

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

SEPTEMBER 09, 2021

**Kevin Greenfield
Chairman**

**Josh Tanner
Clerk**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 with the Sheriff and State's Attorney present.

The Roll Call showed all members present with the exception of Mr. Drobisch, Mr. Hogan, Mr. Mattingley, Mr. Noland, Mr. Oliver, and Mrs. Taylor.

Mr. Entler led the members in prayer

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 12, 2021 MEETING

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2021 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Coleman, Comer, Dawson, Entler, Greenfield, Gresham, Holman, Horve, Kraft, Kreke, Lerner, Little, Rood

Nays: (None)

AYES = 14

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

B. PROCLAMATION

Mr. Holman: Mr. Holman presented a proclamation regarding National Rail Safety Week September 20, 2021 through September 26, 2021.

RECOGNITION:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said they had a plaque for Sheriff Brown. Mr. Greenfield stated, the plaque is presented to Antonio "Chubby" Brown, Macon County Sheriff's Department in appreciation and recognition for over 30 years of service and leadership protecting the citizens of Macon County. You made a difference. Macon County Board. September 9, 2021.

Tony Brown: Tony Brown thanked all of them for the recognition. He said, Jim, God speed to you and Kris. Tony said he is enjoying himself and one of these days they

would be there too. He said it is nice to be able to go somewhere and not have a time schedule to be there. He thanked them again and said it was a pleasure to serve.

There were no zoning or subdivision issues submitted at the meeting.

C. CORRESPONDENCE

Two letters from IDOT regarding Notification to Maintain on IL Project: MMVG-621//, Section 16-11117-00-BR and Project: 435X-662, Section 12-00250-00-BR.

Circular Letter 2021-19 from IDOT regarding FY 2027 Illinois Special Bridge Program (ISBP).

Circular Letter 2021-20 from IDOT regarding safe routes to schools call for projects.

Circular Letter 2021-21 from IDOT regarding township bridge program.

A news release from CN Railroad regarding their statement in response to the Surface Transportation Board (STB) decision.

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report – August 2021
Treasurer's Fund Report – August 2021
Collector's Report – August 2021
Coroner's Report – June & July 2021
Public Defender Report – August 2021

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Entler to approve the Correspondence and Reports by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

1. CLAIMS

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Kreke to approve the Claims by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. APPOINTMENTS

2. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5305-09-21 which is appointing Shad Edwards, 11 Montgomery Pl., Decatur, IL 62522 to the Macon County Board in Dist. #1.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-5305-09-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Macon County Clerk, Josh Tanner administered the Oath of Office to Shad Edwards as the newly appointed Macon County Board member in District #1.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5306-09-21 which is executing deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent.

MOTION

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

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (EDWARDS SHOWED HIS VOTE AS YES)

Mr. Oliver was now present at the meeting.

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

4. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5307-09-21 which is approving an increase in revenue and expense lines to account for Justice Assistance Grant Funds.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Gresham to approve Resolution G-5307-09-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (OLIVER SHOWED HIS VOTE AS YES)

5. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5308-09-21 which is approving a labor agreement between Macon County and the Illinois FOP for Corrections Officers and Corporals.

MOTION

Mr. Kraft moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-5308-09-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5309-09-21 which is granting permission to dispose of surplus equipment.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Gresham to approve Resolution G-5309-09-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5310-09-21 which is approving an agreement with Macon County Mental Health Board for Inmate Mental Health Services at the Macon County Jail for the term of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mrs. Rood to approve Resolution G-5310-09-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

8. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5311-09-21 which is approving the purchase of an inmate transport vehicle.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Holman to approve Resolution G-5311-09-21 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTIONS:

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked if there was a change in the contract they have with these people, in regards to transporting the prisoners between the two entities. Between Decatur and Peoria where are we at on that contract with them. He thought Peoria did the transportation.

Mr. Rueter: Mr. Rueter asked if he was asking about the agreement between the county and transporting prisoners. Mr. Oliver affirmed. Mr. Rueter said if he understands Mr. Oliver's question correctly, that applies only to the juvenile detention contract, where Macon County is housing juveniles in another county because they have an agreement with them. That county does provide transportation as part of that contract. This resolution is just a general purpose van, as he understands it, for the sheriff's office so they can transport people to the adult Department of Corrections, primarily. Mr. Rueter asked Mr. Root if he was saying that wrong to please correct him.

Sheriff Root: Sheriff Root said Mr. Rueter's explanation was correct.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5312-09-21 which is regarding the purchase of copiers for the Macon County State's Attorney's Office.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Entler to approve Resolution G-5312-09-21 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.

OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

10. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5313-09-21 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the FY21 Recorder's Document Storage Budget.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Ms. Rood to approve Resolution G-5313-09-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Legislative Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

11. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5314-09-21 which is approving appropriation of funds for copier purchases for the Auditor, Treasurer and Supervisor of Assessments.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution G-5314-09-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

12. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5315-09-21 which is authorizing the purchase of Metro Money to incentivize citizens to be vaccinated.

MOTION

Mrs. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution G-5315-09-21.

QUESTION:

Mr. Holman: Mr. Holman said he had a question because it wasn't spelled out in the resolution. He asked what the county's goal is. This \$100,000.00 is basically going to give the county 1,000 people. How many people have they targeted for needing vaccinations? He also asked what type of advertising they are doing on this, and how are they getting this to the people. It looks like they are using, and he heard this earlier in discussion, real money to buy fake money. He said if they have a target, it looks like this is lined out at a maximum of 3,000 people. Mr. Holman asked if that is going to help the county in any great way on the number of people that are not vaccinated in this county.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said it would reduce it by 3,000.

Mr. Holman: Mr. Holman said he understands that, but if they are looking at 10,000, is that really what they are looking at for their goal here.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said obviously the goal is 3,000. That is the maximum amount of allotted money. If they want to go back and continue the program later on, the board

could do that if they so choose. Will it make a difference? Mr. Tanner said he thought it would to those 3,000 people. The goal is to, two-fold, incentivize people to get vaccinated and to assist local businesses in a way that is easy to manage. It is a program that already exists. The Metro Money is something the chamber has used in the past and other businesses use it. It is clearly up to the county board if they want to use it in that manner.

Mr. Holman: Mr. Holman said he agrees with those two points. One of his concerns is how do they get this out to the people, targeting the people who most need this and are most likely to be people who are under educated, and are moving in and out of our population, and are most likely to pass this stuff on.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said this would be a pretty bold move on the county board's part, so he assumed the board would get a fair amount of press coverage. The three agencies that would be disbursing the vaccine are already advertising. He thought they would make it part of their advertising that they are now giving \$100 incentives away. Social media is probably most likely to spread this the widest. Mr. Tanner did say that there is no budget for advertising.

Mr. Holman: Mr. Holman said they have 3 agencies that are going to be working on these vaccinations, but he did not notice the hospitals.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said the Health Department suggested that. He sent an e-mail out to DMH, St. Mary's and SIU. DMH responded and the board is free to amend the resolution to include them. Their vaccination clinics are targeted only to their employees and volunteers. They are not open to the public. The board could certainly amend it to include them. The other two agencies did not respond.

Mr. Holman: Mr. Holman asked if St. Mary's didn't respond.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said they did not.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson said her issue is with the Metro Chamber. Why the chamber? She knew Mr. Tanner has said it is already in existence. But, from a person of color, she didn't think the Metro Chamber touches on the population that she is thinking of.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said the only reason they were chosen was that they had a program in place. It services anybody who is a member of the Greater Decatur Chamber. The reason for not handing out just plain money is because they could spend it on the internet. They could go to Sangamon County. If the goal is to retain the money within Macon County, they have to find a way of doing that, and this is a program that is already in place.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson said there are two other chambers too.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said they don't have a program like that, that he is aware of.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson said she was talking about whether they would spend the money in those places. They had read off some of the places that are covered under this. Mrs. Dawson said people she knows may not be going to Robbies. She is just worried about people of color not utilizing the money, and the Chamber already has \$100,000 whether we spend it or not.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said the only business there that everyone in the community would use would be Kroger. Kroger is included and they could spend the money at Kroger and most people probably go there. They can get a lot of things there, but not everything. So, it does include one business that would be servicing the entire community. It is kind of a local business. They do participate in the community with the WSOY Community Food Drive. So, whether they want to consider them a local business or not is up to their discretion. There is no perfect answer on this program. It does certainly have flaws. It would be possible to design a program that is more wide spread or more targeted depending on how they feel about that. The problem they have is administration of the program, so this is a quick response. To Mr. Holman's point, he doesn't know how much of an effect it will have. He does not know whether people will spend the money or not. Mr. Tanner said he assumed people who are motivated to go get the vaccine because of the \$100.00, will likely spend it.

Mr. Holman: Mr. Holman asked when the money would be doled out.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said at the end of the second dose.

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman said the way the resolution reads there is no sunset provision. He said if all the funds aren't used, are they currently sitting more or less as a donation to that Chamber if it is not used. Is that the understanding?

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said it is not addressed in the resolution. He said they could amend the resolution to include something like that. Mr. Tanner said that is why there was an initial purchase and additional buy-ups. As Mr. Holman said, the initial buy only covers 1000 people. It is not a huge amount and eventually it will be dispersed whether it ends this year or not. The buy ups would not occur after the end of the year. If the initial \$100,000 isn't spent, after the end of the year they wouldn't be buying any more. The resolution only authorizes that through the end of the year. So, it is a measured increase.

