns.

Old Business None

New Business - None

Closed Session – None needed

NEXT MEETING- February 22, 2024

Chair Mattingley adjourned the meeting @ 3:19 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Crystal Hugger, Macon County Board Office