

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

JUNE 12, 2008

**Robert D. Sampson
Chairman**

**Stephen M. Bean
Clerk**

Due to technical difficulties, the June 12, 2008 board meeting minutes were not recorded.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. with the Sheriff and State's Attorney present.

The Roll Call showed all members present.

Mrs. Taylor led the members in prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. PROCLAMATION

Mr. Snyder: Mr. Snyder presented a proclamation honoring Judge John K. Greanias for his more than 21 years of service to the Macon County Courts.

Judge Greanias: Judge Greanias thanked the board for the kind Proclamation. He admired the board's hard work in taking care of past budget problems. He spoke of remodeling done at the courthouse and paintings done of prominent attorneys throughout the court's history.

PLAQUE PRESENTATION

Sheriff Dawson: Sheriff Dawson presented the Illinois Sheriff's Association College Scholarship to Candace Blakey who is a nursing major.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 8, 2008 MEETING

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve the minutes of the May 8, 2008 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Ashby, Cox, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, Hogan, Jacobs, Little, McGlaughlin, Meachum, Oliver, Potts, Sampson, Smith, Snyder, Taylor, Westerman, Wilkins, Williams, Yoder

Nays: (None)

Present: Wolfe

AYES = 20
NAYS = 0
PRESENT = 1

MOTION CARRIED.

ZONING / SUBDIVISIONS

1. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution Z-1079-6-08 which is regarding Case R-01-05-08, a petition submitted by Doris Walton-Mabry for rezoning approximately 3.0 acres +/- from A-1 Agricultural District to RE5 Single Family Estate District on property commonly known as 5202 Harristown Blvd. in Harristown Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted in favor of recommending to the county board that the petition be granted. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition as requested and voted 5-0 to recommend that the county board approve the subject petition.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution Z-1079-6-08 by prior roll call vote.

The petitioner was not present at the meeting.

There were no objectors present at the meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (WOLFE SHOWED HIS VOTE AS YES)

C. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from Sheriff Jerry Dawson serving notice that he will officially resign his position as Sheriff of Macon County, Illinois effective August 31, 2008.

A Public Notice from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency on proposed issuance of a Clean Air Act Permit Program permit to NSR Technologies, Inc. in Decatur.

A proposed issuance of a Construction Permit /PSD Approval to Archer Daniels Midland Company – Decatur Corn Germ Plant from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

A Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste from IL EPA for Veolia ES Valley View Landfill- Unit 2.

A Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste from the IL EPA for Veolia ES Valley View Landfill #2 & #3.

A letter from Comcast Cable regarding additions to the channel line-up.

A letter from the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission regarding summary of the May 15, 2008, public meeting to discuss the 2007 Clinton Nuclear Power Station End-of-Cycle Performance Assessment.

A copy of the 2008 Report on Illinois Poverty from Heartland Alliance.

A copy of the Illinois Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty's 2008 Annual Report on the Illinois capital punishment system.

A letter from the Illinois Department of Agriculture Bureau of Environmental Programs regarding the use of a purple sticky trap across Illinois to look for the Emerald Ash Borer, an invasive pest that is deadly to ash trees.

A copy of the audit report for the Macon/Piatt Counties Regional Office of Education #39 for the year ended June 30, 2007.

A letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding joint agreement from Section 06-00189-03-LS being executed by the department on June 10, 2008.

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report – May 2008

Macon County Treasurer Fund & Investment Report - April & May 2008

Macon County Collector Report – April 2008

Macon County Auditor's Report – May 2008

County Engineer of Highways Report – December 1, 2007 thru May 30, 2008

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve the Correspondence and Reports and that they be placed on file by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked why Comcast sends the notices about channel line-up changes. She didn't think the county had any authority over that. Does it affect our tax base?

Mr. Bean: Mr. Bean said the county does negotiate rates with them.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. CLAIMS

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve the Claims that have already been paid by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. APPOINTMENTS

3. Resolution G-3199-6-08 – Appointments to the Macon County 708 Mental Health Board

John Drayton, 3135 Turpin Rd., Decatur, IL 62521
Term Expires: June 30, 2012

Eugene King, 471 S. Boyd, Decatur, IL 62522
Term Expires: June 30, 2012

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilkins to approve Resolution G-3199-6-08 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Resolution G-3200-6-08 – Re-Appointment to Warrensburg Fire Protection District.

Daniel G. Wydick, 695 E. Main St., Warrensburg, IL 62573
Term Expires: May 2011

MOTION

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-3200-6-08 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Mr. Smith presented Ordinance O-73-6-08 which is approving the Prevailing Wage Rates for Macon County.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilkins to approve O-73-6-08 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.

The Operations, Personnel & Legislative Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

6. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-3201-6-08 which is executing deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. McGlaughlin to approve Resolution G-3201-6-08 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-3202-6-08 which is approving increase in appropriations in the Health Department Capital Fund for Security Improvements.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve Resolution G-3202-6-08 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith asked if the diagram they got with this resolution is what this is about. He was told it is.

MOTION CARRIED.

8. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-3203-6-08 which is approving increase in appropriations in the Sheriff's budget for the Youth Advocate Program Grant.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilkins to approve Resolution G-3203-6-08 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-3204-6-08 which is approving the contract for Macon County Sheriff's Police Services for the Village of Forsyth, Illinois.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilkins to approve Resolution G-3204-6-08 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby asked if this covers the purchase of 5 vehicles.

Sheriff Dawson: Sheriff Dawson said the contract covers the purchase.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-3205-6-08 which is approving increase in appropriations in the State's Attorney's grant fund for receipt of grant for Safety Net Initiative.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-3205-6-08 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

11. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-3206-6-08 which is approving plan for Domestic Violence Court in the State's Attorney's Office and to apply for funding grant.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3206-6-08 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

12. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-3207-6-08 which is amending the FY 2008 budget and establishing a grant for the Macon County Court Appointed Special Advocates Program under the State's Attorney's Office.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilkins to approve Resolution G-3207-6-08 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

13. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-3208-6-08 which is approving increase in appropriations in the Probation Grant Fund for additional appropriations received for the Redeploy Grant.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilkins to approve Resolution G-3208-6-08 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

14. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-3209-6-08 which is setting a minimum wage for Animal Control Kennel Workers.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. McGlaughlin to approve Resolution G-3209-6-08 by prior roll call vote.

COMMENT:

Mr. Sampson: Mr. Sampson congratulated Chairman Dunn and Mr. Ashby for their hard work on this. It will mean a lot to those people.

MOTION CARRIED.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

15. Mr. Oliver presented Resolution G-3210-6-08 which is approving a labor agreement Macon County and the Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council on behalf of the Correction Division.

MOTION

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-3210-6-08 by prior roll call vote.

COMMENT:

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver thanked the Negotiations Committee for their work. He said it was good to have it settled.

MOTION CARRIED.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

16. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1591-6-08 which is appropriating funds to purchase an International Model 7600 6X4 Tractor.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution H-1591-6-08 by prior roll call vote.

COMMENT:

There was some discussion on whether this is a tractor or a trailer. It was determined that it is a tractor, not a trailer.

MOTION CARRIED. (COX SHOWED HER VOTE AS NO)

17. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1592-6-08 which is appropriating funds for the Approval of a contract with Bernardin, Lockmueller & Associates for Right of Way negotiating.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution H-1592-6-08 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn asked what right of way negotiating is.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said they negotiate right of way on our behalf.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch said we had a local guy who used to do this.

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby asked if this could be negotiated in house.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said this is a professional person who will be doing it.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams said the local person's methods are unacceptable.

Mr. Wolfe: Mr. Wolfe said this is really inexpensive, and they do everything. They are the only company around here who do it.

MOTION CARRIED. (COX SHOWED HER VOTE AS YES)

18. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1593-6-08 which is appropriating funds for the approval of an Engineering Agreement with URS covering Phase I engineering for Wyckles Road Whitetopping project.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution H-1593-6-08 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

19. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1594-6-08 which is approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for the sharing of certain costs related to improvement of that portion of various county highways in and around Richland Community College, Macon County, Illinois, between Richland Community College and the County of Macon, Illinois.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution H-1594-6-08 by prior roll call vote.

COMMENT:

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith said we talked about this in caucus, about sharing certain costs. There is a cost to the county of \$36,000.

MOTION CARRIED. (ASHBY SHOWED HIS VOTE AS PRESENT)

The Executive Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

The Macon County Building Sub-Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

CITIZEN'S REMARKS:

Dean Padgett: Mr. Padgett updated the board on his continuing effort to get all of the camp sites open at Friends Creek Park.

OFFICEHOLDER'S REMARKS:

Jerry Andrews: Mr. Andrews spoke to the board regarding changing hours at the Health Department, training they will provide to those who spray for mosquitoes, and health screenings the Health Department will provide.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said he will be broadcasting live at the health screening function for WEJT.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked if County Board members are members of the Chamber of Commerce and eligible for the discounted gas card being offered.

Tara Jaukkuri: Mrs. Jaukkuri said County Board members are eligible for the gas card, but it can only be used at Marathon gas stations.

Mr. Sampson: Mr. Sampson said they have hired a GIS Coordinator who will start work July 1st. It has been a tough couple of weeks for public service. Mayor Paul Osborne is a good man and will be missed. He also commented on the death of Dutch Lichtenberger and how much he will be missed. Mr. Sampson said Sheriff Dawson will be retiring in August and he will miss him. Sheriff Dawson is responsible for the stewardship of the LEST funds, and Mr. Sampson appreciated all of his hard work. With the retirement of Judge Greanias, Mr. Sampson said one thing that stands out is the judge's fairness. He was always fair with the County Board and with the citizens. He was an important part of the climbing out of the budget hole. Judge Greanias was always a man of his word. He was always civil, even when others were not.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

20. Mr. Sampson presented Resolution G-3211-6-08 which is approving the transfer of funds for the purpose of shoring up Probation Redeploy Grant.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Jacobs to approve Resolution G-3211-6-08 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (ASHBY SHOWED HIS VOTE AS YES)

MOTION TO CLOSE SESSION

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

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO OPEN SESSION

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

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to adjourn until Thursday, July 10, 2008 at 7:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.