

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

**APRIL 09, 2009**

**Jay A. Dunn  
Chairman**

**Stephen M. Bean  
Clerk**

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

The Roll Call showed all members present.

Adam Cruse, Senior Pastor First Baptist Church of Mt. Zion led the members in prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **A. PROCLAMATION**

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said they had a Proclamation congratulating the Meridian Hawks High School Basketball Team as the IHSA 1A State Champions.

Mr. Jacobs: Mr. Jacobs said it is a great honor and privilege to be able to present this proclamation tonight. This is a group of young men that he has seen grow up for the last several years, from a sideline at a basketball game. They have proven to him that in order to win you have to play as a team. He said we as county board members ought to listen. We have got to play up here like they play out on the basketball court. Mr. Jacobs said he has been following basketball for numerous years, but this is the first time that he has seen a group of young men who played as a team consistently game after game. We have some superstars on that team we know, but everybody played their game all the way down to the last reserve, and when that person was called in to do a job he did that job. They are led by a gentleman who has been around awhile and is better known as Blick, Mr. Jack Blickensderfer who came from the Cerro Gordo area. We used to root against him. We didn't like him much then, but now we have learned to accept him and he has done one whale of a job with these young men. Mr. Jacobs read the proclamation recognizing all players and coaches of the Meridian Hawks Team: Logan Washburn, Brandon Kitchens, Josh Thompson, Casey Dodson, Trent Swigert, Caleb Brown, Kyle Gates, Dakota Getz, Jacob Shasteen, Cory Burns, Kyle Fore, Bryson Barnes, Tyler Albers, Michael Tague, Varsity Coach: Jack Blickensderfer, Assistant Coaches: Mike Stogsdill, Darrin Shasteen, Clint Cowman, Kaleb Renfro, Mangers/Stats: Evan Collins, Scott Swigert and Chrissy Ellis. Mr. Jacobs also wanted to recognize one of the young men in the group because he has been chosen to be on the Class A State team in both basketball and football. He is going to Iowa. How we are going to root for him in Iowa he doesn't know yet, but we will try. He introduced Dakota Getz.

Jack Blickensderfer: Mr. Blickensderfer said he wanted to take this opportunity to thank the board for honoring the boys. He was sure when you have coaches come in and talk about their team they say they are great young men, but these guys truly are great young men and he hopes you are as proud of them as he is. Mr. Blickensderfer feels they represented Macon County in such a positive way. It is like Merv said, it does take a team to make things happen and they made things happen because they are a team. You have tough decisions to make but as a team you can do better for Macon County. All of us do, and this is a start with a team from Macon, Meridian High School that made

Macon County proud, and we are proud to be part of Macon County. He thanked everyone.

**B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2009 MEETING**

**MOTION**

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2009 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**ROLL CALL.**

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

Nays: (None)

**AYES: 21**

**NAYS: 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ZONING / SUBDIVISIONS**

1. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution Z-1092-4-09 which is regarding Case S-01-02-09, a petition submitted by Richard Park for a Special Use Permit on 8 acres of R1 Single Family Residential on property commonly known as 2455 Thunderbird Drive in Hickory Point Township.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution Z-1092-4-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no objectors present at the meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**C. CORRESPONDENCE**

A copy of the joint agreement that was executed by the Illinois Department of Transportation for Section 00-00155-00-BR, Project BHS-1539(105), Job # C-97-052-09.

A Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency for the Corley Landfill Post Closure Care.

A letter from Comcast regarding Channel additions and changes.

A copy of Comcast Annual Review and Report.

A copy of the audit report for the Macon/Piatt Counties Regional Office of Education #39 for the year ended June 30, 2008.

