

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

JANUARY 12, 2012

**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 at the meeting with the exception of Mrs. Zimmerman.

Mrs. Taylor led the members in prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION:

Sheriff Schneider: Sheriff Schneider presented a certificate to J. Steven Gambrill, Harristown Fire Chief in special recognition for serving the Harristown Fire Protection District and Macon County for 30 years. He began in 1967 and is presently the Chief of the Harristown Fire Department. It has been a great pleasure working with him and the Sheriff looked forward to working with him in the future. Chief Gambrill had a lot of representation in support of him present at the meeting that night. Sheriff Schneider said it is a great fire district and they appreciated everything the district has done.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn thanked Chief Gambrill for his service and said he had been fortunate enough to sit in on a couple Emergency Operation Center training sessions and Mr. Gambrill has always been very professional at those meetings and does a great job.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 8, 2011 MEETING

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2011 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, Taylor, Westerman, Wicklund, Wilkins, Williams

Nays: (None)

AYES = 19

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

ZONING/SUBDIVISIONS

1. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution Z-1119-1-12 which is regarding Case S-02-12-11, a petition submitted by Darrell Hamilton for a Special Use Permit to allow the operation of a firewood processing business in a RE-5 Single Family Estate District on property commonly known as 5256 Walmsley Road in Mt. Zion Township. Staff recommended at hearing that the petition be granted with 7 stipulations. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted 5-0 in favor of recommending to the County Board that the petition be approved with 7 stipulations. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and recommended by an 8-0 vote that the County Board approve the subject petition with the stipulations recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution Z-1119-1-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from ComEd informing the county that during the months of January, February and December of 2012 they will begin regularly scheduled Transmission Corridor vegetation management activities within the area.

A public notice from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency regarding proposed renewal of the federally enforceable State operating permit for T/CCI Manufacturing, L.L.C. in Decatur.

An e-mail from AT&T U-verse regarding changes in channel availability and pricing for AT&T U-verse TV service

A letter from Comcast regarding price changes for customers.

A letter from the Decatur Public Building Commission regarding surplus funds for Fiscal Year 2011

A letter from Ameren regarding upcoming vegetation management that will be performed in the near future

A letter from Ameren regarding tree trimming they will be doing in and around the Niantic area in the near future.

A letter from Comcast regarding additions to the Comcast Channel Line-up in the area

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report – December 2011

Tax Collector's Bank Report – December 2011

Treasurer Fund & Investment Report – December 2011

Coroner Report – November 2011

Macon County Clerk Annual Report of fees collected – December 1, 2010 thru November 30, 2011

Macon County Recorder Annual Report of fees collected – December 2010 thru November 2011

Macon County Treasurer Annual Collector's Report – Tax Year 2010 Payable 2011 & 2011 Mobile Home Privilege

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund 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. Wicklund 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.

C. APPOINTMENTS

3. Resolution G-3659-1-12 – Appointment to Macon County Board District #2

Gary Minich, 2444 N. Main St., Decatur, IL 62526

Term Expires: November 30, 2012

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve Resolution G-3659-1-12 by prior roll call vote.

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, Smith, Taylor, Westerman, Wicklund, Wilkins, Williams

Nays: (None)

AYES = 18

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED. (OLIVER WAS NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE)

4. Resolution G-3660-1-12 – Appointments to the Emergency Telephone System Board

James Comerford, 894 W. Forsyth Parkway, Forsyth, IL 62535
Term Expires: February 2016

Ed Culp, 10 Diane Dr., Decatur, IL 62526
Term Expires: February 2016

W. Jeffrey Scheibly, 2315 Thunderbird Dr., Decatur, IL 62526
Term Expires: February 2016

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund to approve Resolution G-3660-1-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (OLIVER SHOWED HIS VOTE AS YES)

Stephen M. Bean, Macon County Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Gary Minich as the newly appointed Macon County Board member for District #2.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Resolution G-3661-1-12 – Executing Deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent

MOTION

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund to approve the Consent Calendar by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (MINICH SHOWED HIS VOTE AS YES)

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

6. Mr. Baxter presented Resolution G-3662-1-12 which is approving an increase in appropriations and transfer in the State's Attorney's Grant Fund FY11 Budget.

MOTION

Mr. Baxter moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3662-1-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

The EEHW Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

7. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution G-3663-1-12 which is approving an increase in the mileage reimbursement rate to 55.5 cents per mile effective January 12, 2012.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3663-1-12.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Ashby, Baxter, Cox, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, McGlaughlin, Meachum, Minich, Oliver, Smith, Taylor, Westerman, Wicklund, Wilkins, Williams

Nays: Greenfield, Hogan, Jacobs, Little

AYES = 16

NAYS = 4

MOTION CARRIED.

8. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution G-3664-1-12 which is approving a budget amendment for Workforce Investment Solutions FY 12 Budget.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3664-1-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (GREENFIELD, HOGAN, JACOBS & LITTLE SHOWED THEIR VOTE AS YES)

The Legislative Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

9. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3665-1-12 which is approving a grant for funding a Macon County outdoor gun range.

MOTION

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve Resolution G-3665-1-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver said they will have a closed session at the end of the meeting to discuss the upcoming contract.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

10. Mr. Smith presented Resolution H-1789-1-12 which is appropriating funds for engineering expenses on Section 10-00235-00-MG, the 2010 HVAC Replacement Project.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution H-1789-1-12 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked if this was at the County Highway garage.

Joe Moretti: Mr. Moretti said it is the whole office thing.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he thought we just replaced everything there.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith said it is to wrap up the on sight inspection they did on that.

MOTION CARRIED.

11. Mr. Smith presented Resolution H-1790-1-12 which is appropriating funds for construction expenses on Section 11-00239-00-DR, the 2011 Annual Drainage Project.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Resolution H-1790-1-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

12. Mr. Smith presented Resolution H-1791-1-12 which is appropriating funds for construction expenses on Section 05-00198-00-BR, the replacement of the Finley Creek Bridge on Baltimore Avenue (CH 7).

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution H-1791-1-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

13. Mr. Smith presented Resolution H-1792-1-12 which is approving an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Decatur and the County of Macon covering public transportation.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund to approve Resolution H-1792-1-12 by prior roll call vote.

COMMENT:

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams said this has been a long time in coming and hopefully this is part of our moving forward with public transportation in the rural area. He wanted to thank everyone that has worked together to get us this far.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked what the plan is for financing this.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams said this does not actually address any financing. It is just part of the process to get the shell going for public transportation. As far as the financing, he doesn't think we have to come to any realization as to whether or not we are or are not on the hook for any more than the federal grant that is out there, which he believes is forty something thousand dollars.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver said then this is an agreement to agree.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith said if the application would be approved then it would be.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams said what it does is deal with the areas of the county that were gray areas. He can't remember the exact term, but it is part of the urban area that the City of Decatur had the funding for to provide transportation but did not provide transportation. What this will do is, the City of Decatur will in turn send that funding to us so if and when a rural public transportation authority is ever put together we can provide transportation to these specific areas. It is in the Harristown area, the Forsyth, Long Creek and Mt. Zion area.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked if when Mr. Williams was saying they will send the money to us, was he saying they will send it to the county.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams said he did not know. It is federal money the city currently receives to provide transportation to the urbanized transportation areas; and for whatever reason there are certain areas, like the Harristown area, if he recalls correctly it is because of the population in the area or the fact that it is somehow tied to He asked Mr. Wicklund if it is a 1 ½ mile radius or ¾'s of a mile or what is that.

Mr. Wicklund: Mr. Wicklund said it is a ¾ mile radius outside of their normal bus route. They figure a person could walk the ¾ mile to get to a bus. This covers that gray area that is an urbanized area of Macon County which is Oreana, Mt. Zion, and Long Creek. This is just an agreement with the city to cover service in that area. That is all this is.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams said as part of that agreement the city also agrees to transfer the funds to the authority that will be providing transportation. He didn't believe it would be any funds that actually come to the county; be it the Show Bus or another company and that is yet to be determined who will be the authority that will provide the transportation to the rural area.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked if this authority is in service at this time. Is it working at this time? Who is that authority?

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams said there have been several folks. At one point St. Mary's Hospital had interest in it and Macon Resources but they backed away. At one point Show Bus which is a company that deals in rural transportation in other counties had an interest but were never offered it. There is actually no entity that has been offered the contract at this point.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked if there is some money floating around somewhere now to put such a program into existence.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams said he thinks he referenced the \$47,000 or \$49,000 that we as a county have applied for or asked that the money be set aside for use in this county. As far as he knows that is the only money that is available. There will be additional funds available as a result of the city turning this gray area over to whatever authority sees fit to provide transportation into the rural area. That is a long way away he thinks.

Mr. Wicklund: Mr. Wicklund said we are looking at a couple of months at least before we even see who is going to step up to provide the service. So, it is still a little way down the road. There is some State money that is being held right at this time through the Illinois Department of Aging, but other than that the financial part is still not lined out yet; we are still working on that.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams said this is just one of the steps on the staircase to our final destination.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked if there is a committee from the county that is taking care of putting this together.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams said there is a committee comprised of some folks from the county as well as several social service agencies and some officeholders and also several townships are represented, as well as some potential providers.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked who and how many county board members are a part of that, and also what committee are they operating from.

Mr. Wicklund: Mr. Wicklund said it is actually through IHSTP Region 8 Rural Area. It is a committee that has been formed comprised of that area and Macon County is just a part of that where you have SAIL and some DMCOG representation along with county officials, Mr. Wicklund himself and Jay Dunn has set in. The Highway Department has been involved with this along with the Auditor. It is just a slow moving process. We slowed this down because it was moving a little fast.

