

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEETING
January 24, 2019 @ 3:00 P.M.**

NO QUORUM / NO MEETING / NO VOTES

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jay Dunn
Jim Gresham
Verzell Taylor

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bill Oliver
Debra Kraft
Dave Drobisch
Greg Mattingley

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

David Ellison, Public Defender
Mike Baggett, State's Attorney's Office
Pat Berter, Probation
Judge Webber
Lt. Jim Root, EMA
Lois Durbin, Circuit Clerk's Office
Jon Perona, PBC
Mike Day, Coroner
Lt. Jon Butts, Sheriff's Dept
Robert Bellah, IT
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

Vice Chairman Dunn announced that a quorum was not present. The committee members that were present would hear reports and resolutions would need to be taken straight to the Finance Committee.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PRIOR MEETING

Quorum not present / minutes not approved

CLAIMS

Quorum not present / claims not approved

REPORTS

Circuit Clerk –

Ms. Durbin reported that she had attended a meeting on the expungement summit which will take place February 2. She said they are all ready to go and the hope is that people will show up. Richland has been awesome to work with. They have donated a lot of time and rooms.

Effective March 1st, the Circuit Clerk office hours will be 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. like all the other offices. Right now, it is 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and with all the cuts in staff, it's getting too hard to staff that extra time.

Circuit Court –

Judge Webber commented that he had been speaking with Ms. Durbin prior to the meeting about a seminar she is attending the first part of February about the Fee Standardization Act throughout the state to find out what it will mean to us and get more specifics because everyone is concerned about what fees will be affected and what it will do to the programs. Hopefully, at the next meeting, they will have a better idea of what fees will be reduced and what will not be reduced.

All of the Associate Judges have requested reappointment. That is not until this summer, but there will be a stable group of judges for the future.

Pure speculation, but over the last 4 years, the Supreme Court budget has been flat and a large part of the Probation funding comes through the Administrative Office which is part of the Supreme Court. Whether the new administration will take a different view of that is unknown, but if there is an increase as opposed to flat funding, possibly some of Probation's funding problems may be resolved to some degree. He said we can only cross our fingers on that because nothing has been heard from Springfield.

Coroner –

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increase in Appropriations in the FY18 Coroner's Budget

Mr. Day explained that they had a shortfall in their FY18 budget. He said the office tries to keep things under control as much as possible, but sometimes things out of their control happen.

Quorum not present /no votes – resolution will be presented to Finance Committee

Court Services / Probation –

Mr. Berter explained that the conversion process they've been going through from the existing system, Tracker to Tyler Technologies, has run into some difficulties with the Tracker vender. He said he has spoken with Mr. Baggett and Mr. Bellah (IT) about it. Because of intellectual properties and agreements, they are balking at how the information or the case management data will be transferred. He said he has been on the phone with both the old and new vendors and he has talked it over with Mr. Bellah. They are monitoring the situation, but he said he hates to continue fighting with the vender over the information. It is almost to where the office will just put the information into Tyler instead of any type of conversion. It might save some money, but they are not sure. They've asked Tracker how much the conversion could cost, but they won't even give estimates. He said that as the process progresses, he will keep the committee updated. Mr. Dunn asked if Tyler had ever run into this before with Tracker. Mr. Berter said Tyler has never converted any Tracker information before. Madison County is in the process of making the same conversion and are running into the same issues.

Emergency Management Agency –

Lt. Root reported that the storm spotter training is coming up. It will be at Richland Community College and is done with the National Weather Service on March 12 @ 6 p.m. contingent on the National Weather Service being back up and running by then.

The Illinois Plan for Radiological Accident Exercises which is the Clinton Nuclear Power plant exercise. This is a FEMA graded exercise and will be held on March 19th. It is an all day event.

Public Building Commission – Mr. Perona had no report

Public Defender's Office –

Mr. Ellison announced that a new attorney has recently been hired and the office is now back up to full strength once she starts on February 4th. She is fresh out of law school and will be handling traffic and juvenile abuse and neglect cases. He said they would be doing some shifting around to make certain everything is covered.

Sheriff's Department –

Macon County Board Resolution Approving Donation from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation to the FY19 Overtime Fund

Lt Butts explained that this \$75,000 money in / money out. There are 5 -6 deputies that work felony warrants. This does not come out of general fund or LEST and the department would not be able to do these detailed things if it were not for the donation.

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Macon County Board Resolution Approving Increaser in Appropriations in the Sheriff's FY19 Budget

Lt. Butts explained that since 2013, the Buffett Foundation has given the office funds for the Community Outreach Grant. It allows the office to give money to schools and social organizations that involve children and young adults. It was not appropriated in the FY19 budget. There is \$161,759.57 in the fund. In future budgets, about \$15,000 to \$16,000 will be appropriated and the lump sum should last about 10 years.

Quorum not present /no votes – resolution will be presented to Finance Committee

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 Thursday, February 28, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

Quorum not present /no votes - no meeting held – no need to adjourn

Notes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board Office