

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
MACON COUNTY BOARD**



**JANUARY 12, 2023**

**Kevin Greenfield  
Chairman**

**Josh Tanner  
Clerk**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Sheriff and State's Attorney present.

The Roll Call showed all members present with the exception of Mr. Horve, Mrs. Kraft, and Mr. Oliver.

Mr. Entler led the members in prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 05, 2022 AND  
DECEMBER 08, 2022 MEETINGS**

**MOTION**

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Mattingley to approve the minutes of the December 05, 2022 and December 08, 2022 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board.

**ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Coleman, Entler, Goodman, Greenfield, Hogan, Kreke, Lerner, Little, Mattingley, Noland, Scott, Yoder

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 12**

**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

There were no zoning or subdivision issues presented at the meeting.

**B. CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter from DIRECTV regarding U-Verse TV pricing increases.

**REPORTS**

Sheriff's Report – December, 2022

Treasurer's Fund Report – November 2022

Treasurer's Fund and Investment Report – December 2022

Collector's Report – November & December 2022

Coroner's Report – October & November 2022

Recorder's Annual Report – December 2021 through November 2022  
County Clerk Annual Report - Fiscal Year 2022

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Mattingley to approve the Correspondence and Report by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**1. CLAIMS**

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Kreke to approve the claims by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**C. APPOINTMENTS**

**2. Resolution G-5481-01-23 – Appointments/Reappointments to the Emergency Telephone System Board**

Designee of City Mayor    Scott Wrighton, One Gary K. Anderson Plaza, Decatur, IL 62523  
Term Expires: February 2027

Jim Ohl, 1415 N. Water St., Decatur, IL 62522  
Term Expires: February 2027

Thomas Williams, 4160 Mt. Auburn Rd., Decatur, IL 62521  
Term Expires: February 2027

Jacob Fever, 15899 Belfry Dr., Bloomington, IL 61705  
Term Expires: February 2024

**MOTION**

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Lerner to approve Resolution G-5481-01-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Resolution G-5502-01-23 – Appointment to Macon County Health Board

Marsha Webb, 193 W. Eckhardt St., Macon, IL 62544  
Term Expires: May 31, 2026

**MOTION**

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Kreke to approve Resolution G-5502-01-23 by prior roll call vote.

**QUESTION:**

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman asked if the chairman could tell him a bit about Marsha Webb.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he could, Mr. Entler or the County Administrator could tell him about her as well. Mr. Greenfield said Ms. Webb is from Macon and just started working in the Circuit Clerk's Office. He said she is a certified.... Mr. Greenfield asked Ms. Webb to step forward and tell them all of her qualifications. He knew that she is certified in several things and he didn't want to mess it up.

Ms. Webb: Ms. Webb said she started in Fire and Rescue in 1985. She is a licensed National Lead Instructor to teach EMS from first responder through the paramedic level. She served on volunteer fire departments starting in 1985. She is a State certified fire fighter. Ms. Webb serves as a Macon County EMA Storm Spotter. She has several certifications through the fire service and emergency management. She has written emergency plans for school districts, nursing homes, and grain elevators. Ms. Webb was also certified through the State Fire Marshal's office as a driver engineer. She also worked for Decatur Ambulance as a medic on the street for several years.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**AD HOC COMMITTEE**

4. Mr. Coleman presented Resolution G-5483-01-23 which is approving police dog retirement and transfer of ownership.

**MOTION**

Mr. Coleman moved, seconded by Mrs. Lerner to approve Resolution G-5483-01-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Mr. Coleman presented Resolution G-5484-01-23 which is approving increase in appropriations in the FY22 Circuit Clerk E-Citation budget.

**MOTION**

Mr. Coleman moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-5484-01-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Mr. Coleman presented Resolution G-5485-01-23 which is approving increase in appropriations in the FY22 Circuit Clerk's budget.

**MOTION**

Mr. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Kreke to approve Resolution G-5485-01-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

7. Mr. Coleman presented Resolution G-5486-01-23 which is approving increase in appropriations in the FY22 Coroner's budget.

**MOTION**

Mr. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Entler to approve Resolution G-5486-01-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

8. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5487-01-23 which is approving donation from the Christine Printzos Trust to fund the Macon County Animal Control and Care Center for FY23.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Mattingley to approve Resolution G-5487-01-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

9. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5488-01-23 which is approving donation from the David Tapscott Estate to fund the Macon County Animal Control and Care Center for FY23.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Larner to approve Resolution G-5488-01-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

10. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5489-01-23 which is approving purchase of vehicle by the Macon County Animal Control and Care Center for FY23.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Kreke to approve Resolution G-5489-01-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

11. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5490-01-23 which is authorizing disposal of surplus property by the Macon County Health Department.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Mattingley to approve Resolution G-5490-01-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

12. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5491-01-23 which is approving increase in appropriations in the FY22 and FY23 Health Fund budget for mass vaccination grant cleanup.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Ms. Goodman to approve Resolution G-5491-01-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

13. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5492-01-23 which is approving increase in appropriations in the FY23 Health Fund budget for Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Noland to approve Resolution G-5492-01-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

14. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5493-01-23 which is approving increase in appropriations in the FY23 Health Fund budget for Delta Dental-2022 Covid-19 Response Oral Health Capacity Building Initiative Renewal.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5493-01-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

15. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5494-01-23 which is approving increase in appropriations in the FY23 Health Fund budget for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP).

