

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

MINUTES

October 10, 2012
5:15 P.M.

The Macon County Finance Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, October 10, 2012 at 5:15 p.m. located at the Macon County Office Building, 141 S. Main St., Decatur, IL.

Transportation Committee Members Present:

Keith Ashby	Mark Wicklund	Kevin Greenfield
Susanna Zimmerman	Jay Dunn	Tim Dudley

County Personnel Present:

Amy Stockwell, Auditor	Jack Ahola, States Attorney
Mary Eaton, Recorder	Ed Yoder, Treasurer
Sheriff Tom Schneider, Sheriff Dept.	Max Austin, Sheriff Dept.
Randy Waks, Asst. States Attorney	Tykyna Fox, States Attorney Office
Lori Long, Probation Court Services	

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Keith Ashby at 5:15 p.m.

Roll Call:

Keith Ashby	Mark Wicklund	Kevin Greenfield
Susanna Zimmerman	Jay Dunn	Tim Dudley

Approval of the Minutes:

Mark Wicklund made a motion to approve the minutes from October 1, 2012, seconded by Susanna Zimmerman. Motion Carried 6-0

Linda little is now present at 5:18 pm.

FY 13 Proposed Budgets:

Auditor:

Amy Stockwell stated I still need to receive some information on our upcoming insurance renewals for all of our policies so I am not prepared tonight. I am proposing that I would provide all of the pieces that I am missing, which is retirement, social security insurance, self insurance, working cash, capitol project fund, the building commission lease, and the general department, which includes health insurance, to you at some point next week. I will email you as soon as it is done so that you will have it in advance for the 29th. Keith Ashby asked if the problem was the holdup with the insurance and we know it is going to go up drastically so no news is good news I guess. We will have to face the music sooner or later. You will email it to me and the rest of the committee? Amy Stockwell replied yes. Kevin Greenfield asked how many more Finance Meetings do we have Mr. Chairman? Amy Stockwell replied one which would be the meeting on the 29th as I understand would be to look at all of those pieces and anything else that you care to look at. That would be approval of the display budget which I would then produce in the following days after that 29th meeting. Kevin Greenfield asked so on October 29th we will vote to send it all to display. Amy replied with whatever changes we need to make, yes.

County Board/Planning & Zoning:

Jay Dunn stated I have amended my budget due to the fact that Tony is retiring November 30 and Linda Koger retired today. The lines I have changed are 5086 Nuisance Inspector that position went away.

5090 Tony was making \$52,586 I have lowered that down to \$48,000, Jennifer Hoffman will be taking that position so that is a reduction of \$4,586. 5430 used to be Clerk IV it is now Clerk IV Inspector Angie Sarver will be doing some of the inspections. Both Jennifer and Angie will be taking some training over the next year or two to get some certificates showing that they are not only capable of inspection but to get some certification to back that up. Her salary is going up at the same time I have transferred half of her salary from the Environmental Management back to the County Board. She was split up between the County Board and the Environmental Management. She will basically be getting a \$5,000 raise. The Executive Secretary, I moved it up \$2,000 although I do not anticipate paying \$35,000. We are still going through the interview process. I have interviewed two people and I have two more to interview tomorrow. Over time I have put a little extra money in that because I am not sure with Linda leaving and she usually took comp time rather than overtime. I put extra in that for extra help if I may need that with a new person taking over Linda Koger's job. Hospitalization went down by one person, we used to have Tony, Jennifer and Angie it will now be just Jennifer and Angie. The second page shows that I put in some extra money on 7120 for travel. I think some of this training will be over in Springfield for Angie and Jennifer. 7194, Training/Planning was bumped up quite a bit. I am not sure how much I am going to use but I wanted to make sure I had enough in there to get some training for them. Training Board is training for the County Board I moved it up a couple hundred. Contractual Services I moved it up, we are running pretty close on that line at the present time that pays for our electrical contracting for permits and our plumbing contracting for permits. On 8060 looking at where we are at today that is running pretty close as well so I jumped it up some for car expenses like gas and oil. The bottom line shows the budget I presented before was \$22,476 over budget this one is \$12,845 under budget and I am not necessarily anticipating spending all that I have put in there I just wanted to cover some of that for training. Keith Ashby asked on 8100. Jay Dunn stated I forgot to mention that one we have recently sent EDC a check I did put a little extra in there because that is now the Economic Development and CEDA which is Central Illinois Economic Development Authority. We do not have any dues for CEDA but we did have one meeting here for the eleven counties so I spent some money for refreshments. I raised that up \$500 in case we had any more meetings here. Originally we were given EDC \$6,500 but I cut that down to \$4,000. Keith Ashby asked \$4,500, what are you going to spend that on? Jay replied \$4,000 is for belonging to EDC we sent them a check every year, it gives us a seat on the board. Kevin Greenfield asked how about we keep our \$4,000 and don't take a seat on the board. Motion made by Mark Wicklund to send to display, seconded by Tim Dudley. Motion carried 7-0.

