

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MACON COUNTY BOARD



JUNE 09, 2022

**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 all members present with the exception of Ms. Buckner, Mr. Coleman, Mr. Gresham, Mrs. Kraft, Mr. Noland, Mr. Oliver, Ms. Rood, and Mrs. Taylor.

Mr. Entler led the members in prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 12, 2022 MEETING

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Kreke to approve the minutes of the May 12, 2022 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Comer, Dawson, Edwards, Entler, Greenfield, Hogan, Holman, Horve, Kreke, Lerner, Little, Mattingley, Scott

Nays: (None)

AYES = 13

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

There were no zonings or subdivision issues presented at the meeting.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

A copy of the Illinois Department of Corrections recent jail inspection and monitoring report.

A Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste from the Illinois EPA for Rhodes Landfill regarding Supplemental Permit Application to revise the post-closure care costs.

A Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste from the Illinois EPA for Advanced Disposal Services Valley View Landfill regarding Condition 7 and provides 2022 update of the post-closure care cost estimate.

A letter from Comcast regarding a programming change.

A letter from Comcast regarding their efforts to recover fees Regional Sports Network charged for sporting events and broadcasts that were put on hold during the pandemic.

Two letters from Ameren regarding future vegetation management activities.

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report – May 2022

Treasurer Fund & Investment Report – May 2022

Public Defender's Report – May 2022

Auditor's Report – April & May 2022

MOTION

Mr. Edwards 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.

1. CLAIMS

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.

C. APPOINTMENTS

2. Resolution G-5411-06-22 – Appointment to the Macon County Conservation District Board of Trustees

Gussie Reed, 2555 Lake Reunion Parkway, Decatur, IL 62521

Term Expires: June 30, 2027

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5411-06-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Resolution G-5412-06-22 – Reappointments to the Macon County Mental Health Board

Linda Little, 1413 W. Sunset, Decatur, IL 62522
Bryan Smith, 3569 Redlich Dr., Decatur, IL 62521
Terms Expire: June 30, 2026

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Edwards to approve Resolution G-5412-06-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Mr. Greenfield presented the Consent Calendar which includes Resolution G-5413-06-22 regarding executing deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent.

MOTION

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

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

5. Mr. Mattingley presented Resolution G-5414-06-22 which is approving an in-kind donation of radio equipment from Exelon Corporation.

MOTION

Mr. Mattingley moved, seconded by Mr. Holman to approve Resolution G-5414-06-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Mr. Mattingley presented Resolution G-5415-06-22 which is approving permission to dispose of surplus equipment stored at the Macon County Sheriff's office.

MOTION

Mr. Mattingley moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-5415-06-22 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

OPERATIONS AND PERSONAL COMMITTEE

7. Mrs. Larner presented Resolution G-5416-06-22 which is approving a budget amendment for Workforce Investment Solutions FY 22 budget for the Trade Adjustment Assistance Grant.

MOTION

Mrs. Larner moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5416-06-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

8. Mrs. Larner presented Resolution G-5417-06-22 which is approving a budget amendment for Workforce Investment Solutions FY22 budget for the Job Training Economic Development Program.

MOTION

Mrs. Larner moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5417-06-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Mrs. Larner presented Resolution G-5418-06-22 which is approving appropriation of funds for equipment purchases for the Recorder FY22 budget.

MOTION

Mrs. Lerner moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5418-06-22 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 Ordinance O-140-06-22 which is approving the single bidder rule for annual tax sales pursuant to Section 35 ILCS 200/21-205 which states counties under 275,000 inhabitants may by ordinance implement said single bidder rule.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Ordinance O-140-06-22 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTIONS:

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Edwards asked if they could go through this, just the basics of it. He understood that Mr. Jackson had talked before about a group of individuals that might come in to bid and are basically there to protect their own interests.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson said it limits tax buyers from bringing in 10 people to bid on their behalf.

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Edwards asked how they know the tax buyers do that.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson said when they have 6 buyers registered and the room is full of 30 people. He said it is state statute for anything 249,000 or more in the county they have to do this; and it is optional for anything below.

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Edwards asked if this was just for tax sales. He asked for conformation they weren't bidding roads or anything like that.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson confirmed it is just for tax sales only, when the tax buyers buy delinquent taxes.

