

## JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING

June 26, 2014

3:00 P.M.

### MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg Mattingley, Chair  
Jay Dunn  
Merv Jacobs  
Jon Baxter  
Gary Minich  
Matt Brown  
David Drobisch  
Bill Oliver Present 3:10PM

### MEMBERS ABSENT

### COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Lt. Jonathan Butts, Sheriff Dept.  
Lois Durbin, Circuit Clerk  
Judge Webber, Circuit Court  
Pat Berter, Probation  
Jay Scott, State's Attorney  
Rodney Forbes, Public Defender's Office  
Sheriff Tom Schneider  
Jerry Lord, DPBC  
Amy Stockwell, Auditor  
Carol Reed, Deputy Auditor  
Sherri Wallace, HR Specialist  
Judge Paine  
Angie Sarver, County Board Office

This meeting was called to order by Chair Greg Mattingley at the Macon County Office Building. He asked everyone to speak up as much as they can due to poor audio in the DBPC Conference Room.

### APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

Motion to approve the minutes of prior meeting (May 22, 2014) made by Dave Drobisch, seconded by Jay Dunn, and motion carried 7-0.

### CLAIMS

Motion to approve the claims as presented made by Gary Minich, seconded by Matt Brown, motion carried 7-0.

### REPORTS

#### *Circuit Clerk*

Lois Durbin had no report

#### *Circuit Court*

#### *Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the Circuit Court's FY 14 Budget for Expenses Fees in Certain Appeals*

Judge Webber said this resolution is needed to increase his budget line for (SDP) Sexually Dangerous Person. He wanted to point out that this bill first went to the Public Defender's Office and it was not a Public Defender case; it was a private counsel case, but the Statute said that County shall pay for the examination; makes no distinction between private counsel cases and Public Defender's cases. Dave Drobisch made the motion to approve, seconded by Jon Baxter. Motion Carried and passed onto Finance (7-0).

**Coroner –**  
None

***Court Services / Probation –***

***Macon County Board Resolution Amending the Probation's FY14 Budget***

Pat Berter said this resolution is needed to increase his budget. Currently there are 14 individuals housed in the Juvenile Detention Facility in Peoria County. As of this date, \$70,000 has been paid in overage to Peoria County for housing juveniles. With Lori Long retiring and if his position is not filled that will save the department \$35,000. He would like to take those savings and put with their contractual line item to cover these expenses. That will not cover the gap for the entire year. He and Lori Norfleet have been going through their line items trying to project through the end of the year to see where they are at.

Jay Dunn asked how many beds that are contracted. Mr. Berter said 5. He said the individuals they have in there are for murder, attempted murder, armed violence. He stated these individuals need to be in there for public safety. Dave Drobisch made the motion to approve, seconded by Matt Brown. Motion Carried and passed onto Finance (7-0).

***EMA-***

Lt Butts stated no reports.

***Public Building Commission –***

Jerry Lord had no report

***Public Defender -***

Rodney Forbes distributed his monthly report and explained it was a good month for them last month. A total of 352 open cases and closed 360 cases. Most of these cases were felonies and misdemeanor type cases. Traffic cases were slightly increased. The DUI Drug Court participants have dropped significantly from the previous month. He said there has been referral made to drug court, so he is expecting an increase.

Mr. Forbes stated that Mr. Scott has accepted the "Game Changer Award" for the Macon County Drug Court. This was presented by NAACP. This was in recognition for their outstanding services provided to non-violent offenders in helping them overcome drug addictions and in keeping the community safe. He said their steering committee would like this plaque be hung in the Macon County Board Office. He said Macon County Board is primarily responsible in helping maintain this program. He presented this award to Board Chairman Dunn. Mr. Dunn thanked them. Mr. Forbes stated this is an excellent program. He said funds are running out and they are looking for ways to sustain it. A sustainability committee meeting is scheduled for July 7, 2014.

