

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**



AUGUST 10, 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. Coleman, Mr. Horve, Mrs. Lerner, Mr. Mattingley, Mr. Noland, and Mrs. Scott.

Mr. Coleman was now present at the meeting.

Mr. Entler led the members in prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Greenfield read the following Proclamation: Whereas, as leaders of Macon County we believe that we have a duty to acknowledge a chapter in our County's history; and Whereas, 130 years ago Samuel Bush was taken from the County Jail and subjected to an unspeakable act of violence; and Whereas, Mr. Bush was lynched before he was given the chance to defend himself against the charges for which he was arrested; and Whereas, he was denied a fair trial and legal due process he was entitled to; and Whereas, historical accounts of this incident indicate it was racially motivated; and Whereas, while the events of this day were carried out by individuals of Macon County that have long since departed this world, we must remember our history to make sure that something like this never happens again; and Whereas we recognize the anguish and sorrow that this tragedy has surely caused and acknowledge the importance of recognizing the memory of all victims. Now, therefore, be it proclaimed, that this proclamation shall serve as a testament of the County Board's commitment to justice, unity, and sincere dialogue free from self-serving agendas and political goals; and Be it further proclaimed, that we reiterate our dedication to fostering an environment where respect, empathy, and collaboration prevail. Signed, Kevin R. Greenfield, Chairman, Macon County Board.

CONSENT CALENDER

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Resolution G-5584-08-23 – Reappointment of Rabies Control Administrator

Larry D. Baker, D.V.M. 2800 N. MLK Jr. Dr., Decatur, IL 62526
Term Expires: August 31, 2024

2. Resolution G-5585-08-23 – Appointment to the Macon County Regional Planning Commission

Craig Shonkwiler, 605 Wingstem Dr., St. Joseph, IL 61873
Term Expires: Term continues as long as Mr. Shonkwiler is County Engineer

3. Resolution G-5586-08-23 – Appointment to the Macon County Regional Planning Commission

Edward Yoder, 411 SE County Line Road, Cerro Gordo, IL 61818
 Term Expires: November 30, 2026

4. Resolution G-5587-08-23 – Appointment to the Macon County Regional Planning Commission

Tracy Sumpter, 205 S. Locust, Stonington, IL 62567
 Term Expires: December 31, 2026

5. Resolution G-5588-08-23 – Appointments/Reappointments of Drainage District Commissioners

<u>DISTRICT</u>	<u>COMMISSIONER'S NAME & ADDRESS</u>	<u>TERM EXPIRES</u>
Austin Drainage District #1	John Zelhart 1422 W. Washington St. Rd. Maroa, IL 61756	1 st Tuesday September, 2026
Friends Creek & Whitmore Union Drainage Dist. #2	Brent Ferrill 9861 Midway Rd. Oreana, IL 62554	1 st Tuesday September, 2026
Friends Creek Drainage District #3	Jeffrey Jackson 572 W. South St. Oreana, IL 62554	1 st Tuesday September. 2026
Long Creek & Oakley Union Drainage Dist. #1	Raymond Wildman 7588 E. William St.	1 st Tuesday September, 2026
Long Creek & Oakley Union Drainage Dist. #2	Eric Corman 7809 Ocean Trail Rd. Oakley, IL 62501	1 st Tuesday September, 2026
Macon-Piatt Union Drainage Dist. #5	Randall Briggs 400 Constitution Blvd. Monticello, IL 61856	1 st Tuesday September, 2026
Maple Grove Drainage	Thomas Leeper 4655 McKinley Rd. Decatur, IL 62526	1 st Tuesday September, 2026

Maroa Drainage Dist. #2	William McGuire 12201 N. Wyckles Rd. Warrensburg, IL 62573	1 st Tuesday September, 2026
Maroa Drainage Dist. #3	Richard Hanes 10457 N. Bearsdale Maroa, IL 61756	1 st Tuesday September, 2026
Maroa Drainage Dist. #4	David Hoffman 96 Allen Bend Dr. Decatur, IL 62521	1 st Tuesday September, 2026
Maroa Drainage Dist. #5	David L. Foulke II 957 E. Hampshire Rd. Maroa, IL 62756	1 st Tuesday September, 2026
Maroa-Friends Creek Union Drainage Dist. #2	Gay Shoemaker 2833 E. School Rd. Maroa, IL 61756	1 st Tuesday September, 2026
Maroa-Friends Creek Union Drainage Dist. #2	William Voorhees 12928 Greenswitch Rd. Maroa, IL 61756	1 st Tuesday September, 2026
Maroa-Friends Creek Union Drainage Dist. #8	Craig Hill 5867 E. Washington St. Rd. Maroa, IL 61756	1 st Tuesday September, 2026
Maroa-Friends Creek Union Dist. #10	Gay Shoemaker 2833 E. School Rd. Maroa, IL 61756	1 st Tuesday September, 2026
Milam Drainage Dist. #1	David W. Wilson 3512 E. Walker Macon, IL 62544	1 st Tuesday September, 2026
Niantic Drainage Dist. #1 & Dist. #2	Martin Stahl 21773 Niantic Rd. Illioopolis, IL 62539	1 st Tuesday September, 2026
Pleasant View Drainage District #2	Dennis S. Alsbury 1135 Nottingham Ct. Mt. Zion, IL 62549	1 st Tuesday September, 2026

