

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**



**NOVEMBER 09, 2023
BUDGET SESSION**

**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 at the meeting.

CONSENT CALENDAR

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Resolution G-5610-11-23 – Reappointments to Macon County Rural Transit Advisory Group

Tara Murray, 3741 Windsong Ct., Decatur, IL 62521
Julie Walker, 2545 Millikin Pkwy, Decatur, IL 62526
Teresa Smith, 609 W. Pauline St., Taylorville, IL 62528
Emily Dobson, 625 N. Colfax, Monticello, IL 61856
Debra Kraft, 9817 Nevada Rd., Blue Mound, IL 62513
Terms Expire: November 30, 2025

2. Resolution G-5611-11-23 – Reappointments to Macon County Extension Board

Jeff Entler, 1645 S. St. Louis Bridge Rd., Decatur, IL 62521
Linda Little, 1413 W. Sunset, Decatur, IL 62522
Terms Expire: November 30, 2026

3. Resolution G-5612-11-23 – Reappointments to Macon County Ethics Commission

Jerry Lord, 3646 Pleasant View Ct., Decatur, IL 62526
Ted Paine, 2370 N. Summit Ave., Decatur, IL 62526
Terms Expire: November 30, 2026

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the minutes of the October 12, 2023 meetings.

CLAIMS:

Approval of August, September & October 2023 Claims.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS:

A letter from Applegate & Thorne-Thomsen Attorneys at Law regarding Notice of Intent to File for Non-Homestead Property Tax Exemption.

A copy of the Macon County Jail 2023 Compliance Monitoring Report from the Illinois Department of Corrections.

A letter from the Decatur Public Building Commission regarding the Macon County Health Department Rent Payments – 2024.

A letter from the Decatur Public Building Commission regarding the Macon County Health Department Facility Buy Back Payments – 2024

A letter from the Decatur Public Building Commission regarding the Multiple Facilities Lease.

Sheriff's Report – October 2023

Treasurer's Fund and Investment Report – October 2023

Collector's Report – October 2023

Coroner's Report – September 2023

Auditor's Report – October 31, 2023

DELINQUENT TAX DEEDS:

There were no delinquent tax deeds presented.

MOTION

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

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

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

4. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5617-11-23 which is accepting a one year Cyber Insurance Proposal through Arthur J. Gallagher.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-5617-11-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5618-11-23 which is accepting a grant from the Illinois Housing Development Authority's Strong Communities Program Round 2.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Entler to approve Resolution G-5618-11-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5619-11-23 which is approving the holidays for 2024.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve Resolution G-5619-11-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

EEHW COMMITTEE

7. Mrs. Little presented Ordinance O-148-11-23 which is amending Section 96.17 of the Macon County Code (Animal Control Registration Fees).

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Ordinance O-148-11-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

8. Mrs. Little presented Resolution Z-1257-11-23 which is regarding Case S-01-10-23 a petition submitted by the Izaak Walton League of America requesting renewal of a Special Use Permit to allow operation of a private campground in (R-1) Single Family Residential Zoning on property commonly known as 5179 Old Stage Coach Rd, Oreana, IL 62554 in Whitmore Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend approval of the subject petition with 11 stipulations. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and recommended the County Board approve the petition subject to the 11 stipulations recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Entler to approve Resolution Z-1257-11-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Mrs. Little presented Resolution Z-1256-11-23 which is regarding Case S-02-10-23 a petition submitted by Stephen & Shannon Comer requesting renewal of a Special Use Permit to allow a second residence on the property where a primary residence already exists in (R-4) Single Family Residential Zoning on property commonly known as 5874 Apollo Dr., Decatur, IL 62521 in Oakley Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend approval of the subject petition with 3 stipulations. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and recommended the County Board approve the petition subject to the 3 stipulations recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Ms. Goodman to approve Resolution Z-1256-11-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

10. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5613-11-23 which is authorizing disposal of surplus property by Macon County Circuit Court, Macon County Probation department and the Macon County Circuit Clerk's office.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-5613-11-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

11. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5614-11-23 which is entering into an agreement with Peoria County for the sale of Juvenile Detention bed space.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5614-11-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

12. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution 5615-11-23 which is amending the Public Defender's FY 2023 budget for the additional funding provided by the State of Illinois.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5615-11-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

13. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5616-11-23 which is approving a labor agreement between Macon County and the Illinois FOP Labor Council on behalf of the Macon County Court Security Officers.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5616-11-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

14. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5620-11-23 which is accepting a one year General Liability and Property Insurance proposal through Arthur J. Gallagher.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution G-5620-11-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

15. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5621-11-23 which is approving the Third Addendum to the amended and restated Multiple Facilities Lease.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution G-5621-11-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

**PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET FOR
DECEMBER 1, 2023 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2024**

COMMENT:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield read the notice that appeared on the agenda: “Notice to the board and public – The budget and tax levy resolutions set forth below will be voted on as an omnibus vote (as a single group) pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/2-1005 unless any board member objects to such an omnibus vote.” Mr. Greenfield said one of the resolutions they will have to amend because they have deputies contract settled, therefore they can put it in the budget at this time.

16. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution B-1-11-23 which is a statement to establish budgets for 2023-2024 fiscal year.

Resolution B-2-11-23 which is establishing valuation of all taxable property in Macon County, Illinois.

Resolution B-3-11-23 which is establishing tax levy for General Corporate Fund purposes.

Resolution B-4-11-23 which is establishing tax levy for Retirement Fund purposes.