Recorder:

Mary Eaton stated the last time I presented the budget we were going to try to work something out with possibly bringing down my General Fund the 5000 lines, but once me and Amy sat down and crunched some numbers I am unavailable because I have no wiggle room left in my Automation to do this. So the only thing we did change from the last time was in the Hospitalization, at one time I had three full time employees in that line and Amy advised me to go ahead and take \$5,000 out of that. Which is the 6010 Hospitalizations line, other than that it is the same from last time I was here. My wages are shown along with, my Chief Deputy, and my Assistant Chief with the 2.5% increase in the wages. My 7000 line have not changed since last year. Also my supply line is the same from last year. Keith Ashby asked if your Automation fund will be empty at the end of this year is that correct? Mary Eaton replied pretty close. Motion made by Jay Dunn to send it to Display seconded by Mark Wicklund. Motion carried 7-0.

Treasurer:

Ed Yoder stated you have the budget in front of you. I made the changes and moved some money from Automation which is shrinking, moved the Chief Deputy and the Supervisor of Collection over to the general side. I made those changes and also on the equipment line 9040 the \$4,400 is for the new Lexmark Printer the other one is seven years old. I have gone over this with Amy and everything seems to be okay. Keith Ashby asked if you're Automation Fund will be pretty close to zero at the end of the year too, is that correct? Ed Yoder answered yes. Keith Ashby stated it is going to be a tough year next year. Motion made by Jay Dunn to pass on to Display, seconded by Mark Wicklund. Motion carried 7-0.

Sheriff:

Sheriff Tom Schneider stated we were asked to make adjustments to our budget. The adjustments that I made in reference to our budget to bring it in line were the following. I increased the revenue line for Federal prisoners which is line 0010614950 that amount has been increased up to \$671,000. With the increase in the revenue line and of course a decrease in the expenditure line for Federal Transports 0010615708 of \$50,000. I then went ahead and transferred the \$40,000 difference from the expenditure line making it an obligation over in to one of my grant lines. The grant line itself does meet the criteria for this type of transfer which is the Alien Assistance Grant, A0930637200, for the amount of \$40,000. Those modifications should bring it to the point where it is a balanced budget. Motion made by Kevin Greenfield to send it on to Display, seconded by Mark Wicklund. Motion carried 7-0.

States Attorney:

States Attorney Jack Ahola stated I have passed out a few items to the committee that I would like to talk briefly about. I have been working very closely with the Auditor and Chairman Dunn on revising my budget. I think we have a pretty strong budget now. This first document I would like to point out is the filing statistics. The good news in that is that we are going on some downward trends this year, at least as of the end of September. Since I took office the end of 2004, you can see that the numbers of filings specifically felonies have really increased during my administration. There are different reasons why I think that number should be falling now because of some of the programs that have been instituted, and that is what I am going to talk about briefly. These are raw numbers for instance in 2011 the last felony we filed was CF1814 the first one we filed in 2011 was CF1 so that is a consistent way to look at felony charges. It may be that there is much more than 1814 defendants; sometimes in a case you may have 5-6 defendants on the other end you may have 3 or 4 cases with the same defendant. I would also point out you have a copy of the Macon County Criminal Justice Strategic Plan that you all voted on a few months ago. I did not make copies again of the Community Profile because you all have a copy; it is a very depressing document but very enlightening as far as information. I hope you have kept your copies of the Public Defenders Report because there is a lot similar information in that. Basically Macon County is a very poor County. We have high poverty levels, low education rates, all the indicia evidence to show high crime rates. That is why we have to continually try programs that will make a difference. I will be gone in a month, but I urge you all to look at this and the strategic plans and have a long range plan for the County. The City does not seem to want to do it, the School District doesn't seem to want to do it, but the County needs to. I think with leadership of this County for the last several years and in the future that can be done. For the States Attorney budget I did a summary of last year and this year. I have lowered my budget by \$570,000 and I am not asking for any more money this year than I did last year. If you will look at 2012 versus 2013 these different funding sources, for instance we lost the Victim Witness Liaison Grant and Violence Against Women Grant. Most of that money did not go to the States Attorney's Office despite what politicians seem to be saying. It went to all sorts of other