Mr. Forbes stated yesterday the Macon County Juvenile Justice Council held a public forum at Eisenhower High School. He said Chairman Dunn and Mr. Baxter attended. He felt it was a success and positive experience. He gave a brief summary of the events and speakers at the event.

Mr. Forbes said the County made it available to officer holders to attend the Leadership Academy at U of I in Champaign. It is held one Saturday per month through October. He wanted to thank the County for this opportunity. It has been a good experience.

Chair Mattingley asked where the sustainability meeting is going to be held. Mr. Forbes stated in 7A.

Chair Mattingley asked what the reason for the drop in numbers was for Drug Court. Mr. Forbes said this stood out to him, so he checked it out; and feels it is partly termination and partly graduate. He commented they need to do little better job on the data collection.

### ***Sheriff***

#### ***Macon County Board Resolution Accepting Generous Donation for a Driving Under the Influence Enforcement Officer and Associated Equipment***

Lt Butts said this grant will be for a four year period and funded by the Howard G Buffet Foundation. It is for a four year term with no obligation to maintain the position after that. This will include the vehicle and all the related equipment for the vehicle and the officer. Total cost would be \$401, 602. 66. He said they do not have a full time alcohol enforcement officer. The State funds only have of it. This grant will enable them to have a full time alcohol enforcement officer for four years to patrol County streets and highways for suspected drug drivers.

Mr. Dunn stated the numbers are not matching. The resolution states \$436,602.66. Lt Butts confirmed the amount on the resolution is correct. Lt Butts asked for this to be approved and sent onto finance. Dave Drobisch made the motion to approve, seconded by Jay Dunn. Motion Carried and passed onto Finance. (7-0).

#### ***Macon County Board Resolution Accepting Generous Donation for a Drug Interdiction Agent Position and Equipment***

Lt Butts said this resolution is also funded by the Howard G Buffet Foundation at 100% for four years for a Drug Interdiction Officer. This will include his full salary and benefits. It will include the vehicle, the K-9 itself, and all the equipment. A total cost of \$456,080.77.

Matt Brown made the motion to approve, seconded by Dave Drobisch. Motion Carried and passed onto Finance. (7-0).

### ***State's Attorney***

Jay Scott thanked Mr. Dunn and Mr. Baxter for attending the public forum yesterday. He said it was a success; and it helps when people like them come and show interest from the community and county government.

***Macon County Board Resolution Accepting Generous Donation for an Elder Victims Crime Unit Investigator and Associated Equipment***

Mr. Scott said this is also funded by the Howard Buffet Foundation for a total of \$360,000; \$320,000 for salary and benefits and \$40,000 for a vehicle. He said there is enough work here for a full time position.

Bill Oliver asked if there is an officer right now. Mr. Scott said they have 3 investigators in the office. One of the investigators volunteered to take over the Elderly Crime Victims Unit. This investigator also has other duties, and this will help free him up to investigate these types of cases.

Dave Drobisch made the motion to approve, seconded by Bill Oliver. Motion Carried and passed onto Finance (8-0).

***Macon County Board Resolution Approving Budget Amendments for State's Attorney Office for Teen Court and New Grant Funds***

Jay Scott said that Mr. Baggett is still working with the Auditor's Office for the correct amount, and it might change slightly. This is for additional funds coming in from grants for the Teen Court.

Jon Baxter made to motion to approve, seconded by Dave Drobisch. Motion Carried and pass onto Finance. (8-0)

**CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT –**

Jon Baxter stated he will be making the tour again, July 31<sup>st</sup> from 10-12. The tour will start with Lois Durbin's area, then Public Defenders, State's Attorney and Probation.

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** - None

**CLOSED SESSION** – None needed

**NEXT MEETING** - Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup>, 2014. This meeting will be held back in the County Board Office.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Gary Minich, seconded by Dave Drobisch, motion carried 8-0, and meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Angie Sarver, County Board Office.*