

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

**JANUARY 10, 2008**

**Robert D. Sampson  
Chairman**

**Stephen M. Bean  
Clerk**

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith said the resolution says effective January 1, 2008.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Mr. Smith presented Resolution G-3139-1-08 which is accepting a one year proposal from Hartford Insurance for property and inland marine insurance coverage.

**MOTION**

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilkins to approve Resolution G-3139-1-08 by prior roll call vote.

**QUESTIONS:**

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby asked if we got additional quotes on this.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith said yes; the broker did.

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby asked how many they got.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith said they usually have 3. That is our understanding.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMENT:**

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith reminded the members of the OPL Committee that our next meeting will be on a Tuesday instead of Monday due to the holiday coming up. It will be on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

7. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-3140-1-08 which is approving a revision to the FY 2008 Animal Control Budget for the purpose of accepting a donation.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. McGlaughlin to approve Resolution G-3140-1-08 by prior roll call vote.

**QUESTION:**

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox asked what the donation will be used for. It says supplies.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said it will be used for medical supplies. He doesn't think they are limited to that, but he thinks that is what they were basically looking at.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMENT:**

Mr. McGlaughlin: Mr. McGlaughlin said part of adoption of the resolution in committee, and it is stated on the resolution, was that the donation would be acknowledged to the donors. He asked if the board office was going to take care of that.

Mr. Sampson: Mr. Sampson said he would take care of it.

8. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-3141-1-08 which is approving application of the Decatur Public Building rent surplus and for reduction in the levy for the Decatur Public Building Commission Fund.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilkins to approve Resolution G-3141-1-08 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

9. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-3142-1-08 which is approving and increase in appropriations in the EMA budget for Exelon Grant.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3142-1-08 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

10. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-3143-1-08 which is approving increase in appropriations in the FY 2008 Coroner's budget.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Resolution G-3143-1-08 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

11. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-3144-1-08 which is authorizing repayment of old internal debt in its entirety from General Fund to Insurance Fund.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilkins to approve Resolution G-3144-1-08 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**

12. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1568-1-08 which is appropriating funds to cover construction expenses on Section 08-00219-00-RS the 2008 Annual Patching and Resurfacing Project.

**MOTION**

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution H-1568-1-08 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

13. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1569-1-08 which is appropriating funds to cover additional construction expenses on Section 06-00211-00-RS, the CH 24 Widening & Resurfacing Project.

**MOTION**

Mr. Meachum moved seconded by Mr Yoder. to approve Resolution H-1569-1-08 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

14. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1570-1-08 which is appropriating funds to cover the engineering and construction expenses on Section 06-00205-00-BR, a bridge on Harryland Road in the Village of Mt. Zion.

**MOTION**

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilkins to approve Resolution H-1570-1-08 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.

**MACON COUNTY BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch said we are still waiting to hear from the city on some of their decisions. He was getting e-mails on a regular basis concerning the ongoing meetings with the city, but he didn't know if we had, had any since the end of the year.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said we have had two meetings, one here on the eighth floor, and the last one was at the Civic Center. He said that one was taped, and we are getting the minutes transcribed. He assumes there will be another meeting later on. The city police are talking with BLDD and trying to get answers to some of the questions they've got, so they can further explore what kind of things they can do there to the campus to try and make it work out for everybody. We had asked them if we could utilize part of the parking lot on the northeast corner of the County Courthouse as part of the property to use for parking for the county. He is not sure if we have a definite yes on that or not, but it seemed like they could probably look at that. Right now they are just trying to gather more information and hopefully we will have a meeting shortly.

**CITIZEN'S REMARKS:**

Dean Padgett: Mr. Padgett lives at 3245 N. Susan Drive in Decatur, Illinois. He said each of you should have received a paper with the names, addresses and phone numbers of management and the five trustees of the Conservation District. He said one of those trustees is with us here tonight, Mr.

