

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**



OCTOBER 12, 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. Noland and Mr. Oliver.

Mr. Entler led the members in prayer.

Karl Coleman was now present at the meeting.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said for those who were not aware, Mike Baggett has been chosen as the next judge in Macon County. He said Mike has at one time or another probably kept them all out of trouble. Mr. Greenfield knows he sure has done so for him, and he will be missed. Mr. Greenfield said he couldn't be happier for Mike, and they wished him all the best.

CONSENT CALENDAR

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Resolution G-5606-10-23 – Appointment to the Macon Mosquito Abatement District

Travis Wilcoxon, 4436 Havenwood Dr., Decatur, IL 62526
Term Expires: December 31, 2027

2. Resolution G-5607-10-23 – Appointment to the Macon Mosquito Abatement District

Jerry Allen Brown Jr., 5660 Peyton Dr., Decatur, IL 62521
Term Expires: December 31, 2027

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the minutes of the September 14, 2023 meetings.

CLAIMS:

Approval of July 2023 Claims.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS:

A letter from IDOT regarding Notification of Jurisdictional Transfer No. 5020 from the State of Illinois to the Village of Harristown.

A letter from IDOT regarding Section 12-00251-00-BR, Project: A2HA(541) Construction Engineering Agreement for Reas Bridge Road project.

A notice from the Illinois EPA regarding public comment period for proposed issuance of a construction permit for Primary Products Ingredients Americas LCC dba Primient in Decatur, Illinois.

An e-mail from DIRECTV regarding municipal notice of U-verse pricing increase.

Sheriff's Report – September 2023

Treasurer Fund and Investment Report – September 2023

Collector's Report – September 2023

Coroner's Report – August 2023

DELINQUENT TAX DEEDS:

3. Resolution G-5608-10-23 – Executing deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder 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, Larner, Little, Mattingley, Scott, Yoder

Nays: (None)

AYES = 13

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

OPERATIONS & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

COMMENT:

Mrs. Kraft: Mrs. Kraft said there was only one resolution for the Recorder's office, but before she read that she wanted to introduce Greg Bachman from Fidlar Technologies. They could address him with any questions they might have.

4. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5609-10-23 which is approving appropriation of funds for Land Records Recording System with Fidlar Technologies within the Recorder's Document Storage Fund FY 2023.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-5609-10-23 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTIONS:

Mr. Yoder: Mr. Yoder asked for confirmation that this system will basically put all of the title work on-line and will allow people to remotely access it for a fee. There will be no more need to go to the Recorder's office.

Mr. Bachman: Mr. Bachman said they was correct. He said there are actually three different services available. Two of them are more for the power users, title companies, banks and attorneys which are paid for. There is a separate module that is more for the general public that is just a quick, easy index only search product. So, it covers all bases, all audiences.

Mr. Yoder: Mr. Yoder said so, this new on-line product will make the Recorder's office basically available to the public 24-7.

Mr. Bachman: Mr. Bachman confirmed that it would.

MOTION CARRIED.

The EEHW Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

The Justice Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

5. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution H-2329-10-23 which is approving and appropriating funds to increase County Highway Line Item 030-000-9007-00 to cover actual project costs.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Kreke to approve Resolution H-2329-10-23 by prior.

QUESTION:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked if that was for a specific project.

Mr. Shonkwiler: Mr. Shonkwiler said it is for the Franklin Street storm sewer project.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution H-2330-10-23 which is approving and appropriating additional funds for the CH 61 Storm Sewer Project.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution H-2330-10-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution H-2331-10-23 which is granting permission to dispose of used surplus equipment, a 2005 International Tandem Dump Truck (Model 7400) at the County Highway Department.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution H-2331-10-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

OFFICEHOLDER, DEPARTMENT HEAD & EMPLOYEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Rueter: Mr. Rueter said being both a former politician, he has not made an official announcement but he is not running again, and being a lawyer he felt compelled to say a few words about Mr. Baggett. He said he would try to make it brief and not delay the meeting too long. He wanted to say a few words about this quitter (laughter), Mr. Baggett. It is going to make things a little more difficult for them. They don't have someone to replace him at this point in his venue as the attorney for the county's civil matters. So, any civil requests for the time being he intends to answer with a one word answer, so make them quick (laughter). Mr. Rueter said no, obviously they will try to continue to serve the county's needs as best they can. He said with respect to Mike, he has been in the office a little over 14 years. He started out in the trenches, in traffic. Mike tells a story about one day hearing Mr. Rueter yelling at one of the State's Attorney

Investigators in the hallway when he was a defense attorney, over an issue that arose. He said that is a story for another day. Mike grew up so to speak in the trenches doing all the things in the office traffic, misdemeanors, and felonies, and then ultimately at the tutelage of Mr. Randy Waks he took over the offices' civil responsibilities. Mike has done very well in that job as they all know. He has done an admirable job in advising the board and being a great asset to whoever has been State's Attorney. He is loyal to the office and loyal to the citizens of Macon County. He has done an excellent job as an attorney for the State's Attorney's office and will be sorely missed. He congratulated Mike on his new advancement in his career.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said a little over 14 years, it is weird because he will have his 15th anniversary with the State's Attorney's office on Sunday. It's his first job out of law school and could not have been a better job, not just to get started with, but in general. Mr. Baggett said he has been incredibly fortunate throughout his career to love what he does, whether that was prosecuting traffic cases or felonies, or picking up phone calls in the office from any of the people present. The last 11 years he has been doing civil work for the county. It has been his pleasure, but more than that, his privilege to serve the board and other elected officials and department heads, to be their go to. He hopes that he has acquitted himself well. Mr. Baggett said he appreciated the comments made by the chairman and his employer. He said it is with a lot of excitement that he moves on to this next chapter, but not a small amount of sadness. This may be his last county board meeting, but he may get delegated to be the resident on-call judge for the county board. It will in almost all certainty be his last opportunity to sit at the meeting as their attorney. He wished them all the best and thanked them for all they have done and all the sacrifices and commitments they have made to their constituents and to the county. Mr. Baggett said he is overwhelmed that he was able to be a part of it for as long as he was. He thanked them.

Mr. Yoder: Mr. Yoder said he read in the paper that the Recorder had received the Penny Severns award, and he understood that was quite an accomplishment. He wanted to give recognition to her for that achievement.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield congratulated Mary and she was recognized by the board.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Ms. Goodman moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to adjourn until Thursday, November 09, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 p.m.