

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**



DECEMBER 14, 2023

**Kevin Greenfield
Chairman**

**Josh Tanner
Clerk**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Sheriff present.

The Roll Call showed all members present with the exception of Mrs. Kraft, Mr. Mattingley, and Mrs. Scott.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he had announcement. He said many at the meeting knew Craig Culp. Craig worked for Macon County for well over 30 years. He worked in the Treasurer's office. Craig passed away on December 10th. His services are Wednesday, December 20th at 11:00 a.m. Masonic services are at 11:00 a.m. at the Illini Congressional United Church of Christ in Warrensburg. The Masonic services will be followed by the funeral service with Pastor Dennis Hughes officiating and burial will follow at Illini Cemetery in Warrensburg. The visitation will be from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the church. Mr. Greenfield said Craig was a good county employee and was very active in county government. He was also the Austin Township Supervisor, and at one time he served as Austin Township Clerk. Mr. Greenfield said before they stand for the prayer, he asked that they stand for a moment of silence.

Mr. Entler led the members in prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATION

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said it was very seldom that they got to have a proclamation for one of their own, but they had that opportunity at the meeting tonight. In October one of the Macon County Board members saved a little girl's life and she is going to be recognized for it.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little read the following proclamation: Whereas, on October 5, 2023 a third grade student in the Maroa Community Unit School District had a serious airway restriction incident from a piece of candy. And whereas, the student immediately received help from her teacher, Mrs. Cowgill who began performing the Heimlich maneuver, which failed to dislodge the candy. Mrs. Cowgill then dispatched her 3rd grade students to get help from the school office. And whereas, the third grade students courageously followed her directions and proceeded to the school office. And, whereas Mrs. Larner met the students in the hallway and they informed her of the situation and she returned to the classroom to assist Mrs. Cowgill with additional first aid methods. And, whereas Mrs. Larner was able to successfully clear the student's airway. And, whereas the parents of the student are very grateful to everyone involved for the care their daughter received, and the compassion that was shown. And, now therefore be it proclaimed by the Macon County Board that they recognize the quick thinking and decisive actions of Mrs. Cowgill, Mrs. Larner, and the third grade students. In witness whereof, I have here unto set my hand and caused the seal to be affixed. Kevin R. Greenfield, Chairman, Macon County Board.

CONSENT CALENDAR

APPOINTMENTS:

1. Resolution G-5624-12-23 – Appointments/Reappointments to the Macon County
Emergency Telephone System Board

Matthew Jedlicka, 333 S. Franklin St., Decatur, IL 62523
Jacob “Jake” Fever, 5899 Belfry Dr., Bloomington, IL 61705
Erik Ethell, 130 Covington Ave., Mt. Zion, IL 62549
Term Expires: February 28, 2028

2. Resolution G-5625-12-23 – Appointment of Maroa/Friends Creek Union Drainage
District #8 Commissioner

Michael Wade, 317 N. Locust St., Maroa, IL 61756
Term Expires: 1st Tuesday September, 2024

3. Resolution G-5626-12-23 – Appointment of Maroa Drainage District #2
Commissioner

Nathan Wentworth, 10011 N. Wyckles Rd., Warrensburg, IL 62573
Term Expires: 1st Tuesday September, 2026

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of the minutes of the November 09, 2023 meetings.

CLAIMS:

There were no claims presented at the meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS:

A copy of the Compliance Review covering the receipt and disbursement of Township Bridge funds by Macon County, for the period beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

A copy of the Compliance Review covering the receipt and disbursement of Motor Fuel Tax funds by Macon County, for the period beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

A copy of the Compliance Review covering the receipt and disbursement of Motor Fuel Tax funds by Macon County Road Districts for the period beginning January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2022 from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Sheriff’s Report – November 2023

Treasurer Fund and Investment Report – November 2023

Collector’s Report – November 2023

Coroner’s Report – October 2023

Annual Report of Mary Eaton, Recorder of the County of Macon beginning December 2022 through November 2023

Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2023 from Josh Tanner, Macon County Clerk

DELINQUENT TAX DEEDS:

4. Resolution G-5627-12-23 – 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, Kreke, Larner, Little, Noland, Oliver, Yoder

Nays: (None)

AYES = 12

NAYS – 0

MOTION CARRIED.

OPERATIONS & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

5. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5628-12-23 which is amending holidays for 2023 to coincide with the Circuit Court’s holiday schedule.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-5628-12-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

The EEHW Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

6. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5629-12-23 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the Circuit Court’s FY23 budget for expense fees in certain appeals.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5629-12-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5630-12-23 which is approving the transfer of funds in the Public Defender's salary line to cover the contractual services line.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Entler to approve Resolution G-5630-12-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

8. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution H-2332-12-23 which is approving and appropriating funds for the 2024 Annual MFT Maintenance Expenditure Statement.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Kreke to approve Resolution H-2332-12-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Mr. Greenfield presented Ordinance O-149-12-23 which is regarding the Illinois Paid Leave for All Workers Act for the County of Macon.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Ordinance O-149-12-23 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Executive Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

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.

Bret Robertson: Mr. Robertson said they live in difficult times, and as leaders in these difficult times they are faced with difficult decisions. One of those difficult decisions comes to taxes at a time of inflation. He said people are troubled, and one of the things they are troubled by is this inflation that is causing their basic livelihoods to be endangered by increases in utilities and basic services that are attacking their discretionary income. He said at this time he would like them to consider doing something that is different and doing something that is hard. The easy thing to do is just to pass those increases and costs they are seeing onto the taxpayers. The difficult thing is to hold the line, and to find ways to reduce the cost of government so they don't have to do that. This is an opportunity for all of them to stand out and be different than most of their leadership. Mr. Robertson said he hopes they will do that.

OFFICEHOLDER, DEPARTMENT HEAD, AND EMPLOYEE COMMENTS:

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson put a handout at their places. He said it is just a year-end summary of tax collection. He said it kind of goes hand in hand with what the gentleman was talking about. It gives them a year review. It's got tax sale information and on the last page it just shows the investment and what they have collected this year. He said that is about a ten month year-end, \$831,000.00 on the investment side. Mr. Jackson said if they want the details of each investment, they have it in his office. He said they are welcome to come see him or give him a call.

Mr. Yoder: Mr. Yoder said he has noticed that the Highway Department has been sending out notifications of recent county highway road closures, and he greatly appreciated that. He said he has citizens ask him questions about road closures and he doesn't have an answer for them.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little wished everyone a very merry, happy, blessed Christmas.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to adjourn until Thursday, January 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.