Mr. McGlaughlin: Mr. McGlaughlin said he didn't have a question on this resolution but did have a question about H-1789-1-12 and H-1790-1-12 both of which contain a paragraph that says the above costs will benefit Macon County, and it is anticipated it shall be completely disbursed by November 30, 2011. Today is January 12, 2012 and he wondered if this needs to be reviewed by the legal department or is it a scrivener's error.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith said his understanding was that the work was done. He asked Joe Moretti if that was correct.

Mr. Moretti: Mr. Moretti said as far as work for the HVAC System, the company that did the work did not submit their final bill of \$15,000 for a couple of months, even though they were told if they submitted the bill they would be paid. So, they basically drew that process out. The other one, the work was done for the construction project, it just takes time to process all the final paperwork and get approvals from the state and then make final payment. This is just for the balance of what went over the original appropriation for the actual cost of the construction.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked if it has been paid.

Mr. Moretti: Mr. Moretti said yes.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked if the dollar amount on the resolution has been paid.

Mr. Moretti: Mr. Moretti said yes. He knows for the construction project it has because that was his project, as far as the HVAC work he is pretty certain that has been paid also.

MOTION CARRIED. (LITTLE SHOWED HER VOTE AS NO)

14. Mr. Smith presented Resolution H-1793-1-12 which is granting permission to dispose of surplus equipment.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund to approve Resolution H-1793-1-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (LITTLE SHOWED HER VOTE AS YES)

COMMENT:

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith said they might want to remember County Engineer Bird's family in their thoughts and prayers because his father passed away today.

The Executive Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

SITING, RULES & ORDINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

15. Mr. Wicklund presented Resolution G-3666-1-12 which is approving a proposal for ordinance codification services.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve Resolution G-3666-1-12 by prior roll call vote.

COMMENT:

Mr. Wicklund: Mr. Wicklund said he was not on this committee throughout the whole process but he did sit through the meeting where they discussed this. There were 3 large contracts put in front of them with no explanation from the service providers as to what they would be supplying. That is his only reason for not moving this forward.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked if we are accepting a proposal from a company.

Mr. Wicklund: Mr. Wicklund said that was correct.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked if there was a dollar amount.

Mr. Wicklund: Mr. Wicklund said there was a dollar amount of \$9700.00 on the initial bid on this, with some additional costs attached to it.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said so we are not approving the money, just the proposal.

Mr. Wicklund: Mr. Wicklund said that was correct.

MOTION CARRIED. (OLIVER ABSTAINED FROM VOTING)

BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch said they have looked over several pieces of property and they will probably have a meeting in the next couple of weeks to discuss them.

There were no citizen remarks presented at the meeting.

OFFICEHOLDERS' REMARKS:

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams said our March meeting is quickly approaching and that has traditionally been our job shadow with the 4-H kids. We would like to do that again this year. We are going to do things a little differently and he wanted to explain that to the board members. This year the 4-H Foundation, which is a group that was put together to accept charitable donations, is going to buy dinner for all the county board members at Pastabilities. We would like for everyone to RSVP. We will get something out ahead of time to the board members, but would like an RSVP by mid February so we know how many people will show up to reserve seating. Also, we need to know how many we will have because we want to place our 4-H kids with the county board members so they can talk a little bit at dinner time and get a little more acquainted with the board members and

our backgrounds. So, that will be at the March board meeting. We are not going to do a presentation with officeholders this year. We are just going to do things a little differently and see how it works out. The dinner for board members that choose to come will be paid for by the 4-H Foundation. Mark the March date on your calendar and we will be asking for RSVP's a little closer to it.

Gary Minich: Mr. Minich said he didn't want this meeting to end without collectively saying thank you to all of you. He was a little bit surprised to get a unanimous vote since his name is prominently in the *Herald & Review* criticizing the Republican Party pretty frequently. He appreciates it and looks forward to working with all of you. Some of you he has known for a long time, Merv, Keith, and he hopes his presence on this board turns out to be beneficial for all of us. He thanked them.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

MOTION TO CLOSE SESSION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund to go into closed session for collective bargaining issues and worker's compensation litigation by prior roll call vote.

MOTION CARRIED. (OLIVER SHOWED HIS VOTE AS YES)

MOTION TO OPEN SESSION

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

MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Ratification of Corrections Collective Bargaining Agreement

MOTION

Mr. Wicklund moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve the Corrections Collective Bargaining Agreement by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked how we are going to pay for it.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he imagined Tom will be back next month.

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMENT:

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said the Pensions 101 Presentation was tabled because Mr. Kosiba is sick and could not make it.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Drobisch moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to adjourn until Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 7:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.