

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

NOVEMBER 10, 2021

BUDGET SESSION

**Kevin Greenfield
Chairman**

**Josh Tanner
Clerk**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Sheriff and States Attorney present.

The Roll Call showed all members present with the exception of Ms. Buckner, Mr. Comer, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Drobisch, Mr. Entler, Mr. Gresham, Mr. Horve, Mr. Mattingley, Mr. Oliver, Mrs. Taylor.

Mrs. Little led the members in Prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2021 MEETING

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2021 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Coleman, Edwards, Greenfield, Hogan, Holman, Kraft, Kreke, Larner, Little, Noland, Rood

Nays: (None)

AYES = 11

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

RECOGNITIONS:

Sheriff Root: Sheriff Root asked Deputy Tim Hoffman to come forward. He said they were recognizing Deputy Hoffman for a lifesaving award. On September 12, 2021 deputies were dispatched to a county residence in response to a domestic violence call where the initial information received included that there was a stabbing victim. You were the first responder on the scene and were waiting for your backup when you heard screams from a female inside the residence. After hearing screams, armed with the knowledge that there was a knife wielding subject inside and likely someone had been stabbed, you attempted to make entry into the residence. After ascertaining that the doors were locked, and later found out that they were dead bolted, you attempted and forced entry into the residence. While considering your forced entry, you articulated that a male subject inside the residence was on top of a female who was bleeding profusely. You gained entry into the residence and immediately took to steps to preserve life and render

first aid. You took this action while the suspect was still on scene and had access to the weapon used to facilitate the offense. Ultimately backup arrived, and with emergency medical services arriving at the scene they took over the critical care of the injured. After the investigation it was determined that the male subject was in fact the person that stabbed the female victim in the neck causing the extensive damage. The male subject was later arrested and is pending prosecution for attempted murder. You were recommended for this award by a fellow deputy who observed your actions, in addition to hospital staff and the victim who attributed your actions to saving the life of another. With that they presented him with a plaque for his lifesaving award and they recognized that Deputy Hoffman is very much an asset to the Sheriff's office.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield thanked the Sheriff and Deputy Hoffman for his service.

ZONING / SUBDIVISIONS

1. Mrs. Little presented Resolution Z-1238-11-21 which is regarding Case S-02-10-21, a petition submitted by Jill Bottrell requesting a Special Use Permit for a pet boarding and grooming business in (A-1) Agricultural Zoning on property commonly known as 9645 Boody Road, Macon, IL 62544 in Pleasant View Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend approval of the subject petition to the County Board with 7 stipulations. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and recommended the County Board approve the petition subject to the 7 stipulations recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution Z-1238-11-21 by prior roll call.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Mrs. Little presented Resolution Z-1239-11-21 which is regarding Case S-01-10-21 a petition submitted by Stephen & Shannon Comer requesting a Special Use Permit to allow a second residence on property where a primary residence already exists in (R-4) Single Family Residential Zoning on property commonly known as 5874 Apollo Drive, 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 with 3 stipulations. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and recommended the County Board approve the petition subject to the 3 stipulations recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution Z-1239-11-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

A news release from CN Railroad announcing the retirement of CEO Jean-Jacques Ruest.

A copy of the annual CN in Your Community 2021 report.

A letter from Comcast regarding programming changes.

Three E-mails from Ameren Illinois regarding upcoming tree trimming that will be done in this area in the near future.

A letter from IDOT regarding Notification to Maintain on Illinois Project: WZM5-6800 // Section 16-00282-00GR

REPORTS

- Sheriff's Report – October 2021
- Treasurer's Fund and Investment Report – October 2021
- Coroner's Report – September 2021
- Public Defender's Report – October 2021
- Auditor's Report – September & October 2021

MOTION

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

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. CLAIMS

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve the claims by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5324-11-21 which is approving reappointments to the Macon County Rural Transit Advisory Group.

Tara Murray, 3741 Windsong Ct., Decatur, IL 62521
Julie Walker, 2545 Millikin Pkwy, Decatur, IL 62526
Becky Edwards, 11 Montgomery Pl., Decatur, IL 62522
Emily Dobson, 625 N. Colfax, Monticello, IL 61856
Terms Expire: November 30, 2023

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution G-5324-11-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (EDWARDS ABSTAINED FROM VOTING ON RES. G-5324-11-21)

5. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5325-11-21 which is approving a reappointment to the Macon County Ethics Commission.

Ted Paine, 2370 N. Summit Ave., Decatur, IL 62526
Term Expires: November 30, 2023

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Holman to approve Resolution G-5325-11-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (EDWARDS SHOWED HIS VOTE AS YES)

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

6. Mr. Greenfield presented the Consent Calendar which includes Resolution G-5326-11-21 regarding executing deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent.