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman said he is obviously in favor of incentivizing vaccinations. The low rates they have in the county are obviously not ideal by anyone's standards, he would assume. He just wanted to make sure they get this done in the best way possible, where the funds are being spent, and what population is spending it. Because obviously those who are hesitant to get a vaccine or have not gotten it because of access, even though that would be hard to do in this age, are teetering and he is not sure a certificate to a local restaurant is exactly the thing that changes the ball there so... He likes the idea,

but thinks they should look at it a little more before they vote on it. So, he was going to move to table this.

MOTION TO TABLE

Mr. Coleman moved, seconded by Mrs. Dawson to table Resolution G-5315-09-21.

QUESTION:

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson said the booster is an issue and a question.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said the booster is addressed in the resolution. If it is advised and agencies start offering the booster, then someone would receive the same \$100.00 for the booster.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked if there was a sense of urgency in doing this?

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said somewhat yes. The governor does tend to make mention of Macon County in some of his speeches, so they would like to get off of that list.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked when that made them do anything.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said the President also announced some new action today. So, it is just a matter of whether the board feels it is urgent or not. If they don't feel it is urgent then they could table it.

Ms. Rood: Ms. Rood asked if there is a way to cap the booster, like 20% of the money.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said the board can do whatever they want.

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman said there is a motion to table the resolution.

Mr. Rueter: Mr. Rueter said they need to vote on the motion to table.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said there were some other people who wanted to make comments so he was going to let them talk.

Ms. Rood: Ms. Rood said it was more about the administration and if it is possible to put a cap on a percentage of boosters.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said the Metro Money is issued in \$20.00 increments, so administratively they could choose any increment of \$20.00 and that could be handled separately, the booster could yes.

Ms. Rood: Ms. Rood said what she was thinking of was that 20% of the \$100,000.00 would only be for boosters, because they want more people to get vaccinated. The people who already had their vaccination are highly motivated to get the booster.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said he would assume, yes that can be done.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Coleman, Comer, Dawson, Edwards, Entler, Greenfield, Holman, Horve, Kreke, Lerner, Oliver, Rood

Nays: Gresham, Kraft, Little

AYES = 13

NAYS = 3

MOTION CARRIED. (TO TABLE RES. G-5315-09-21)

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.

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

There were no citizens' remarks presented at the meeting

There were no officeholders' remarks presented at the meeting.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bruce Bird: Mr. Bird said he hopes the letter from Illico made it into the packet. It explained the particular situation the owner is facing. Mr. Bird said they have to have this parcel for the first part of the beltway where it comes off of Route 48. There is no way around it; we have to eventually have it. He said they don't need it right now, but they are eventually going to need it. With the new warehouse being put up there, they were looking at possibly putting in part of the beltway. So, they actually approached Mr. Golwitzer and almost fell out of their chairs when they found out what he paid for this property back in about 2001. They were really concerned about going into the future because they knew they would have to have that eventually and were grimacing at the potential cost. Late last week out of the blue, Mr. Golwitzer called and basically

explained to them what was in the letter, and again he about fell out of the chair, they are going to save about \$500,000.00 with this offer. The nice thing about it is it is all or nothing. They have to get the whole parcel. They don't need the whole parcel. Mr. Bird said they can subdivide off a part of this parcel and the people who are actually putting in the warehouse right now are very interested in a portion that the county won't need. There is a part of the property that the warehouse has that the county needs for another portion of the beltway. So, they are very interested in discussing a swap either straight-up or with a little bit of extra money for the county. Mr. Bird does not know how they could have a better win, win, win for the county and this gentleman, but he thinks it just fell in their lap; and that is what they are trying to get taken care of.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Coleman to suspend the rules to consider Resolution H-2260-09-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO CONSIDER H-2260-9-21) (GRESHAM, KRAFT & LITTLE SHOWED THEIR VOTE AS YES)

13. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution H-2260-09-21 which is appropriating funds to purchase a Right of Way parcel from Illico Incorporated for the Macon County Beltway.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution H-2260-09-21 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTIONS:

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman said he is in favor of saving money and is in favor of infrastructure investment. He asked if they received notification about this after August 25th?

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird asked August 25th?

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman said that would have been the normal date of their normally scheduled transportation meeting.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said yes it was after that.

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman said they hadn't had one of those in the last couple months and he was just curious as to when this came about.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said that is why it is set up this way, because it came afterwards. In order to get everything done by the end of the year, they wanted to get things proceeding as quickly as possible, to get the closing set up. So, that is the reason why.

MOTION CARRIED. (DAWSON SHOWED HER VOTE AS PRESENT)

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Coleman moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to adjourn until October 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.