

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**



APRIL 13, 2023

**Kevin Greenfield
Chairman**

**Josh Tanner
Clerk**

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

The Roll Call showed all members present with the exception of Mrs. Larner, Mr. Noland and Mrs. Scott.

Mr. Entler led the members in prayer

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no Proclamations or Recognitions presented.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Resolution G-5521-04-23 – Appointment to the Macon County Mental Health Board

Jeff Entler, 1645 S. St. Louis Bridge Rd., Decatur, IL 62521
Term Expires: June 30, 2026

2. Resolution G-5522-04-23 – Appointment /Reappointments to the Macon County Regional Planning Commission

Julie Moore-Wolfe, 1 Gary K. Anderson, Decatur, IL 62523
Term Expires: April 30, 2027

Lisa Gregory, 4156 Camelot Dr., Decatur, IL 62526
Term Expires: April 30, 2027

Lucas Williams, 1613 Hunters View Dr., Mt. Zion, IL 62549
Term Expires: April 30, 2027

3. Resolution G-5523-04-23 – Reappointments to the Sanitary District of Decatur

Daniel Smallwood, 2444 Hulitt Dr., Decatur, IL 62521
Term Expires: 1st Monday in May 2026

Rob Jacobsen, 1219 Raptor Lane, Forsyth, IL 62535
Term Expires: 1st Monday in May 2026

4. Resolution G-5524-04-23 – Reappointment to the Macon County Board of Review

Bryan Smith, 3569 Redlich Dr., Decatur, IL 62521
Term Expires: May 31, 2025

5. Resolution G-5525-04-23 – Reappointment to the Niantic Fire Protection District

David Bramel, 160 E. Lockhart St., Niantic, IL 62551
Term Expires: 1st Monday in May 2026

6. Resolution G-5528-04-23 – Reappointment to the Macon County Zoning Board of Appeals

Clint Gorden, 8089 Pleasant View Rd., Blue Mound, IL 62513
Term Expires: May 31, 2028

Barb Lamont, 121 E. Burgess, Oreana, IL 62554
Term Expires: May 31, 2028

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the minutes of the March 9, 2023 meeting and March 14, 2023 Special Call Meeting.

CLAIMS:

Approval of Claims for February and March 2023.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS:

A thank you note from the Harristown Fire Protection District regarding the ARPA funds they received from Macon County.

A letter from DIRECTV regarding their Annual Consumer Video Services Report.

Sheriff's Report – March 2023

Treasurer's Fund and Investment Report – March 2023

Collector's Report – March 2023

Coroner's Report – February and March 2023

Auditor's Report – March 2023

DELINQUENT TAX DEEDS:

7. Resolution G-5527-04-23 – Executing Deeds to convey property on which taxes delinquent

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Mattingley to approve the Consent Calendar.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Coleman, Entler, Goodman, Greenfield, Hogan, Horve, Kraft, Kreke, Little, Mattingley, Oliver, Yoder

Nays: (None)

AYES = 12

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

The Operations and Personnel Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

EEHW COMMITTEE

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said she wanted to pull Resolution G-5526-04-23 from the agenda and address it at a later meeting.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said they have actually started negotiations with the City of Decatur on this so they are in good shape there.

The Justice Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

The Finance Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said in regard to the Macon County Health Department Employee Retention Bonus Program he thought the Health Department had that all worked out and he didn't think there was anything they needed to act on at the meeting.

Mr. Rueter: Mr. Rueter said he had not heard from anyone at the Health Department. Mr. Baggett had just told him the issue might come up at the meeting. Mr. Rueter asked Mrs. Munsterman, the Interim Health Administrator if there was any issue with respect to the resolution at this point. She said there were none.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said she was wanting the board to pass the resolution.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he didn't know if it was the board's resolution to pass.

Mr. Entler: Mr. Entler said he was under the impression that it did have to be passed by the County Board because it is a change. He said it is an appropriation.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked if they are re-appropriating money.

Mr. Entler: Mr. Entler said yes.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said then the resolution would be to re-appropriate money, not....

Mr. Mattingley: Mr. Mattingley said the money has be appropriated, but it doesn't fit in a bucket transfer where they could just transfer from one bucket to another without board approval.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said so they would be approving the moving of funds. The board is not actually implementing the program, so the title is misleading.

