

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

**NOVEMBER 12, 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. Hogan.

Mrs. Taylor led the members in prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2009 MEETING**

##### **MOTION**

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2009 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

##### **ROLL CALL.**

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

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 20**

**NAYS = 0**

##### **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

#### **B. CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter from Comcast regarding changes to the channel line-up in your community.

A letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding an agreement for subject Section 05-00196-00-BR that was executed by the department on October 26, 2009.

A letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the low bid being awarded to George E. Galeener d/b/a Vienna Nursery on Section 06-00189-03-LS, Project ARA-D7(36).

A letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding Notification of Jurisdictional Transfer from State of Illinois to the City of Maroa, Wood Street from US 51 northerly 1.70 miles to the County Line, in its entirety.

A letter from AmerenIP regarding tree trimming that will be done in and around the Decatur area in the near future.

## **REPORTS**

Sheriff's Report – October 2009

Coroner's Report – September 2009

Macon County Collector Bank Report – September & October 2009

Macon County Treasurer Fund & Investment Report – October 2009

Auditor's Report – October 2009

## **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.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

## **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **1. 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.**

There were no appointments presented at the meeting.

### **C. CONSENT CALENDAR**

2. Resolution G-3363-11-09 – approving date change for the November 2010 board meeting due to the holiday schedule for 2010.

## **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**

3. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution G-3364-11-09 which is approving a contract with BLH Enterprises, Inc. for the disposal of surplus computer and electronic equipment for recycling.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Resolution G-3364-11-09 by prior roll call vote.

**QUESTION:**

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby said this is the second year for this. He asked if the owner could tell them about the success of the first year.

Brian Dickerson: Mr. Dickerson provided a handout to the board members. Mr. Dickerson said he lives at 4116 Destiny Drive in Springfield. Mr. Dickerson said they have had huge success in the program with tonnage being brought in. The only problem we have had this year is the sheer volume of televisions that have been brought in. They were not anticipating the large volume of those. They represented about 60% of what has been brought in of being monitors and televisions. Unfortunately, coupled with the decrease in the commodities market and the recession, scrap prices have decreased quite a bit which has hurt them. He said they are maintaining with what they have. He said before them are some numbers of what they have recycled. Mr. Dickerson said they have come close to 250,000 pounds of electronics from Decatur. It will probably hit about 300,000 pounds by the end of the year, which is tremendous.

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby asked since they are not accepting televisions anymore, which is understandable, if Mr. Dickerson could tell them how the public could now dispose of those.

Mr. Dickerson: Mr. Dickerson said that is actually incorrect. He said they continue to accept televisions from all residents of Macon County even though the contract is kind of in a flux phase. They have left everybody the same way that it has always been. There is no charge at all for recycling televisions from businesses or residents, currently.

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby said according to the handout televisions will not be accepted from anyone. He asked when that will take place.

Mr. Dickerson: Mr. Dickerson said the contract is still relatively in force; he thinks it expired yesterday. So, they have continued to accept computers and electronics from everybody, pending the acceptance of this contract. They have not banned any electronics. There will be a flux in there if the contract is not accepted, where effective January 1<sup>st</sup> all residents can recycle

televisions as long as they are given a voucher for the amount that is charged for the recycling. He said that is according to Public Act 095-0995 that goes into effect January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby asked if the contract reads that they will continue to accept televisions but the handout says....

Mr. Dickerson: Mr. Dickerson said what this is saying is that they are changing the way they accept televisions. Participating counties, which Macon County currently is a participating county which is where his company will accept everything from them, should the contract not be accepted they will become a nonparticipating county in which the company will not accept televisions.

**MOTION CARRIED. (LITTLE SHOWED HER VOTE AS NO)**

4. Mr. Dudley presented Ordinance O-78-11-09 which is approving the uniform street naming, street name signing, and structure numbering ordinance.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Ordinance O-78-11-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED. (LITTLE SHOWED HER VOTE AS YES)**

**OPERATIONS, PERSONNEL & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

5. Mr. Smith presented Resolution G-3365-11-09 which is accepting a one year general liability insurance renewal proposal from Travelers through Behnke & Company.

**MOTION**

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3365-11-09 by prior roll call vote.

