

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

FEBRUARY 11, 2021

**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.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said he had two letters to read prior to the roll call: Effective February 11th, 2021, I John Jackson officially resign from my county board seat as Vice Chairman, Finance Committee Chairman and Operations and Personnel Committee member. It has been a pleasure serving on the Macon County Board and I look forward to working with the board in the future as a Macon County elected official post appointment. Kind Regards, John Jackson. The second letter: This letter is my official notification to you and to the Macon County Board that my last day of work will be January 31, 2021. On that day, I plan to retire from my position as Macon County Treasurer after 10 years and 2 months of service. During my time with Macon County, I have had the opportunity to work with wonderful people, I have learned, adapted and met many goals of the Macon County Treasurer's office. I appreciate the support that I have received. It has truly been my honor and my privilege to serve as the Macon County Treasurer. Sincerely, Edward D. Yoder.

The Roll Call showed the following members present at the meeting: Mr. Coleman, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Entler, Mr. Greenfield, Mr. Gresham, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Holman, Mr. Horve, Mrs. Kraft, Mr. Kreke, Mrs. Lerner, Mrs. Little, Mr. Noland, Mrs. Rood, Mrs. Taylor. The following members were present via tele-presence: Ms. Buckner, Mr. Drobisch and Dr. Zimmerman.

Mrs. Taylor led the members in Prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JANUARY 14, 2021 MEETING

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2021 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Coleman, Dawson, Drobisch, Entler, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Horve, Kraft, Kreke, Lerner, Little, Noland, Rood, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 18

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he didn't bring it with him and left it in his office, but under Recognitions, they did have one. He said it is for the Auditor's office, Ms. Carol Reed. Carol, again achieved the Certificate of Excellence for the work the auditor's done. Mr. Greenfield said he didn't know how many years in a row that this has been, but obviously congratulations, good job and keep up the good work. They appreciate it very much. Thank you.

COMMENT:

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said as a point of order it might make sense to take up the appointment of the new county board member before the board votes on any substantive matters.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

An e-mail from AT&T U-verse regarding U-verse TV price changes.

A Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste for Advanced Disposal Services Valley View Landfill regarding proposing renewal of the permit and addressing conditions VIII.9, VIII.26, IX.4, IX.7 and IX.10 of the permit are also proposed.

A letter from Sparklight, formerly NewWave Communications regarding upcoming adjustments to residential and business cable television and phone rate structures.

A circular letter from IDOT regarding modernized and updated engineering agreement forms and standardization of consultant compensation formulas.

A circular letter from IDOT regarding Rebuild Illinois Bond Grants to Local Public Agencies – Fund Implementation (Information Exchange) and Third Installment Issuance.

A letter from the Decatur Building Commission regarding Certificate of Ending Fund Balance – Fiscal Year 2020 Multiple Facilities Operational Lease Account

REPORTS

- Sheriff Report – January 2021
- Treasurer Fund and Investment Report – January 2021
- Collector Report – January 2021
- Coroner Report – December 2020
- Public Defender Report – January 2021
- County Clerk Annual Report – Fiscal Year 2020

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Entler to approve placing the Correspondence on file.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Coleman, Dawson, Drobisch, Entler, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Horve, Kraft, Kreke, Larner, Little, Noland, Rood, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 18

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMENT:

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett recommended that Mr. Greenfield go ahead and move on the appointment of the new county board member before they vote on the financial claims.

1. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5249-02-21 which is appointing Jason Comer, 3906 Pine Ridge, Decatur, IL 62521 to fill the Macon County Board District #7 position vacated by John Jackson. The term will expire November 30, 2022.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5249-02-21.

QUESTION:

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked if there was anything Mr. Greenfield could tell them about the new board member.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said Mr. Comer is on the management team for World of Power Sports.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson said she read that.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked what else she would like to know. He asked if she would like him to bring Mr. Comer up so she could meet him.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson said she would love that.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said Mr. Comer is married with a couple daughters and he has lived in that area his whole life.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Coleman, Dawson, Drobisch, Entler, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Horve, Kraft, Kreke, Larner, Little, Noland, Rood, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 18

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Macon County Clerk, Josh Tanner administered the Oath of Office to Jason Comer, the newly appointed Macon County Board Member in District #7.

