

# **PROCEEDINGS OF THE MACON COUNTY BOARD**



**APRIL 14, 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. Horve, Mr. Mattingley, Mr. Noland, and Mrs. Taylor

Mr. Entler led the members in Prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 10, 2022 MEETING**

##### **MOTION**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve the minutes of the March 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, Kraft, Kreke, Lerner, Little, Oliver, Rood

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 16**

**NAYS = 0**

##### **MOTION CARRIED**

#### **B. PROCLAMATION**

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little presented a proclamation to Ticorral Tolliver, Shelith Hansbro and Angela Jennings representing the Tri-County, IL Chapter of the Links Incorporated in Macon County for providing volunteer services and support to residents in Macon, Sangamon and Logan counties. April 30, 2022 was proclaimed Tri-County, IL Chapter Day in Macon County, IL.

#### **ZONING/SUBDIVISION**

1. Mrs. Little presented Resolution Z-1242-04-22 which is regarding Case R-01-03-22, a petition submitted by Michael A. & Diana L. Bruntjen for rezoning of approximately 1.72 acres from (B-1) Neighborhood Shopping Zoning to (M-1) Light Industrial District Zoning on property commonly known as 4135 N. Bearsdale Road, Decatur, IL 62526 in Hickory Point 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-1242-04-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

### **MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Mrs. Little presented Resolution Z-1243-04-22 which is regarding Case S-01-02-22, a petition submitted by Allied Asphalt requesting renewal of a Special Use Permit for the operation of an asphalt business in (R-1) Single Family Residential Zoning on property commonly known as 2104 S. Taylorville Road, Decatur, IL 62521 in South Wheatland Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend approval of the subject petition with 5 stipulations. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and recommended the County Board approve the petition subject to the 5 stipulations recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

### **MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution Z-1243-04-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

### **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **C. CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter from Comcast regarding the 2021 Comcast Customer Annual Report.

A letter from Comcast regarding changes to Xfinity TV services.

A letter from DIRECTV regarding the Annual Consumer Video Service Report.

A letter from Ameren Illinois regarding future tree trimming.

A letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding Notification to Maintain for Illinois Project: TE-00D7/072/000.

A letter from Waste Management explaining a waste water management charge equal to 4.75% that will be added to the Valley View Landfill account.

## **REPORTS**

Sheriff's Report – March 2022

Treasurer's Fund & Investment Report – March 2022

Coroner's Report – January 2022

## **MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver 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**

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

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

## **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **D. APPOINTMENTS**

4. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5392-04-22 which is appointing Mary Scott of Forsyth, IL 62535 to the Macon County Board in District #6.

## **MOTION**

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Larner to approve Resolution G-5392-04-22 by prior roll call vote.

## **QUESTION:**

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked for information.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said Mrs. Scott lives in the Forsyth area and has worked with the Maroa-Forsyth School District. Her husband works at the power plant in Clinton. Her mother was the Mayor of Forsyth.

## **MOTION CARRIED.**

Macon County Clerk, Josh Tanner administered the Oath of Office to Mary Scott as the newly appointed Macon County Board member in District #6.

5. Resolution G-5384-04-22 – Appointments to various Fire Protection Districts

Blue Mound Fire Protection District – Joseph Gorden, Blue Mound, IL  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2025

Hickory Point Fire Protection District – Tim McQuality, Forsyth, IL  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2025

Niantic Fire Protection District – James Matich, Niantic, IL  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2025

South Macon Fire Protection District – Scott Wise, Macon, IL  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2025

South Wheatland Fire Protection District – Sidney Duffer, Decatur, IL  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2025

South Wheatland Fire Protection District – Todd Speckman, Decatur, IL  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2023

Warrensburg Fire Protection District – Chris Wentworth, Warrensburg, IL  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2025

**MOTION**

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5384-04-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED. (SCOTT SHOWED HER VOTE AS YES)**

6. Resolution G-5385-04-22 – Appointments to various Sanitary District Board of Trustees

Argenta Sanitary District – Ron Grider, Argenta, IL  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2025

Sanitary District of Decatur – Phil Cochran, Decatur, IL  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2025

Sanitary District of Decatur – Tom Brinkoetter, Decatur, IL  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2025

**MOTION**

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5385-04-22 by prior roll call vote.

**QUESTIONS:**

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked who Tom Brinkoetter was replacing.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he is replacing attorney Katherine Anderson.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson commented that he was a Republican.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he wasn't sure but he hoped so.

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman asked if he was a white male. He asked if both of the gentleman that are being appointed to the Decatur Sanitary District are white males.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said they are.

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman asked if Mr. Greenfield knows what the current makeup of the sanitary district is when it comes to both sex and race.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he did not.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

7. Resolution G-5386-04-22 – Appointments to the Macon County Health Board

Bret Jerger, DDS, Decatur, IL  
Jerry Snyder, M.D., Decatur, IL  
Carolyn Wagner, Nurse Practitioner, Decatur, IL  
Terms Expire: May 31, 2025

**MOTION**

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5386-04-22.

