

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MACON COUNTY BOARD



MARCH 10, 2022

Kevin Greenfield
Chairman

Josh Tanner
Clerk

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Sheriff and Assistant State's Attorney, Mike Baggett present.

The Roll Call showed all members present with the exception of Mr. Mattingley.

Mrs. Taylor led the members in Prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2022 MEETING

MOTION

Mr. Coleman moved, seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2022 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

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

Nays: (None)

AYES = 19

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

ZONING/SUBDIVISION

1. Mrs. Little presented Resolution Z-1241-03-22 which is regarding Case S-02-02-22, a petition submitted by Drew and Brittany Burrows requesting a Special Use Permit to use the property as a venue for weddings and personal events in (A-1) Agricultural Zoning on property commonly known as 12950 Connors Road, Argenta, IL 62501 in Friends Creek Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend approval of the subject petition to the County Board with 12 stipulations. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and recommended the County Board approve the petition subject to the 12 stipulations recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Larner to approve Resolution Z-1241-03-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Illinois EPA regarding ADM Construction Permit (06120051).

A Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste from the Illinois EPA for Advanced Disposal Services Valley View Landfill addressing sulfate monitoring results in accordance with condition VIII.15 of the permit.

A letter from Illinois Housing Development Authority regarding financing of Garfield School Senior Apartments development.

Two letters from Comcast regarding program advisories for Xfinity TV services.

An email from Ameren Illinois regarding future tree trimming that will be done in the county.

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report – February 2022

Treasurer Fund Reports – January and February 2022

Collector Report – January and February 2022

Public Defender's Report – February 2022

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.

2. CLAIMS

MOTION

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

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. APPOINTMENTS

3. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5371-03-22 which is approving an appointment to the Macon Mosquito Abatement District.

Greg Foley, 725 Weaver Rd., Decatur, IL 62535
Term Expires: December 31, 2025

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5371-03-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5383-03-22 which is approving an appointment to the Empowerment Opportunity Center Board of Directors (Formerly DMCOC)

Linda Little, 1413 W. Sunset, Decatur, IL 62522
Term Expires: November 30, 2022

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5383-03-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

There was nothing submitted on the Consent Calendar.

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

5. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5372-03-22 which is regarding authorizing disposal of surplus property by the Circuit Clerk's Office.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve Resolution G-5372-03-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5373-03-22 which is amending the rules, regulations, and requirements of the Macon County Merit Commission for the Macon County Sheriff's Office.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve Resolution G-5373-03-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

EEHW COMMITTEE

7. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5374-03-22 which is approving new fees for the cottage food operations in Macon County.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5374-03-22 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman asked what constitutes a cottage food operation in Macon County.

Kathy Wade: Kathy Wade from the Macon County Health Department said there is a difference between cottage food and the Cupcake Law. She wanted to make sure everyone knows that one. The Cupcake Law is where a village, city or municipality has to pass it and the person can only do baked goods out of their home, whereas, the Cottage Food Operation they can do a lot more. They can do herbs, spices, teas, baked goods, things that are not potentially hazardous, because there is no refrigeration. They can go to different festivals, farmers markets, and craft fairs. The opportunity is huge for a cottage food person to go to.

MOTION CARRIED. (LITTLE SHOWED HER VOTE AS PRESENT)

8. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5375-03-22 which is approving lease renewal at 1710, 1750 & 1760 N. 21st Street, between the Wicker Real Estate Trust and Macon County Environmental Management.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Holman to approve Resolution G-5375-03-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (LITTLE SHOWED HER VOTE AS YES)

OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

9. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5376-03-22 which is approving a budget amendment for Workforce Investment Solutions FY'22 budget for Illinois Works Grant.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Ms. Rood to approve Resolution G-5376-03-22 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

10. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5377-03-22 which is authorizing a plan to execute a fiber optic project within Macon County with Shelby Electric as provider and Finley Engineering as support under the American Rescue Plan Act guidance.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5377-03-22 by prior roll call vote.

COMMENTS:

Cheryl Wise: Mrs. Wise said she lives about a mile south outside the City of Macon. She would very much like to see fiber optic internet services come to Macon County. Mrs. Wise believes it would be a tremendous benefit to everyone in the entire county. She said her daughter, as well as many other students throughout the county, have had a lot of issues with the e-learning and staying at home. It is also determined by where they are at in their cycle of internet for the month. They pay their bill and have about 4 to 5 good days and then pretty much nothing. Her daughter then has to go find a place to

finish her homework or take a test. People have, are, and will continue to work from home after this Covid situation. She believes more businesses are going to continue with their work from home. This would help many of the people who have to log in, do their work throughout the day, and continue to support their company. It would give many people more options as far as television services and security for their home. Mrs. Wise has done some reading up and has also noticed that the data seems to be or is reported to be more secure, faster, and that would benefit people in the city as well as people in the outlying rural areas.

MOTION CARRIED. (DAWSON SHOWED HER VOTE AS NO)

11. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5378-03-22 which is approving an intergovernmental agreement between the Macon County Board and the Oakley Township Board for township assessing.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5378-03-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (DAWSON SHOWED HER VOTE AS YES)

12. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5379-03-22 which is approving an intergovernmental agreement between the Macon County Board and the Long Creek Township Board for township assessing.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5379-03-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (DAWSON SHOWED HER VOTE AS PRESENT AND GREENFIELD ABSTAINED FROM VOTING)

13. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5380-03-22 which is approving an intergovernmental agreement between the Macon County Board and Hickory Point Township Board for township assessing.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution G-5380-03-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (DAWSON & GREENFIELD SHOWED THEIR VOTES AS YES)

The Negotiations Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said tomorrow Reas Bridge Road bridges will go to letting. It should be around 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. when they open the bids. He said when they receive the bids tomorrow they will send a memo to all of the board members to let them know what happened. Hopefully the county's bid is close enough and the contractor's bid is close enough that IDOT will go ahead and pass the letting. Mr. Greenfield said he received a phone call today from Senator Durbin and the county is getting \$3,000,000.00 to put toward that project, which was a very nice and pleasant surprise. Depending on where the bridge comes in at, they are hoping... They would like to think \$17,000,000.00 or \$18,000,000.00. It could be as high as \$19,000,000.00. He hopes it doesn't get as high as \$20,000,000.00. They borrowed some money from the COVID fund so they will be able to replace some of that depending on what the bids are. He will let them know tomorrow as soon as he hears something.

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 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:

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Edwards. to suspend the rules to consider Resolution G-5381-03-22 which is executing deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent, and Resolution G-5382-03-22 which is authorizing disposal of surplus property by the Treasurer's Office by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO CONSIDER RES. G-5381-03-22 AND G-5382-03-22)

14. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5381-03-22 which is executing deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution G-5381-03-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

15. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5382-03-22 which is authorizing disposal of surplus property by the Macon County Treasurer's Office.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5382-03-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to adjourn until Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.