

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

MEMBERS PRESENT

Greg Mattingley
Grant Noland
Jay Dunn
Dave Drobisch
Matt Brown

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jon Baxter
Bill Oliver

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Lt. Jon Butts, Sheriff's Dept
Jerry Lord, DPBC
Judge Diamond, Courts
Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office
Carol Reed, Auditor
Pat Berter, Probation
Sheri Wallace, HR
Lois Durbin, Circuit Clerk
Mike Day, Coroner
Kevin Greenfield, County Board Chairman
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

Mr. Dunn made a motion to approve the minutes from the September 24, 2015 meeting, seconded by Mr. Brown and motion carried 5-0.

CLAIMS

Mr. Drobisch made a motion to approve the report of the claims as submitted, seconded by Mr. Brown and the motion carried 5-0.

REPORTS

Circuit Clerk –

Ms. Durbin reported that the new credit collection agency is doing very well. They have collected from one defendant, \$33,018 with \$25,000 of that being restitution. In less than one month, they have collected over \$50,000 total.

Macon County has been approved by the Supreme Court for the E-Plea / E-Guilty where defendants can go on –line and plead guilty and pay on “may appear” tickets. The E-Citation application is being done now. The vendor, Digitickets and the City of Decatur, the Police Department and the County are working on that quote.

Ms. Durbin said she is also working on the Enrollment of the I-Drop program, which is the Illinois Deposit for the Debt Recovery Program which involves any money that anyone would get from the state, whether it is a paycheck if they are a state employee or a tax refund. If we get enrolled by the first of the year, we will be able to do some tax refunds on that. Chair Mattingley asked if that means toglom onto them if they owe they owe the County money. Ms. Durbin explained that once they do that, there is a 60 day period where they can challenge withholding that refund or any monies from the State of Illinois. Champaign County started this last year and they brought in

over \$300,000 last year and so far this year, they are at \$526,000 from that. Ms. Durbin said they are working on that now. Chair Mattingley commented that that is encouraging.

Circuit Court –

Judge Diamond had no report

Coroner –

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY15 Coroner's Budget

Mr. Day explained that they have undertaken quite a number of autopsies, transportations, etc... and virtually every line except the salary lines, which are restricted, are pretty well down. At this point, they are asking for an increase in expenditures of \$24,013.20. That will be made up from increased revenue of \$10,000 from the Coroner's fees and from the Restricted Fund Balance for Coroner's fees which was established a few years ago by public act. There is a residual of \$14,013.20 there. Chair Mattingley asked if that would pull the Restricted Fund Balance down to zero. Ms. Reed confirmed that it would be zero. Mr. Day went on to say that that had been established when they increased the Coroner's fees for the first time in about 25 years. The fees are set by State Statute. He commented that occasionally, other offices will draft resolutions to raise or lower fees, but that is not conceivable because the State Statute sets the Coroner's fees. When they did that, they established the restricted fund for special projects or unusual expenditures. That is what has been left over in the past few years, but it will now be down to zero.

Motion to approve forwarding to Finance Committee with recommendation for approval made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Drobisch and the motion carried 5-0.

Court Services / Probation –

Mr. Berter had no report

EMA- no report

Public Building Commission –

Mr. Lord had no report

Public Defender –no report

Sheriff –

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Needed Services for the Macon County Sheriff's Office, Mental Health, Juvenile Monitoring and Detention and Drug Dependency Counseling

Lt. Butts explained that they have received a generous donation of up to \$2.5 million from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation to combat mental health issues, juvenile detention and monitoring issues, and illegal drug dependency counseling in Macon County. This is a multi-faceted program where the Sheriff's Office will oversee and administer multiple programs which will allow the office to provide the necessary care and needed supervision, critical needed treatment for

individuals that are in immediate need for drug treatment, mental health treatment and juveniles who are in more intense supervision, monitoring and accountability. They will closely work with the Macon County Probation Department. The program will provide the needed alternative for incarcerated adult offenders in the Macon County Corrections Facility thus reducing the overall costs to operating the county's correction facility and will offer both in-patient and out-patient counseling and approved treatment programs. Juvenile Delinquency intervention is seen as a valuable alternative to allowing habitual serious juvenile offenders to avoid detention, but to be supervised and monitored by electric devices under Macon County Probation supervision officers. The design and budget of these pro-active programs is currently under careful and thorough development in order for it to be successful, objective and make a positive impact in our community.

Mr. Dunn said that his understanding is that currently there is a contract with Peoria where some of our clients are housed. He said he thought that transportation was provided by them under that contract. He asked if they only come back to Macon County for court stuff and if they have mental health or other issues, if that is taken care of in Peoria. Mr. Berter explained that Peoria does provide counseling there, but what is being talked about here is for when they are transitioned back, a lot of those kids are not detained except for a night or two and when they come back they need services.

Motion to approve forwarding to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval made by Mr. Drobisch, seconded by Mr. Dunn and motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the Sheriff's FY2016 Budget

Lt. Butts explained that at the Macon County Board October meeting, a contract was approved between the Sheriff's Office, the County of Macon and the Fraternal Order of Police that represents the police officers. Appropriations are now necessary to the FY16 budget for additional revenues of \$171,866.30 for the Correctional Officers, \$13,761.05 for the Correctional Officer Corporals, \$11,669.21 for Holiday Pay and \$30,000 for Coats that were negotiated through the contract for the officers as they do a lot of transports for federal prisoners so they will have uniformed coats to make them identifiable in the field.

Motion to approve forwarding to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval made by Mr. Drobisch, seconded by Mr. Dunn and motion carried 5-0.

Macon County Board Resolution Approving "Me Too Clause" for Correctional Officer Sergeants Increase in Appropriations in the Sheriff's FY2016 Budget

Lt. Butts explained that this is collective bargaining agreement with the Correctional Sergeants where the revenue in the CO Sergeants line would be increased by \$4,656.22.

Chair Mattingley asked if this is because the bargaining under the other thing that catches the correctional officers and the corporals somehow does not include the sergeants. Lt. Butts said they

are represented by two different unions. There are currently 3 positions, a correctional sergeant on each shift.

Mr. Dunn pointed out that the figures in the “Whereas” statement and the figures in the “Resolved” statement do not agree. Lt. Butts said it is a typo and will be corrected prior to the Finance Committee meeting.

Motion to approve forwarding to the Finance Committee with recommendation for approval made by Mr. Dunn, seconded by Mr. Drobisch and motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Dunn asked how many sergeants there are. Lt. Butts said there are 3 positions, but currently only 2 are filled. One left the earlier part of this year and the position has not yet been filled. Mr. Dunn asked if it was going to be filled. Lt. Butts said he thought that was the plan. There is a Deputy Sergeant that works each shift, there is a Correctional Officer Sergeant, but we are right now at 2 positions filled and one open. There should be one on each shift. Mr. Dunn said he thought that as people retired or whatever the positions were being eliminated through attrition. Lt. Butts said that was a possibility, but wasn’t aware of what the future plans were, but they do fill in for the Deputy Sergeants when they are off and they act as administrator and front line supervisor for the jail. Mr. Dunn asked that Lt. Butts check with the Sheriff because during negotiations, that was discussed and he thought the long term plan was, through attrition, to do away with the Sergeant position.

State’s Attorney’s Office-

Mr. Baggett had no report

CITIZEN REMARKS – PUBLIC COMMENT –None

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS – None

CLOSED SESSION – None

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, November 24, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Drobisch, seconded by Mr. Brown, the motion carried 5-0, and meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office