

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

**APRIL 08, 2010**

**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 Mrs. Little and Mrs. Taylor.

Mr. Smith led the members in Prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**COMMENT:**

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said before they started he wanted to make one statement about the Health Department ongoing investigation. He will be sending a letter to the Board of Health requesting a full report on their due diligence on this matter, and we will be having a closed session tonight on pending litigation.

**A. PROCLAMATION**

Mr. Dudley presented a proclamation regarding Sexual Assault Awareness month for April 2010.

**B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 11, 2010 MEETING**

**MOTION**

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2010 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**ROLL CALL.**

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

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 19**

**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

There were no zonings or subdivisions presented at the meeting.

## **C. CORRESPONDENCE**

A notice from the Illinois Pollution Control Board regarding Pollution Control Facility Siting Appeal for Veolia ES Valley View Landfill and a Hearing Officer Order for hearing on May 20, 2010.

A notice from the Illinois Pollution Control Board regarding Pollution Control Facility Siting Appeal for Veolia ES Valley View Landfill and a Notice of Hearing on Thursday, May 20, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

A letter from Comcast regarding price adjustments.

A letter from Ameren Illinois Utilities regarding upcoming Vegetation Activities Notification.

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

A copy of the 2009 Year End Financial Statement from the Decatur Public Building Commission.

A Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste by Rhodes Landfill to conduct additional groundwater assessment monitoring.

## **REPORTS**

Sheriff's Report – March 2010

Auditor's Report – February & March 2010

Coroner's Annual Report for 2009

## **MOTION**

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

## **QUESTION:**

Mr. McGlaughlin: Mr. McGlaughlin asked what the time is for the hearing on the landfill.

Mr. Bean: Mr. Bean said the hearing is at 11:00 a.m. here in the board room.

## **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.**

**D. APPOINTMENTS**

2. Resolution G-3425-4-10 – Re-appointment to the Argenta Sanitary District

Clyde Hornback Sr., 182 Kenwood, Argenta, IL 62501  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2013

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-3425-4-10 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Resolution G-3426-4-10 – Re-appointment to Blue Mound Countryside Fire Protection District

Kevin Bafford, 10600 Damery Rd., Blue Mound, IL 62513  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2013

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3426-4-10 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Resolution G-3427-4-10 – Re-appointment to Hickory Point Fire Protection District

David Grimes, 457 S. Washington St., Forsyth, IL 62535  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2013

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to approve Resolution G-3427-4-10 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Resolution G-3428-4-10 – Re-appointment to Niantic Fire Protection District

C. Daniel Carr, 10855 Pebble Rd., Box 139, Niantic, IL 62551  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2013

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3428-4-10 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Resolution G-3429-4-10 – Appointment to Niantic Fire Protection District

Ike Leeper, 11902 Long Point Rd., Niantic, IL 62551  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2012

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve Resolution G-3429-4-10 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

7. Resolution G-3430-4-10 – Re-appointment to South Macon Fire Protection District

Stephen J. Coffman, 700 N. Woodcock Rd., Macon, IL 62544  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2013

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3430-4-10 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

8. Resolution G-3431-4-10 - Re-appointment to South Wheatland Fire Protection

Sidney Duffer, 6960 Mt. Auburn Rd., Decatur, IL 62521  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2013

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Resolution G-3431-4-10 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

9. Resolution G-3432-4-10 – Appointment to Warrensburg Fire Protection District

David A. Robbins, 264 N. West St., Warrensburg, IL 62573  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2013

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Resolution G-3432-4-10 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

10. Resolution G-3433-4-10 – Appointment to Niantic Drainage District #2

Martin Stahl, 21773 Niantic Rd., Illiopolis, IL 62539  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday, September 2011

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution G-3433-4-10 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

There was nothing submitted on the Consent Calendar.

