

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
MACON COUNTY BOARD**



**MAY 11, 2023**

**Kevin Greenfield  
Chairman**

**Josh Tanner  
Clerk**

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

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

Mr. Entler led the members in prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no Proclamations or Recognitions presented.

**A. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said they were pulling Resolution G-5532-05-23 from the agenda. There were a couple of things with supervisors listed on the resolution and they would get that worked out and put it on next month's agenda.

**APPOINTMENTS:**

1. Resolution G-5529-05-23 – Appointment to the Macon County Merit Commission

Brenda M. Reed, 902 S. Belmont, Decatur, IL 62521  
Term Expires: May 31, 2027

2. Resolution G-5530-05-23 – Reappointment to Macon County Board of Review

Brittany Lamb, 4070 Irving Dr., Decatur, IL 62521  
Term Expires: May 31, 2025

3. Resolution G-5531-05-23 – Reappointment to the Argenta Sanitary District

Jeff Grider, 191 E. Prairie Argenta, IL 62501  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of May, 2026

4. Resolution G-5534-05-23 – Reappointment to Macon County Health Board

Jeff Entler, 1645 S. St. Louis Bridge Rd., Decatur, IL 62521  
Term Expires: May 31, 2026

5. Resolution G-5548-05-23 – Reappointment to Macon County Health Board]

Dr. Jeff Smith, 778 Spyglass Blvd., Forsyth, IL 62535  
Term Expires: May 31, 2026

6. Resolution G-5549-05-23 - Reappointment to Macon County Health Board  
Jan Hack, 1502 E. Terrace Dr., Decatur, IL 62526  
Term Expires: May 31, 2026
7. Resolution G-5550-05-23 – Reappointment to the Warrensburg Fire Protection Dist.  
Cindy Hundley, 217 N. Durfee, Warrensburg, IL 62573  
Term Expires: May 2026
8. Resolution G-5551-05-23 – Reappointment to the Cisco Fire Protection District  
Gregg Briggs, 13006 Friends Creek Park Rd., Cisco, IL 61830  
Term Expires: May 2026
9. Resolution G-5552-05-23 – Reappointment to the Blue Mound Countryside Fire Protection District  
Peter B. Pistorius, 9044 Damery Rd., Blue Mound, IL 62513  
Term Expires: May 2025
10. Resolution G-5553-05-23 – Reappointment to the Hickory Point Fire Protection Dist.  
William R. Voorhees, 593 Jacobs Way, Forsyth, IL 62535  
Term Expires: May 2026
11. Resolution G-5554-05-23 – Reappointment to South Macon Fire Protection District  
Todd Collins, 259 E. Cook St., Macon, IL 62544  
Term Expires: May 2026
12. Resolution G-5555-05-23 – Appointment to the Macon County Emergency Telephone System Board  
Matthew Jedlicka, 333 S. Franklin St., Decatur, IL 62523  
Term Expires: February 2024
13. Resolution G-5556-05-23 – Reappointment to the Macon County Mental Health Board  
Stephen Rathnow, 340 Carrington Ave., Mt. Zion, IL 62549  
Term Expires: June 30, 2027

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of the minutes of the April 13, 2023 Meeting

**CLAIMS:**

Approval of Claims for April 2023

**CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS:**

Sheriff’s Report – April 2023

Treasurer’s Fund and Investment Report – April 2023

Macon County Collector Report – April 2023

Auditor’s Report – April 2023

**DELINQUENT TAX DEED:**

There were none presented.

**MOTION**

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

**QUESTION:**

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman said since he has been on the board in 2020 they have obviously done numerous appointments. They have talked about wanting to get information about them because currently they vote completely ignorant of who they are appointing to these boards, unless they know them personally beforehand. They have requested this information be sent out and the chairman had said he would make an effort to send out something, even if it was just a paragraph about who they are, what they do, and how long they have lived in Macon County. He said he would appreciate that and they have not received that as of yet. Mr. Coleman said if they could do that going forward he would truly appreciate it.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked if he wanted that on, for example, the fire districts as well.

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman said yes, anyone they appoint to these districts.

**ROLL CALL.**

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

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 11**

**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**OPERATIONS & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

14. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5540-05-23 which is approving a Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance proposal from Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-5540-05-23 by prior roll call vote.

**COMMENT:**

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he didn't know how many times they had met and done insurance that it ever went down. He told John Malachowski that the County thanked him.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

15. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5541-05-23 which is approving a one year Blue Cross Blue Shield of IL Dental Insurance proposal form Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-5541-05-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

16. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5542-05-23 which is approving an employee vision plan proposal with EYEMED.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-5542-05-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

17. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5543-05-23 which is approving an employer paid group term life insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Coleman to approve Resolution G-5543-05-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

18. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5544-05-23 which is approving employee paid voluntary group term life insurance with Blue Cross Blue Shield.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-5544-05-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

19. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5545-05-23 which is authorizing the sub award of Macon County ARPA/SLFRF funds to Workforce Investment Solutions.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Coleman to approve Resolution G-5545-05-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

20. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5546-05-23 which is approving a budget amendment for Workforce Investment Solutions FY 23 budget.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-5546-05-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**EEHW COMMITTEE**

21. Mrs. Little presented Ordinance O-146-05-23 which is adopting Chapter 156 of the Macon County Code (Solar Energy Facility Siting Ordinance).

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Ordinance O-146-05-23 by prior roll call vote.

**QUESTION:**

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman asked if this ordinance and two following are being done to make the county compliant with the new state law.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said the first two are and the third one is to be able to fund compliance. It is establishing the fees.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

22. Mrs. Little presented Ordinance O-147-05-23 which is amending Chapter 153 of the Macon County Code (Wind Energy Conversion Systems Siting Ordinance).

