

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

NOVEMBER 08, 2018

BUDGET SESSION

Jay A. Dunn
Chairman

Stephen M. Bean
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. Mattingley and Mr. Meachum.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said before he asked for the opening prayer he wanted to make three comments. He said on their tables the board members should have a copy of a spread sheet from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation. He said if you want to discuss or comment on it please do so during officeholder remarks. The other issue involves America's Gold Star Families and an event that is coming up. Sid Palmer is here and just wanted everyone to know they are having this event in honor of his son. Mr. Dunn asked Sid to stand and told him they appreciated his son's service.

Sid Palmer: Sid Palmer lives at 4720 W. Cantrell Street. He said that since August 21st of last year when they were thrown into this new world, when you have a casualty that is active you become a Gold Star Member. This will be the third Christmas tree in the State of Illinois for the Gold Star Families. The first one was in Springfield for two years last year, which will now be in Peoria at the airport there. Ours will be at the Civic Center, which the dedication is going to be on the 29th and you are all invited. Mr. Palmer said he did not just want to drop off a piece of paper; he wanted it to be more personal than that. He said the third one is at the Bloomington airport. So, it will be the first year and hopefully it will be an ongoing thing.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said the third thing he wanted to make sure in case no one noticed that it looks like the Republicans are moving up. He saw that their caucus went from the first floor to the fourth floor and you never know next month they might be on the fifth.

Mrs. Taylor led the members in prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 11, 2018 MEETING

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the minutes of the October 11, 2018 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Bird, Brown, Buckner, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, Greenfield, Hogan, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Noland, Oliver, Potts, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 19

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED

B. PROCLAMATIONS

Mary Eaton presented the following Proclamation: Whereas, Stephen Bean has served as the Macon County Clerk since December 1, 1990 and ran for a total of 7 consecutive terms facing an opponent only twice, and Whereas Steve Bean became interested in politics as a child where he gives credit to the late Mr. Roy Anthony, and therefore became very active in local and state politics resulting in him being chosen the youngest Democratic Party County Chairman in the state, in the year of 1980, and Whereas Steve Bean served as an alternate delegate in Jimmy Carter's campaign for President and also prior to being elected as County Clerk he worked in state government for the offices of State Treasurer and State Comptroller, and Whereas Steve Bean has had a distinguished career in public service as a member of the Board of Health, Democratic Party Chairman, graduate and teacher at Richland Community College and received many outstanding awards over the years, and Whereas Steve Bean is a diehard St. Louis Cardinal fan and a hardcore Star Trek fan and is the only candidate that regularly had his dog with him in the Labor Day Parade even pulling the dog in a wagon when the dog was too old to walk, and Whereas Steve Bean has always been extremely considerate of others and performed countless little acts of kindness for which he seeks no acknowledgement and has more often than not, sacrificed his personal interests or pursuit of activities of interest in order to do his job at the level he has set for himself and for this his time in office will serve as the template for dedicated service to which his successors in that office, and all other offices will aspire, and now therefore be it proclaimed that Steve Bean has served with distinction in his 28 years of service to Macon County citizens and all fellow officeholders, and be it further proclaimed by this county board of Macon County that we recognize Steve Bean for his 28 years of public service both to Macon County and its residents.

Tom Schneider: Mr. Schneider said that is a tough act to follow and congratulated Steve. Mr. Schneider presented the following Proclamation: Whereas, Howard Graham Buffett began his career on August 12, 2012 as an Auxiliary Deputy Sheriff in the Macon County Sheriff's office and voluntarily served the citizens of Macon County until September of 2014. Whereas Howard Graham Buffett was appointed to the position of Under Sheriff working as a top administrator with the sheriff's office overseeing special projects, and Whereas Howard Buffett was sworn in the Macon County Sheriff on September 15, 2017 served as a Macon County Sheriff until December 1, 2018, and Whereas Howard Graham Buffett served his term as sheriff in a distinguished manner that served all citizens of

Macon County during his term as sheriff Howard Graham Buffett implemented programs that saved lives, automated the sheriff's office to streamline operations and improve officer safety, created a work environment that increased employee morale and established community relations that was inclusive to all people in the Macon County community. Now therefore be it proclaimed that Sheriff Howard Graham Buffett has served the citizens of Macon County with distinction, and be it further proclaimed that the County Board of Macon County recognize Sheriff Buffett for his service to Macon County and all of its citizens.

