

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
MACON COUNTY BOARD**



**SEPTEMBER 14, 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, Mr. Mattingley, and Mr. Noland.

Mr. Entler led the members in prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

There were no Proclamations or Recognitions presented.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

#### **APPOINTMENTS:**

There were no appointments presented.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Approval of the minutes of the August 10, 2023 meetings.

#### **CLAIMS:**

There were no claims presented.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS:**

Sheriff's Report – August 2023

Treasurer's Fund and Investment Report – August 2023

Collector's Report – August 2023

Coroner's Report – July 2023

Auditor's Report – August 2023

#### **DELINQUENT TAX DEEDS:**

1. Resolution G-5600-09-23 – 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, Larner, Little, Oliver, Scott, Yoder

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 12**  
**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**OPERATIONS & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

2. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5601-09-23 which is approving a contract between the Macon County Clerk and Liberty Systems LLC.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Coleman to approve Resolution G-5601-09-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

The Environmental, Education, Health & Welfare Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

3. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5602-09-23 which is approving an appropriation of funds for equipment purchase for the Macon County Jail FY23.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5602-09-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5603-09-23 which is approving acceptance of a grant with Health Management Associates for Medication-Assisted Recovery in the Macon County Jail for FY23.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Kraft moved seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5603-09-23 by prior roll call vote.

**QUESTIONS:**

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked how much the people who are doing the medication will be allowed to do in the jail. In other words, is there any hospital type work that will be done there?

Sheriff Root: Sheriff Root said there are three components to this. One is Medication Assisted Recovery, which is providing inmates with medication when they are suffering from withdrawal. The other part is assigning them to a housing facility where they can get into a restore program, which is an education program provided through a cooperative effort with Crossing Healthcare. The last part is for training and other items needed to complete the grant and carry out the program.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked the sheriff what they were doing with the Narcan situation as far as the county is concerned.

Sheriff Root: Sheriff Root said that Narcan is being provided by the Macon County Health Department. This is not part of that program. This is to get them into medical treatment while they are in the county's facility and hopefully continue that treatment after they leave. They are using it for the injectables which allows them one treatment for 30 days.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked if there was no cost to the individual.

Sheriff Root: Sheriff Root said it is through grant money. It is through some of the Opioid Response Grant. There is no cost to those receiving treatment. He said according to the company, they are going to provide two months of injections to them after they leave the county facility.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

5. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5604-09-23 which is approving appropriation of funds for equipment purchase for the Macon County Treasurer's Office FY23.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution G-5604-09-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5605-09-23 which is authorizing the purchase and service agreement with Beck Tech & Nuso for a VOIP phone system.

## **MOTION**

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Ms. Goodman to approve Resolution G-5605-09-23 by prior roll call vote.

## **COMMENT:**

Mrs. Wilcox: Mrs. Wilcox said this is the phone system that the Decatur Public Building Commission started looking at right before she started. She said the county currently has an analog phone system. This would be a voice over IP phone system. This will save the county on monthly costs once the equipment and installation and everything is done. It will probably save the county \$40,000 a year after this is installed. They had meetings with the lowest two bidders and had the county's IT people meet with them, so they were satisfied. Their recommendation was to go with this company.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked if this was also the low bid.

Mrs. Wilcox: Mrs. Wilcox said yes.

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

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

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said it came up during evaluations, and Mr. Oliver came up with the idea, of having the County Administrator give a monthly report on what she is doing and working on. So, they would implement that into the agenda.

Mrs. Wilcox: Mrs. Wilcox said she put a copy of the report at each of their places. She said it is really an overview, and at the bottom is a first year summary that she did for her evaluation. She said she was not going to go over those items, but said if they had any questions regarding any of the items listed they could ask her at a later time. At the top she listed the priorities they are currently working on, which is the Landfill and Solid Waste Agreements. The big one she wanted to talk about was the rural broadband. She met with Deb Kraft and Ed Yoder earlier this week about this. She said this is really starting to gear up with the big federal money that is coming. This is going to be a huge commitment on the county's part. The county is going to reach out to other agencies to be partners with them. It is a 16 week process. Two hours each week they will go through this and build a portfolio so they have enough information to apply for the federal BEAD money. That will be helped through the U of I Extension, Benton Institute, and the Department of Commerce & Economic Opportunity. The other things they are constantly working on are transportation projects and funding with Highway and the City of Decatur. The union contracts are also starting back up again. They have been doing a little bit with the Co2 pipeline and Wolf Carbon Solutions. She said if they had questions about any of those issues they could contact her. Mrs. Wilcox said the goals are just things that have been on her list that she had heard about from some of them. They are something that she wants to work on, something to work towards, just basic things.

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**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

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

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to adjourn until Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.