

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

JUNE 11, 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 State's Attorney present.

The Roll Call showed all members present with the exception of Mr. Potts and Mrs. Taylor.

Mr. Smith led the members in prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2009 MEETING

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve the minutes of the May 14, 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, Smith, Snyder, Westerman, Wilkins, Williams, Yoder

Nays: (None)

AYES = 19

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

There were no zoning or subdivisions presented at the meeting.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation awarding contract work to Freesen Inc. for low bid on Project BHS-1539(105), Section 00-00155-00-BR.

A Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste (LPC-PA16) from Veolia ES Valley View Landfill Unit 2 addressing condition ZI.8 of the permit.

A letter from AT&T regarding their offering of a new AT&T U-Verse Internet Protocol (IP) based next generation video product to customers in Macon County.

A letter from Comcast regarding decreasing pricing for one-time transactional fees and some equipment.

A letter from AmerenIP regarding tree trimming they will be doing in the Decatur area in the near future.

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report – May 2009

Coroner's Report – April 2009

Treasurer's Fund and Investment Report – April & May 2009

Auditor's Report – April & May 2009

Recorder's Revised Annual Report – December 1, 2007 thru November 30, 2008

MOTION

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

QUESTION:

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked if Mr. Bean had said Comcast was lowering some of their rates.

Mr. Bean: Mr. Bean said he thinks it is mostly on equipment. They are lowering the non-basic receiver from \$3.43 to \$3.24 and knocking down the charge for labor.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked what that will amount to, to the average client of theirs.

Mr. Bean: Mr. Bean said it just tells about the decrease in fees and that is it.

MOTION CARRIED.

1. CLAIMS

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder 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. (LITTLE SHOWED HER VOTE AS NO)

C. APPOINTMENTS

2. Resolution G-3328-6-09 – Re-Appointments to the Macon County 708 Mental Health Board

Sandra Walker, 915 Main St., Mt. Zion, IL 62549
Ann Seidman, 610 S. Monroe, Decatur, IL 62522
Terms Expire: June 30, 2013

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve Resolution G-3328-6-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (LITTLE SHOWED HER VOTE AS YES)

3. Resolution G-3329-6-09 – Appointments to the Macon County Memorial Park Cemetery Board

Timothy Eddy, 1548 W. Garfield, Decatur, IL 62526
Jeffrey Montgomery, 12 File Dr., Decatur, IL 62521
Christopher Montgomery, 2951 Nevada Rd., Decatur, IL 62522

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilkins to approve Resolution G-3329-6-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Ordinance O-77-6-09 – Approving Prevailing Wage for Macon County

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum 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

5. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution G-3330-6-09 which is amending the Macon County Electrical Code & Electrical Commission Ordinance.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-3330-6-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

OPERATIONS, PERSONNEL & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

6. Mr. Smith presented Resolution G-3331-6-09 which is redrawing the new precinct boundaries of Mt. Zion Precinct #4.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-3331-6-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

7. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3332-6-09 which is entering into an agreement with Champaign County for the sale of Juvenile Detention Bed Space.

MOTION

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-3332-6-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver said negotiations will be starting next week with the clerical union.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

8. Mr. Williams presented Resolution H-1658-6-09 which is appropriating funds to cover a 50/50 cost share drainage project with Pleasant View Township on Boody Road.

MOTION

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve Resolution H-1658-6-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Mr. Williams presented Resolution H-1659-6-09 which is an Intergovernmental agreement for the sharing of certain costs related to improvement of that portion of County Highway 50 between Lake Shore Drive and Country Club Road in Decatur, Macon County, Illinois between the City of Decatur and the County of Macon, Illinois.

MOTION

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution H-1659-6-09 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked about point #5 in the resolution where it talks about the construction of the new guardrails. It says that Macon County will facilitate and apply for Federal Safety Funds. Are these federal funds expected to cover all of that, or will Macon County be paying a portion? Is the city paying any of it?

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said the city wanted that particular statement added in there because they wanted to add the guardrail at a later date, and solicit federal funds at a later date. Basically, that is the current estimate for replacing that guardrail. Any matching that would be required would be a 50/50 match and we would cover 10% and the city would cover 10%.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked why if it is a 50/50 match we are only paying 10%.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said it is 50/50 between the two of us for the 20% match.

MOTION CARRIED. (MEACHUM SHOWED HIS VOTE AS PRESENT)

10. Mr. Williams presented Resolution H-1660-6-09 which is appropriating funds to cover the construction expenses on Section 09-00226-00-PV, the reconstruction of Lost Bridge Road.

MOTION

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution H-1660-6-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (MEACHUM SHOWED HIS VOTE AS YES)

11. Mr. Williams presented Resolution H-1661-6-09 which is granting permission to dispose of surplus equipment.

MOTION

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Cox to approve Resolution H-1661-6-09 by prior roll call vote.

