

JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING
September 26, 2013
3:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jay Dunn, Vice Chair
Jon Baxter
Gary Minich
David Drobisch
David Williams
Merv Jacobs

MEMBERS ABSENT

Greg Mattingley
Bill Oliver

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Jay Scott, State's Attorney
Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office
Judge A. G. Webber
Lt. Jon Butts, Sheriff's Dept
Jerry Lord, DPBC
Sheri Oleson, HR Specialist
Jim Root, EMA
Gary Glosser, Circuit Clerk's Office
Rodney Forbes, Public Defender
Kevin Bird, County Board member
Lori Long, Probation
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

This meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Jay Dunn at the Macon County Office Building.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

Motion to approve the minutes of prior meeting (August 22, 2013) made by Gary Minich, seconded by David Williams, and motion carried 6 -0.

CLAIMS

Motion to approve the claims and send them on to the Full Board made by David Drobisch, seconded by Gary Minich, motion carried 6-0.

REPORTS

Circuit Clerk

Gary Glosser had no report.

Circuit Court

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the Circuit Court's Budget for Attorney's Fees in Certain Appeals and for Expenses in Certain Appeals

Judge Webber explained that this should be the last time he comes before the committee in FY13 for this. This represents zeroing out of the account plus the amount to pay for the last two appeals for this year.

Motion to approve and forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee for consideration was made by David Williams, seconded by Gary Minich, and motion carried 6-0.

Coroner

No report

Court Services / Probation

Lori Long reported the last outstanding grant application from February of this year. It was for a Drug Court Enhancement Grant Federal Funding. There currently is a 3 year Drug Court Grant that is scheduled to end Sept 30, 2014. This grant that had been submitted in February was called enhancement, it was really being looked at to extend the Drug Court funding for another year. Unfortunately, we just found out yesterday we were not successful. The only jurisdiction in Illinois that received any funding was Cook County. They received two different awards for a total of \$400,000. Lori was not sure how many other Illinois jurisdictions applied, but Macon County was not successful. She explained that the way the current Drug Court funding runs, we are covered through the end of September of 2014. There will be a 2 month gap. They are convening as a team trying to figure out how that gap will be closed. When the projections for that two month period are looked at, it will probably take approximately \$17,000. It is the fire that is lighting the sustainability work that really needs to be done, not just with Drug Court, but with all specialty courts. They are going to be working on that, and probably inviting some of committee workers to join them, very diligently.

EMA

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for Macon County

Jim Root explained that this is a project that started in 2009 and is finally being completed.

Motion to recommend approval of the Plan and forward the resolution on to the Full County Board for consideration was made by David Drobisch, seconded by David Williams, and motion carried 6-0.

Public Building Commission

Jerry Lord had no report.

Public Defender

Rodney Forbes had no report.

Sheriff

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in FY2013 Sheriff Budget for Motorcycle

Lt. Butts explained that a \$24,000 donation had been received from a local, retired businessman who had seen the article about the first motorcycle that was donated and thought a second one would benefit the Sheriff's Department, which it would, in regards to safety issues and having another officer available to do certain details when the other officer is not available. This is a 2014 Harley Davidson very similar to the first one.

David Williams made a motion to approve sending the resolution on to the Finance Committee with the recommendation for approval, seconded by David Drobisch and motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in FY2013 Sheriff Budget for Community Outreach Funds

Lt. Butts explained that they had received a \$100,000 donation from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation to assist the Sheriff's Office in their community outreach activities within the Decatur / Macon County area. The Sheriff has ideas for this money and it would be used when appropriate and necessary in areas of social services such as the Boys & Girls Club, The Salvation Army, The OASIS Day Care Center, etc... that need assistance when it would help with crime prevention. If the Sheriff's Department felt the money could act as a deterrent or some type of education for crime prevention, this money would be used.

David Williams made a motion to approve sending the resolution on to the Finance Committee with the recommendation for approval, seconded by David Drobisch and motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Ground Lease Agreement for the Operation of a Law Enforcement Training Facility for Macon County Sheriff's Office

Lt. Butts explained this will allow the department to use the range for various training opportunities to help better train officers in advanced training techniques at no additional cost to the county. This is not an outdoor range. The range is in Macon County and it would be a state of the art indoor facility where the officers would receive the best training available.

David Drobisch made a motion to approve sending the resolution on to the Finance Committee with the recommendation for approval, seconded by David Williams and motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Changes in Fees Charged by the Macon County Sheriff Department

Lt. Butts explained that the requested increases in fees were identified by a local consulting firm who carefully analyzed them and upon review, it was decided that the increases would be in excess of the cost of the study and would be appropriate to compensate the county for the work being performed. Other counties that are similar in size have all been looked at and these fees would be comparable to the fees those other counties receive for the same types of services.

Gary Minich made a motion to approve sending the resolution on to the Finance Committee with the recommendation for approval, seconded by David Drobisch and motion carried 6-0.

State's Attorney

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the State's Attorney's Grant Fund ARI Budget for FY13

Mike Baggett explained that this is a situation, as with almost all state and federal grants, where the fiscal year is not concurrent with the county fiscal year. There always reaches the point each year where you have to do a reconciliation to account for the loss or change in a grant. In this case, the ARI grant that was in place at the time that FY13 started only ran through June 30 of this year. Final numbers have been received on the FY14 ARI grant from the State. This resolution seeks to incorporate the new numbers into the last 4 months of FY13.

Gary Minich made a motion to approve sending the resolution on to the Finance Committee with the recommendation for approval, seconded by Jon Baxter and motion carried 6-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Authorizing an Increase in the Children's Advocacy Center Fee

Mike Baggett explained that the Child Advocacy Center in Macon County is in a situation where they are underfunded by the fee that is assessed in felony, misdemeanor, petty and business class offenses. This is a result of the fact that the Illinois Supreme Court's Administrative Office informed Circuit Clerks that certain fees cannot be assessed in regular traffic tickets, specifically those that are paid through the mail or over the counter. The end result of that is a substantial diminishing of the amount of fees that the CAC receives from criminal cases. This resolution seeks to increase the fee from \$15 to the statutory maximum of \$30 in order to recoup some of the loss from not being able to assess it in most traffic offenses. This would help to alleviate some of the shortfall in the CAC budget, but it will not alleviate all of it. There is still a substantial difference in what is necessary to operate the center and what the center is currently receiving in these fees as well as through certain grants they receive. They are in process of seeking out additional revenue to make up for that shortfall as well.

David Williams made a motion to approve sending the resolution on to the Finance Committee with the recommendation for approval, seconded by Jon Baxter and motion carried 6-0.

CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT

None

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

CLOSED SESSION

None

NEXT MEETING

October 24, 2013

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Merv Jacobs, seconded by David Williams, motion carried 6-0, and meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham
Macon County Board Office