The Justice Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

**EEHW COMMITTEE**

11. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution G-3434-4-10 which is approving increase in appropriations in the FY10 Health Fund for Illinois Children's Mental Health Partnership.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-3434-4-10 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED. (DUNN SHOWED HIS VOTE AS NO)**

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

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby reported that the Circuit Court Judicial Clerk and Sheriff's Correctional Officer positions were brought before the Finance Committee after the hiring freeze. We would really like to thank the officeholders for giving us the courtesy of justifying these positions in overriding the hiring freeze. This was passed by the Finance Committee. This is not a resolution so it does not need to be voted on.

12. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3435-4-10 which is executing deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-3435-4-10 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED. (MR. DUNN SHOWED HIS VOTE AS YES)**

13. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3436-4-10 which is setting fees to be charged for Rabies Inoculations performed by the Macon County Animal Control Staff Veterinarian.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mr. McGlaughlin to approve Resolution G-3436-4-10 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

14. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3437-4-10 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the State's Attorney's Grant Fund FY 10 Budget for the Violence Against Women Grant.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilkins to approve Resolution G-3437-4-10 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

15. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3438-4-10 which is approving increase in appropriations in the State's Attorney's Office FY 10 Budget for computer grant.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund to approve Resolution G-3438-4-10 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

16. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3439-4-10 which is approving increase in appropriations in the Health Fund for Community Care Program – Money Follows the Person (MFP) IDOA No. U129905911.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve Resolution G-3439-4-10 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**



17. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3440-4-10 which is setting the salaries for officeholders elected 2010-2014.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mrs. Wilkins to approve Resolution G-3440-4-10.

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Mr. Drobisch moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to amend Resolution G-3440-4-10 for the 2011-2012 year to take it down from 1.5% increase to 0%.

**QUESTION:**

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked if Mr. Drobisch could explain his amendment.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch said his thoughts are that we have already seen what this next year is going to bring. He thinks it is going to be compounded by a number of things that are going to make it an extremely tight year. That is going to be with the amount of dollars that are committed on the federal level for new programs, and with the State being in the financial doldrums that they are in. We have already seen just this year in reimbursement alone close to \$1,000,000 which has not been reimbursed for monies the county has already spent. While he feels everyone deserves a raise, he thinks that over the next two years we are going to see a lot of this stuff come to a head and there is not going to be the dollars there. He thinks one of the things you have to look at is that we have passed some tax in the past and we have already tapped those means out. We do have some reserves but we could eat through that very, very quickly. Mr. Drobisch thinks now is the time for caution not to look back two years from now and wish we had done it; now is the time to do it. Unfortunately we have to make a four year commitment. He really feels like if we are going to be good stewards of the taxpayer's dollars out here, we need to look long and hard before we go in knowing that there are some critical financial times ahead of us, not knowing where it is going to lead, that now we make these tough decisions and take this tough stance. That is his reason for amending the second year to a zero also, until we see what is going to happen with the economy.

Mr. McGlaughlin: Mr. McGlaughlin said he appreciates Mr. Drobisch's approach to this, and yes we are going to have difficult times; we are in difficult times. But, he would suggest that \$3,200.00 next year is not going to make the difference between whether this county continues to be solvent or not. He is going to vote for the increase.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he wanted to say along with Joe that it was his desire to bring these elected officials up with the other group that we did two years ago. He thinks these elected officials have done a great job over the years helping us with our budget problems. He agrees with Joe that in a \$20,000,000 General Fund Budget this is not a big thing. Mr. Dunn thinks the action the Finance Committee took in setting this sets an example for the other officeholders and department heads and employees that we

recognize the economic conditions that surround us today. He will also be voting for it. He will not vote for the amendment, but he will vote for the main resolution.

**ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Cox, Drobisch, Greenfield, Hogan, Westerman, Yoder

Nays: Ashby, Baxter, Dudley, Dunn, Jacobs, McGlaughlin, Meachum, Oliver, Potts, Smith, Wicklund, Wilkins, Williams

**AYES = 6**

**NAYS = 13**

**MOTION FAILED. (AMENDMENT TO RES. G-3440-4-10)**

**ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Ashby, Baxter, Dudley, Dunn, Hogan, McGlaughlin, Meachum, Oliver, Potts, Wicklund, Wilkins, Williams

Nays: Cox, Drobisch, Greenfield, Jacobs, Smith, Westerman, Yoder

**AYES = 12**

**NAYS = 7**

**MOTION CARRIED. (MAIN MOTION RES. G-3440-4-10)**

The Negotiations Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

18. Mr. Potts presented Resolution H-1703-4-10 which is approving permission for Greg Morgenthaler to reshape a ditch along the Cerro Gordo Blacktop (CH 24).

**MOTION**

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution H-1703-4-10 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED. (COX, DROBISCH, GREENFIELD, JACOBS, SMITH, WESTERMAN, AND YODER SHOWED THEIR VOTE AS YES)**

19. Mr. Potts presented Resolution H-1704-4-10 which is approving permission for Thatcher Farms to install a culvert extension on the Kenney Road (CH 21) North of Harristown.

**MOTION**

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mr. Yoder to approve Resolution H-1704-4-10 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

20. Mr. Potts presented Resolution H-1705-4-10 which is appropriating funds to cover the construction expenses to upgrade the Highway Department HVAC System.

**MOTION**

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution H-1705-4-10.

**QUESTION:**

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch asked what exactly the problem is out there.

Mr. Potts: Mr. Potts said one of the problems was circulation. The circulation is bad and some rooms are cold and some rooms are hot. That was one of the issues. The other issue was that it has been 20 or 30 years....

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said the biggest problem we had over the last 3 or years is that about 3 or 4 times during the winter we would come in on Monday morning and the temperature would be 45 degrees. Basically, the heating system would shut down. It is shot. It is 18 years old; we want to replace it. We want to replace it with highly energy efficient equipment. The existing equipment has an energy efficiency rating of 8, and we are replacing it with something that has an energy efficiency rating of 18. So, we are more than doubling the energy efficiency with what we are putting in.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch asked if they did any engineering studies.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said yes; first we did an engineering study to determine the best choice to make, whether we should rehab the existing system or just out and out replace it. Long-term, at least as far as the payoff, and also the energy efficiency, it was determined that the best thing to do was replace it.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch asked if they have had any contractors in to look at the....

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said we hired an engineer and put together a set of plans with an open bid, and had 3 contractors bid it. The low bidder was for \$145,000 which was Nogle & Black.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn asked if they had an engineering estimate before that.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said the engineer's estimate on this set of plans was about \$160,000 to \$163,000. When we first went into it the overall estimate, the rough estimate when we first started was about \$185,000.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch asked if it was because the system originally was undersized for the size of the building.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said no.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch asked if it is simply that the equipment is now worn out and needs to be replaced.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said yes; it is worn out.

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby said Mr. Bird stated the low bid was \$145,000 and yet we are spending \$160,000. Why would we spend the additional money?

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said we are appropriating an additional 10% in case there are any issues in rehabbing the existing system.

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby said then you are taking the low bid but you are padding.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said just in case.

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby said he didn't mean to use that word. It is for contingencies.

Mr. Westerman: Mr. Westerman asked if the low bid is a Macon County contractor.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said they have an office right here in Macon County.

Mr. Westerman: Mr. Westerman asked who the contractor is.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said Nogle & Black.