COMMENT:

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson suggested that in the future when they have new board members coming on to the board that they could have a little history. He was asking them to vote on somebody they have never met.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he would do that.

ZONING / SUBDIVISIONS

2. Mrs. Little presented Resolution Z-1229-02-21 which is regarding Case R-01-01-21, a petition submitted by Highpoint Ventures LLC, for rezoning approximately 8 acres from (M-1) Light Industrial Zoning to (RE-5) Single Family Estate Zoning on property commonly known as 5680 N. Country Club Road, Decatur, IL 62521 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

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution Z-1229-02-21.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Coleman, Comer, Dawson, Drobisch, Entler, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Horve, Kraft, Kreke, Larner, Little, Noland, Rood, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 19

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

3. CLAIMS

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Gresham to approve the claims as presented.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Coleman, Comer, Dawson, Drobisch, Entler, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Horve, Kraft, Kreke, Larner, Little, Noland, Rood, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 19

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

C. APPOINTMENTS

4. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5242-02-21 which is approving the appointment of John Jackson as the Macon County Treasurer.

QUESTION:

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked why they could not have had this appointment at the O & P meeting. She said the O& P meeting was cancelled and asked if this appointment could have been part of the O & P meeting.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he did not cancel the O & P meeting.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson said they didn't have an agenda.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said it could have been.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson said rather than having to find out at 4:00 yesterday.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Coleman, Comer, Dawson, Drobisch, Entler, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Horve, Kraft, Kreke, Larner, Little, Noland, Rood, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 19

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

Macon County Clerk, Josh Tanner administered the Oath of Office to John Jackson as the newly appointed Macon County Treasurer.

5. Resolution G-5243-02-21 – Appointment to the Oakley Township Sediment Storage Site Maintenance Advisory Committee

Ryan Kreke, 903 Cedar Hill Dr., Decatur, IL 62521

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Ms. Rood to approve Resolution G-5243-02-21.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Coleman, Comer, Dawson, Drobisch, Entler, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Horve, Kraft, Kreke, Larner, Little, Noland, Rood, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 19

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Resolution G-5250-02-21 – Appointment to the Macon County Ethics Commission

Jerry Lord, 3646 Pleasant View Ct., Decatur, IL 62526
Term Expires: November 30, 2023

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5250-02-21.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Coleman, Comer, Dawson, Drobisch, Entler, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Horve, Kraft, Kreke, Larner, Little, Noland, Rood, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 19

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

7. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5244-02-21 which is executing deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve the Consent Calendar.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Coleman, Comer, Dawson, Drobisch, Entler, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Horve, Kraft, Kreke, Larner, Little, Noland, Rood, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 19

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

The Justice Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

The EEHW Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting

The Operations and Personnel Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

The Legislative Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

8. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5245-02-21 which is approving a decrease in the mileage reimbursement rate.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Gresham to approve Resolution G-5245-02-21.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Coleman, Comer, Dawson, Drobisch, Entler, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Horve, Kraft, Kreke, Larner, Little, Noland, Rood, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 19

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5246-02-21 which is approving an omnibus resolution for budget clean-up for FY20.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution G-5246-02-21.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Coleman, Comer, Dawson, Drobisch, Entler, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Horve, Kraft, Kreke, Larner, Little, Noland, Rood, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 19

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

10. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5247-02-21 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the FY20 Coroner's budget.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution G-5247-02-21.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

Ayes: Buckner, Coleman, Comer, Dawson, Drobisch, Entler, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Horve, Kraft, Kreke, Lerner, Little, Noland, Rood, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 19
NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

The Negotiations Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

The Transportation Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

The Executive Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

The Siting, Rules & Ordinance Sub-Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting

CITIZENS' REMARKS:

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said there were no citizens' remarks received by e-mail, nor were there any citizens' at the meeting with remarks to present.