**COMMENT:**

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum asked Mr. Smith to mention what the reduction is on this renewal.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith said this year our premium was approximately \$266,000. The insurance subcommittee, along with both union and management went through an extensive bid process. It came down to two bidders, Travelers and our current carrier ICRMT. After much discussion and review it was decided to go with Travelers. Theirs is going to be about \$61,000 less than we are paying this year. It was just a little bit more for ICRMT, but our concern with ICRMT was their

financial stability. They have some pretty major problems in that area and so we were concerned with the risk for the county.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said that is great work by the OPL Committee and also Behnke Insurance for providing us with the great coverage and saving us a lot of money.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he would like to thank the insurance committee too. It is comprised of management and the unions. They spent a lot of time on it and he wanted to thank them.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

6. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3366-11-09 which is approving an addendum to a lease between Macon County and the Decatur Public Building Commission to provide for lease abatement.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3366-11-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

7. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3367-11-09 which is executing deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3367-11-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

8. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3368-11-09 which is approving amendment for Workforce Investment Solutions FY09 Budget & FY10 Display Budget.

Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3369-11-09 which is approving increase in appropriations in the State's Attorney's Mental Health Court budget for FY09 and amending the FY10 display budget regarding the State's Attorney's Mental Health Court budget.

Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3370-11-09 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the State's Attorney's FY09 Truancy Court budget and amending the FY10 Display Budget regarding the State's Attorney's Truancy Court budget.

Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3371-11-09 which is approving an amendment to FY10 EMA Display Budget for radio equipment.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mr. McGlaughlin to approve Resolutions G-3368-11-09, G-3369-11-09, G-3370-11-09, and G-3371-11-09 in one motion by prior roll call vote.

**COMMENT:**

These are resolutions with changes in appropriations since the display budget was published.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

9. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3372-11-09 which is amending the State Township Bridge Budget line items 035-000-7702 (Blue Mound Twp 09) 035-000-7722 (Pleasant View Twp 09).

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mr. Jacobs to approve Resolution G-3372-11-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

10. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3373-11-09 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the FY09 Community Care Program budget.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilkins to approve Resolution G-3373-11-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

11. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3374-11-09 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the Health Fund for Emergency Preparedness PHER I and II Grant FY09 and

amending the FY10 Display Budget regarding the Emergency Preparedness PHER I an II Grant #07181178.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilkins to approve Resolution G-3374-11-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

12. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3375-11-09 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the Community Care Program Nursing Home Diversion Modernization Project/Community Living Program.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-3375-11-09 by prior roll call vote.

**QUESTION:**

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said she has a question on this resolution as well as an earlier one that has already been voted on but it is the same question. She asked if this Community Care grant money is the same fund that funds the money management program that the health department offers.

Mr. Andrews: Mr. Andrews said the quick answer is no. This funds the ability for seniors to stay in their homes by providing certain equipment or modifications in the home to allow them to stay in their home.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

13. Mr. Ashby presented Ordinance O-79-11-09 which is authorizing the public approval of the issuance of certain Collateralized Single Family Mortgage Revenue Bonds and certain documents in connection therewith; and related matters.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Ordinance O-79-11-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.



**MOTION CARRIED.**

**PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET FOR  
DECEMBER 1, 2009 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2010**

14. Mr. presented Resolution B-1-11-09 which is a statement to establish the budgets for the 2009-2010 fiscal year.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution B-1-11-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

15. Mr. presented Resolution B-2-11-09 which is establishing valuation of all taxable property in Macon County, Illinois.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution B-2-11-09 by prior roll call vote.

**COMMENT:**

Mr. McLaughlin: Mr. McLaughlin said there is a scrivener's error in the third paragraph that begins with, Now, therefore be it resolved, in the second line the word fine needs to be find.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said they would accept that as a scrivener's error.

**MOTION CARRIED. (LITTLE SHOWED HER VOTE AS NO)**

**COMMENT:**

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby said with the board's approval he would like to combine the levy approvals from B-3-11-09 through B-16-11-09.

16. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution B-3-11-09 which is establishing tax levy for General Corporate Fund purposes.

Mr. Ashby presented Resolution B-4-11-09 which is establishing a tax levy for Retirement Fund purposes.

Mr. Ashby presented Resolution B-5-11-09 which is establishing a tax levy for Social Security Fund purposes.

Mr. Ashby presented Resolution B-6-11-09 which is establishing a tax levy for Insurance Loss and Liability Fund purposes.

Mr. Ashby presented Resolution B-7-11-09 which is establishing a tax levy for Judgment Fund purposes.

Mr. Ashby presented Resolution B-8-11-09 which is establishing a tax levy for the Health Department Unit Fund purposes.

Mr. Ashby presented Resolution B-9-11-09 which is establishing a tax levy for County Highway fund purposes.

