

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MACON COUNTY BOARD



SEPTEMBER 08, 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 Ms. Buckner, Mr. Edwards, Mrs. Lerner, Mr. Mattingley, 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 11, 2022 MEETING

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Coleman to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2022 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Coleman, Comer, Dawson, Entler, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Horve, Kraft, Kreke, Little, Noland, Oliver, Rood, Scott

Nays: (None)

AYES = 16

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

RECOGNITIONS:

Tammy Schneider, Emergency Management Director introduced James Auten from the National Weather Service.

James Auten: Mr. Auten is one of the forecasters from the National Weather Service in Lincoln, Illinois. He welcomed everyone to this National Weather Service Storm Ready presentation. He was honored to be there to recognize Macon County as storm ready. The citizens of Macon County will greatly benefit from the vision, leadership, and hard work put forth by Tammy, Macon County EMA Director, Sheriff Jim Root, former EMA Director, the EMA volunteers, and the fire department partners. The declaration of a community as storm ready does not mean that a county is storm proof; however, recent events in this nation have proven that any location can be impacted by the ravages of nature. Natural disasters do not discriminate, and have no social, economic or political boundaries. Each year a startling 10,000 severe thunderstorms, 5,000 floods, and 1,200

tornadoes impact the United States. Ninety percent of all presidentially declared disaster areas are weather related; however, communities can prepare and implement the proper infrastructure to effectively respond to disasters. This is what the National Weather Service Storm Ready Program is all about. There are at least 5 requirements a community must meet to be declared storm ready by the National Weather Service. The first is that the community must have a 24 hour warning point with various means of communication. There must be several ways, with built in redundancy, to receive and disseminate hazardous weather information including; the use of NOAA Weather Radio in public buildings, schools, and nursing homes. The technology to monitor weather conditions must be in place, and community preparedness campaigns must be conducted. The fifth and final requirement is that a formal hazardous weather operations plan must be in place. The Macon County EMA has met, and in most cases, exceeded all five of these requirements. The citizens of Macon County should know that their community is prepared to minimize the impact of natural hazards before, during and after an event. Mr. Auten said it does have in there that each citizen must monitor hazardous weather conditions and heed warnings by taking the proper protective actions. The National Weather Service Storm Ready Program is in its 23rd year of existence and is continuing to expand across the country. He said in the State of Illinois, Macon County is now the 34th storm ready county and the 150th storm ready designation, in general for the state. Mr. Auten said it was his privilege to declare Macon County, Illinois a National Weather Service Storm Ready County. He congratulated and welcomed them to the storm ready community. He presented them with plaque in recognition of the declaration, and supplied a big placard that could be displayed wherever she liked. Mr. Auten said it had been great working with Mrs. Schneider and Sheriff Root for last 20 years.

Sheriff Root: Sheriff Root wanted the board members to know that the volunteers that are involved with the storm spotting are a big part of their storm readiness capabilities. He asked the storm spotters that were able to attend the meeting that night to come forward. Sheriff Root presented them a certificate of recognition for their volunteer service.

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

B. CORRESPONDENCE

A copy of the Canadian National Railway in Your Community 2022 Report.

A letter from Comcast regarding programming changes to Xfinity TV services.

An e-mail from Ameren Illinois regarding notification of future tree trimming.

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report – August 2022

Coroner's Report – July 2022

Public Defender's Report – August 2022

MOTION

Mr. Entler 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

MOTION

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

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said they were pulling Resolution G-5444-09-22 from the agenda.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Mr. Greenfield presented the Consent Calendar which includes Resolution G-5445-09-22 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.

The Justice Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

The EEHW Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

3. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5446-09-22 which is approving a budget amendment for Workforce Investment Solutions FY22 budget for Youth Career Pathways grant.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Ms. Rood to approve Resolution G-5446-09-22 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.

The Finance Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

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.

OFFICEHOLDERS' REMARKS:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield introduced the new Regional Superintendent of Schools, Jill Reedy. She will be taking Matt Snyder's place.

Jill Reedy: Ms. Reedy said she had been at the Regional Office for 8 years and was very proud of the work she had done. She was eager to keep moving forward and said there were a lot of exciting things to come. She said she would love to come back and talk about all they were doing. Ms. Reedy appreciated that they put trust in her to lead the organization and said it was an honor.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said they would need to suspend the rules and would have Mr. Baggett explain that.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said this is a resolution to the lease agreement the county has with CASA. CASA has been occupying space on the sixth floor of the Macon County Office Building since 2018, but they entered into a lease back in 2021. They have identified some additional office space on the 7th floor that they would like to use. They have discussed it with the Building Commission to get it set up. They just need to expand in terms of space. This addendum would sub-lease that space to them and increase their rent concurrently with the amount. They would be paying the same price per square foot, but obviously the rent would go up.

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to suspend the rules to consider Resolution G-5447-09-22 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked why they have to suspend the rules.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said the resolution did not go through the normal committee process, so it was just being presented outside of a committee.

MOTION CARRIED. (TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION G-5447-09-22)

4. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5447-09-22 which is approving an addendum to the lease agreement between the County of Macon and CASA for office space in the Macon County Office Building.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-5447-09-22 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked if he could introduce Jeannie's replacement.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield introduced Crystal Hugger to the board. He said she will be the new executive secretary. She will replace Jeannie. She has hit the ground running

and is doing a great job. He said they will all get a chance to meet her as they come in and will be happy with her demeanor, personality and workmanship.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to adjourn until Thursday, October 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.