services. That money is now gone, we will have to try to redo the services that we provide for our taxpayers. We have got some increases, the Automation Fund, a lot of you guys are zeroing out mine just started. It just started a couple of months ago and we projected at least \$7,000 a year. I am spending every dime every year. We did include this as part of our overall plan. As you see I have a lesser budget than last year. If you go to the last page you can see that we expect to get \$7,000 and we will spend \$7,000. The first two pages of the 17 are the relevant pages. That is the States Attorney General Fund items. We have a little bit more revenue; we have managed to come up with plus the \$7,000 on the last page. I was able to do some adjustments with the help of Chairman Dunn and Amy Stockwell. We are asking for exactly the same amount of money this year as last year. I think that is what the Finance Committee asked me to do and we have done it. This is one new position that we are intending to put in. I talked to Justice and TyKyna Fox is here, she was one of the grants that was lost. I think it was such a valuable grant that I wanted to continue doing it. So with some readjustments and resignations we have managed to do it without asking for more money in our General Fund line. TyKyna does the Gun Violence Grants which unfortunately we have a lot of gun violence cases. She deals with families of victims and families of the deceased with getting them to participate in the court system. I think it is an important position that I do want to continue that. I think we have come to a good place in the budget process. I think it is very valuable that you have more than one Attorney that could be shifting in to help you guys. You are a multimillion dollar business; the County has done very well for itself in this bad economy. Macon County and Decatur are not on the most violent city list in the United States, thanks to the Sheriff and the Police and the others working hard in your community. Springfield, Rockford, East St. Louis, and Chicago are of course and maybe one or two more but Decatur is not. That goes a long a way to attracting businesses here that we do such a good job with the criminals. We need to do more than that, we are trying to get off into the truancy and those type of things which are the causes of a lot of criminal activity. Randy is still in here somewhere, he is not leaving until January 4. Keith Ashby stated both Jack and Randy your experience will be missed in this County and we appreciate your service. Jack Ahola replied thank you very much; I am not going to be moving from town so I will still be around. I know it is a very difficult job you all have and you should be proud of the people that work for you. The only thing I am disappointed about in loosing these grants is that money is not coming into the County any more. Almost every dime of that was spent here. That did help with the local economy. Grants go away and some things work and others don't. We are now going to explore a Domestic Violence Program that I have talked to Mr. Wicklund and Chairman Dunn about getting that started. Hopefully the new States Attorney will also go after that endeavor. Jay Dunn stated you mentioned you may be losing a few people coming up to retirement or other reasons, I noticed that your salary line is down about \$150,000. So have you taken care of this? Jack Ahola replied we are losing people we are not firing anybody, but retirements or reassignments are going to take care of that. We are losing \$500,000 from our budget. Some of that money went to my people, but with retirements and reallocations of resources we are not asking for any extra money. On the Child Support line last year it was \$417,000 it came down because the State only paid us \$305,000 we have made sure that our benefits are covered. I had to transfer one of the employees out of that line item. The Judgment Fund has been increased the current tax amount available to \$500,000 and we have reduced the payments to Judgment to \$400,000. It says my budget is \$862,000 very little of that is my employees a lot of it is preparing for the worst case scenario with lawsuits against the County. I think Randy and Amy have talked about that, one of the big ones that are going to be due and I think we are going to be okay next year. Again if the money is not spent it goes right back to Judgment Funds. It's not like it is going to be spent if we do not have a lawsuit. We have managed the last eight years without having any huge lawsuits, which is thanks to Randy Waks. Kevin Greenfield stated the Judgment Fund is set up to pay. Jack Ahola stated expenses related to civil judgments, not criminal