Mr. McGlaughlin: Mr. McGlaughlin said there are a couple of scribner's errors that need to be addressed. In the, Now Therefore Be It Resolved paragraph they need to add "Board" after Macon County, and in the final three words they need change "see" to "sees". He also had a question for Mr. Bird. He asked what method of disposal will be used. Will it be public auction or what?

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said our first step is that we always offer it up to the townships and villages. We have already had a bid offer for that, and we have received no offers. The next step is to go the public, with the exception of the backhoe. The backhoe is going to be traded in on a new backhoe. We have a set value on that which is probably higher than what we could get for actually selling it.

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMENT:

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby pointed out a scribner's error on Resolution H-1660-6-09 on the \$1,150,000.00 there is a decimal where there should be a comma.

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 lives at 3245 N. Susan Drive in Decatur, Illinois. He has assigned each of you some homework. He put a small piece of paper on their desk because all he can get from the queen is that "we are closely monitoring the

campground," whatever that means. He figured the assignment for everyone was a better idea than asking our honorable sheriff to serve papers. Maybe he needs to rethink that idea and ask our State's Attorney if that is legal. As you know the money has been appropriated to finish the campground, but for some reason all feet are dragging or stuck in the mud. Any effort you can supply him with will honestly be appreciated. He is thinking we should flood her phone line and computer so at least she is earning her keep. If anyone in the room needs homework they should just ask him, and he would ask for their help too.

OFFICEHOLDER'S REMARKS:

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum just wanted to let them know that Macon County has been well represented out at the fair this year. He was out there Tuesday night and between the departments and officeholders having booths in the building we were very well represented, and they did a wonderful job out there. It is something to see with all of the informational booths that we have out there. We are bringing awareness to the public about what we actually do here in the County Building. He thinks it is a step in the right direction. Every officeholder and department head should be applauded for their efforts out there.

Sheriff Schneider: Sheriff Schneider asked Amy Smith from Court Services to come to the podium. Mr. Oliver wanted him to touch base in reference to the resolution regarding the juvenile detention bed space and what we are trying to do here locally and where we at in reference to the juvenile situation. He asked her to touch briefly in reference to that contract. He knows that a lot of this was because we are looking at trying to be able to cut down on our travel time, transport. We ended up going down to Edwardsville, Danville and so forth. So, this is a benefit to us.

Amy Smith: Ms. Smith said she was not exactly sure if there were questions she should field.

Sheriff Schneider: Sheriff Schneider said that basically the contract itself was one where, for a long period of time, it was not available with Champaign. But recently through negotiations Champaign became available to us. He asked if she knew how much bed space it was that they made available to us.

Ms. Smith: Ms. Smith said right now they are guaranteeing us 5 beds on a daily basis, with the exception that it will not be used unless necessary. Sangamon County remains our primary contract, and they work very, very closely with us and provide all transportation which saves the county a significant amount of dollars. Champaign County will provide no transportation, but we will have 5 beds there at a very low rate.

Sheriff Schneider: Sheriff Schneider asked if Peoria is still the secondary then McLean County after that, and then Champaign, or does Champaign jump up to the third spot.

Ms. Smith: Ms. Smith said it would depend on the day. She has not had a chance to speak at length with Lori about this, obviously given this week's events. Her understanding is that we will continue with Sangamon as our primary and then we will contact Peoria as secondary because they do provide limited transportation. If Peoria says they can provide no transportation on that given day, then we move to Champaign County, or if Peoria County were to say they were full and could not take any minors.

Sheriff Schneider: Sheriff Schneider asked if she knows what the number of juveniles being detained at this time is.

Ms. Smith: Ms. Smith said she believes today we have 6, however one youth we are not paying for because he is actually being housed for a different reason.

Sheriff Schneider: Sheriff Schneider said that will probably be the exception not the norm for what we have dealt with over the last year.

Ms. Smith: Ms. Smith said it tends to ebb and flow; it always has. We did have a very awkward period from about August of last year through January of this year where the numbers spiked incredibly, not just in Macon County but also in Sangamon and Peoria. She said maybe they should knock on wood but this year has been much slower thus far. That does create a little bit of a cushion for us. Most of the time we are staying well under the 7 beds that Sangamon County provides.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams asked how transportation will work to Champaign County. Will that be the Sheriff's Department, Probation Department or will we contract with Champaign County on that?

Ms. Smith: Ms. Smith said her understanding is that it would occur the same way it does with any of the other facilities we use that don't provide transportation. At that time that a youth is arrested it could be either the Sheriff's Department's responsibility or the City Police depending on who detained that minor; however, after they're detained and court hearings become the issue, probation provides transportation.

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby said he read the contract and maybe he is a little confused. She had stated we are guaranteed five beds by Champaign County, but the contract reads that if their population exceeds 33 then we have to go pick up the difference. He asked if that is correct.

Ms. Smith: Ms. Smith said that is her understanding. She said that happens with most counties. Once each facility reaches a certain number where they can no longer accommodate they ask home counties to start shifting kids to other facilities. So, she does believe if they were to hit 33 in their population and we had youth in custody there, they may ask us to move them around.

