

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**



MARCH 14, 2024

**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. Oliver.

Mr. Entler led the members in prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PROCLAMATIONS AND RECOGNITIONS

Sheriff Root: Sheriff Root said he wanted to present a Life Saving Award. On January 21, 2024 at approximately 2:04 a.m. Warrensburg Fire Protection was detailed to 145 N. Main Street in Warrensburg, Illinois to check the welfare of a female found unresponsive in a restroom. Deputies Justin Lilly and Jessie Owens Jr responded to the scene and upon arrival Deputy Lilly met with an off-duty fireman Robert Allen of Harristown Fire Department and off duty EMT Rebecca Evans of Latham Fire Protection District who were attending to the unconscious victim. Upon arrival, Deputy Lilly found fellow patrons Rebecca Evans and Robert Allen attempting to aid the victim. Assessing the situation, Deputy Lilly directed Evans to tilt the victims head back as he administered the first dose of Narcan which provided no effect to the victim. Several minutes later Deputy Owens arrived on scene with a second dose of Narcan which was administered and provided some effect to the victim. Shortly after, Police Chief Wheeler arrived at the scene and took command. Chief Wheeler is an EMT and responded with a third dose of Narcan and an AED. After administering the Narcan and hooking up the AED they monitored the victim until EMS arrived. Their quick thinking and decisive decisions played a critical role in saving a life that night. Their dedication and well-being toward others deserves recognition and it was with great pleasure they he presented them with a Life Saving Award. Sheriff Root said this community is grateful for their service and he was honored to present this award.

Grant Noland: Mr. Noland presented a Proclamation regarding National Agriculture Day which is recognizing and celebrating the contributions farmers and farm families have made to better the lives of citizens in their community.

Mat Muirheid: Mr. Muirheid, from the Macon County Farm Bureau, thanked the board and said it was greatly appreciated.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little invited Bob Archer to come forward. She presented a proclamation to him proclaiming the month of March of the year of 2024 be observed as DeMolay International Month saluting the young men of the Order of the DeMolay and expressing grateful appreciation for the fine example set by them in contributing to the welfare of the community by addressing themselves to the building of good character among the youth thereby aiding in the development of leadership for tomorrow.

Mr. Archer: Mr. Archer said DeMolay was brought into Decatur in 1933 and unfortunately went dark in 2004 because of lack of membership. He said at the end of 2021 they were able to bring the chapter back. They are starting to work inside the community doing civil service, fund raising, and teaching these young men how to be the next leaders of the generations to come.

CONSENT CALENDAR

APPOINTMENTS:

There were no appointments presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Approval of minutes of the February 08, 2024 meetings.

CLAIMS:

Approval of the December 2023 and January 2024 claims.

CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS:

Sheriff's Report – February 2024

Treasurer's Fund & Investment Report – February 2024

Collector's Report – February 2024

Coroner's Report – January 2024

DELINQUENT TAX DEEDS:

There were no delinquent tax deeds presented.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft 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, Kraft, Kreke, Larner, Little, Noland, Scott, Yoder

Nays: (None)

AYES = 12

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5652-03-24 which is approving a two-year agreement with IPMG for Worker’s Compensation Third Party Administration Services.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-5652-03-24 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

2. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5653-03-24 which is approving acceptance of a grant with Health Management Associates for Medication Assistance Recovery for inmates in the Macon County Jail.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5653-03-24 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comment from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

3. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution H-2333-03-24 which is awarding the annual county sign bid to Stello Products, Inc. as the low bidder.

MOTION

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution H-2333-03-24 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution H-2334-03-24 which is awarding the annual county sign blanks bid to MD Solutions as the low bidder.

MOTION

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution H-2334-03-24 by prior roll call.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution H-2335-03-24 which is awarding the annual Non-MFT culvert bid to Metal Culverts as the low bidder.

MOTION

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Entler to approve Resolution H-2335-03-24 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution H-2336-03-24 which is awarding the annual MFT culvert bid to Metal Culverts Inc. as the low bidder.

MOTION

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution H-2336-3-24 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution H-2337-03-24 which is approving a Permanent Right-of-Way Easement & Temporary Construction Easement for overhead electric distribution and fiber optic telecommunications systems with Shelby Electric Cooperative.

MOTION

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution H-2337-03-24 by prior roll call vote.

COMMENT:

Mr. Kreke: Mr. Kreke said they wanted to add an amendment to the resolution. They wanted to add a construction commitment from Shelby Electric which acknowledges that if the beltway ever gets in the way of this, it is their responsibility to move the things they are putting in.

MOTION TO AMEND

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to amend Resolution H-2337-03-24 to add a construction commitment by Shelby Electric by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (AMENDMENT TO H-2337-03-24)

MOTION CARRIED. (RESOLUTION H-2337-03-24 AS AMENDED)

8. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution H-2338-03-24 which is approving the purchase of a 2007 Vactor 2100 Combination Sewer Cleaner.

MOTION

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution H-2338-03-24 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.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said she was commenting during public comments because she was wearing a different hat. The hat is the Dementia Friendly Decatur Coordinator. She wanted to congratulate Macon County, in the non-law enforcement offices, so far. They are going to get across the street eventually. They have been doing the dementia friendly training and it has been very well received, and very well attended. As of that day there were 4 offices that have been 100% trained in the dementia friendly education class they

offered. They have had very good feedback and she really appreciated their participation. She thinks it is excellent because the offices in this building especially, deal with all elements of the community and this should make it go better from both sides of the window.

OFFICEHOLDER, DEPARTMENT HEAD AND EMPLOYEE COMMENTS

Sherry Doty: Sherry Doty thanked Linda for what she was doing with the training class. She said it affects everyone and their families eventually, and is very important.

Tammy Wilcox: Mrs. Wilcox said she was going to say the same thing. She really enjoyed the training and everyone else she talked to said the same thing. She thought it was wonderful the amount of attendance Mrs. Little had for that. Mrs. Wilcox also wanted to thank the Farm Bureau for attending the meeting and for hosting every broadband meeting they had and for the great support they have provided. They have had every meeting each Thursday morning out at the farm bureau and it's always set up and coffee is made and they have good collaboration with that.

Mat Muirheid: Mr. Muirheid said they appreciated working with the county board on this issue. They hoped to get that project going and felt it would be a great benefit to the county to have improved broadband. They are looking forward to it just as much as the county is.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked them to keep Mr. Oliver in their prayers. He and Tammy visited him about a week ago. He was doing pretty well and was giving them a hard time, so he thinks that means he is getting better. They looked forward to him coming back.

Mr. Rueter: Mr. Rueter said they would need to go into closed session under the Open Meetings Act, specifically 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) that they go into closed session to discuss litigation.

MOTION TO CLOSE SESSION

Mr. Yoder moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to go into closed session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 (c) (11) of the Open Meetings Act to discuss litigation by prior roll call vote

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO OPEN SESSION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to return to open session by prior roll call vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Coleman moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to adjourn until Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.