Mr. Rueter: Mr. Rueter said this resolution was tabled and technically a tabling is tabling it for the purpose of that meeting and could be un-tabled at that meeting. He said it is on the agenda for the meeting that night so he didn't believe they had to actually vote to take it off the table. It was an agenda item for the meeting. So, they could just proceed with someone proposing it and seconding it and proceed from there.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said the title is misleading, but the Now, Therefore part makes sense. The board is approving the amending of the budget which is the moving of funds. She asked if that was correct.

Mr. Rueter: Mr. Rueter said yes.

8. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5519-03-23 which is approving moving funds for the Board of Health from one fund to another.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Ms. Goodman to approve Resolution G-5519-03-23 by prior roll call vote.

COMMENT:

Mr. Rueter: Mr. Rueter said the various funds involved are listed on the resolution itself.

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman asked if they were going to pass it under the current title or were they going to amend it to what it was supposed to be.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said the name doesn't matter, what is in the resolution does.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked if the resolution has been tabled, and there was no specific time given on it, would it have to be taken off the table before it could go before the board because it was in limbo until that time.

Mr. Rueter: Mr. Rueter said it is in limbo at the meeting at which it was tabled. It has been listed now as an item on the agenda again, so there was no need to take it off the table. He said if they wanted to vote to take it off the table officially they could, but parliamentary wise since it is on the agenda again it was their opinion that the board didn't have to do that. He said it is whatever they feel comfortable with.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver said Mr. Rueter was the opinion person he just wanted to know they were doing it right.

MOTION CARRIED. (OLIVER SHOWED HIS VOTE AS NO)

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jennifer Yborra: Ms. Yborra said she lives at 2316 E. Wood Street in Decatur. She asked if they could pass out some fact sheets they had put together for the board. She said the AFSCME Local 612 members were at the meeting with their families. They were there to learn and take part in the discussion with the board. AFSCME Local 612 would like the board to consider the facts they have put before them. They will see that a large number of their county employees work at literally poverty wages. Due to low wages the county struggles with recruitment and retention of employees. She thought they could all agree with that. This creates vacancies that affect efficiency of operations which leads to the consistent training of new employees resulting in higher stress levels and larger workloads for those who remain. She said while they came to an agreement a year and a half ago that was helpful at that time. They are now faced with inflation that has rocketed to nearly 10% per year. Many of their employees struggle to make ends meet and support their families. The union is seeking an adjustment to help keep up with inflation. The board has granted such adjustments for smaller groups of employees and has considered adjustments for employees not represented by a union. While they support all of those increases, they also ask the board to consider such an adjustment for them. Ms. Yborra said they believe that a raise of \$1.00 an hour, while it still would not make up for the dramatic increase in inflation, would be a fair and appropriate adjustment at this time. This would help insure that the citizens of Macon County can rely on services provided by qualified, experienced, and fully staffed employees of the county. She appreciated the board's consideration and their time.

Abeer Motan: Ms. Motan addressed the board regarding current issues in the community.

OFFICEHOLDER, DEPARTMENT HEAD & EMPLOYEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman said he appreciated all of the AFSCME members and other county employees that came out to share their views on some of the conditions they work under, pay and benefits. He knows it is definitely something that needs a lot of time and attention. He said he worked in the building for several years and would go down the elevators and see the job postings and what the average salary was. He would try to tell friends but they didn't have any attraction toward those opportunities because of what the

pay scale was. To be competitive, as they put forth with their sheets, he thinks the county really needs to put time and attention towards raising those salaries. Mr. Coleman said obviously that costs money, but he thought they need to drastically look at other revenue sources for the county including ones they have continued to outlaw such as cannabis related businesses. He appreciated all of them for coming and hoped they would come back to next month's meeting. He would love to see it.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked the members of the union when their contract expired and when the next negotiating session they would have with the county was. He was told they have a little more than 2 years left on the present contract.

Mr. Rueter: Mr. Rueter said that night was the Take Back the Night event for Growing Strong at Central Park. He was at their march from Millikin, and said that anyone who would like to attend should be invited. He was sure it was still going on.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to adjourn until Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.