**COMMENT:**

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Edwards said he was going to make a motion in a minute to table this. He said he watches, with humor at times, the You Tube video of the Macon County Health Board. He knows that since January they have had a committee formed, and County Board Entler is on that committee, to handle some appointments. This coming Tuesday is the date they were coming forward with the appointments that they wanted to have. He didn't know if they were all the same people that are on this resolution. He thought there were some individuals that were currently on the board that served, and that

they formed that committee with the concept of coming forward to the chairman with some appointees. Mr. Edwards didn't know if maybe this was premature to what they were going to bring to the chairman for appointments.

Mr. Entler: Mr. Entler said he is on the board, but not on the committee that oversees that.

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Edwards said the email they got at 3:00 or 3:30 had on the agenda that, that committee is making a presentation on Tuesday. So, he wanted to see if there were others that would support a motion to table this until after that committee meets and then can provide who their suggestions are. Mr. Edwards said he knows all of these individuals and they are all qualified. They may even be the exact same individuals that they want to appoint. He just doesn't know. He worries that they have a board that they appointed, that is there and has been doing some work. Mr. Edwards thinks it would be disingenuous of them, as the county board, to short-circuit the process they've started and gone through since January to come up with a list of names.

## **MOTION TO TABLE**

Mr. Edwards moved, seconded by Mr. Coleman to table Resolution G-5386-04-22 until the next meeting.

## **QUESTIONS:**

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked how they come up with the names. Does the director go out and find people or how is that done? He wasn't sure what their way of...

Mr. Entler: Mr. Entler said he has not been through that process yet. He has only been on that board since mid-year.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he has talked with these three people and they are willing to serve, and are all from the medical field.

Mr. Holman: Mr. Holman asked how many people make up the board.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said there are 11 members on the Board of Health.

Mr. Holman: Mr. Holman asked if any of them are wanting to step down.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said he did not know the answer to that.

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Edwards said he could only tell them from having watched the meeting, he knew that at least two of them said they would continue. But, he didn't know for sure and hadn't talked to them or any of them to know that for fact. He just knew from having watched the meeting that at least two of them had indicated they were going to continue. Dr. Jerger's name is on there and he is one of the two, and the other one was

the President of the Board of Health, Ms. Goodman, and she indicated that she would continue. He didn't know about the third one.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said the reason he chose Ms. Wagner over Ms. Goodman is that Ms. Goodman is a candidate for the county board in November. She is from District #2 and is going to win the election.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson said no, no, no.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he was just.... He then said Mrs. Dawson could talk after him.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson apologized.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said they have one county board member on there already, and he didn't want to have to take her off then. So, now her term is up at the end of May and he thought it was just as easy to do it now. The other lady is a doctor that works in Springfield, and it was his understanding that her schedule has changed and if they could find someone to replace her she would appreciate it. So, they did.

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman said speaking of things that have already been discussed, it seems as if the board has a committee set forth for them to vet and or make a recommendation to the board. Obviously, the final decision goes to the county board and that is why they would be potentially voting on this now. The individuals Mr. Edwards is referencing have reached out to him and expressed that they would like to continue serving on that board. Mr. Coleman said to remove someone who potentially may win an electoral office is poor judgment there to do so prematurely. Now, if she wins, that is another thing there. But, to do so beforehand doesn't look well especially because she represents one of the only 3 minorities on the board currently and to remove her would mean there would only be one other African American. He said they have a population of 25% to 30% African American in this county.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he didn't look at people whether they are black or white when he puts someone on there.

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman said he would definitely say a lot of citizens of Macon County definitely do when it comes the authority people who make the decisions that affect their lives, like himself as an African American in this community. So, to not appoint her and appoint someone else that is obviously of Caucasian background doesn't bode well for the diversity. As Mr. Edwards went into in their caucus, this is a board that has an intimate relationship with some of the more disadvantage members of the community; and obviously minorities represent a higher share of that than Caucasian members of the community for reasons that be. But, nevertheless for them to make the decisions that affect those, they should be making strides to make sure the boards that make their decisions look like that community. He said to remove one of the only three



minorities is the exact opposite. Mr. Coleman said he definitely spoke in favor of the motion to table, at least until the recommendations from the committee next week.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he didn't believe the rules dictate that there has to be so many blacks or whites on that board. He sure hoped not, because he didn't care who is sitting there or anywhere else, the people chosen shouldn't be because of the color of their skin. He hopes they didn't think that whether they are black or white, if they are qualified, that is what he looks at.

