

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

**MARCH 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.

The Roll Call showed the following members present at the meeting: Mr. Comer, Mr. Entler, Mr. Greenfield, Mr. Gresham, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Holman, Mr. Horve, Mrs. Kraft, Mr. Kreke, Mrs. Larner, Mr. Mattingley. The following members were present via tele-presence: Ms. Buckner, Mr. Drobisch, Dr. Zimmerman.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Coleman, Mrs. Dawson and Mrs. Rood are now present at the meeting. Mr. Oliver is now present via tele-presence.

**A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 11, 2021 MEETING**

**MOTION**

Mr. Mattingley moved, seconded by Mr. Gresham to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2021 meeting.

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, Mattingley, Oliver, Rood, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 18**  
**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

There were no zoning or subdivisions presented at the meeting.

**B. CORRESPONDENCE**

A Circular Letter from IDOT regarding the schedule of Average Annual Equipment Ownership Expense Index.

A Circular Letter form IDOT regarding FY 2022 and 2023 Local Rail-Highway Grade Crossing Safety Program (Section 130 funds)

A Circular Letter from IDOT regarding IDOT policy and guidance for bridge inspection comments and documentation.

A Circular Letter from IDOT regarding At-Risk Project Pre-Agreement Authority for preliminary engineering (Section 1440 of the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act).

A notification from Ameren regarding upcoming vegetation activities.

A notification from Ameren Illinois regarding upcoming tree trimming.

## **REPORTS**

Sheriff's Report – February 2021

Treasurer's Fund & Investment Report – February 2021

Coroner's Report – January 2021

Public Defender Monthly Report – February 2021

## **MOTION**

Mr. Gresham moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve the Correspondence be placed on file.

There were no questions or comments from the board.

## **ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Buckner, Coleman, Comer, Dawson, Drobisch, Entler, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Horve, Kraft, Kreke, Lerner, Mattingley, Oliver, Rood, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 18**

**NAYS = 0**

## **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **1. CLAIMS**

Mr. Gresham moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve the Claims.

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, Mattingley, Oliver, Rood, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 18**

**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

There were no appointments presented at the meeting.

There was nothing presented on the Consent Calendar.

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

2. Mr. Mattingley presented Resolution G-5252-03-21 which is approving an Agreement between the Macon County Sheriff's Office and the Illinois Department of Transportation Distracted Driving Uniform Grant Agreement FY21.

**MOTION**

Mr. Mattingley moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution G-5252-03-21.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Buckner, Comer, Dawson, Drobisch, Entler, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Horve, Kraft, Kreke, Larner, Mattingley, Oliver, Rood, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

Present: Coleman

**AYES = 17**

**NAYS = 0**

**PRESENT = 1**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**EEHW COMMITTEE**

3. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5253-03-21 which is authorizing donation or disposal of surplus property by the Macon County Health Department.

**MOTION**

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5253-03-21.

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, Mattingley, Oliver, Rood, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 18**

**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5254-03-21 which is approving lease renewal at 1710, 1750 and 1760 N. 21<sup>st</sup> Street, between the Wicker Real Estate Trust and Macon County Environmental Management.

**MOTION**

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5254-03-21.

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, Mattingley, Oliver, Rood, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 18**

**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

5. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5255-03-21 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the FY21 General Fund Budget for Local Cure Program Assistance to Disabled American Veterans.

**MOTION**

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Mattingley to approve Resolution G-5255-03-21.

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, Mattingley, Oliver, Rood, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 18**

**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5256-03-21 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the FY21 General Fund Budget for Sheriff Office Custom Application Communications Tool.

**MOTION**

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5256-03-21.

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, Mattingley, Oliver, Rood, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 18**

**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

Pat Berter: Mr. Berter said they finalized the contract with FOP. The actual contract is between the officers and line staff and the chief judge. But, anytime they negotiate they always have a member of the county board present, and this time it was Chairman

Greenfield. The contract is for two years. He said really pretty much the only change is in the salaries. The probation officers received an increase of \$1,000, plus their step. Support received an increase of \$750.00. Mr. Berter said his senior staff that are topped out at the scale, the probation officers received a \$500.00 bonus and the support received a \$250.00 bonus. He said that is the only difference.

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.

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

### **CITIZENS' REMARKS:**

There were no citizens' remarks received by email.