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Larner to approve Resolution G-5494-01-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

16. Mrs. Little presented Ordinance O-143-01-23 which modifying the sunset date of the Cannabis Business Establishment Ordinance (Sections 155.008, 155.300, and 155.301 of the Macon County Code.

## **MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Larner to approve Ordinance O-143-01-23.

## **COMMENTS:**

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked if there was anyone from the public that wanted to speak on the issue. No comments were made by the public.

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman said this seemed to be somewhat of a redundant act because as they knew there was not likely to be a cannabis dispensary put in the unincorporated area of the county. He agreed with them there. Although, when it comes to allowing other cannabis based business in Macon County and where they don't even have authority to stop the dispensaries that are currently being built, it just seems to show the county is not trying to be as beneficial and accepting to cannabis related businesses in Macon County. He said it is a fiscally regressive decision for where they are trying to go as a county when different economic interests and opportunities are available to them. He encouraged a no vote.

Mr. Rueter: Mr. Rueter said, because this has been confusing at times, and so everyone is clear, an aye vote would extend the sunset date. This means that the way it is currently in Macon County in unincorporated areas, all facilities for cannabis are allowed except for dispensaries. So, an aye vote would keep it that way until next year in 2024. A nay vote would mean they would get rid of that sunset provision. He said that sunset provision as it is now, takes effect and a dispensary would be allowed after this date. Mr. Rueter said if they wanted to keep a dispensary out they should vote aye and if they wanted to let them in then they should vote nay.

Mr. Yoder: Mr. Yoder just wanted to clarify that this is only for unincorporated areas and does not include municipalities, villages, towns or cities.

Mr. Rueter: Mr. Rueter said that is correct.

Mr. Noland: Mr. Noland thought they had discussed in the past that if something came up specifically, that just because they have a sunset provision established at a certain date, they could revisit this.

Mr. Rueter: Mr. Rueter said that was correct. The sunset date is what was required by law to do, and have if they wanted to keep it out. If they didn't have a sunset then it would automatically be allowed.



**ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Entler, Greenfield, Hogan, Kreke, Lerner, Little, Mattingley, Noland, Scott, Yoder

Nays: Coleman, Goodman

**AYES = 10**

**NAYS = 2**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

17. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution G-5495-01-23 which is granting permission to dispose of surplus election equipment.

**MOTION**

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5495-01-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED. (COLEMAN & GOODMAN SHOWED THEIR VOTES AS YES)**

18. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution G-5496-01-23 which is approving and increase in appropriations for the County Clerk FY22 Automation budget.

**MOTION**

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Mattingley to approve Resolution G-5496-01-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

19. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution G-5497-01-23 which is authorizing the placement of a county-wide referendum question on the ballot for the Consolidated Election on April 4, 2023.

**MOTION**

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-5497-01-23.

**COMMENTS:**

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked if there was anyone from the public that wanted to comment on this issue. No comments were made by the public.

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman said he believed there are still roughly 17 counties in Illinois that use an elected county auditor and all of which have a population over 50,000. He thinks it is in the best interest of the tax paying citizens to have someone fully dedicated and elected to that position working every day 9 to 5 to make sure the way they spend their funds as the county board and county departments is done equitably and fairly. Taking that out of the hands of someone and giving it to a private business just does not bring the level of reassurance this community has expressed to him that they want to see in keeping it an elected office. Mr. Coleman said he thinks they have qualified individuals in this community with the certifications and experience to hold that office, and it is his understanding that they intend to run for such as long as they are allowed to. He encouraged a no vote on this resolution as it would allow individuals to maintain a watchful eye on the county's finances.

Mr. Kreke: Mr. Kreke said this doesn't mean they are changing it. All this is doing is putting it on the ballot for the people to vote on. So, if it is the people's will, it will remain the same. That is kind of the way he sees it.

#### **ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Entler, Goodman, Greenfield, Hogan, Kreke, Lerner, Little, Mattingley, Noland, Scott, Yoder

Nays: Coleman

**AYES = 11**

**NAYS = 1**

#### **MOTION CARRIED.**

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

#### **MOTION CARRIED.**

20. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution G-5498-01-23 which approving the Macon County Board opposing the Illinois General Assembly HB5471 Protect Illinois Communities Act.

