

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
MACON COUNTY BOARD**



**JUNE 08, 2023**

**Kevin Greenfield  
Chairman**

**Josh Tanner  
Clerk**

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

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

Mr. Coleman was now present at the meeting.

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-5532-06-23 – Appointments/Reappointments to the Public Aid Committee

Kevin Greenfield, Long Creek Township  
Anne Kirby, Whitmore Township  
Susie Tulak, Decatur Township  
Marcia Potrafka, Blue Mound Township  
John Trusner, Jr., Mt. Zion Township  
Jay Lawler, Oakley Township

2. Resolution G-5558-06-23 – Reappointment to the Macon County Mental Health Board

Barbara Dunn, 730 S. Seigel St., Decatur, IL 62522  
Term Expires: June 30, 2027

3. Resolution G-5559-06-23 – Appointments to the Hickory Point Fire Protection District Board

Bernard J. Flock III, 893 W. Forsyth Parkway, Forsyth, IL 62535  
Richard Goforth, 744 Christopher Dr., Forsyth, IL 62535  
Terms Expire: May, 2026

4. Resolution G-5560-06-23 – Appointment of Oakley Township Drainage District #1 Commissioner

Glenn Eads, 11082 Cerro Gordo Blacktop, Cerro Gordo, IL 61818  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in September, 2026

5. Resolution G-5561-06-23 – Appointment of Pleasant View/Prairieon Township Union Drainage District #1 Commissioner

Brad Damery, 47 Lake Vista Dr., Taylorville, IL 62568  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday in September, 2024

6. Resolution G-5562-06-23 – Reappointment to South Wheatland Fire Protection District

Todd Speckman, 3616 Rock Springs Rd., Decatur, IL 62521  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in May, 2026

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of the minutes of the May 11, 2023 meeting

**CLAIMS:**

There were no claims presented.

**CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS:**

A letter from IDOT stating they had received a resolution from Macon County requesting an applicant be approved to take the examination for County Engineer.

Sheriff's Report – May 2023

Treasurer's Fund and Investment Report – May 2023

Macon County Collector Report – May 2023

Coroner's Report – April 2023

Auditor's Report – May 2023

**DELINQUENT TAX DEEDS:**

7. Resolution G-5563-06-23 – Executing deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent

**MOTION**

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

**QUESTION:**

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman said he appreciated the overture that has been made in having them fill some kind of document out when they are wanting to be appointed to a board. He would appreciate getting that more than 30 minutes in advance of the meeting. They had worked out some kind of arrangement where they will call the board members in advance and allow them to go in to the office to see that information because they were not necessarily going to be sharing that electronically, which was fine. He would just like ample time to be able to see who they were appointing to these boards so he felt like they were doing their proper jobs as elected officials.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said that is his fault he dropped the ball there. He will make sure that Mr. Coleman is notified a week ahead of time. He apologized for that.

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman said he appreciated the gesture that they had them fill something out. He said that is definitely progress, and he would acknowledge that.

**ROLL CALL.**

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

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 9**

**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

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

**EEHW COMMITTEE**

8. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5564-06-23 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the FY23 Health Fund budget for a COVID-19 Vaccination grant.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Kreke to approve Resolution G-5564-06-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

9. Mrs. Little presented Resolution Z-1250-06-23 which is regarding Case S-01-05-23, a petition submitted by Eric Rubright requesting a Special Use Permit to allow the operation of the sale and transfer of a firearms and ammunition business in (A-1) Agricultural zoning on property commonly known as 1804 E. Hampshire Road, Maroa, IL 61756 in Maroa Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend approval of the subject petition with 5 stipulations. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and recommended the County Board approve the petition subject to the 5 stipulations recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals. Additionally, the EEHW Committee recommended a stipulation be added that no advertising signs be allowed.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Kreke to approve Resolution Z-1250-06-23 by prior roll call vote.

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Larner to amend Resolution Z-1250-06-23 to reflect the 6<sup>th</sup> stipulation regarding no signage added by the EEHW Committee by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED. (AMENDMENT TO RES. Z-1250-06-23)**

**MOTION CARRIED. (MAIN MOTION Z-1250-06-23 AS AMENDED)**

10. Mrs. Little presented Resolution Z-1251-06-23 which is regarding Case S-04-05-23, a petition submitted by SolAmerica Energy, LLC requesting a Special Use Permit to allow the development and construction of a solar energy system on approximately 12 acres of an existing 38.33 acre tract of land in (A-1) Agricultural zoning on property commonly known as Cundiff Road, Decatur, IL (the Northeast corner of Cundiff & Brush College Road) in Whitmore Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend approval of the subject petition with 6 stipulations. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and recommended the County Board approve the petition subject to 6 stipulations recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Coleman to approve Resolution Z-1251-06-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

11. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution G-5565-06-23 which is amending the Probation FY2023 budget.

**MOTION**

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-5565-06-23 by prior roll call vote.

**COMMENT:**

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said it is just a pass through, increased revenue in and then an increased expenditure, to the tune of about \$56,600.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

12. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution G-5566-06-23 which is authorizing the County Board Chairman to negotiate an agreement to purchase real property.

**MOTION**

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-5566-06-23 by prior roll call vote.

**COMMENT:**

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said it is the wrestling building across the street and will be used by the County Clerk's office.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked Tammy to give an update on where they are with the County Highway Engineer.

Mrs. Wilcox: Mrs. Wilcox said he will be taking his test next week and it could take up to two weeks for IDOT to let him know if he passed or not. They will have to wait until he knows if he passes or not before he would notify his employer. Once he passes and is notified, then the board can take action and pass a resolution to higher him, and then they can inform the board of who he is. She said it will probably go through the July meeting. They thought they might have to have a special meeting, but should probably be able to present it at the regular meeting.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said if anyone wants to know more about it they should get in touch with Tammy or him, and they would be happy to tell them. They just can't make it public yet because he has not informed his employer yet. It is nothing they are trying to hide; they are just trying to protect his current employment.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Abeer Motan: Ms. Motan spoke to the board regarding some of her concerns.

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

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman said this past Saturday was June 3<sup>rd</sup> and that marked the 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the lynching of Samuel Bush on the corner of Franklin and Wood. They had a ceremony and there is a lynching marker that is currently there in its place. He was very thankful to the Judge and the Decatur Public Building Commission for being a part of that process and having that together there. It was very beautiful and was appreciated. It's a continual effort they are making and they are going to do some community education here and there. Mr. Coleman said a crucial component of this is that all governmental bodies that played some form of a part in this atrocity, whether complicit or not, offer a form of apology as an overture in respect and honor of Mr. Bush's legacy, with the Macon County Board included in such, as well as the Macon County Sheriff. Mr. Coleman said Mr. Bush was moved from the county jail under the supervision of the County Sheriff. The record says that he was overpowered, nevertheless he believes it is in the best interest of the county to offer an apology. He said he was formally making that request and would undergo the process to get that placed on the proper committee so they are able to have this done and announce such at the July county board meeting.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Larner to adjourn until Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.