Richard Briscoe: Mr. Briscoe said he lives in rural Oakley, Illinois. He and his wife bought 3.5 acres in 2003 and built their house. It was a dream home. Everybody wanted to do it. There isn't a man there that didn't want to build their own home. There is a special thing about building your own home. Not a day goes by that he doesn't walk into that house and look at something and say, "I remember doing that. I remember hitting the wrong nail that day." Mr. Briscoe said his wife works two jobs. They built this house in 2003. She works 3, 12 hour shifts at DMH. She walks about 7 miles a day. She timed herself. On her days off she works for Dr. Wade at Cancer Care. Mr. Briscoe said he worked at Staley's for 20 years. He spent 6 years at Muellers. He said he just retired from Decatur Industrial Electric as a machinist. He is 67 years old and it's time for him to retire. He said they loved their house so much that the first 5 years they never took a vacation; they stayed home. They love their house, and then Norm Sarver showed up and the place is a wreck. Mr. Briscoe said when he looks off his deck he sees road graters, beer trailers, Pepsi trailers. It's a mess. He said there hasn't been a complaint. There was a gig on TV a few months ago and they brought that property to their attention. They said they had never had a complaint. Mr. Briscoe said he never had complained because he doesn't like complaining. What Mr. Sarver wants to do is fine. Mr. Briscoe said that Mr. Sarver told him it would not be this way. Then early last year he said the rich people got on him and he had to move the stuff out of Bambi Pointe. Mr. Briscoe said he feels so sorry for those people down there. And he (Mr. Sarver) put it up on Mr. Briscoe's hill. Mr. Briscoe said he looks out his door and he sees junk. He went back there the other day and there is a huge road grater sunk in the ground 2 feet. Mr. Sarver will never get it out. There are boats, cars with no doors and no hoods. Mr. Briscoe said he doesn't deal with him. He thinks some of them may have dealt with Norm Sarver. He is not easy to deal with. Mr. Briscoe said he has been warned not to deal with him on this case. He hasn't talked to him. There was one year about 2 years ago that he lined Mr. Briscoe's fence up with semi-trailers, boats and junk. He just lined that fence for no particular reason except to poke Mr. Briscoe in the eye. Mr. Briscoe said when he built

in 2003, the Conservation District had him run a tile from the road across his property into the pond. Sometime 4 or 5 years ago that tile got damaged and plugged everything up, so he has a quarter of an acre that stands in water. He can't mow it until July because it is so muddy down there. Mr. Sarver told him he would fix that. So, Mr. Sarver goes out and digs the tile out and digs a trench about 3 feet wide, 5 feet deep and 50 feet long and now Mr. Briscoe has water standing right at the fence row. The fence is a foot onto his property on one end and about 2 feet on the south end of his property. The drive Mr. Sarver put in is about 4 feet on Mr. Briscoe's property. Mr. Sarver knows it. Mr. Briscoe knows it. They have discussed it and Mr. Briscoe told him he didn't care. Mr. Briscoe said a person came to him and told him that Norm told him that if Mr. Briscoe were to have him take the fence out that he would just mow it down and mow it on Mr. Briscoe's property and he would clean it up if he wanted to, but Mr. Sarver was not going to clean it up. That's hearsay and they don't have to believe it, but he knows Norm and has heard him say things like that about other people. Mr. Briscoe said he would like for something to be done. He spoke to a couple of attorneys nonchalantly and they said he didn't really need to spend a bunch of money on an attorney, that is what the board does. Mr. Briscoe said he is just sick. He gave Jennifer a packet of some pictures. He would like for them to take a look at them to see what it is going to. But, if you could imagine living in your home and having a road grater sitting across the street that you have to look at every day. His taxes out there are \$7,300 a year. Mr. Briscoe said they are going to have to downsize this year and Mr. Sarver knows that. Mr. Briscoe said Mr. Sarver told him he would clean it up before he decides to sell because he knows the property value will drop so much. Mr. Briscoe said he appreciated their time.

#### **OFFICEHOLDERS' REMARKS:**

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked if they have, or are they doing an audit of the Treasurer's Office.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said they are. Currently the audit is being done throughout the whole county and Kathy is planning on coming back doing a more intense audit. He asked Mr. Jackson if that was correct.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson said he talked to Kathy yesterday and they have to wait until the new system has been reconciled. They have everything through November 30<sup>th</sup> and they have the system in place and are working on reconciliations to this point and then Kathy will be back. He said they are hoping next week or the following.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

There was no new business presented at the meeting.

#### **COMMENT:**



Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said with all the schools going back, probably April 1<sup>st</sup> they will get back to where they can meet in-person. He said he will talk with the State's Attorney on that and they will send a memo out prior to that.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Mr. Mattingley moved, seconded by Mr. Entler to adjourn until April 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.