## **REPORTS**

Sheriff's Report – March 2009

Coroner's Report – January, February & March 2009

Auditor's Report – March, 2009

Macon County Tax Collector Bank Report – March, 2009

## **MOTION**

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

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

## **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **2. CLAIMS**

### **MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve the Claims by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

## **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **D. APPOINTMENTS**

3. Resolution G-3292-4-09 – Appointment to the Decatur Sanitary District

James Gresham, 3480 W. Center St., Decatur, IL 62526  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2012

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3292-4-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Resolution G-3293-4-09 – Re-Appointment to Argenta Sanitary District

Robert Millington, 450 N. Kenwood, Argenta, IL 62501  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2012

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Resolution G-3293-4-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Resolution G-3294-4-09 – Re-Appointments to the Macon County Regional Planning Commission

Rick Bright, 27 Prairie Rose Ct., Mt. Zion, IL 62549  
Term Expires: April 30, 2012

Harold “Hap” Gilbert, 240 Magnolia Dr., Forsyth, IL 62535  
Term Expires: April 30, 2013

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3294-4-09 by prior roll call vote

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Resolution G-3295-4-09 – Re-Appointment to the Blue Mound Countryside Fire Protection District

Harold Ward, 114 Depray St., Blue Mound, IL 62513  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2012

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3295-4-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

7. Resolution G-3296-4-09 – Re-Appointment to the Hickory Point Fire Protection District

Don Netherton, 13 Cloyds Dr., Decatur, IL 62526  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2012

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Resolution G-3296-4-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

8. Resolution G-3297-4-09 – Re-Appointment to the Niantic Fire Protection District

John W. Kirk, 102 W. Lockhart, Niantic, IL 62551  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2012

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-3297-4-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

9. Resolution G-3298-4-09 – Re-Appointment to the South Macon Fire Protection District

Monte Holsapple, 250 E. Cole, Macon, IL 62544  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2012

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3298-4-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

10. Resolution G-3299-4-09 – Re-Appointment to the South Wheatland Fire Protection District

Gary Ventress, Sr., 2555 Cross Roads Rd., Decatur, IL 62521  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2012

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Snyder to approve Resolution G-3299-4-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

11. Resolution G-3300-4-09 – Re-Appointment to the Warrensburg Fire Protection District

Galen Underwood, 3 Redlick Ct., Warrensburg, IL 62573  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2012

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Resolution G-3300-4-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMENT:**

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he is trying to get a letter out to those coming up for reappointment thanking them for their service to Macon County and asking them if they are willing to serve again. If they are, then he will have Tara call the board members in that district to see if that is ok. He thought there were a couple who didn't get their letters in and he addressed that with Mr. Drobisch and he took care of it.

**E. CONSENT CALENDAR**

12. Resolution H-1648-4-09 - Approving Permission for Boding Electric to bore under CH 38

Resolution H-1649-4-09 – Awarding Annual County Culvert Bid

Resolution H-1650-4-09 – Appropriating funds to cover the engineering expenses on Section 07-02122-00-BR, a bridge on Nevada Road in Blue Mound Township

Resolution H-1651-4-09 – Appropriating funds to cover the engineering expenses on Section 06-00213-00-BR, a bridge on Argenta Road (CH 25) north of Argenta

Resolution H-1652-4-09 – Appropriating funds to cover the engineering and construction expenses on Section 05-00195-00-BR, a bridge on Illiniwick Road (CH 20) west of Oreana

**MOTION**

Mr. McGlaughlin moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilkins 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.

**EEHW COMMITTEE**

13. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution G-3301-4-09 which is regarding the adoption of a new Residential Building Permit Fee Schedule for the unincorporated areas of Macon County, Illinois.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-3301-4-09 by prior roll call vote.

**QUESTION:**

Mr. Hogan: Mr. Hogan asked who requested the increase in these particular fees and why.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said the reason as he understands is that they did research on this and checked with other counties to see how they are doing it and wanted to be



uniform in the way other counties are doing it. They wanted to have a base way to figure it rather than just coming up with a fee out of the top of the air. They are figuring it based on square footage. It coordinates with other counties around the area.

Mr. Yoder: Mr. Yoder said on the zoning inspection fees on agricultural income over \$2500.00 it would be a \$50.00 zoning fee. If you are agricultural, on the permits there is no fee charge, but why are they going to start charging an inspection fee if you are agricultural?

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn asked what part he was referring to.

Mr. Yoder: Mr. Yoder said on the page that says at the top Effective 3-13-03, where it says Accessory Structures Permit Fee Schedule in big lettering. It is attached to Resolution G-2482-3-03.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said it is on the second page of the new resolution.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn asked what it said.

Mr. Yoder: Mr. Yoder said in regard to the agricultural fees he wanted to know why there is going to be a charge on zoning fees if you are agricultural.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said we have always had zoning fees. The building permits are what they don't have the fee on.