judgments. Kevin Greenfield stated then the personnel you have being paid out of that, are they dealing just with the Judgment Fund issues? Jack replied the amount of salary out of that line item is a couple support staff and a few Attorneys, which is the closest to the amount of time they spend on civil cases. My Traffic Assistants will not be paid out of the Judgment Fund. Randy would be 150% probably, I deal with this all too often. Kevin Greenfield asked why Randy would be paid 100% out of Judgment. Jack Ahola replied because he does not do any criminal things. Kevin Greenfield stated I know but if it doesn't deal with a lawsuit based with the County. Jack Ahola stated or avoiding a lawsuit. Kevin Greenfield stated but he is doing County Business why would he be paid out of that. Jack Ahola replied it is a half dozen to one, I suppose I could ask for extra General Fund money but it seems to me that this is a better use of our overall funding. We have done this for years. Kevin Greenfield stated it seems to me, just looking in here, that it is a big pile of money for someone to go to for whatever they need. Jack Ahola replied you only spend what is given the authority to spend. I use 9% of the judgment payments that is good, I would rather use none. Kevin Greenfield stated now you have a State's Attorney Secretary a State's Attorney Assistant Attorney. Jack Ahola stated it has been that way for several years. Kevin Greenfield stated I understand that I am not saying that was right or wrong, but I guess my point was the Judgment Fund was set up for Judgment issues and it looks to me like we are, when the States Attorney gets a little low here then we just take it out of the Judgment Fund. Quite frankly with all due respect when we get a bill from like Ed Flynn you have billable hours for each case from the States Attorney. I do not know whether you use billable hours but there is no, it's just well it comes out of the Judgment Fund. Jack Ahola replied if you want to start, know what Ed Flynn's rate is. Randy Waks stated it is \$75 an hour. Jack Ahola stated we get a discount and of course he does all the negotiations and all that. Technically should that even be paid out of the Judgment Fund, if you want to go down that road? Kevin Greenfield stated that is a good question. Jack Ahola replied where you are going to end up with that. I do not know how much money is in the General Fund, but I would just assume take money where we have been taking it from. Instead of doing a mass change that is going to throw all the budgets off. Kevin Greenfield stated my argument would be that if it needs to come out of the General Fund that is where it ought to come out of, if the Judgment Fund is set up for Judgments that is what it ought to be for. Jack Ahola replied that in my opinion this is a legal use of the money. Kevin Greenfield asked if there was a chance Finance Committee could set a cap on the Judgment Fund and then anything over a certain amount the States Attorney would bring it to either the Finance Committee or wherever to have it approved. Is there a line where you can say, is it just an open checkbook or is there approval that you have to go through. Jack Ahola stated you have to have approval of the States Attorney to pay anything out of the Judgment Fund. If you have a Judgment tonight for 10 million dollars the County is going to have to pay it, even though you may only have \$400,000. That is just the fact of life. We try to avoid getting into that situation through good hiring practices and training so that you do not have that type of situation. We have got through the last eight years without a huge amount of Judgments so hopefully that has been money well spent. I would be glad to, if you guys want to take it out of the General Fund. I do not think that is quite fair to other offices at this point, since we have already presented our General Fund Budget. Kevin Greenfield stated the other offices do not have the luxury of having a Judgment fund to go to either. Jack Ahola replied other offices do not have to defend the County either. Kevin Greenfield stated we are spending \$140,000 for somebody else to do part of it too. Jack Ahola replied a lot of that is the labor negotiations. As far as I am concerned I think the County Board likes Ed Flynn's labor negotiations. I do not want to get bogged down on this but I don't particularly want my office negotiating with the Sheriff's Deputy's. That is always a bad sign because we are supposed to be on the same side. Jay Dunn asked the \$140,000 is not all Ed Flynn's bill is it? Jack Ahola replied no, anytime a contractual fee that we have to enter; I do not hire expert attorney's full time to do specific work. It would be a waste of money. Randy is kind of a Randy of all trades but he