Howard G. Buffett: Mr. Buffett said, one word Mr. Chairman, ambushed.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said that when Howard asked him if he would appoint him as sheriff, he asked Howard if he knew anything about the jail system and many hundreds of thousands of dollars later he thinks Sheriff Buffett has a pretty good grasp on it. Mr. Dunn said he and Macon County should thank him for that because he has really restructured the jail and the medical treatment there and everything else. Mr. Dunn said he appreciated that.

ZONING/SUBDIVISIONS

1. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution Z-1202-11-18 which is regarding Case R-01-10-18, a petition submitted by Benjamin & Breck Corrington for rezoning of approximately 1.21 acres from (R-4) Single Family Residential Zoning to (A-1) Agricultural Zoning on property commonly known as Kitchen Road in Oakley, IL 62501 in Oakley Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend approval of the subject petition to the County Board. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and recommended approval to the County Board.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution Z-1202-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution Z-1203-11-18 which is regarding Case R-02-10-18, a petition submitted by Michael Sams for rezoning of approximately 37.73 acres from (R-4) Single Family Residential Zoning to (A-1) Agricultural Zoning on property commonly known as Sandcreek Road in Decatur, IL 62521 in South Wheatland Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend approval of the subject petition to the County Board. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and recommended approval to the County Board.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution Z-1203-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution Z-1204-11-18 which is regarding Case S-03-10-18, a petition submitted by Novel Energy Solutions/Paula Fitzgerald requesting a Special Use Permit for the construction of a 2MW Community Solar Garden on approximately 20 acres of leased land in (A-1) Agricultural Zoning on property commonly known as Kirby Road, Oreana, IL 62501. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend approval of the subject petition to the County Board with 6 stipulations. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and recommended the County Board approve the petition subject to the 6 stipulations recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Ms. Zimmerman to approve Resolution Z-1204-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from IDOT confirming the transfer of highway jurisdiction for East Faries Parkway from Decatur Township to the City of Decatur on October 22, 2018.

A letter from Comcast regarding channel changes.

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

A letter from Decatur Public Building Commission regarding the Macon County Health Department Facility Rent Payments – 2019.

REPORTS

- Sheriff's Report – October 2018
- Treasurer Fund and Investment Report – October 2018
- Collector's Report – October 2018
- Coroner's Report – September 2018

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve the Correspondence and Reports and that they be placed on file by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. CLAIMS

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve the claims by prior roll call vote

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. APPOINTMENTS

The appointments are being presented under the Consent Calendar.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Resolution G-4905-11-18 – Reappointment to the Decatur-Macon County Opportunities Corporation Board of Directors

Marty Watkins, 4830 Baker Woods Ln., Decatur, IL 62521
Term Expires: November 30, 2022

- Resolution G-4906-11-18 – Reappointment to the Decatur-Macon County Opportunities Corporation Board of Directors

Antonio D. Brown, 333 S. Franklin St., Decatur, IL 62523
Term Expires: November 30, 2022

- Resolution G-4907-11-18 – Reappointment to the Macon County Electrical Commission

Brett McClelland, 5790 W. Macon St., Decatur, IL 62522
Term Expires: November 30, 2021

Resolution G-4908-11-18 – Reappointment to Macon County Heartland of Illinois
Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) Council

Jennifer Gunter, 820 Spitler Park Dr., Mt. Zion, IL 62549
Term Expires: November 30, 2011

Resolution G-4909-11-18 – Appointment to the Macon County Ethics Commission

Marty Watkins, 4830 E. Baker Woods Lane, Decatur, IL 62521
Term Expires: November 30, 2020

Resolution G-4910-11-18 – Reappointment to Macon County Ethics Commission

Paula Cross, 1420 W. Sunset, Decatur, IL 62522
Term Expires: November 30, 2020

Resolution G-4911-11-18 – Appointment to Macon County Regional Planning
Commission

Tim Dudley, #2 Fenton Dr., Decatur, IL 62521
Term Expires: November 30, 2020

Resolution G-4912-11-18 – Reappointment to Macon County Regional Planning
Commission

Kevin Bird, 3110 N. Westlawn Ave., Decatur, IL 62526
Term Expires: November 30, 2020

Resolution G-4913-11-18 – Appointment to Macon County Regional Planning
Commission

Brian Wood, 1221 E. Condit, Decatur, IL 62521
Term Expires: December 31, 2019

Resolution G-4914-11-18 – Reappointment to Macon County Rural Transit Advisory
Group