Pleasant View/Prairie Union Drainage Dist. #1	D. Rodney Damery 4470 E. Fitzgerald Rd. Decatur, IL 62521	1 st Tuesday September, 2026
Pleasant View/Prairie Union Drainage Dist. #2	Phillip Brown 6988 Boody Red. Macon, IL 62544	1 st Tuesday September, 2026
Sanner Chapel Mutual Drainage Dist.	Phillip Baker 3848 E. Walker Rd. Macon, IL 62544	1 st Tuesday September, 2026
South Macon-Milam Union Drainage Dist. #1	John Hogan 8593 Karl Rd. Dalton City, IL 61925	1 st Tuesday September, 2026
Whitmore Drainage Dist. #1	Colby Schwarze 3065 E. Illiniwick Decatur, IL 62526	1 st Tuesday September, 2026
Whitmore Drainage Dist. #4	John Hill 761 Waterford Lane Decatur, IL 62526	1 st Tuesday September, 2026

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the minutes of the July 13, 2023 meetings.

CLAIMS:

There were no claims presented.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS:

- Sheriff's Report – July 2023
- Treasurer's Fund and Investment Report – July 2023
- Collector's Report – July 2023
- Coroner's Report – June 2023
- Auditor's Report – July 2023

DELINQUENT TAX DEEDS:

- 6. Resolution G-5589-08-23 – Executing deeds to convey property on which taxes were Delinquent

MOTION

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

ROLL CALL.

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

Nays: (None)

AYES = 10

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

OPERATIONS & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

7. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5590-08-23 which is increasing the compensation of Election Judges.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Coleman to approve Resolution G-5590-08-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

ENVIRONMENTAL, EDUCATION, HEALTH & WELFARE COMMITTEE

8. Mrs. Little presented Resolution Z-1252-08-23 which is regarding Case R-01-07-23, a petition submitted by Gregory Hostetler for rezoning approximately 4.47 acres from (A-1) Agricultural zoning to (M-2) Heavy Industrial District zoning on property commonly known as: along south Route 121 in Hervey City, Illinois in Mt. Zion Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend approval of the subject petition. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and recommended approval to the County Board.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Entler to approve Resolution Z-1252-08-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (LITTLE SHOWED HER VOTE AS NO)

9. Mrs. Little presented Resolution Z-1253-08-23 which is regarding Case S-02-07-23 a petition submitted by Gregory Hostetler requesting a Special Use Permit for the operation of a salvage/junk yard in (M-2) Heavy Industrial zoning on property commonly known as: along south Route 121, Hervey City, Illinois in Mt. Zion Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend approval of the subject petition with 8 stipulations. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and recommended the County Board approve the petition subject to the 8 stipulations recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution Z-1253-08-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (LITTLE SHOWED HER VOTE AS NO)

10. Mrs. Little presented Resolution Z-1254-08-23 which is regarding Case R-04-07-23, a petition submitted by Gregory Hostetler for rezoning approximately .52 acres from (RMH-1) Single Family Residential zoning to (M-2) Heavy Industrial District zoning on property commonly known as 1350 S. State Route 121, Mt. Zion Illinois in Mt. Zion Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend approval of the subject petition. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and recommended the County Board approve the petition.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution Z-1254-08-23 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman asked Mrs. Little why she hadn't approved the previous permits.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said she was not convinced that she wanted to support it at this time.

MOTION CARRIED. (COLEMAN ABSTAINED FROM VOTING & LITTLE SHOWED HER VOTE AS NO)

11. Mrs. Little presented Resolution Z-1255-08-23 which is regarding Case S-06-07-23 a petition submitted by Gregory Hostetler requesting a Special Use Permit for the operation of a salvage/junk yard in (M-2) Heavy Industrial zoning on property commonly known as 1350 S. State Route 121, Mt. Zion, Illinois in Mt. Zion Township. After hearing the

evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend approval of the subject petition with 7 stipulations. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and recommended the County Board approve the petition subject to the 7 stipulations recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution Z-1255-08-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (COLEMAN ABSTAINED FROM VOTING & LITTLE SHOWED HER VOTE AS NO)

12. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5591-08-23 which is amending the Planning and Zoning Fee Schedule for the unincorporated areas of Macon County, Illinois.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution G-5591-08-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (COLEMAN & LITTLE SHOWED THEIR VOTE AS YES)

13. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5592-08-23 which is approving and adopting and intergovernmental agreement between the City of Decatur and Macon County regarding an Animal Control Program.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-5592-08-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

14. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5593-08-23 which is appointing Ronald Atkins as the Animal Control Administrator.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-5593-08-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

15. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5594-08-23 which is approving permission to dispose of surplus equipment currently stored at the Animal Control and Care Center.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Goodman to approve Resolution G-5594-08-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

16. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5595-08-23 which is approving the purchase of radios for Animal Control.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-5595-08-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

17. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5596-08-23 which approving purchase of new vehicles for Animal Control.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-5596-08-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

18. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5597-08-23 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the FY23 Health Fund budget for the purchase of new dental equipment.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Entler to approve Resolution G-5597-08-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

19. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5598-08-23 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the FY23 Health Fund budget for the completion of a salary assessment by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution G-5598-08-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

20. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5599-08-23 which is setting the salaries for the offices of State’s Attorney, Public Defender and Sheriff effective July1, 2023.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5599-08-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

21. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution H-2328-08-23 which is appropriating funds for the payment of the County Engineer’s salary.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution H-2328-08-23 by prior roll call vote.

COMMENT:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said half of the salary is paid by IDOT.

MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he was going to take a minute under old business because they had a gentleman that wanted to make an announcement. He wanted to do it under officeholder remarks, but Mr. Greenfield wanted to give him a little time. This gentleman has been in office for 30 years, and Mr. Greenfield was hoping he was at the meeting to announce that he was going to run again. He is revered by Democrats and Republicans alike. Mr. Greenfield said he has never run across anyone in Macon County who had a bad word to say about this man. Mr. Greenfield said he could not say enough good about him except that he truly believes he will go down in history as the best Coroner that Macon County has ever had. He is kind of afraid of what his announcement is going to be, but whatever it is he has earned it

Michael Day: Mr. Day thanked the Chairman for his kind words. He said on December 1, 2023 he would begin his 30th year of service as their Macon County Coroner. This will be his last year of service in this position. He would not be seeking re-election as their Coroner and would be retiring at or near the end of his term on November 30, 2024. Mr. Day said he made this decision after much heartfelt consideration and lengthy discussion with his family. This was not an easy decision to make. He said when he took this office in December of 1994, he made a commitment to advance this office in terms of its investigative capabilities, improvement of the interaction with other agencies that the Coroner routinely deals with, and to expand the human services to those families in need. Mr. Day said he is very proud of the Macon County Coroner's office and its current abilities. He offered his appreciation to his staff, both current and past. He also offered his appreciation to the other agencies and officeholders, both current and past. Mr. Day thanked his dear wife Kim, and his family for their years of support during these years of service. He said most of all he would like to offer his sincere, heartfelt appreciation to the citizens of Macon County who have entrusted him all of these years with this sensitive and difficult position. Mr. Day said as a side line he had a conversation with his wife Kim, and told her he really didn't know what he was going to do with the time he was going to have since he would not be doing the 12, 18 and 24 hour shifts daily. One of the most chilling responses that he could ever imagine came from her lips. She said, "Don't worry about that, I'll take care of it." Mr. Day said in all in all sincerity and seriousness he wanted to thank the board, both past and present, for all their kindnesses and assistance over the years. He said this office is a hard one. Many times they are a reactive office, whatever happens that is what they have to do. The board has been very understanding over the years in helping them make it through when they had shortfalls and some issues. He thanked them sincerely. Mr. Day said he would continue to serve the rest of his term with the same work ethic and protocol as always. He said

again, many thanks to them, for all of these years. It has been a good, long ride and he hopes they made a difference for the people of Macon County.

There was no new business presented at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Todd Rogers: Mr. Rogers said he really didn't need to speak today and the reason was because of the proclamation that Chairman Greenfield and the rest of the board passed. He said he was certainly there to support it. It made him feel good that he didn't have to because somebody figured out between last meeting and this one, how to come together. Mr. Rogers said he was very appreciative of that. He said Chairman Greenfield talked about the bipartisan support of Coroner Day, and isn't it wonderful to hear that word. He just really wanted to say he appreciated the board and the action they took. Sometimes topics are tough to deal with, but they all have to be willing and able to sit down and converse civilly. This was certainly a great example of that today. Mr. Rogers thanked them.

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

OFFICEHOLDER, DEPARTMENT HEAD & EMPLOYEE COMMENTS:

Mark Scranton: Mr. Scranton said he is doing something that was near and dear to his heart that he has not been able to do for the last four years because of the health situation they were dealing with in all of their lives. He wanted to let the board know, and the community know that on Monday, September 11th he would be bringing back his 911 lunch. It will be a free lunch for all law enforcement and first responders, including fire fighters, and EMS personnel. He invited the community to come out and buy a lunch and support the first responders and law enforcement personnel. Mr. Scranton said he will be taking the money, as he did before, when the 911 memorial was done. He donated the proceeds from that particular lunch to help to pay for the transportation to bring the beam back to Decatur, Illinois. This time he would be taking the money and it would go toward scholarships for persons who want to pursue a paramedic career or EMT career through some programs at Richland.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. Goodman moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to adjourn until Thursday, September 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.