doesn't know everything about bonding issues, Amy can speak to that. Several years ago we hired a Bonding Attorney out of the Judgment Fund to help guide us through that particular process. That saved the County millions, if you remember. Jay Dunn stated actual is only \$45,000 whenever this was made up. Jack Ahola Stated I do not spend money just because I have it, which is why it is kind of misleading. I do not have \$862,000 I am paying my Attorney's that is not even close to it. We are trying to keep track of it and I think the Auditor likes this particular thing. Kevin Greenfield stated you are paying \$260,000 in fringes, correct? Jack Ahola replied yes, health insurance because that is required by your rules that we pay fringes out anytime we have payroll. Amy Stockwell stated at the end of September we had paid \$74,000 on the contractual fees line. Another big one I can think of is the Attorney that is assisting us on the cable negotiations. Keith Ashby asked what negotiations. Amy Stockwell replied the cable television negotiations, franchise agreement. Kevin Greenfield stated maybe instead of a Judgment Fund we just need to call it the go to fund. Keith Ashby stated Kevin, what I am hearing is that you are having trouble with accountability is that it? Kevin Greenfield replied well we have \$350,000 of salaries coming out of there and I am not saying they are not just, but how do you know. Then we are paying Ed Flynn out of \$75,000. We are paying out more than we have in settlements. Jack Ahola stated I think that is a good thing, less settlements, a couple bad accidents are going to ruin that. Kevin Greenfield stated but if we are paying fewer settlements then we shouldn't pay so much in salaries. Jack Ahola replied it is crazy to pay millions of dollars in settlements that you could have avoided in the first place. Kevin Greenfield stated I totally agree with you, if we are paying are less in settlements then we shouldn't have as much in salaries, wouldn't you agree. Jack Ahola replied no because you need one or the other. If you ignore things they get bad, like a house you have to keep it maintained. We are trying to make the ship of the County as proper as possible. Kevin Greenfield replied but if you are paying more to have your car fixed you go buy a new car. Jack Ahola stated that depends on your overall budget. Kevin Greenfield stated that is my concern Mr. Chairman. Mark Wicklund asked in Judgment Fund there is an almost \$56,000 dollar increase in the States Attorney Secretary. Jack Ahola replied right we did some adjustments, I talked to Chairman and the Auditor about taking another position out of that because we had to remove one to pay a contract that we did not have to pay before for Fringes. I did not really like to do it but it helps the situation. Linda Little asked do you have job descriptions? Jack Ahola replied yes. On pages 5 and 6 referring to the lower right hand corner is merely in there to show that there are some Drug Funds that are controlled through the States Attorney's Office, similar to the Police and Sheriff's Departments. The next one should be the Child Advocacy Funding which is \$192,000 in and \$192,000 out. There is no General Fund money being paid for the Child Advocacy Center, it is funded on fees and grants. Underneath there is Hidden Victims, basically \$22,000 of revenue and \$22,000 of expenditures. That is a grant from AG and the 708 Board. Keith Ashby asked if that grant has been renewed for next year. Jack Ahola replied yes, I did not put anything in here unless it has been renewed. The contract is signed for the Child Support Division as well. CAC from the start is again revenue and expenses are identical. There should be no General Fund money in that either. On page 11 of 17 is the Computer Tracking Grant that is the end of one the Domestic Violence Grants there is just a little money in there, it will last maybe through December or January and it will be spent. So \$24,000 left and we will spend \$24,000. Page 12 of 17 Teen Court \$178,000 but we are spending more than is due because of the fund balance that Amy is helping us keep track of. We do not build up too many reserves but we need a copy machine and things like that to help the office. So that of course runs the Truancy Courts and more importantly the Teen Court which are very successful programs. There is no General Fund in their either. On page 13 is the DUI Grant little less this year than last they have got rid of the overtime and some of trainings and things like that but it does fund several people in our office. Jay Dunn asked if that was a Federal Grant or State. Jack Ahola replied it is Motor Fuel Tax so IDOT similar to the Court Service Dui Court