Mr. Ashby presented Resolution B-10-11-09 which is establishing a tax levy for Matching Fund purposes.

Mr. Ashby presented Resolution B-11-11-09 which is establishing a tax levy for County (Special) Bridge Fund purposes.

Mr. Ashby presented Resolution B-12-11-09 which is establishing a tax levy for the Decatur Public Building Commission Lease Fund purposes.

Mr. Ashby presented Resolution B-13-11-09 which is establishing a tax levy for Historical Museum Fund purposes.

Mr. Ashby presented Resolution B-14-11-09 which is establishing a tax levy for the Veterans Commission Fund purposes.

Mr. Ashby presented Resolution B-15-11-09 which is establishing a tax levy for Mental Health Fund purposes.

Mr. Ashby presented Resolution B-16-11-09 which is establishing a tax levy for Macon County Extension Fund purposes.

## **MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilkins to approve Resolutions B-3-11-09 through B-16-11-09 by prior roll call vote.

## **COMMENT:**

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby said we have an increase in the levy for the Corporate Fund. We have an increase in levy for the Retirement Fund, and the first one is 19.28% and the other is 12.43%.

We also have an increase in the levy for the Health Department of 8.09%, and minor increases in the other two levies for the Historical Museum Fund and the Veteran's Commission Fund.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked which of these individual levies are increases.

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby said the General Corporate Fund of 19.28%, the Retirement Fund of 12.43%, and the Health Department Fund at 8.09%. He said the Decatur Public Building Commission levy goes up but that is a timing issue. The Veteran's Commission and Historical Museum go up a small amount. Mr. Ashby said it is a percent of the total, not a percent of the increase.

**MOTION CARRIED. (LITTLE SHOWED HER VOTE AS NO)**

17. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution B-17-11-09 which is authorization for Tax Anticipation Warrants against levies for various funds herein.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilkins to approve Resolution B-17-11-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED. (LITTLE SHOWED HER VOTE AS YES)**

18. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution B-18-11-09 which is approving the 2009-2010 budget.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilkins to approve Resolution B-18-11-09.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Ashby, Baxter, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, Jacobs, McGlaughlin, Meachum, Oliver, Potts, Smith, Snyder, Taylor, Westerman, Wilkins, Williams

Nays: Cox, Greenfield, Little, Yoder

**AYES = 16**

**NAYS = 4**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMENT:**

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby wanted to thank the officeholders for the cooperation of putting the budget together this year. He also wanted to thank his fellow members of the Finance Committee. We worked long and hard on this and hopefully we have a pretty good product.

The Negotiations Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

19. Mr. Potts presented Resolution H-1684-11-09 which is approving permission for First Baptist Church to install a new entrance.

**MOTION**

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mr. Wilkins to approve Resolution H-1684-11-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED. (COX, GREENFIELD, LITTLE, YODER SHOWED THEIR VOTE AS YES)**

20. Mr. Potts presented Resolution H-1685-11-09 which is approving permission for the Village of Blue Mound to bore under Blue Mound Road (CH 37).

**MOTION**

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution H-1685-11-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

21. Mr. Potts presented Resolution H-1686-11-09 which is approving permission for Consolidated Communications to bore under the Mount Auburn Blacktop.

**MOTION**

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution H-1686-11-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

22. Mr. Potts presented Resolution H-1687-11-09 which is appropriating additional funds for Hanson Engineers for the Phase I study of the South East Beltway.

**MOTION**

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mr. McGlaughlin to approve Resolution H-1687-11-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

23. Mr. Potts presented Resolution H-1688-11-09 which is appropriating funds for the approval of an engineering agreement with GHR Engineers to design a HVAC System.

**MOTION**

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilkins to approve Resolution H-1688-11-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED. (GREENFIELD, SMITH & YODER SHOWED THEIR VOTE AS NO)**

24. Mr. Potts presented Resolution H-1689-11-09 which is appropriating funds to purchase a self propelled road sweeper.

**MOTION**

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve Resolution H-1689-11-09 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED. (GREENFIELD, SMITH & YODER SHOWED THEIR VOTE AS YES)**

The Executive Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

**SITING, RULES & ORDINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said next month the EEHW Committee will be reviewing the Wind Ordinance and the Nuisance Ordinance and it will hopefully come before the board in January.