#### **MOTION**

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-5498-01-23.

#### **COMMENT:**

Dan Cooley: Mr. Cooley said he lives at 5911 Hogan Road in Decatur, Illinois. Mr. Cooley said he wanted to point out that this bill takes away constitutional rights from the general public. There is nothing to solve crime. In regards to how it has been printed, there is nothing in there to protect the school children and there is nothing in there that protects the community. It strictly takes away the ability of people to own firearms and their Second Amendment right. There have been 85 counties at this point that adopted a similar resolution, and as they have seen Sheriff Jim Root supports it as well. He encouraged the county to step forward and let the citizens know that they will not tolerate any other infringement on their Second Amendment.

There were no comments presented by the board members.

### **ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Entler, Greenfield, Hogan, Kreke, Larner, Little, Mattingley, Noland, Scott, Yoder

Nays: Goodman

Present: Coleman

**AYES = 10**

**NAYS = 1**

**PRESENT = 1**

### **MOTION CARRIED.**

21. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution G-5482-01-23 which is an omnibus resolution approving budget clean-up for FY22.

### **MOTION**

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mrs. Larner to approve Resolution G-5482-01-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

### **MOTION CARRIED. (COLEMAN & GOODMAN SHOWED THEIR VOTE AS YES)**

22. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution G-5501-01-23 which is approving and adopting amendment to Rules of the Board for Macon County, Illinois.

### **MOTION**

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-5501-01-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED. (COLEMAN SHOWED HIS VOTE AS NO)**

23. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution G-5499-01-23 which is authorizing disbursement of Macon County ARPA funds to the Macon County Trustee.

**MOTION**

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-5499-01-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED. (COLEMAN SHOWED HIS VOTE AS YES)**

24. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution G-5500-01-23 which is authorizing ARPA funds received by Macon County be sub awarded to CIRDC & EMA.

**MOTION**

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Entler to approve Resolution G-5500-01-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED. (LITTLE ABSTAINED FROM VOTING)**

The Executive Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

The Siting, Rules & Ordinance Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

The Building Sub-Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

**CITIZENS' REMARKS:**

Abeer Motan: Ms. Motan spoke about her candidacy for mayor in the upcoming Consolidated Election.

**OFFICEHOLDERS' REMARKS:**

Mr. Yoder: Mr. Yoder read the following statement: As a newly elected County Board Member, this is my second County Board meeting and we are already facing two new sweeping legislations that are centralizing authority and leading us to what I would term as a "Constitutional Crises". I have no doubt there are many more legislative bills that will be introduced in the upcoming years that will generate more controversy and raise

anxieties. On January 9, 2023 Governor Pritzker gave his inaugural address in Springfield. Based upon the speech that I read from January 9, 2023 e-edition of the Herald and Review, he used the word "hope" eleven times; but then he used divisive words such as "fascism", "extremist", "right-winger", "anti-vaxxer", and "hate". To me, these words only create separation, fear, and conflict. Therefore, I would like to express a few of my hopes as an elected official into the public record: 1.) Hope that the Illinois State Legislators recognized their actions are upsetting Illinois citizens 2.) Hope that the Illinois State Legislators will pause, listen, and respect the opinion of Illinois citizens who differ from their own beliefs 3.) Hope for constructive Illinois State Legislation that is not agenda driven 4.) Hope for harmony and cooperation between State and Local Officials 5.) Hope that cooler heads will prevail so we can continue to live in peace, prosperity and feel included in our State of Illinois.

Mr. Rueter: Mr. Rueter said they do have a union contract with the investigators in the State's Attorney's office. He said there are only two and they are represented by the FOP. He said the contract is up for negotiation and he thinks it is very close to being settled. They should be presenting a formalized contract next meeting to the board.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Rueter: Mr. Rueter said there were some issues that came up after the ad hoc committee met and they are somewhat time sensitive and need to be considered at the board meeting. In order to do that the county board rules would have to be suspended to consider the resolutions as they were not previously considered by a committee of the board.

#### **MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Mattingley to suspend the rules to consider Resolutions H-2314-01-23 and G-5503-01-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

#### **MOTION CARRIED. (LITTLE SHOWED HER VOTE AS YES) (TO SUSPEND THE RULES)**

25. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution H-2314-01-23 which is appropriating funds for the 2023 Annual MFT Maintenance Expenditure Statement.

#### **MOTION**

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Kreke to approve Resolution H-2314-01-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

26. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5503-01-23 which is approving a renewal to the contractual agreement for providing healthcare services to inmates of the Macon County jail.

**MOTION**

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Mattingley to approve Resolution G-5503-01-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Mr. Coleman moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to adjourn until Thursday, February 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.