Mr. Yoder: Mr. Yoder said a building permit, he understands that.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said we have always had zoning fees. He didn't think that was a change.

Mr. Yoder: Mr. Yoder said he didn't know but he knows this other is dictated by state law.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said it looks like that fee is on the old one that we have a copy of. You have a copy of the old resolution with the fee schedule and a copy of the new resolution with the fee schedule. It is the same price \$50.00 on both of them. So, we have been charging that all along. There wasn't any change in that.

**MOTION CARRIED. (GREENFIELD & HOGAN SHOWED THEIR VOTE AS NO)**

14. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution G-3287-4-09 which is approving amendments to the Animal Control Ordinance.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-3287-4-09 by prior roll call vote.

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to amend Resolution G-3287-4-09 on page 7, number 18 under Impounding. It will read: "Any animal running at large at any time contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance **may** be taken up and impounded as hereinafter provided. 510ILCS," by prior roll call vote.

**COMMENTS:**

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said for those who don't know if you look at section 2 on the fourth line under Animals Running at Large it says, "...county in violation of this section **may** be apprehended.... We wanted to match section 18 to that. It says, may be, and section 18 says, shall be. So, we are changing the "shall" to "may" be to match section 2.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said it is just making it consistent language.

**MOTION CARRIED. (AMENDMENT TO G-3287-4-09) (GREENFIELD & HOGAN SHOWED THEIR VOTE AS YES)**

**MOTION CARRIED. (MAIN MOTION G-3287-4-09 AS AMENDED)**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

15. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3302-4-09 which is executing deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve Resolution G-3302-4-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

16. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3303-4-09 which is to amend the 2009 budget to adjust the legally approved appropriation to the correct payroll line item numbers in the Macon County Highway Department budget.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-3303-4-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

17. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3304-4-09 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the FY09 Solid Waste budget to purchase a replacement vehicle.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-3304-4-09 by prior roll call vote.

**QUESTION:**

Mr. Meachum asked if this is coming off the state bid.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn was not sure, but he didn't think so.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum asked if this is a new vehicle.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said yes.

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby said the last he heard they were going out for bids on that.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said they are just putting it out for bid.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

18. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3305-4-09 which is approving increase in appropriations in the Public Defender's budget and making certain budget revisions.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Resolution G-3305-4-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

19. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3306-4-09 which is approving a budget amendment for Workforce Investment Solutions FY09 budget.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3306-4-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

20. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3307-4-09 which is approving contract with Comcast for Internet Service.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mr. to approve Resolution G-3307-4-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

21. Mr. Oliver presented Resolution G-3308-4-09 which is approving an agreement between Macon County and the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees Council 31 AFL-CIO Local 612 Circuit Clerk employees.

**MOTION**

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-3308-4-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he is pulling Resolution H-1653-4-09 from the agenda, but he would like Bruce Bird to address what is going on with that.

Bruce Bird: Mr. Bird said at our last Transportation Committee meeting we had several residents from the Birchwood Estates subdivision that were present to testify to the condition of the streets out there. The resolution that was pulled tonight was intended to cover the reconstruction of the streets out there. That meeting was on the 25<sup>th</sup> and the

following Friday on the 27<sup>th</sup> he and his road supervisor met with Dean Rhoades who is the road commissioner and who is also in the audience this evening and with Kevin Greenfield out there at Birchwood Estates. We met to kind of get a basic idea about what we could do out there to reconstruct the roads. From that initial meeting we had a pretty good idea about how to go forward. The basic plans to do that work are done. He just has to put together a few specifications and double check things. We don't have to run this past IDOT since it is local money, internal money, that is going to speed up the whole process of getting it advertised. Right now we have a letting scheduled for Friday the 24<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 in our office. We should have a good idea at that time about how much the work is going to cost. He spoke with Dean about what we would want to do out there. He is pretty much in agreement with what we want to do out there. At this time it looks like sometime after the 24<sup>th</sup> we will have an idea about what we want to do out there. We will get a contractor set and ready to go probably within about a week or two after we open the bids on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith just wanted to ask, and said this is definitely long overdue, but he wondered if this will cover those cul-de-sacs too.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said it is going to cover everything. When it is done we are going to have 3 inches of new asphalt over all the streets out there, Phase I and Phase II.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said we plan on taking that back through the next Transportation meeting. We also have to get a resolution getting the money in the Judgment Fund. So, both of them will be coming back through Transportation, Finance, and the next board meeting. By then we will know what the bids are, and hopefully a start date.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said we should know all of that by that time.