The 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. Mr. Padgett said he needs and wants to make an apology to everyone in this room for his poor choice of words at last month's regular Macon County Board meeting. He was asking all of them to please forgive him for that foolish mistake. His thrust is and always will be the same. As he has said many times, if you want to get rid of him, it is a given, help him toward getting the only campground in Macon County completely electrified. At that moment he would hoist a white flag, and would be very grateful should that ever happen. At last month's regular conservation meeting, the latest appointed trustee, Mr. Horn brought up the fact that \$1,100,000 in spending was ok'd during that meeting. His asking price to finish the electricity at the campground is peanuts compared to that \$1,100,000. From the get go he has said and stated that whatever money the district would spend to finish this job would totally be recovered in 2 or 3 years. To back up my statement, 2 years ago the district spent \$38,000 to do nearly half of the total sites. During the past 2 years the return income from the campground is \$30,000 more or less. Again and again he has asked both district management and trustees to prove that what he has stated to be incorrect. Guess what? He is still waiting for anyone to show him or prove to him that he is wrong. It just may be that the moment is at hand to once again evoke.

**OFFICEHOLDER'S REMARKS:**

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith wanted to thank the Highway Department that had a part in the recent public hearing that was held at Scovill Zoo about the reconstruction of Country Club Road bikeway/walkway. It was very informative and a lot of the residents there were very appreciative of that. He wanted to thank the Highway Department for that. He hoped he was not speaking too early, but he wanted to recognize the chairman and congratulate him on his impending retirement as the business agent for IBEW Local #146. He believes Mr. Dunn joins the ranks of the retired on December 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Smith congratulated Mr. Dunn.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said she wanted to thank Kathy and her staff in the Veteran's Assistance Office for another fabulous tribute to our veterans last night at the Lincoln Theatre. There were a lot of people there but not enough in her opinion. Mrs. Little said it was nice and she appreciated all the work that they do.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said he was going to say the same thing but Linda beat him to it so he would just second the motion.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver said in the correspondence there was a list of the First Time Homebuyers. There were 500 or so of those. He asked if that list is from this year or how many months and days does this take into consideration.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he thinks we do this resolution every two years. Somewhere in there should be a list of all the houses and loans.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver said all of the addresses are listed. He just wondered over what period of time this transpired.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he thought we did this every two years.

Mr. Bean: Mr. Bean said the letter said says since 2005 there have been 532 homes purchased.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he would like to thank the Finance Committee for all the dedicated hours they put in on this budget. We started this process in June and hopefully we've got it done tonight. It is a lot of time. He said there were a few no votes there, and he just wanted to remind everybody that he would be sending out a new survey asking them what committees they wanted to be on. He is looking forward to seeing what they put down. He is going to try and look at the different committees, and he hopes they will all think seriously about it when he sends it out. He knows some of them like certain committees and would like to stay on them, but it is always interesting to get on different committees and see what happens on each and every one of them. That will be coming out sometime here in the next month or two. Mr. Dunn said he does appreciate the Finance Committee because they really put in a lot of time on this, and as Keith said, the officeholders and department heads worked diligently with us. We sent some of these budgets back at least 3 times. Unfortunately, it looks like next year will be an even more labor intensive budget. There could be a lot more serious decisions that we have to make. So, it is going to unfortunately probably be a tough year next year. He thanked everyone who stayed involved in this.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said we have 3 resolutions that we tabled last month.

25. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution H-1676-11-09 which is appropriating funds to purchase a 4WD backhoe loader.

#### **MOTION TO REMOVE FROM TABLE**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilkins to remove Resolution H-1676-11-09 from the table by prior roll call vote.

**MOTION CARRIED. (TO REMOVE H-1676-11-09 FROM THE TABLE)  
(GREENFIELD SHOWED HIS VOTE AS NO)**

## **MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Resolution H-1676-11-09 by prior roll call vote

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED. (GREENFIELD, SMITH, AND WESTERMAN SHOWED THEIR VOTE AS NO)**

## **MOTION TO REMOVE FROM TABLE**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. McGlaughlin to remove Resolution H-1677-11-09 from the table by prior roll call vote.

**MOTION CARRIED. (TO REMOVE H-1677-11-09 FROM THE TABLE) (ASHBY SHOWED HIS VOTE AS NO & GREENFIELD, SMITH & WESTERMAN SHOWED THEIR VOTE AS YES)**

26. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution H-1677-11-09 which is appropriating funds to purchase two 15 ft. heavy-duty flex wing rotary cutters.