Jennifer Morse, 26 Montez, Decatur, IL 62526
Term Expires: November 30, 2020

Resolution G-4915-11-18 – Appointment to Warrensburg Fire Protection

Cindy Hundley, 217 N. Durfee, Warrensburg, IL 62573
Term Expires: May, 2020

Resolution G-4916-11-18 – To execute deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve the Consent Calendar by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

6. Mr. Potts presented Resolution G-4917-11-18 which is approving a transfer within the Sheriff's FY18 budget.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4917-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. Mr. Potts presented Resolution G-4918-11-18 which is approving a donation from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation to purchase a new vehicle for the Coroner's office.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve Resolution G-4918-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

8. Mr. Potts presented Resolution G-4919-11-18 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the FY 18 Coroner's budget.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4919-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Mr. Potts presented Resolution G-4920-11-18 which is amending the Probation FY 18 budget.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to approve Resolution G-4920-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

EEHW COMMITTEE

10. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution G-4921-11-18 which is approving a mitigation grant for Macon County to mitigate flood properties

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4921-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

COMMENT:

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said these are those 3 properties on Kruse Road that we have been working on for like 10 years. They are finally demolished and the grant has come through to pay for those.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson asked if that is all finished.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said yes.

MOTION CARRIED.

OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

11. Mr. Smith presented Resolution G-4922-11-18 which is approving the Holidays for 2019.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve Resolution G-4922-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith said they did not have a meeting but the he wanted to share that the General Assembly comes back next week starting Tuesday for the first 3 days of their veto session and then they will be in the week after Thanksgiving for 3 more days. We have been receiving the reports from our statewide association on that. He is not aware of anything pressing at this moment, but if anything comes up they will alert us.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

12. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-4923-11-18 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the Treasurer's Office.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-4923-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

13. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-4924-11-18 which is approving a Mutual Aid Agreement for Police Services between the County of Christian, Illinois, the County of Macon, Illinois, the County of Shelby, Illinois and the Village of Moweaqua, Illinois.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-4924-11-18 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, 2018 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2019**

COMMENT:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he would like to thank everyone on the Finance Committee and Chairman Dunn. It has been a tough year and unfortunately next year is going to be tougher. His comment would be to officeholders and county employees, it is not going to be a fun year. This year we are about \$1,500,000 or \$1,400,000 in the red. We are fortunate enough that we have reserves to make up for that. We can't keep operating that way. So, in the next few years we are going to have to make some serious cuts unfortunately, unless we can figure out another revenue source. Anybody that has any ideas, our ears are open; we want to hear them.

14. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution B-1-11-18 which is establishing the budgets for 2018-2019 fiscal year.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution B-1-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

MOTION TO AMEND

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Greenfield to amend Resolution B-1-11-18 by taking budget line 030-000-8090-000 and move it to the 030-000-8200-000 line by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith asked what that meant.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said all that does is zero out one line and move it to another.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith asked what budget it is in.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said it is a highway line. It is Uniform/Safety Equipment and we are moving it to the Miscellaneous All Funds General Account.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn asked what the reason was for that move.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said there is \$30,000 expense in our current expense in the Display Budget in that line item for uniforms. We are wanting to zero that uniform line item out as an affirmative action of the county board basically saying that is not going to be in that line item and move that to the miscellaneous line item below. That is the purpose of the amendment.

Ms. Dawson: Ms. Dawson asked why it was being moved.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said because we have a.... He asked Mr. Bird how he wanted to describe it.

Bruce Bird: Mr. Bird said if we have it in the miscellaneous line item it is going to be a little bit easier to handle any kind of payments that we have out of there going forward. It is just an easier way of handling it. There is no change in the budget. It is basically just taking one out of one and putting it in the other.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn asked Carol Reed if she was ok with that and she replied yes.

MOTION CARRIED. (AMENDMENT)

MOTION CARRIED. (MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED RES. B-1-11-18)

15. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution B-2-11-18 which is establishing valuation of all taxable property in Macon County, Illinois.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution B-2-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith asked how much higher or lower this is from the previous year.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said it is slightly higher, but that number is not final at this point. We still have Board of Review decisions and people are still applying for Homestead Exemptions. That is a number that is required for the board to pass their budget, but it is not the final, final number. As you know, the levy process precedes the total final assessed value. It is an estimate, and it is slightly higher; but it is not the final number.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith asked how much is slightly higher.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said he could get the number, but he doesn't have a percentage. He could get it for him tomorrow.

MOTION CARRIED.

16. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution B-3-11-18 which is establishing a tax levy for General Corporate Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution B-3-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

17. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution B-4-11-18 which is establishing a tax levy for Retirement Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution B-4-11-18 by prior roll call vote

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

18. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution B-5-11-18 which is establishing a tax levy for Social Security Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution B-5-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

19. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution B-6-11-18 which is establishing a tax levy for Insurance Loss and Liability Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution B-6-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

20. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution B-7-11-18 which is establishing a tax levy for Judgment Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution B-7-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

21. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution B-8-11-18 which is establishing a tax levy for the Health Department Unit Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution B-8-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

22. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution B-9-11-18 which is establishing a tax levy for County Highway Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution B-9-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

23. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution B-10-11-18 which is establishing a tax levy for Matching Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution B-10-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

24. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution B-11-11-18 which is establishing a tax levy for County Special Bridge Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution B-11-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

25. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution B-12-11-18 which is establishing a tax levy for DPBC Lease Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution B-12-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

26. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution B-13-11-18 which is establishing a tax levy for Historical Museum Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve Resolution B-13-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

27. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution B-14-11-18 which is establishing a tax levy for Veterans Commission Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve Resolution B-14-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

28. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution B-15-11-18 which is establishing a tax levy for Mental Health Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve Resolution B-15-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

29. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution B-16-11-18 which is establishing a tax levy for Macon County Extension Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution B-16-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

30. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution B-17-11-18 which is authorizing Tax Anticipation Warrants against levies for various funds herein.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution B-17-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

31. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution B-18-11-18 which is approving the 2018-2019 Budget.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution B-18-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said they are waiting for another meeting with the Circuit Clerk's office for negotiations. There is also something in the Sheriff's office coming up shortly for negotiations.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

32. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution H-2129-11-18 which is approving a Jurisdictional Transfer Agreement with the City of Decatur.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution H-2129-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

33. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution H-2130-11-18 which is approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for the sharing of certain costs related to maintenance of traffic signals in Macon County, IL between the City of Decatur and the County of Macon, Illinois.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution H-2130-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

34. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution H-2131-11-18 which is approving an amendment to appraisal and appraisal reviews on the CH 57 85th Street Bridge Replacement Project.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution H-2131-11-18 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.

SITING, RULES & ORDINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

35. Mr. Potts presented Ordinance O-132-11-18 which is amending Chapter 91 of the Macon County Code - The Food Sanitation Ordinance.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Ordinance O-132-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

36. Mr. Potts presented Ordinance O-133-11-18 which is amending Title V, Chapter 52 of the Macon County Code –Water Well Permit and Water Supply Ordinance.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve O-133-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Building Sub-Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

CITIZENS' REMARKS:

Dan Cooley: Mr. Cooley lives at 5911 Hogan Road in Dalton City, IL. He wanted to thank Chairman Dunn and the board for hearing our request for this resolution. He was not going to reiterate all of the points he has made to them over the past few months. Mr. Cooley was sure they were tired of seeing him in their e-mail in box, but we want to make everyone aware of what is going on. He did want to point out something that probably needs more attention than it did originally for the mere reason of the change in Springfield that has just happened. Our new governor is going to be very much anti-gun. He has already said so, and has already proposed 100% tax on all firearms and that will impact Macon County in the tax structure to some degree. There are laws that he would like to see implemented that have been blocked previously. So, we are going to be in for this whole fight all over again that we successfully avoided last year with just a couple different things that did pass. We are not opposed to all gun legislation, but there is a lot

of it out there that doesn't serve well for any of us. The thing he would like to point out to everyone is that this was put on a ballot referendum in 17 different counties this past election. In all 17 counties it was passed. Mr. Cooley said that brings it to a total of about 54 counties that have signed on to this resolution in one form or another. As Jay pointed earlier, this was not near as binding or profound as some of them. But, it does give the message to Springfield that we are interested in this issue and we don't want to see any other erosion of the Second Amendment. That is all we are asking of the board, to represent us as individuals and give a bigger voice to the government in Springfield that we don't want to see any more erosion of the Second Amendment and no further gun laws that prevent us from protecting our family in the home or in the public, wherever it might be. It dawned on him as he was thinking about it, this is a government building and as much as law enforcement knows, we can't carry in here. So, he said he locked his gun up like the lawful citizen he tends to be and all of the rest of the folks in here did as well. We did that. The criminals won't do that; they will come right on in here if they want to and pay no attention to any of those laws. So, they do absolutely no good. The prohibited places to carry do no good as well because law abiding citizens are going to stay law abiding. Mr. Cooley appreciated their consideration and interest on all of this and attention to it.