Mr. Wicklund: Mr. Wicklund said the sooner you get this in and up and running, then we will get a break on this from the government. He asked if that is correct.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said we will be applying for a DCO Energy Efficiency Grant. They have what they call a Spring Sale going on right now, where they are doubling the amount of the rebate you get back from .08 cents a kilowatt hour to .16 cents a kilowatt

hour. We basically have to have the system in and operational by May 31<sup>st</sup> to qualify for that additional doubling.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley asked what the estimated savings is on that.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said the engineers calculated, and it is part of the application with DCO, over a 25 year period the energy savings on the cost of the energy alone is \$91,000.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch asked how many years the pay back is.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said between the lower maintenance cost and the energy savings the simple payback is 22 years.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch asked if this system will last that long.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said it is supposed to be a 30 year system. The amount of the grant is going to be anywhere from \$1,000 to \$5,000. If it doubles that could be \$2,000 to \$10,000. The reason there is the range in there is because there are two different types of grants you can apply for. There is one that is just straight up that offers a certain amount for a high efficiency motor, a certain amount for just the type of equipment you are putting in. There is another one you can apply for that is based upon the energy efficiency and that is where the .08 to .16 cents per kilowatt hour comes in. A lot of that is going to depend on basically what DCO is going to want us to submit to them.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch asked if this is a federal grant or state.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said it is state.

## **ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Ashby, Baxter, Cox, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, Jacobs, McGlaughlin, Meachum, Oliver, Potts, Smith, Wicklund, Wilkins, Williams

Nays: Greenfield, Hogan, Westerman, Yoder

**AYES = 15**

**NAYS = 4**

## **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Executive Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

The Siting, Rules & Ordinance Sub-Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

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

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

**OFFICEHOLDER'S REMARKS:**

Mr. Baxter: Mr. Baxter said when he was Public Defender we went through these budget cuts back in 2001 and 2002. He remembers when the first one came all of the departments had to take a 7% cut. In the Public Defender's Office that primarily meant a cut in salaries. In 2002 we had another 3% cut and quite a bit of that came out of salaries. When you have these cuts and they cut salaries and things like that it leads to low morale, and it usually means lower productivity. Seeing that our budget is coming up in rather sad shape he and Lois Durbin got together and decided to sponsor an auction for the benefit of the Macon County employees. It is going to be at the Knights of Columbus Hall on April 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., which is a Wednesday. It is pretty simple. To participate in this you have to be a Macon County employee and you have to donate an item. We have auctioneer that is donating his services for free. There will be refreshments and things of that nature. The rule is that no matter what you bring in, like if one person brings in the Hope Diamond and another brings in a box of rocks, if they both sell they will be equally divided because we are not going to dicker around with values of these things. The idea is that it is obvious that the employees are not going to get much from these budgets, and if we can get them something out of this he thinks it would be a good morale booster. He thinks if people here who are on the County Board know people that's how they got here, if you could get donations then take them to Lois' office and mark down that you have donated. Say you don't want to participate in this and then you show up with your rich friends and bid on these things then after a couple of drinks things will look a lot more valuable he assured them. Then we would get the money for these employees. Mr. Baxter said he has already donated a Scott Cohen yard sign. You know a guy wins a contested primary and two weeks later where is he? You can have fun with this. If someone is divorced and their ex has left something there you could donate that and call them up and tell them if they want it back they need to go down and bid on it. You can use your imagination. We might get an autographed picture of Merv and Jay standing next to a culvert. That ought to fire lively bidding. Anyway he feels this would be a morale booster if you people attend, which he hopes you do. He thinks it could inspire loyalty amongst our employees. He thinks they deserve it. We have some real great employees, and he thinks if we can get some money for them we will all be the better for it.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum wanted to thank the Sheriff and the correctional people over at the jail for having inmates out picking up roadside trash out by Sunnyside Road and Center Street this past week. There is a lot of trash that gets thrown out of cars unfortunately. One of his best friends that lives out there owns Doolin Disposal and he volunteered his services to pick it up. Mr. Meachum just wanted to thank the sheriff and all of staff for getting all of that done.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

There was no new business presented at the meeting.

**MOTION TO CLOSE SESSION**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION TO OPEN SESSION**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to adjourn until May 13, 2010 at 7:15 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.