The Executive Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

The Macon County Building Sub-Committee had nothing to report.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he was going to entertain citizen's remarks that included anything but Animal Control issues. We passed that ordinance and he suggested that if there is any further discussion on that, that it be taken up at EEHW.

There were no citizen's remarks presented at the meeting.

#### **OFFICEHOLDER'S REMARKS:**

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams said a long time board member, Bill Stoutenborough's wife recently passed away, and Bill himself is not doing very well. He was just asking that the board's thoughts be with the Stoutenborough family.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he did send a card on behalf of all the board members.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

22. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-3309-4-09 which is approving a budget amendment for Workforce Investment Solutions FY09 budget.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. McGlaughlin to approve Resolution G-3309-4-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

23. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-3310-4-09 which is approving a budget amendment for Workforce Investment Solutions FY09 budget.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Snyder to approve Resolution G-3310-4-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMENT:**

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he wanted to let everyone know that Phil Anello has turned in his resignation effective April 24, 2009. Mr. Dunn said he is putting that Emergency Management Agency position under the Sheriff's office. The sheriff would like to speak about it. We will be getting somebody in there hopefully as soon as tomorrow to start shadowing Phil and be in his back pocket. As most of you know, Phil has been pretty anal about running that job. He has done a great job for us. Mr. Dunn will be coming out with something on that as a tribute to him for all he has done because he has carried that job for 12 years. Phil started when it was hardly anything and has built it up with Homeland Security coming into play. He has applied for many grants for us. He has really done the county, the sheriff's office, and the other agencies and governments here in Macon County a huge favor by all of his dedication and work. Mr. Dunn said just the other night Phil was called out a 2:30 to go up to Clinton because someone with Alzheimer's had walked out of a nursing home. Phil helped search for that person and got back about 5:00 or 5:30, came to work and was here all day trying to get the county plan signed off before he leaves office. He has just been a dedicated person and we are not going to be able to replace him because he has just been great.

Sheriff Schneider: Sheriff Schneider said without a doubt. A lot of us have worked with Phil and we know that no matter what he does or where he goes we have been blessed to have him during that time. He is hard person to replace. A lot of us have sat around the table during the ice storm and everything else and the only thing he could tell them was that when he was approached about filling this spot he thought of only one person in their department. He thought that person would look at it as a challenge because by no means is it going to be easy to replace Phil. The only person he could think of to fill that position was Sergeant Matthew Reynolds who is at the meeting this evening. The sheriff introduced him and asked him to give some information about his past experiences with the department, where he started and where he is at today.

Matthew Reynolds: Mr. Reynolds said it sounds like he has some pretty big shoes to fill with Phil leaving. He wanted to give them a brief background about himself. He started in the Sheriff's Office in 1995 and worked primarily as a patrol deputy until 2003 when he was promoted to the rank of Juvenile Detective where he spent a few years investigating crimes involving children. After that he was promoted to sergeant in June 2006 where he has served on second and third shift. Currently he is now assigned to the Macon County Courthouse. He is very honored to stand before them tonight and understands there is a big challenge ahead of him and will do what he can to serve the citizens of Macon County. He thanked them for their time.

Sheriff Schneider: Sheriff Schneider said he knows this has come upon you very fast. He recognized that and would entertain any type of questions you might have at this time. If he didn't have an answer, he guaranteed that he would get an answer.

Mrs. Wilkins: Mrs. Wilkins asked if that office would now be under the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said yes.

Mrs. Wilkins: Mrs. Wilkins asked if that is a permanent change.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said if it works out it will be.

Sheriff Schneider: Sheriff Schneider said again that he has a very transparent office and if you have any questions he would answer them at any time. Please feel free to ask. He thanked each of them for their support.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he has asked the sheriff to include at least one other staff member in the operation to learn the duties of the job because Phil has been a one man band for us for a long time and he is taking a lot of knowledge with him. We have a short amount of time to get that from him. Mr. Dunn said he has spent several hours in Phil's office and he knows he has everything there in his books and on his computer, but we are still going to miss him and his dedication.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to adjourn until Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 7:15 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.