

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**January 22, 2015**  
**3:00 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Greg Mattingley  
Jon Baxter  
Merv Jacobs  
Matt Brown  
Jay Dunn  
Bill Oliver

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Dave Drobisch

**COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Jerry Lord, DPBC  
Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office  
Rodney Forbes, Public Defender  
Jay Scott, State's Attorney  
Lois Durbin, Circuit Clerk  
Carol Reed, Auditor  
Pat Berter, Probation Director  
Judge Webber – Courts  
Sheriff Schneider  
Lt. Jon Butts – Sheriff's Dept

Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

The meeting was called to order by Chair Greg Mattingley at the Macon County Office Building.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING**

Merv Jacobs made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 23, 2014 meeting, seconded by Matt Brown and motion carried 6-0.

**CLAIMS**

Bill Oliver made a motion to approve the report of the claims as submitted, seconded by Matt Brown, and the motion carried 6-0.

**REPORTS**

***Circuit Clerk -***

**Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Circuit Clerk's Op & Administration Fund Budget for FY2015**

Lois Durbin explained that this is for an update on their system. Both of the systems are outdated. The normal life on these systems is 3 to 5 years. The current system is 6 years old. The Disaster Recovery system is quite a bit older than that. The last time bids were sought, it was over \$200,000. Now, the upgrade is \$84,130.62. Over the years the Disaster Recovery System has been located in this building and if something would happen to the middle of Decatur, there would not be a backup. Lois explained that she had checked into moving it away from Macon County and decided it should be moved north so that if something happens to Decatur, there would still be a backup. The fee for that is about \$30,000.

Greg Mattingley asked what that would leave the fund balance at. Lois said if she took this out right now, there would be about \$100,000, but that's not including what is budgeting through the year. That will be another \$40,000 so it would be down to about \$60,000. Greg asked if there was a set amount that Lois tried to keep. Lois said that with this fund, someone pays a fee or fine

and she gets a percentage like 1% here or maybe 2% there. She said she never knows how much she'll get in a year's time. She just takes an educated guess at budget time.

Lois was asked how long it would take to get the project done. Lois said the stuff was on order and will be in next week. Two of the batteries for the upgrade have already come in. The preliminary work for it has been started this week.

Jay Dunn asked why they would spend \$30,000 to move the backup outside of Macon County. Lois said that if something would happen to Macon County, the courts wouldn't work, the Circuit Clerk's office wouldn't work. Everything would come to a standstill. Most counties have their backup in a different county or even in another state. Jay commented that if a major problem occurred, there'd be more problems than just holding a trial. Lois said there was an option for high availability which would mean we'd be up and running in hours, but we're not doing that. This option would take maybe 2 days to get up and running.

Bill Oliver made a motion to pass the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Merv Jacobs and the motion carried with 5 votes in favor and Jay Dunn voting no.

#### *Circuit Court –*

Judge Webber reported that the new judge, Phoebe Bowers, would be sworn in Friday morning at 9 a.m. in Courtroom 3A. Everyone is invited to attend. It is a public event.

Judge Webber reported that they are completing the renovation of Courtroom 1 after working on the project for a couple of months. He complimented Jerry Lord and the DPBC crew. They did it while court was going on. Operations did not have to be moved. It was all done in-house very professionally, skillfully and as expeditiously as possible. It has increased the use in Courtroom 1. The jury box and jury room have been taken out because it is not used for juries, increased public seating and the Clerk's office space in the back. All of this was done on weekends, holidays and after hours. He thanked Jerry and his crew on his own & on Judge Geisler's behalf, whose courtroom it is, for the good work they did. He said it really helped them out.

Judge Webber reported that SB59 had been introduced to roll back the juror pay increase. He said he did not know what the politics were, but he did know that it was introduced by the same Senator that introduced the original bill. He said he thought it might be good to draw this to the attention of the Legislative Committee. He said that the Clerk's Association has had their lobbyists working on this. He said support is vital. Lois Durbin added that the Clerks have been asked to go through their records for the last fiscal year to see how much they've spent on juries as far as how much they were paid, how many days they were in session, how many trials there were, how much money was collected for the jury demand fee, etc... Macon County people paid \$26,000 in jury demand fees. There are a couple of clerks who are compiling the information and will present it to the sponsor of this bill to show how much it is going to hurt the counties. She said she heard that they are trying to get civil trials down to 6 person jury rather than 12. In Macon County, there were 6 one day traffic trials, 58 criminal trials and 5 civil last year. The bulk is criminal which is going to be the 12 person jury.