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby said then we are not specifically guaranteed 5 beds. We are guaranteed 5 beds if they are available. He asked if she knows what Champaign County's population runs.

Ms. Smith: Ms. Smith said she does not.

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby said they could exceed 33 in their population 70% of the time.

Ms. Smith: Ms. Smith said that may be, and we do have other facilities that while we don't have contracts with them, we do have verbal agreements and they work very well with us. It is just that per diem, Champaign County is the next best option.

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby said Champaign County is \$75.00, but asked what range our other contracts are.

Ms. Smith: Ms. Smith said Sangamon County charges us \$75.00 a day, and for anything over 7 beds that we fill there it goes up to \$78.23. Peoria County is \$115.00 and McLean County is \$110.00. Madison County is \$100.00 per day, and Vermilion County is \$85.00 per day.

Sheriff Schneider: Sheriff Schneider said he did know that for a period of time Champaign County had a lot of available bed space and one of the sticking points that they had was that they weren't taking any for liability purposes. They were going to go ahead and make contact with them and were able to get that done, so they did have available space. It is all about available space.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked what our cost is per year for this service.

Ms. Smith: Ms. Smith asked if he meant for detaining youth in general.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver said for farming them out.

Ms. Smith: Ms. Smith said she did not have the numbers but would say probably in the neighborhood of \$200,000 to \$250,000.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver said they are talking about expanding facilities for law enforcement with the city police where it might free up some space for us as a county to take care of our juvenile problem itself. A quarter of a million dollars is a lot of money a year, and that is one of the reasons he raised the question of whether we could start housing our own juveniles here.

Sheriff Schneider: Sheriff Schneider said we do have a committee that is looking at all of these different options. Jack has been instrumental in putting the idea out about a kind of day reporting center/detention. It was one of the things we have looked at and will continue to look at. It is a lot easier for us to look at it right now when we have a decreased population. Whenever the need is there and it spikes, then of course we are

running around trying to figure out what options we do have. We will continue to try to go along and try to find out as much information as we can financially because we do know these are hard times and we will try to work our way through that.

Mr. Ahola: Mr. Ahola said he would invite all county board members to our meetings. We meet every third Friday of the month. Many of you have been to our meetings, Justice Council. This will particularly have an impact in January when they raise the juvenile age to 17. Today if you are 17 and commit a retail theft you are an adult; January 1st you will be a juvenile, so that may impact our population. He suspects that in the year after they will make that for the felonies also.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams said that Piatt County has a new facility, and he wondered if we have reached out to Piatt County to see if they are interested in our business.

Sheriff Schneider: Sheriff Schneider said that is an adult facility. They don't have a juvenile facility in Piatt County. We have utilized them in reference to the adults whenever we have had an increase in our population.

Mrs. Wilkins: Mrs. Wilkins asked if those members who could not attend those meetings could get notes or some information from those meetings.

Mr. Ahola: Mr. Ahola said they have detailed minutes from the meetings and they could certainly send those to the county board secretary to distribute.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he did talk to Ryan McCrady, the new City Manager, a little bit about this because he was involved in it over in Springfield. They actually closed half of their section, their bed space because they had started some programs that were actually working so they didn't need the bed space over there. So, that is why they closed it down. There was no justification to keep it open. Jack has invited Mr. McCrady to the Justice meetings, and he has agreed to start attending them so we might gain some more knowledge from his experience in Sangamon County.

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox said today down in South Macon Township we had the County Assessor's office come in for the Senior Freeze and it was very well received. She hopes the other townships will follow through with this because the seniors really appreciated being able to go down there instead of coming here to apply for the Senior Freeze.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he did hand out a one page article on Henry County. After reading the article that was passed out in conjunction with the discerning report we have from the auditor's office, her last report which talked about a downward trend in sales tax, income tax, and LEST revenues. We are getting this stuff from Steve Grimm every month, and you see what is going on over with the state reading about how much they are

in debt and what the possible options are that they have for remedying that. He has asked the auditor to produce a report showing all revenues received from the state. Hopefully she can include salary revenue, stipend revenue, and grant revenue. During this process we will try to identify the number of county personnel associated with this revenue and hopefully we can have this information at the next finance meeting. He thinks this is something we need to be aware of and on top of because of these federal and state grants and money we receive that help employ people here in Macon County. If it gets cut off we are going to have to act very quickly on this. We will be following it and hopefully at the next Finance Committee meeting we will have some more information.

MOTION TO CLOSE SESSION

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to go into closed session to discuss litigation in regard to a TIF District in Decatur by prior roll call vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Westerman moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilkins to return to open session by prior roll call vote.

MOTION CARRIED. (DROBISCH SHOWED HIS VOTE AS NO)

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Yoder moved, seconded by Mr. Jacobs to adjourn until Thursday, July 9, 2009 at 7:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED. (DROBISCH SHOWED HIS VOTE AS YES)

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.