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Edwards asked when the tax buyer brings in 20 friends or whatever, how that caused or created a problem for the treasurer and clerk's office.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson said both his office and Josh's office have to take their company forms to get them prepared for the tax sale. He said they have shell companies and when they go to pay them in Josh's office, the person with all the people will pay with one check for all of them. It just eliminates the shell game. The paper work in his office has to change to reflect the person who bought it then.

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Edwards asked if they were bidding against each other.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson said they did last year because they didn't have the single bidder rule in play. He said at the trustee's advice, he disabled the screen where you could see the bidders numbers, and when they did away with that they were bidding against each other.

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Edwards said, but they didn't know that. Mr. Jackson said that was correct. Mr. Edwards said if they had individuals that were here or on video they wouldn't bid against each other.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson said that was correct, if the board was there. They wouldn't have all those players also if they had the single bidder rule. They would have to use that company and put it in that company's name when they went into the clerk's office. It just eliminates a lot of traffic in our area and Josh's also.

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Edwards asked if it helped the clerk's office as well.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said for the clerk's office a redemption is a redemption. He said what it effectively does is prevents the bidders from flooding the auction with a lot of buyers which would give them a competitive advantage, when there is in effect not actually more than one buyer.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson said they actually hire professional gamers.

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Edwards asked if that was to push other people out.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson said yes to get it on their side.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked if this is different from any other year.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson said yes because previously the county didn't have the single bidder rule

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson said she was asking why they were doing it now.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson said his office said it would make things easier, and some of the local tax buyers said it would be nice, so that instead of competing against players from Chicago who bring lots and lots of people into the game.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked if this just started this year or has it been going on forever.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson said it has been going on forever. He said the state did mandate it for more than 249,000 or more inhabitants in a county; they had to do the single bidder rule. Anybody less, it was just an option.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked if the state mandated this.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson said for anything 249,000 and over. Mr. Baggett corrected him on the number stating it is actually anything 275,000 and over.

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Edwards asked if they would lose any money from a tax sale by doing this.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson said no, if they were going to lose it's because they changed it from 18% to.... He asked Mr. Tanner what the cap is this year.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said 9%.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson said that could push some away. However, he said if you look at the tax sale and what they sold for, most of the better ones are going into the 1% and 2% max. The end game is the piece of property.

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Edwards said #1, they don't expect the county will lose any money. Mr. Jackson said no. Mr. Edwards said #2, they don't expect they will lose local folks that might be interested in this. They might actually gain them. They'll eliminate the shell game that is going on and will ease the burden for both the offices.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson said his for sure, correct.

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Edwards said the shell is still going to be there.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson said he was probably right.

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Edwards said they will figure out a different way.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson said as long as they bring in the paperwork, if their shell company is legit, they can still do it.

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Edwards asked if they purchase this and then don't pay their taxes, does it just go back to a tax sale or they make no improvement, they just maintain that land.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson said yes. They saw last year that several of the tax buyers from out of the area had delinquent taxes, and they bought them back at the tax sale.

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Edwards said their own. Mr. Jackson said yes. Mr. Edwards said it is a benefit to them to buy it, to own it, delinquent the taxes and then buy it back again because they are getting it for less than what the taxes were.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson said that was his thought.

Mr. Edward: Mr. Edward asked if there was a way to eliminate that so they couldn't buy back their own.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson said it is a lot to manage.

MOTION CARRIED.

11. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5420-06-22 which is approving a permanent easement agreement in favor of the Macon County Emergency System Telephone Board and the Central Illinois Regional Dispatch Center.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5420-06-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

12. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5421-06-22 which is accepting conveyance of real property, 3244 Greenview Drive, Decatur, IL from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5421-06-22 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Edwards said he understands the misspelling and everything and he understood that the VA probably did not realize they owned this and were being taxed for it. He asked what they would generally do with this parcel of property after they gain it with the quit claim deed. He asked if the county would sell it or maintain it or...

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said the idea is that the county would sell it. He said the county is in a better position to sell real property than the Department of Veterans Affairs. That is one of the reasons they reached out to the county. Macon County has the

infrastructure through the treasurer's office, through the normal auction process in order to sell this property easily as opposed to the U.S. VA.

Mr. Edwards: Mr. Edwards asked if there was anyone interested right now.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said he did not know.

MOTION CARRIED.

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.

There was no new business presented at the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Holman to adjourn until Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.