MOTION

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

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

7. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5327-11-21 which is approving appropriation of funds for equipment purchases for the Coroner.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Holman to approve Resolution G-5327-11-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

8. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5328-11-21 which is approving entering into an agreement with Peoria County for the sale of juvenile detention bed space.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5328-11-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5329-11-21 which is entering into an agreement with Champaign County for the sale of juvenile detention bed space.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5329-11-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. Mr. Kraft presented Resolution G-5330-11-21 which is approving a decrease in the county law library fee.

MOTION

Mr. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5330-11-21 by prior roll call vote

COMMENT:

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Edwards said he just wanted to note that there was a typographical error on the actual resolution itself. Where it says, Now, therefore be it resolved by the Macon County Board, it should change the fee to \$20.00 but in the narrative it says twenty-one dollars and in the parenthesis it says \$20.00. The law actually changed to \$20.00. He didn't know if they wanted to make a note of the correction or how they wanted to show that.

Mr. Rueter: Mr. Rueter said the resolution hasn't been signed yet, so they could strike out the word "one".

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Edwards said then they could just strike out the "one" from the resolution.

MOTION CARRIED.

EEHW COMMITTEE

11. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5331-11-21 which is approving the TrueBlue service agreement for vaccination freezers at the Health Department.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5331-11-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

12. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5332-11-21 which is approving a budget amendment for Workforce Investment Solutions FY'21 budget for the Youth Career Pathways Grant.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Holman to approve Resolution G-5332-11-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

13. Mrs. Kraft present Resolution G-5333-11-21 which is amending Holidays for 2021 to coincide with the Circuit Court's holiday schedule.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve Resolution G-5333-11-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

14. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5334-11-21 which is approving holidays for 2022.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve Resolution G-5334-11-21 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

15. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5335-11-21 which is authorizing a plan for premium pay for essential workers under the American Rescue Plan Act for the Central Illinois Regional Dispatch Center.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5335-11-21 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Edwards asked if it was correct that they did reach out to the City of Decatur and the city determined that they didn't want to participate in helping fund the dispatch workers from part of their funding.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said yes.

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Edwards said he just wanted that on record in case somebody wanted to hear that the county did try, and that the county is funding the whole thing.

MOTION CARRIED.

16. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5336-11-21 which is authorizing contribution to participate with the City of Decatur to survey gaps regarding workforce training in the community.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve Resolution G-5336-11-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

17. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5337-11-21 which is approving accepting a one year "general liability and property" insurance proposal through Arthur J. Gallagher.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5337-11-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

18. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5338-11-21 which is approving ongoing support and license subscription from Fike & Fike, Inc. for property tax software.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve Resolution G-5338-11-21 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, 2021 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2022**

COMMENT:

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said, unless there is an objection from a board member, she would read all of the resolutions and they would vote on them as one vote in an omnibus package. There were no objections expressed by any board members.

19. Mrs. Little presented Resolution B-1-11-21 which is a statement to establish budgets for 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Resolution B-2-11-21 which is establishing valuation of all taxable property in Macon County, Illinois.

Resolution B-3-11-21 which is establishing a tax levy for General Corporate Fund purposes.

Resolution B-4-11-21 which is establishing a tax levy for Retirement Fund purposes.

Resolution B-5-11-21 which is establishing a tax levy for Social Security Fund purposes.

Resolution B-6-11-21 which is establishing a tax levy for Insurance Loss and Liability Fund purposes.

Resolution B-7-11-21 which is establishing a tax levy for Judgment Fund purposes.

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

Resolution B-9-11-21 which is establishing a tax levy for County Highway Fund purposes.

Resolution B-10-11-21 which is establishing a tax levy for Matching Fund purposes.

Resolution B-11-11-21 which is establishing a tax levy for County Special Bridge Fund purposes.

Resolution B-12-11-21 which is establishing a tax levy for DPBC Lease Fund purposes.

Resolution B-13-11-21 which is establishing a tax levy for Historical Museum Fund purposes.

Resolution B-14-11-21 which is establishing a tax levy for the Veterans Commission Fund purposes.

Resolution B-15-11-21 which is establishing a tax levy for Mental Health Fund purposes.

Resolution B-16-11-21 which is establishing a tax levy for Macon County Extension Fund purposes.

Resolution B-17-11-21 which is authorizing Tax Anticipation Warrants against levies for various funds herein.

Resolution B-18-11-21 which is approving the 2020-2021 Budget.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolutions B-1-11-21 through B-18-11-21 by omnibus vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (BY OMNIBUS VOTE)

COMMENT:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he wanted to thank everyone on the finance committee who worked on the budget and all of the board members who participated in it. This was one of the years where, because of the COVID money, they were able to say yes a heck of a lot more than they were able to say no. That doesn't happen very often. It was one of the few times in the budget process that it was a joyful time to be able to give some of the officeholders money they deserve.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

20. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution H-2261-11-21 which is approving the authorization for Incidental Take Agreement with IDNR.