Resolution B-5-11-23 which is establishing tax levy for Social Security Fund purposes.

Resolution B-6-11-23 which is establishing tax levy for Insurance Loss and Liability Fund purposes.

Resolution B-7-11-23 which is establishing tax levy for Judgment Fund purposes.

Resolution B-8-11-23 which is establishing tax levy for the Health Department Unit Fund purposes.

Resolution B-9-11-23 which is establishing tax levy for County Highway Fund purposes.

Resolution B-10-11-23 which is establishing tax levy for Matching Fund purposes.

Resolution B-11-11-23 which is establishing tax levy for County Special Bridge Fund purposes.

Resolution B-12-11-23 which is establishing tax levy for DPBC Lease Fund purposes.

Resolution B-13-11-23 which is establishing tax levy for Historical Museum Fund purposes.

Resolution B-14-11-23 which is establishing tax levy for Veterans Commission Fund purposes.

Resolution B-15-11-23 which is establishing tax levy for Mental Health Fund purposes.

Resolution B-16-11-23 which is establishing tax levy for Macon County Extension Fund purposes.

Resolution B-17-11-23 which is authorizing Tax Anticipation Warrants against levies for various funds herein.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolutions B-1-11-23 through B-17-11-23 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mr. Yoder: Mr. Yoder said he is against the tax levy for the General Corporate so he would be voting no on this. He is against the budget that is being laid out. Mr. Yoder said he thinks certain officeholders need to sharpen their pencils on the budget, the next

year's budget. This is a sound off for them to try to keep the public's funds in mind next year when they do their budgets.

MOTION CARRIED. (BY OMNIBUS VOTE) (YODER SHOWED HIS VOTE AS NO)

17. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution B-18-11-23 which is approving the 2023-2024 budget.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution B-18-11-23.

MOTION TO AMEND

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Entler to amend Resolution B-18-11-23 to include the Sheriff's contract raises approved from a labor agreement.

QUESTION:

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked if that had been done properly by coming back and doing an amendment on a motion that had already carried through.

Mr. Rueter: Mr. Rueter said there had not yet been a vote on B-18-11-23 which is the overall budget. So, the motion to amend was made to that, and that motion to amend was the vote that was before the board.

MOTION CARRIED. (AMENDMENT TO B-18-11-23) (YODER SHOWED HIS VOTE AS YES)

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Entler, Goodman, Greenfield, Hogan, Kraft, Lerner, Little, Oliver, Scott

Nays: Yoder

Present: Coleman

Abstention: Kreke

AYES = 9

NAYS = 1

PRESENT = 1

ABSTENTION = 1

MOTION CARRIED. (MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED ON B-18-11-23)

EXPLANATION OF VOTE:

Mr. Kreke: Mr. Kreke said he abstained from voting because his mother works in the Circuit Clerk's office.

COMMENT:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he wanted to thank the Finance Committee for all of the hard work they put into it. Everybody was good at the biggest majority of the meetings. He said the budget is never fun, but it went about as well as it could have and he wanted to thank the committee for that.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

18. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5622-11-23 which is regarding approval of the semi-annual review of Closed Session Minutes.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution G-5622-11-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board.

ROLL CALL.

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

Nays: (None)

Present: Coleman

AYES = 11

NAYS = 0

PRESENT = 1

MOTION CARRIED.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to suspend the rules to consider Resolution G-5623-11-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (TO SUSPEND THE RULES) (COLEMAN SHOWED HIS VOTE AS YES)

19. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5623-11-23 which is approving a labor agreement between Macon County and the Illinois FOP Labor Council on behalf of the Macon County Command Deputy Sheriff's.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Kreke to approve Resolution G-5623-11-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

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

OFFICEHOLDER, DEPARTMENT HEADS AND EMPLOYEE COMMENTS:

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little just wanted to make the board aware that Dementia Friendly Decatur is an initiative that started about a year or so ago. It is part of a national global initiative to educate and increase awareness to the general public for signs of dementia and how to interact with people who have dementia. The ultimate goal is to make sure people living with dementia, and their caregivers, will always feel welcome in the community and stay active for as long as possible, because isolation is absolutely detrimental for people living with dementia. Mrs. Little said Dementia Friendly Decatur has been awarded the Governor's Award for Engaging Aging. IDOA will be doing an awards presentation later in November. She just wanted the board to be aware of that. Mrs. Little said there is also another citizen here in Decatur, Shirley Pacey, who will be getting the Senior Hall of Fame Award at the same award presentation.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked when that award presentation is.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said November 28th. She will send an e-mail out to the County Board.

Mr. Yoder: Mr. Yoder wanted to briefly explain his position on the budget and taxes. He said he realized they had to have taxes. He stated that he is a realist. Mr. Yoder also

realizes that there are a lot of unfunded mandates being pressed down upon them from the state and other areas. He said they will work with that. He said he was unable to say anything at the Finance meetings because he was unable to attend all of those. He thinks they are spending a little more than they possibly could be due to the economy they are in. It could be due to rising salaries. There are a lot of demands, but there are a lot of demands on the taxpayers too. So, they have got to keep an eye out for them. That is really what they as a board are there for, to keep an eye on the budget. That is what he would like to do while he is here during his term. He knows there has been a lot of hard work on the budget. He knows a lot of folks work very hard for this county and he didn't want to insult them. He appreciates everything they do. Mr. Yoder said he sincerely hopes that in next year's budget going forward, they try to start reining in some of their excess costs whenever and wherever they can.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to adjourn until Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.