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Ordinance O-147-05-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

23. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5547-05-23 which is setting fees for special use applications and building permit fees for wind energy facilities and solar energy facilities.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution G-5547-05-23 by prior roll call vote.

**QUESTION:**

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman said the resolution states it is set at a reasonable amount, but asked what the average special use permit fee is in other counties. Is it \$150,000, because obviously it is going to be a rather large project, but that is a rather costly fee?

Mr. Rueter: Mr. Rueter said they tend to be higher. One of the things they can do out of that is to pay for litigation against the county, with respect to it.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said there has been communication with other counties to confirm that this is in line with what other counties are charging.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

24. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5535-05-23 which approving increase in the Circuit Clerk General Fund budget for jury fees for fiscal year 2023.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-5535-05-23 by prior roll call vote.

**QUESTION:**

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked the Circuit Clerk, Sherry Doty how long it has been since those fees were raised. Mrs. Doty replied that it was 1982.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

25. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5536-05-23 which is authorizing a sub award of Macon County ARPA/SLFRF Funds to Emergency Management Agency (EMA).

**MOTION**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-5536-05-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

26. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5537-05-23 which is approving permission to dispose of a damaged firearm.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-5537-05-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.



**MOTION CARRIED.**

27. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5538-05-23 which is approving permission to dispose of surplus equipment.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-5538-05-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

28. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5539-05-23 which is approving the purchase of replacement vehicle and related equipment for EMA.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-5539-05-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**QUESTION:**

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman said not that he had an issue with it, but he wondered how they are disposing of the firearm.

Sheriff Root: Sheriff Root said they will cut it up in little pieces and throw it in the garbage.

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman said that was an answer and thanked the Sheriff.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

29. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5533-05-23 which is approving the 4/13/2023 Macon County Treasurer's Office Investment Policy.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Kreke to approve Resolution G-5533-05-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

30. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5557-05-23 which is authorizing a funding plan for the CH 24 Reas Bridge Road project.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Kreke to approve Resolution G-5557-05-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

31. Mrs. Little presented Resolution H-2326-05-23 which is approving a candidate to take the examination for County Engineer.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Kreke to approve Resolution H-2326-05-23 by prior roll call vote.

**QUESTION:**

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman asked if they were going to tell the board members who it is.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he couldn't at that time because it was still confidential. As soon as he takes the test he will notify his employer and Macon County can move forward.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Abeer Motan: Ms. Motan addressed the board regarding justice.

**OFFICEHOLDER, DEPARTMENT HEAD & EMPLOYEE COMMENTS:**

Sheriff Root: Sheriff Root said Matthew Jedlicka is the new Chief Deputy. Kris Thompson retired as of May first. Chief Deputy Jedlicka comes with 22 years of

experience. Sheriff Root wanted to have him say a few words and introduce himself. He said the Sheriff's office is always open and if they have any questions they can always come over and visit.

Chief Deputy Jedlicka: Chief Deputy Jedlicka said he has been with the Sheriff's Office for 22 years. He was born and raised in Decatur and went to St. Teresa High School. Chief Deputy Jedlicka has three children with a daughter finishing her sophomore year at SLU and two boys at St. Teresa. He and his wife are pretty active in the community. He serves on CASA's board of directors and his wife is involved with Catholic Charities. They are also involved with various fundraisers throughout the year. Decatur is his home and he is invested in it. Chief Deputy Jedlicka said he cares about the town and the people they serve. He said he sees some familiar faces and some people he doesn't know. He is looking forward to getting to know them and working with all of them. He thanked them for the opportunity.

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman said the agenda listed garbage service under public comment and he asked what that was.

Tammy Wilcox: Mrs. Wilcox said they had received a phone call from someone who wanted on the agenda to talk about their garbage service. She said they have been fielding a lot of complaints about the GFL garbage service. They have documented 12 and she knows they have had more than that, just various things. The public is reaching out to the county wanting to know what they can do because they are not happy with GFL. The other issue that is happening that they did notice is that their landfill numbers are going down because GFL is taking all of the garbage from Macon County to Clinton because they own that landfill. She said Macon County's landfill rate is down almost 29% and the county gets paid per ton. So, that is a concern also, besides the fact that Macon County citizens are not happy with the service they are getting and the rates they are paying.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said they are getting ready to do a new agreement.

Mrs. Wilcox: Mrs. Wilcox they are looking at it but haven't had a chance to meet with Mr. Baggett.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said they got a grant for....

Mrs. Wilcox: Mrs. Wilcox said yes they are going to do a new landfill agreement. That has just started.

Mr. Rueter: Mr. Rueter said they are looking into what kind of control the county has in terms of negotiations, and what kind of limits they have in determining who haulers are going to be within the county.

Mr. Rueter: Mr. Rueter also said a lot of them have already said things to Mr. Baggett and know him through his service to the County Board where he does an excellent job,

and where he also does an occasional criminal case, so a big congratulations to him for his recent victory in a case involving an attempted shooting of a police officer in Decatur.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said they do need to go into closed session for the purpose of discussion of the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body, including meetings held for the purpose of discussing whether a particular parcel should be acquired. (5ILCS 120/2 (c) (5)).

**MOTION TO CLOSE SESSION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Entler to go into closed session pursuant to (5ILCS 120/2 (c) (5) of the Open Meetings Act by prior roll call vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION TO OPEN SESSION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to return to open session by prior roll call vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Mr. Yoder moved, seconded by Mr. Coleman to adjourn until Thursday, June 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.