

**FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 3, 2012
5:15 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jon Baxter
Tim Dudley
Jay Dunn, Vice Chair
Kevin Greenfield
Linda Little
Mark Wicklund

MEMBERS ABSENT

Keith Ashby, Chair

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Sheriff Tom Schneider
Ed Yoder, Treasurer
Daysa Miller, SOFA
Robyn McCoy, Workforce Investment
Amy Stockwell, Auditor
Randy Waks, Asst. State's Attorney
Linda Koger, County Board Office

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Dunn at the Macon County Office Building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of prior meeting made by Mark Wicklund, seconded by Jon Baxter, and motion carried 6-0.

CLAIMS

Motion to approve the claims as presented made by Linda Little, seconded by Mark Wicklund, and motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS

Audit Sub-Committee

Linda Little reported the outside audit is beginning, field work will start January 9, and we'll get updates as we have them. VC Dunn asked if we are going to have a meeting over the stuff we got in the mail over the Regional Office of Education as far as their reporting. Linda Little replied she didn't get anything, but we'll have a meeting. VC Dunn thinks Amy Stockwell had some but will check on it.

Auditor

Amy Stockwell reported they are still working on 2011, thanked everybody for their cooperation, they will still have more questions, and we are in good shape at this point in the process. They are working on responding to Public Act 97-0609 which requires them to post compensation for individuals receiving over \$75,000, they are fine tuning the calculations, expect to have it up within the next week, and it affects about 50 Macon County employees.

Board of Review

Daysa Miller gave an update, they are having a majority of their commercial hearings this week, they have hearings up through January 10, and that will be the last of their hearings so they will be pretty much done at that point.

They did have Memorial Hospital file an application for exemption after they were denied on the 31st, she doesn't know if they will have to have a hearing later on to let the taxing districts have say here at the local level or not, so that may hold them up in finishing what they have to do. VC Dunn said he didn't think the BOR could issue an exemption. Daysa replied they don't issue exemptions, they issue recommendations, but a couple years ago the taxing districts had an interest in us holding a local hearing so they could see what was going on with it or put in their input here locally before the recommendation is made.

Kevin Greenfield asked if commercial people had a hard time getting appraisals, and if anyone had been complaining about not being able to get an appraisal. Daysa replied the appraisals have been coming in, they have been complaining, but they provided their appraisals; one other thing about the BOR they didn't mention on these individuals, not just commercial, is even if they don't have their evidence in file, they get a 10 minute hearing, so they all get a hearing except for those that don't put a value down on their complaint form, those are dismissed.

Supervisor of Assessments

Daysa Miller reported they just began their 2012 year, and this year is the quadrennial reassessment year for Austin, Illini, Blue Mound, Pleasant View, Niantic Harristown, South Macon, and South Wheatland. They will be working on that, and a couple of local individuals have already started doing some of that work.

Treasurer

Resolution To Execute Deeds To Convey Property For Delinquent Taxes

Ed Yoder distributed copies of resolution, and asked for a motion to approve it to move to county board level. Motion to approve made by Mark Wicklund, seconded by Tim Dudley, and motion carried 6-0.

VC Dunn asked Ed if he is going to get us more interest in 2012. Ed replied he is working on it, and he won one concession from Busey Bank; in the accounts he has at Busey over this last year we were charged depending on the account between \$10 - \$12 per account, and as of December 1 they are not charging us no fees on the Treasurer's side so he got a small victory there for the county. Also, we are getting us a small basis point increase on the Collector's side, so at least he is getting some small victories.

State's Attorney

Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations & Transfer In The State's Attorney's Grant Fund FY11 Budget

Randy Waks distributed copies of a housekeeping resolution, and it combines two issues; one they received \$2775 in private donations they would like to be able to expend, and the other involves a bucket transfer moving some funds from one category to another. Motion to approve made by Jon Baxter, seconded by Mark Wicklund, and motion carried 6-0.

Sheriff

Resolution Approving Grant For Funding Macon County Outdoor Gun Range

Sheriff Schneider distributed copies of resolution, and the first part of this would be a \$25,000 feasibility study through a local engineering firm.

They will bring in the process upon approval of the resolution, they are going to do it in increments, and he will keep committee apprised as they go. The first thing about it is finding out if it is feasible for us to be able to do it within Macon County, they will actually reimburse upon invoice to us the first being a \$25,000 donation, and he asked that it be approved. Motion to approve made by Linda Little, seconded by Tim Dudley, and motion carried 6-0.

Sheriff Schneider reported jail population at 276 today which includes 16 federal prisoners, and that is a pretty good number. VC Dunn agreed a great number, and noticed the report from the Building Commission looks like it has been going good for a long time.

Workforce Investment

Resolution Approving FY12 Budget Amendment

Robyn McCoy distributed copies of resolution, and Workforce received an increase in Department of Labor National Emergency Fund On The Job Training program from DCEO in the amount of \$200,594. This will bring their total grant to \$450,594, and the listed first three expenses are salaries and fringes for staff who worked with this particular grant over the past couple months; \$500 amount is additional travel for her employment specialist who is driving around to all the employers; \$181,896 is added to the OJT line for that grant. First attachment is \$125,000, you can see the modification amount \$594, and when she got that they ended up increasing her grant again by \$75,000 so they haven't gotten all the paperwork completed yet to bring her grant to the total of \$450,000. A listing of employers they have contracts with was shown, they have initiated 36 contracts with various reimbursement rates, reimbursement rate depends on size of company, each one of these is a separate person and separate contract, and all the hours are for 1,040 which is six months. Hourly wage ranges from \$21 down to \$10, they have 18 contracts with Decatur Foundry, they have increased staff by 60, 18 of those are under contract with WIS, they are at 75% reimbursement rate. State of IL received 1.3 million dollars, she initially submitted a grant for \$250,000, she continued to spend so they continued to increase her grant; of the 1.3 million Macon County is going to have \$450,000. Motion to approve made by Mark Wicklund, seconded by Linda Little, and motion carried 6-0.

OLD BUSINESS

Jon Baxter passed out the attendance sheet for the month of November.

NEXT MEETING

January 30, 2012

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Kevin Greenfield, seconded by Tim Dudley, motion carried 6-0, and meeting adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Linda Koger
Macon County Board Office