

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**February 27, 2014**  
**3:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Jay Dunn, Vice Chair  
Gary Minich  
Jon Baxter  
Bill Oliver  
Merv Jacobs

**COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Lt. Jon Butts, Sheriff's Dept  
Judge A. G. Webber  
Jay Scott, State's Attorney  
Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office  
Thomas Wheeler, Public Defender's Office  
Melanie Daly, Probation  
Amy Stockwell, Auditor  
Jerry Lord, DPBC  
Sherry Doty, Circuit Clerk's Office  
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Greg Mattingley  
Dave Drobisch

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 (January 23, 2014) made by Gary Minich, seconded by Bill Oliver, and motion carried 5-0.

**CLAIMS**

Motion to approve the claims as presented made by Bill Oliver, seconded by Gary Minich, motion carried 5-0.

**REPORTS**

***Circuit Clerk***

Sherry Doty reported that Pioneer has collected for us \$850,000 as of 2/20. That is for two years starting in March of 2012.

***Circuit Court***

Judge Webber reported that Judge Hugh Finson from Piatt County who had been covering and helping out since Judge White went to the Appellate Court has been reassigned to DeWitt County. Next week, there will be a rotating number of judges from Champaign two days a week helping out until the Judge White seat is filled. It will be a different judge about every day.

***Coroner***

No report.

***Court Services / Probation***

Melanie Daly reported that the grant proposal to IDOT has been submitted and unfortunately the State has let them know that they are not going to be funding at the same level that they have previously. We are looking to receive \$40,000 to maintain the DUI portion of the Hybrid Court.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> grant, the Drug Court Enhancement Grant, is due mid-March. The budget is not complete on that yet.

**EMA**

No report

**Public Building Commission**

Jerry Lord had no report.

**Public Defender**

Thomas Wheeler had no report

**Sheriff**

*Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in FY 2014 Sheriff Budget for Purchase of Weapons*

Lt. Butts explained that this is for \$20,000 received as part of the contract approved by the County Board in September to Consolidated Communications. \$30,000 was received at the time the agreement was signed. This resolution approves the second portion, this \$20,000 which is to be used for duty weapons and other equipment.

Motion to approve sending the resolution to the Finance Committee for consideration made by Bill Oliver, seconded by Jon Baxter. Gary Minich asked what the duty weapons and other might include. Lt. Butts said there could be special lights and things like that. Gary asked if the money would be put in some kind of a fund until the need arises. Lt. Butts said that could be the case. It has been deposited into misc??? and asked Amy Stockwell to clarify. Amy said it creates a budget item for the spending for the \$20,000 and if it is not used, it will have to be re appropriated next year. Gary asked if, right now, we don't know if we are going to spend the \$20,000 specifically. Lt. Butts said they have been given a quote from the Ray O'Herron Company for 50 new duty weapons like they have now. These are about \$20,000 minus trade ins which would make it a little bit less so there should be a little bit of money left. The motion carried 5-0.

*Macon County Board Resolution Approving a Contract Between the Macon County Sheriff's Department and the Decatur Public Building Commission*

Lt. Butts explained that this would be a 50/50 agreement between both offices for a full time court security officer for the County Office Building. The 50% from the Sheriff's Office would be \$18,846.58. The same amount or 50% would be paid by the Building Commission.

Motion to forward the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval made by Gary Minich, seconded by Jon Baxter, and motion carried 5-0.

*Macon County Board Resolution Recognizing April 2014 as "National Donate Life Month"*

Lt. Butts explained that "Donate Life" is a very important issue in our Country, not only in the State of Illinois. There are approximately 5,000 people in the State of Illinois waiting for donated

organs and about 100,000 nationwide. This is a resolution that the County Board has passed the last several years recognizing the month of April as National Donate Life Month.

Motion to approve forwarding the resolution on to the full board with recommendation for approval made by Merv Jacobs, seconded by Bill Oliver and motion carried 5-0.

***State's Attorney***

Jay Scott had no report.

**CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

**OLD BUSINESS**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

None

**CLOSED SESSION –**

Gary Minich made a motion, seconded by Bill Oliver to go to closed session pursuant to State Statute Section 2 (c) (3) of the Open Meetings Act with respect to the appointment of a person to fill an appointed position. Motion carried 5-0.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, March 27, 2014

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Bill Oliver, seconded by Merv Jacobs, motion carried 5-0, and meeting adjourned at 3:22p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, County Board Office.