Leonard. He is hoping each of you, as a tax payer, will either call, write, or e-mail each one on this list to encourage them to do the remaining 19 sites now. As concerned citizens, we all know that costs will do nothing but go up the longer this is put off. The last article to appear in the newspaper, Kathy used one of her many innuendos. He quoted, "voltage drops necessitating new wiring might mean the bill for wiring just 6 extra sites will cost more than completing the present 17." You know he wasn't just dropped off of the turnip truck. Last fall he had a trench dug at his house, that was 140' long. The cost of that trench was \$140.00. This being about half the length of a football field, or the approximate distance of the 6 sites west of the load center at Friends Creek, each of you can do your own math. His innuendo, or better yet, insinuation, is that it should be, and will be, a lot less than the \$38,000, give or take, for completing the present 17 sites. We each have two eyes and two ears and one mouth. Instead of innuendos, one might just profit from a management seminar. You be the capable judge. He said once again that if the board would like to get rid of him, he would show them how they could do that. He held up the paddle he had brought to a previous meeting, and said, like many adults with an elementary mind, he misspelled Kathy. Fix It Now! In closing, as he has told you, it is a given that the park can easily generate \$30,000 a year, so why not complete this project now. He thinks he can safely say it will outlive nearly all of us in this room if not everyone in this room, and his last innuendo, a generation after all of us. He thanked them for their time, patience, and for listening to him.

Mr. Joe Roberts: Mr. Roberts stated his address is 4700 N. Sterling Avenue in Peoria, Illinois. He was at the meeting representing the Area Disposal Company. He was there only to drop off some information about a landfill issue they have in DeWitt County. It is a DeWitt County issue. We are just going to surrounding counties to let them know what is happening. There has been an opposition group out there, so his only role here tonight is to explain very briefly what they are doing, and to drop off some information. If the board would like a further detailed presentation, they would be glad to come down and do that. He is not their landfill expert. He is just the municipal sales representative. Area Disposal Company owns Clinton Landfill. Clinton Landfill was granted an expansion of the landfill. They applied in 2002, but the government takes awhile, so they were issued their license in 2007. During that time we applied for a Chemical Waste Unit inside this expansion which requires further permitting to the EPA. The DeWitt County Board approved that, and also put on an advisory referendum that will be voted on, on February 5<sup>th</sup>. It is a non-binding resolution. This will just be presented at future EPA hearings. The main purpose of this Chemical Waste Unit is to only take PCB contaminated soils. We currently can accept PCB contaminated materials at Clinton Landfill, just not at the concentration level that we are asking for in this one small unit. He said that is really the only reason he came to the meeting. He has some materials that he will leave. He will leave his card if they want to get in touch with him further. Mr. Roberts said if they do want a more detailed presentation, they have been traveling all around doing those, and would be glad to that.

Mr. Sampson: Mr. Sampson told Mr. Roberts that he might want to contact to Mr. Dunn because the EEHW Committee has been looking into this. The Solid Waste Department is also doing a study on this. Mr. Dunn would be able to fill him in on where we are at, at this point.

Mr. Roberts: Mr. Roberts said they do have several large clients here in town, so Macon County

garbage does go to Clinton Landfill, which is one of the reason they wanted to come tonight.

**OFFICEHOLDER'S REMARKS:**

Mr. Jon Baxter: Mr. Baxter said he is the Public Defender until the 31<sup>st</sup> of this month. He just wanted to thank the board for their consideration and support for the Public Defender's Office. You have done a lot for the Public Defender's Office, and he really appreciated it. He assumes, and hopes, you will give the same consideration to his successor. Mr. Baxter said enjoyed working with this board. He has been impressed by the people on the board. There doesn't seem to be any partisanship, or any agendas. He has enjoyed this. He thanked the board.

Mr. Snyder: Mr. Snyder thanked everyone on the board who has contributed prayer and thoughts to his family's need in looking for some comfort. He thinks they have found it with the member's help. It was certainly appreciated.

Mr. Sampson: Mr. Sampson said he met Jon Baxter for the first time when he was a reporter for the Herald & Review. It was in 1976, and he did a column on him. There was a lot less of himself, and a lot less of Jon Baxter, and we both had a lot more hair in 1976. As reporter, and a public official, Mr. Sampson found Mr. Baxter to be uniformly personable, and non-confrontational. During the Finance Committee tough times, when we were slashing budgets, Jon was one of the most creative officeholders in finding ways to bring in new money. Mr. Sampson could never recall Jon Baxter saying a cross word to him or anybody on the County Board. There were very few people who didn't say cross words to us during that time. The only complaint he had about Jon Baxter is that he came to an all day Finance hearing one day, and went to Kentucky Fried Chicken and got a big dinner, and sat in the back row and ate it in the front of the rest of us, and never offered to share. But, other than that he is a prince of a fellow, and Macon County has been very fortunate to have his services. He hopes we see him around, and that he enjoys his new ventures in life.

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**MOTION TO CLOSE SESSION**

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to go into closed session to discuss personnel issues and pending litigation by prior roll call vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION TO OPEN SESSION**

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to return to open session by prior roll call vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to adjourn until Thursday, February 14, 2008 at 7:15 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.