## **MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution H-1677-11-09.

## **COMMENT:**

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox said her concern is whether we will be able to purchase the tractors this time or is it too late on the price.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said it is too late on both of these resolutions H-1677-11-09 and H-1678-11-09 but he wanted to bring them off the table. He said the bid date has passed on Resolution H-1677-11-09 but he wanted to make the motion to get a vote one way or the other.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said she is confused. She wondered if they could just withdraw the motion or do you want it voted down.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said it was tabled.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said it is off the table now.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he is trying to get rid of it but is not sure how. He is hoping everyone will vote no.



Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked if the contract offer is expired.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said yes.

**ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: (None)

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

**AYES = 0**

**NAYS = 20**

**MOTION FAILED.**

**MOTION TO REMOVE FROM TABLE**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to remove Resolution H-1678-11-09 from the table by prior roll call vote.

**MOTION CARRIED. (TO REMOVE H-1678-11-09 FROM THE TABLE) (ALL 20 NO'S CHANGED THEIR VOTE TO YES)**

27. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution H-1678-11-09 which is appropriating funds to purchase two 4WD 5095 John Deere Tractors with Cabs.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve Resolution H-1678-11-09.

**COMMENT:**

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said the bid date has run out on this as well

**ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: (None)

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

**AYES = 0**

**NAYS = 20**

**MOTION FAILED.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

28. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-3376-11-09 which is authorizing the transfer of Recovery Zone Bond Allocations to the City of Decatur.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-3376-11-09.

**COMMENT:**

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said she would like a lot of discussion on this. She doesn't feel like she knows very much about it.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he got a letter which stated that Macon County was eligible for some Recovery Zone Bonds provided we could prove that we are basically distressed. There is \$3,469,000 for Recovery Zone Economic Bond authority and \$5,204,000 of Recovery Zone Facility Bond authority which they gave to Macon County. They offered this to different counties. He sent this to different people here in the county to see if they could think of any reason why we would want to use these bonds. With our economic situation and everything, he could not see where we could use them. He did e-mail this out to Craig Coil, Director of EDC, Economic Development and Ryan McCrady, the City Manager. He never heard back from Craig Coil, but he did hear back from Ryan McCrady that he was interested if we would allocate our money to the city, which we have the right to allocate it to the city or another county or back to the state. Mr. Dunn said he talked to Randy Waks and asked him to research it to see if there would be any liability on our part if we did allocate that. There doesn't seem to be any. Mr. Dunn asked Randy to write up a resolution. The city in the mean time had written two resolutions; they kind of broke it up. Those resolutions were for us to use if we so desired, but they were satisfied with Randy's one resolution.

Mr. McGlaughlin: Mr. McGlaughlin said it reads in the resolution that we are allocating our authority, but his seatmate has a very good question which is will this have any affect upon the debt ratio of the county.

Mr. Waks: Mr. Waks said this will not affect our debt ratio at all. This is something we have looked into. Basically, it is almost like it is a gift to us of stimulus funds. As the chairman indicated we have the right to either use it, or give it back and it will be reallocated, or assign it to another governmental unit. This is what we are doing, assigning it to another governmental unit and they will use it. It will be for the good of the City of Decatur and of Macon County.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked if all the red tape that gets attached to government coming to help would be the city's red tape.

Mr. Waks: Mr. Waks said yes.

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox asked if they checked with any of the other cities or villages in the county to see if there is a need there.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said no. He doesn't remember when he first sent this to them. He doesn't remember when he got it, but it wasn't too long ago. As these stimulus package things work the deadline is December 31<sup>st</sup> so it is a short time frame.

**ROLL CALL.**

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

Nays: Cox, Little

**AYES = 18**

**NAYS = 2**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**QUESTION:**

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked if we have any shovel ready projects that would entitle us to get any of this stimulus money.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said we have Secure Energy out there but it is not a county project.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said we had previous versions of stimulus money that used up all of our shovel ready projects. The timing on this thing just wasn't going to work out with anything we had. The deadline was too short.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver said that we really didn't use any then.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said we did but it came through the Department of Transportation. The stimulus funds came that way. This isn't through the Department of Transportation.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said Workforce Investment got like \$1,300,000 or so.

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox asked if this money that we have allocated to the City of Decatur could have been used down in Macon because the City of Macon is in dire need of a water tower.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he did not know. It was just bonding power. It is not free money.

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox said they were going to have to bond to be able to build it.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said you also have to meet certain criteria as far as being in a recovery zone, but it was possible; he did not know.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Mr. Drobisch moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilkins to adjourn until Thursday, December 10, 2009 at 7:15 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