There were no officeholder remarks presented at the meeting.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION

Mr. Gresham moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to appoint Linda Little as Vice-Chair to the Macon County Board to replace resigning chair John Jackson.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Coleman, Comer, Drobisch, Entler, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Horve, Kraft, Kreke, Larner, Little, Noland, Rood, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

Present: Dawson

AYES = 18

NAYS = 0

PRESENT = 1

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMENT:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said they will need to suspend the rules to consider the last resolution because of the way it fell and the city is wanting to expedite this.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said two years ago the city approached the county about purchasing about 700 and change, parcels that the county had taken a legal deed to through the tax process. The properties had been delinquent on the taxes. The taxes were not sold to a private tax buyer because no one wanted them. No one thought they could turn the property over. Ultimately, 2 ½ years after the tax sale, the county took deed to those properties. Subsequent to that, the county attempted to auction off the properties at public auction and no one was willing to pay the minimum bid. This went on, in some cases, for years with some of these properties. The state of the properties is that no one would want to actually take them on as projects or hindrances. They had a situation where there were over 700 properties that basically were sitting there and were not taxable at that point because the county owned them. So, the city came in and offered to pay \$75.00 per parcel and basically take them off the county's hands with the hope that they could revitalize them and ultimately interest developers in purchasing and developing those properties and getting them back on the tax rolls. It's been 2 years since then. The city has identified 67 new properties that have basically hit the same fate, where the county has acquired tax deeds to the properties. They have been offered at public auction. They have not been purchased at public auction. The city is offering \$150.00 per parcel to incorporate them into their revitalization program. That is what is before the board tonight. The city is working on an expedited time frame trying to get these done. They have been in negotiations with the city for a little while, but they just took it through city council in order to pass the ordinance that is necessary for the county to be able to sell the properties to them. The county received that last Monday or Tuesday and it was after the county had gotten through the Finance Committee. So, they were not able to put it on a committee schedule prior to this board meeting which is why they would have to have the rules suspended prior to voting on it tonight.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked what the minimum bid would have been on some of these properties at auction.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said they have a contract with the tax trustee's company Joseph E. Meyer. The minimum bid is \$700.00 and of that \$700.00 Joseph Meyer's fee is \$450.00. They take \$450.00 regardless of the selling price. So if it sells for \$700.00 they get \$450.00. So if it sells for \$12,000 or \$20,000, they get \$450.00. That's the only money the trustee receives through this entire process. They handle this from the point of the original tax sale all the way through the tax deed process and then through the actual public auctions after that. In some cases, the trustee is managing these properties effectively for years before the county actually sees anything happen. Their fee is \$450.00 if the property ever actually sells.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked if there is a figure.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said the city is offering \$150.00 which is less than what Joseph E. Meyer would normally get for a property. The county board has the contractual right with them as well as the statutory right to sell it for whatever they can get for it.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked about the other properties that they identified that were \$75.00. Are they going to buy those also?

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said they bought those 2 years ago for \$75.00 per. It was 700 properties. The county asked for more money this time because they are only asking for 67 properties and they had the funding to support that. The city would not have been able pay \$150.00 x 740 some odd properties last time.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked what the difference was between the \$150.00 parcels and the \$175.00 parcels.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said there are no \$175.00 parcels. They were \$75.00.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said there is in the resolution.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Mr. Baggett said that is a typo in the resolution.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said the now therefore paragraph says \$150.00 and the be it further resolved says \$175.00.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said that is a scrivener's error that needs to be corrected before the chairman signs it. It should say \$150.00.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. Gresham moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to suspend the rules to consider Resolution G-5248-02-21.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

Ayes: Buckner, Coleman, Comer, Dawson, Drobisch, Entler, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Horve, Kraft, Kreke, Larner, Noland, Rood, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

Present: Little

AYES = 18

NAYS = 0

PRESENT = 1

MOTION CARRIED. (TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR G-5248-02-21)

11. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5248-02-21 which his authorizing the sale of certain parcels owned by the County of Macon pursuant to Tax Deed Foreclosures to the City of Decatur.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution G-5248-02-21.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

Ayes: Buckner, Coleman, Comer, Dawson, Drobisch, Entler, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Horve, Kraft, Kreke, Larner, Noland, Rood, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

Present: Little

AYES = 18

NAYS = 0

PRESENT = 1

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Gresham to adjourn until March 11, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.