***Coroner – No Report***

***Court Services / Probation –***

Pat Berter reported that the contract negotiations were held last Friday. He said he thought that it is settled. The staff votes next Wednesday. He said he appreciated Jay Dunn, Kevin Greenfield & Ed Flynn for helping out with it, especially since this was his first time. He said he thought it would be a good contract once finalized and he said he would bring it to the Justice Committee for review.

***EMA- No Report***

***Public Building Commission –  
Jerry Lord had no report***

***Public Defender –***

Rodney Forbes explained his monthly report saying that the trend seen the last couple of months is continuing. There has been a reduction in overall felony cases. In December, a total of 104 felony cases were opened and only 80 were closed, but the total number shows 263 opened and 265 closed. Last year's total numbers started going up around June, July, Aug & Sep.

No Juvenile Delinquency cases were closed in December. Mental Health & Abuse / Neglect cases went up. Those were the major differences for the month. There were 43 in Drug Court and 19 in DUI. There were 16 mental health court participants and that number has gone up this month with 3 or 4 referrals in the last week or two. There were 6 Shelter Care Hearings with 19 attorneys and there were 6 detention hearings.

***Sheriff –***

Sheriff Schneider asked if the committee would like for him to present each individually or present all, answer questions and then they can vote on all at one time. Chair Mattingley asked him to do one vote for all.

***Macon County Board Resolution Approving Donation of Ballistic Vests***

The current vests are expiring and need to be traded out, so these are a necessity.

***Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in the General Fund for Radios***

Sheriff Schneider said this involves radios in the jail for transmission for the Correctional Officers

***Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the Sheriff's FY2015 Budget***

This involves the increase due to the Command Officers contract.

***Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in the General Fund for Body Cameras***

Body Cameras have been the subject that everyone has been hearing about recently and this would provide a body camera for every officer that is out in the field.

### **Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in the General Fund for Tasers**

Tasers are changing. The first ones have gone into the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> generation and now they are becoming obsolete and they are going to another type of taser. He said they are moving ahead and equipping the officers with new tasers and trading out the old.

### **Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in the General Fund for Detective Vehicles**

This is a vehicle the officers can respond to in the Detective Bureau. We had this a long time ago and now have the opportunity to replace that without cost to the taxpayer.

### **Macon County Board Resolution Approving Donation of Vehicle**

Sheriff Schneider said this vehicle has already been purchased and will be turned over to the Sheriff's office.

All of these donations are from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation.

Greg Mattingley asked why on some resolutions, the donations go into miscellaneous expense and other just say miscellaneous. For example the ones for the radios and the tasers show the increased revenue and then miscellaneous equipment. Some of the others show the increased revenue and then miscellaneous expense. Carol Reed said that some were cash donations and some are the actual items.

Bill Oliver asked if the new radios would fall under the new compliance narrow banding. Sheriff Schneider confirmed saying they are two way radios to be used upstairs. They are Kenwood type and will meet the specifications required by the narrow banding.

Bill Oliver made a motion to consider and vote on all 7 resolutions with one vote, seconded by Jon Baxter and motion carried 6-0.

Jon Baxter made a motion to pass the 7 resolutions on to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Matt Brown and motion carried 6-0.

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

### **Macon County Board Resolution Amending the State's Attorney's Fy2014 Grant Fund Budget (Adult Redeploy Illinois) (Year End Cleanup Resolution)**

Mike Baggett explained that this deals with the fact that the County has a different fiscal year than the State.

Jay Dunn made a motion to pass the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Bill Oliver and motion carried 6-0.

**Macon County Board Resolution Amending the State's Attorney's FY2015 Grant Fund Budget (Child Advocacy Center) to Accept New Grant**

Mike Baggett explained that this is a \$20,000 grant from the Ulrich Foundation for the purpose of providing therapy services to victims.

Jay Dunn made a motion to pass the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Matt Brown and motion carried 6-0.

**Macon County Board Resolution Amending the State's Attorneys FY2015 Grant Fund (Teen Court) in Recognition of a New Donation**

Mike Baggett explained that this is a donation from the Community Foundation in the amount of \$13,500.

Jay Dunn made a motion to pass the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Jon Baxter and motion carried 6-0.

**Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in State's Attorney's 708 Grant Fund for FY15**

Mike Baggett explained that this reflects the fact that they were notified after the FY15 budget was finalized that the amount of their donation went up to \$19,000 for the year.

Jay Dunn made a motion to pass the resolution on to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval, seconded by Matt Brown and motion carried 6-0.

**CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT** – None

**OLD BUSINESS** - None

**NEW BUSINESS** – None

**CLOSED SESSION** – None

**NEXT MEETING** – Thursday, February 26, 2015

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn made by Bill Oliver, seconded by Matt Brown, motion carried 6-0, and meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office