Grants. I do not know if the Sheriff still gets any kind of grant money from IDOT. The DUI's with a lot of attention have stabilized at least. We have not had as many as we used to. There are still several hundred DUI's and that is still not acceptable. Page 14 of 17 is Ty that Grant is gone and I am asking to keep her on. That was for Gun Violence. It was a three year grant and after watching it work it is worth keeping. I think that is one grant we defiantly want to keep a hold of. It helps our victims. The Behavioral Health Court Grant, the good news is that we still have money left. That is Grant from the Federal Government, it also includes some fees. We expect to get \$115,000 still left over and we are expecting to spend \$54,000 so that is going to last through April, then I believe that the 708 Board is working with some other offices and the County Board to take that over. That is the Mental Health Court portion of the Behavioral Health Court system that we have now. Page 16 of 17 is the Violence Against Women that grant went away also. I don't know if you have to keep showing this or if you can get rid of it. Amy Stockwell replied as long as there is history on the form. The final one is the most important one we have, it is the Adult Redeploy, if you look at your chart I have \$197,000 we get none or very little of that money. A little goes to States Attorney it supplements a few thousand dollars to help with some salaries. It does not pay for a full position. Most of it goes to Court Services, Community Restorative Boards, Spotlight, Recognition Therapy, and MRTs that they give. Today at the Protestants for the Common Good in Chicago we had a group present to the entire state. I think we are the best in the state. Don't you agree Lori? Lori Long replied absolutely. Jack Ahola stated the State promised Macon County if you send 1/4 of your non-violent offenders to prison in a year we will give you some money. If you don't do it then you owe us the money back. We managed to do that, we met our goal. It was 94 which means that we sent 3/4 of that went to prison and not mention the violent offenders. We are number one in the State sending people to prison per capita. That goes back to the poverty levels, the education levels, the other issues that the County has. We are trying to do something about it. The Adult Redeploy is to redeploy the money from the Department of Corrections back to the community. Instead of a prison guard in Centralia you will hire a Community Restorative Board member in Decatur to try and turn these people's lives around. A lot has to do with employment, drug issues, mental illness and everything you can think of. I think it is the way of the future and I urge my successor to keep applying for these grants because it is a very important thing to start to reduce the Department of Corrections population. Right now they come in and come out and nothing has changed. So the important thing is even with this going on for a year the crime rate did not go up. There is 94 more people walking the streets that are high risk and about to go to prison and they didn't go around committing a bunch of crimes. I think that is good thing. The Sheriff has enough people in jail as it is. The only thing that is really going to make a difference is a lot of hard work and cooperation between us and not only the Governmental offices but the local business like the Center and Dr. Normans group of actual neighborhood claiming there neighborhood again. I think it is a very exciting thing and whoever succeeds me I urge them to keep this program going. Keith Ashby asked on page 9 of 17 it is written on the bottom right hand side I noticed that Hospitalization hasn't been there before, did we just miss that in the past. How come we have \$23,000 that we have not had before? Jack Ahola replied I think there were two CACs that were all in one line before. We finally divided it up, before there were five or six employees that would be full time and we put them all on one in the beginning. I think the County General Fund paid that, they do not do that anymore so now they are divided up. So you have to refer to CAC 1 also, they are in the same building which is being dedicated at the end of the month. Keith Ashby stated I guess I don't quite understand that \$23,000 on line 6010 has been previously paid by other budget lines. Jack Ahola replied it was \$39,000 in FY 12 under Hospitalization on page 7 of 17. They have been divided up. Jay Dunn stated it went down \$15,924 on page 7 and went up \$23,000 the difference is 1 persons insurance. Keith Ashby agreed that clarifies it then. Jack Ahola stated this probably should have been done earlier but it think because of the different funding sources, because of

different grants and duties. CAC is more directed to the court system. Motion made by Jay Dunn to pass it on, seconded by Tim Dudley. Motion carried 6-1 (Linda Little).

No Public Comments

Old Business

Lori Long stated I just had a quick report out in your page number 5 of the Probation Budget. There is an update on our Juvenile Second Chance Reentry Grant it is not new money but we did receive approval from the Grantor to stretch our FY 12 into the State fiscal year 13. What you see reflected there is FY 12 dollars stretched through April of next year.

We have received news today that our Smart Probation Grant was not selected to receive funding. You may recall that this was the Grant application that we had submitted with the plan to resurrect part of the Domestic Violence Programs and services that were lost when the States Attorney's grants ended.

We still do not have an announcement from the State on our allocation. We keep being told that those are going to be coming out shortly so I expect that I will be coming to you with a budget modification request at some point in the near future.

A quick update the Juvenile Detention bed space RFPs that went out last week to seven Counties I have had three responses so far. Two were St. Clair and Peoria have expressed a lot of interest and I expect that we will be receiving formal proposals from them shortly. I have only heard from Knox County that they do not intend to apply and I have not heard from anybody else.

New Business:

Kevin Greenfield stated that in the future I would like to see maybe the Finance Committee or the Justice Committee look into the Judgment Fund and put some rules and regulations in there that need to be followed a little more openly. I think that several hundred thousand dollars in that fund and that they maybe need to be a little more accountable. Keith Ashby stated we need to charge the Judgment Committee with coming up with those rules. I will make sure that the Chairman of the Justice Committee is aware of that.

Keith Ashby stated I passed out to everybody this article that was in the paper yesterday "Tablet Computers may Save Coles County Money." This is not a question of how but a question of when it may be one or five years but one of these days we are going to stop killing so many trees.

No Closed Session

Adjourn:

Mark Wicklund made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kevin Greenfield. Motion Carried 7-0

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

The next Finance Meeting held at the Macon County Office Building will be Monday, October 29, 2012 at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by:
Amanda Askew
Macon County Highway Department