French MacLean: Mr. MacLean lives at 9 Montgomery Place in Decatur. He is a retired Colonel of Infantry in the Army. He went to West Point and graduated in 1974 and served 34 years in. During his time in, he commanded about 3,000 soldiers and 2,900 were armed with fully automatic weapons. He was not talking media fully automatic. He was talking rock-n-roll empty the magazine spray and pray. He said another 100 were armed with pistols. One person was not; he was the chaplain and he depended on them to take care of him. Not one time in the 34 years did one of those soldiers armed with a weapon turn on another soldier. He said what that taught him was that it is the person behind the machine and if you have good, responsible people it doesn't matter if it is a gun or a bus or a train or a plane; you are going to be ok. Mr. MacLean said if his people behind his machines are better than your people, he wins. It is a red, white and blue issue. The second thing is that when he was a Second Lieutenant a Colonel came up to him and said, "Lieutenant never give an order to your platoon that you know they will disobey." He thought that was kind of odd and was not what they taught them at West Point. That Colonel said the reason is, if you give that order and then they disobey then you either have to punish each and every one of them or you have to resign because you have lost control of that platoon. Either way, the Army suffers. So, what you have to do with an order is convince them that it is moral to do before you give the order or they will view it as a non-moral order and they will not follow it. So, whether we are talking about Second Amendment or First Amendment, any of the amendments; before we pass a law to change one of the amendments we have to look at what happens if the people view our law as amoral. They will not follow it. We tried it for prohibition a hundred years ago and we created 100,000,000 people who were criminals who said nobody tells me when I can have a beer or not. So, you are the lawmakers and before you make any changes to an amendment, look at whether the people are going to view your change as a moral change or as an immoral change. Then go ahead and do what you have to do.

OFFICEHOLDERS' REMARKS:

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said he would like this board and the people in this chamber to please keep the family of our former Sheriff Thomas Schneider's family in their thoughts and prayers. His wonderful sister passed away after a long battle with cancer. She was a wonderful young lady and really loved her brother.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver said he was very happy that the note that we got from Mr. Buffett was presented. He hopes the members of the board realize that Mr. Buffett has been a man of integrity and someone who has done so much for this community. He wanted to personally thank Mr. Buffett for the many contributions he has brought to the city and this county. The things he has done for this community are going to be sorely missed, not only from the standpoint of law enforcement but also humanitarian causes. Mr. Oliver said his concern was what would happen when Mr. Buffett left. These things that have been going on for so long seem to almost have been taken for granted that we were going to have this forever. He wanted to know what the responsibility was going to be left to us to take care of these programs. He said that Mr. Buffett explained it very well and he hoped everyone would get to see this and know it is not a flash in the pan. It is going to be something that should be lasting and we will be able to take care of after he is gone. We will invite Mr. Buffett back again to see how it is going and if we do need some more help we would call on him. Mr. Oliver thanked Mr. Buffett.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to suspend the rules to consider Resolutions G-4925-11-18 and G-4926-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

37. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-4925-11-18 which is regarding approving the semi-annual review of closed session minutes.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded Mr. Jackson to approve Resolution G-4925-11-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

38. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-4926-11-18 which is supporting Pro-Second Amendment Resolution.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-4926-11-18.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Bird, Brown, Cox, Drobisch, Dudley, Greenfield, Hogan, Jackson, Kraft, Noland, Oliver, Potts, Smith

Nay: Buckner, Dawson, Dunn, Joy, Taylor, Zimmerman

AYES = 13

NAYS = 6

MOTION CARRIED.

EXPLANATION OF VOTE:

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith said we voted on this exact same resolution in 2008. He said he pushed this through the Operations Committee at that time. He supported it then and doesn't see why we need to have it again. He said since it is the same thing because he did compare them side by side, he will vote yes.

QUESTION:

Ms. Dawson: Ms. Dawson asked if there are going to be any more teeth in this resolution than there already was because it was already toothless.

Mr. Scott: Mr. Scott said he thinks the main thing, the purpose of it is to try and send a message. It doesn't have much teeth to it, but that is his understanding of why this resolution was sought.

Ms. Dawson: Ms. Dawson asked if they were saying that whatever the legislation proposes according to this bill, that we will not, if we vote for this bill, well we have already voted, that we will not enforce.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he did not believe that was in this resolution.

Ms. Dawson: Ms. Dawson asked if he did not think so.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said no.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to adjourn until December 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.