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman said he appreciated that, but would say there is de facto racism and there is de jure racism so just because something is done without racial intent, if the result is racial or brings forth a lack of diversity then by just sheer logic it in a sense does not bring forth what they are talking about. He appreciates that Mr. Greenfield does not take race into consideration when making those decisions. He would hope that he doesn't in totality, but does in others because obviously saying things like we don't see color is beneficial in some degrees, but is also disingenuous for people of color when obviously who they are ethnically represents a lot in a lot of different aspects of their life. Agree but nevertheless, the bottom line is still in effect for people of this county who are disadvantaged in these decisions.

#### **ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Buckner, Coleman, Dawson, Edwards, Holman, Oliver, Rood

Nays: Comer, Entler, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Kraft, Kreke, Larnier, Little, Scott

**AYES = 7**

**NAYS= 10**

**MOTION FAILED. (TO TABLE RES. G-5386-04-22)**

#### **ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Comer, Entler, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Kraft, Kreke, Larnier, Little, Scott

Nays: Coleman, Dawson, Edwards, Holman, Oliver, Rood

Present: Buckner

**AYES = 10**

**NAYS = 6**

**PRESENT = 1**

**MOTION CARRIED. (RES. G-5386-04-22)**

#### **E. CONSENT CALENDAR**

8. Mr. Greenfield presented the Consent Calendar which includes Resolution G-5387-04-22 regarding executing deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent.

**MOTION**

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

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**ROLL CALL.**

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

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 17**

**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

9. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5388-04-22 which is approving permission to dispose of surplus equipment stored at the Emergency Management office.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5388-04-22 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.

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

The Legislative Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

10. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5389-04-22 which is approving a two year agreement with IPMG for Worker's Compensation Third Party Administration Services.

## **MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve Resolution G-5389-04-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

## **MOTION CARRIED.**

11. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5390-04-22 which is authorizing the disbursement of Macon County ARPA to the Mt. Zion Fire Protection District for lifesaving equipment.

## **QUESTIONS:**

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said there had been some discussion about putting this off until next month. Does it need to be tabled since it was on the agenda or can it just be moved?

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said it can be withdrawn. If they want to table it someone will need to make a motion to do that, but it can just be withdrawn. It just depends on how the board wants to proceed.

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman asked if it passed out of committee. He was told it was tabled.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said it did. She said that is why it is being questioned now. There was a misunderstanding in committee as to whether it was tabled or not.

## **MOTION TO TABLE**

Mr. Hogan moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to table Resolution G-5390-04-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

## **MOTION CARRIED. (TO TABLE RES. G-5390-04-22)**

12. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5391-04-22 which is approving the purchase of office furniture for the Treasurer's office through the Rent Surplus Funds in the Decatur Public Building Commission Lease Fund Account.

## **MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5391-04-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

The Negotiations Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

13. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution H-2277-04-22 which is approving and appropriating additional funds for the 2021 CH 32 Andrews Street Resurfacing Project.

**MOTION**

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution H-2277-04-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

14. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution H-2278-04-22 which is approving and appropriating funds of the 2022 CH 32 Andrews Street Resurfacing Project.

**MOTION**

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution H-2278-04-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

15. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution H-2279-04-22 which is approving and appropriating funds for the 2022 County Cape Seal Project.

**MOTION**

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution H-2279-04-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

16. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution H-2280-04-22 which is approving and appropriating funds for the 2022 Camp Warren Road Resurfacing Project.

**MOTION**

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution H-2280-04-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

17. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution H-2281-04-22 which is approving and appropriating funds for the 2022 CH 21 Reconstruction Project.

**MOTION**

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution H-2281-04-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

18. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution H-2282-04-22 which is approving and appropriating additional funds for the Reas Bridge Road Reconstruction Project.

**MOTION**

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution H-2282-04-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

19. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution H-2283-04-22 which is appropriating funds to purchase Right of Way Parcels 001 & 001 TE from Macon County Development Group LLC for the CH 24 Reas Bridge Road Reconstruction Project.

**MOTION**

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution H-2283-04-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

20. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution H-2284-04-22 which is awarding the annual Non-MFT Culvert Bid.

**MOTION**

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution H-2284-04-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

21. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution H-2285-04-22 which is awarding the annual County Sign bid.

**MOTION**

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution H-2285-04-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

22. Mr. Kreke presented Resolution H-2286-04-22 which is awarding annual County Sign Blanks bid.

**MOTION**

Mr. Kreke moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution H-2286-04-22 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.

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:**

Shelith Hansbro: Mrs. Hansbro lives in Macon County and actually served on the county board many years ago. She wanted to say thank you again for the recognition and proclamation. They really appreciate it and look forward to working with the board and other citizens, and interest in the community. Mrs. Hansbro said they are a nonpartisan group and have already been doing work in this community. They have already assessed needs and worked really well throughout. However, by having the Links Incorporated behind them they hope to just expand the work in their community. She thanked them again.

There were no officeholder remarks presented at the meeting.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

There was no new business presented at the meeting.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to adjourn until Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

### **MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:32 p.m.