MOTION

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution H-2261-11-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

21. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution H-2262-11-21 which is approving and appropriating a 50/50 cost share drainage improvement project with Illini Township on Park Road.

MOTION

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution H-2262-11-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

22. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution H-2263-11-21 which is approving and appropriating funds for a design engineering agreement for a bridge replacement project on Strawn Road in Illini Township.

MOTION

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution H-2263-11-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

23. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution H-2264-11-21 which is approving and appropriating funds for a design engineering agreement for a bridge replacement project on Lake Fork Road in Austin Township.

MOTION

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution H-2264-11-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

24. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution H-2265-11-21 which is approving and appropriating additional funds for a design engineering agreement for a road improvement project on CH 7 Baltimore Avenue.

MOTION

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution H-2265-11-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

25. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution H-2266-11-21 which is approving and appropriating funds for a design engineering agreement on a culvert replacement project on CH 34 Walker Road.

MOTION

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution H-2266-11-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

26. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution H-2267-11-21 which is approving and appropriating funds to increase County Highway Line item 030-000-9007-000.

MOTION

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution H-2267-11-21 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

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said they were pulling Ordinance O-138-11-21 from the agenda and would vote on it at next month's meeting.

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

CITIZENS' REMARKS:

Mr. Sutman: Mr. Sutman said the last time he was at the meeting it was because of the gerrymandering and redistricting if they wanted to be less honest about it. He was ready to get himself arrested because what they were doing was wrong. They didn't give the

public a chance to give feedback and didn't give the board a chance to review the documents. They didn't do a racial review to see if it actually improperly impacted black communities. One of the talking points he brought up was the population decrease from 2010 to 2020 was only 7,000 people, but the board size was decreasing by a lot more than those proportions. Kevin Greenfield was quoted in the Herald & Review remarking on the population decrease over the past 10 years. Then the talking point changed to where it was over the past 30 years of population decrease from 117,000 in 1990 to 103,000 in 2020. Linda Little made a remark that this is the third time they have tried to do the redistricting. So, in 2000 when the population had only dropped by 3,000 people, they were trying to do a redistricting to decrease the size. In 1960 there were 118,00 people in Macon County. In 1969 there were 21 county board members and 7 districts according to the O & P meeting minutes from October 7th. One criticism of the Democrats that he had was that Tanner's map, which was said to be a bipartisan agreed upon thing from the Democrats, was never actually put forward for a vote. In the October 7th Operations & Personnel meeting, Greenfield spoke about the increased responsibility that would be required and how they would need to serve on more committees because there would be a smaller board. That is why there would be an increase in the wages. Mr. Sutman said they could have waited until today to make that vote. They didn't have to do it last month, according to the O&P meeting. During the Republican caucus there was a straw poll vote to get them all on the same page and say they were voting for R2. They discussed whether they were going to let citizens speak before the vote. Kristen Lerner wanted to keep remarks after the vote. One of people in the caucus said this would give them a 12 – 3 board. Jerry Stocks, a lawyer for the Republican Party said that the R2 map was more legally defensible than the R1 map, because it avoids the issue of cracking. He believed it was Greg Mattingley, but it might have been Jeff Entler who said he wanted to vote to R1 to stick it to the Democrats. Mr. Sutman said he didn't care about Democrats and he didn't care about Republicans. He cared about the community. He thinks the two party thing is stupid. He thought they all might feel that way too, he didn't know. His point is that what they were doing was a power play. They wanted control and it seems like they are getting it. They already had it anyway or the vote wouldn't have gone through. He said they should all be ashamed of themselves.

OFFICEHOLDERS' REMARKS:

Mr. Rueter: Mr. Rueter asked if anyone was aware of anything tomorrow that is an official ceremony for Veteran's Day. It didn't seem like the city was having their usual.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said they are not doing it this year because there was concern over COVID, so they did a video montage for officeholders and council members that wanted to do that to honor our veterans. But, there is no typical event.

Mr. Rueter: Mr. Rueter said he did know there is a dinner at the Harristown Fire Protection District in honor of veterans. Mr. Rueter suggested they take a moment and asked any veterans that were at the meeting to stand to be recognized. He thanked them and all who weren't at the meeting for their service.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said in order to consider Resolution G-5339-11-21 which is the amendment to the multiple facilities lease they would need to have a motion to suspend the rules since it did not have a chance to go through the committee process.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to suspend the rules to consider Resolution G-5339-11-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board.

MOTION CARRIED. (TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION G-5339-11-21)

27. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5339-11-21 which is approving the Second Addendum to the amended and restated multiple facilities lease between the Decatur Public Building Commission and County of Macon, Illinois effective December 1, 2021.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-5339-11-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

28. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5340-11-21 which is regarding semi-annual review of Closed Session minutes.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution G-5340-11-21 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Edwards to adjourn until Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.