

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

MARCH 13, 2014

**Jay A. Dunn
Chairman**

**Stephen M. Bean
Clerk**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Lieutenant Jon Butts and State's Attorney, Jay Scott present.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn welcomed all the 4-H members and asked them to introduce themselves: Samuel Kunzeman - 4-H RoboStorms, Sarah Bate – Forsyth Fantastics, Anne Preston – Macon County Round-Ups, Christopher Miller – 4-H RoboStorms, Jessica Best – Long Creek Critters, Sara Best – Long Creek Critters, Julia Taraszewski – Homesteaders, Benjamin Taraszewski – Homesteaders, Lauryn Rowe – SNAP! Junior Leaders

Stephen M. Bean, Macon County Clerk, read a letter from David Williams resigning his position on the Macon County Board, dated by him on February 21, 2014 and filed in the Macon County Clerk's Office on February 24, 2014.

The Roll Call showed all members present with the exception of Mr. Ashby, Mr. Bird, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Dawson, Mrs. Taylor, and Mrs. Zimmerman.

Mr. Dunn led the members in Prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. PROCLAMATION

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn presented a proclamation recognizing March 2-8, 2014 as Macon County 4-H Week.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve the proclamation by acclimation.

MOTION CARRIED.

Mrs. Patricia Dawson is now present at the meeting.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 13, 2014 MEETING

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2014 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Baxter, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, Greenfield, Hogan, Jacobs, Little, Mattingley, Meachum, Minich, Oliver, Potts, Smith

Nays: (None)

Abstain: Dawson

AYES = 14

NAYS = 0

ABSTAIN = 1

MOTION CARRIED.

ZONING/SUBDIVISIONS

1. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution Z-1132-3-14 which is regarding Case S-01-02-14, a petition submitted by Darrell Hamilton for a Special Use Permit to operate a firewood processing business in 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 approved with 6 stipulations. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted 4-0 in favor of recommending to the County Board that the petition be approved with the same 6 stipulations. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and recommended by a 5-0 vote that the County Board approve the subject petition with the 6 stipulations recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to approve Resolution Z-1132-3-14 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (DAWSON SHOWED HER VOTE AS YES)

C. CORRESPONDENCE

A copy of the 2013 Year End Financial Statement from the Decatur Public Building Commission

A letter from Integrys regarding an increase in the Program's Fixed Price effective March 1, 2014

A letter from Comcast regarding changes to the Comcast Channel Line-up in this community

A letter from Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the execution of a joint agreement for Job: C-97-008-14 & P-97-002-14, Section 13-06119-00-PV

A letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the execution of a joint agreement amendment for Job: P-95-042-99, Section 99-00151-00-ES

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

A notification from Ameren regarding upcoming vegetation activities

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report – February 2014

Coroner's Report – January 2014

Treasurer Fund & Investment Report – February 2014

Tax Collector Bank Report – February 2014

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.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. CLAIMS

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve the claims by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. APPOINTMENTS

3. Resolution G-4048-3-14 – Appointment to Macon County Extension Board

Tim Dudley, #2 Fenton Dr., Decatur, IL 62521

Term Expires: November 30, 2014

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-4048-3-14 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Resolution G-4049-3-14 – Appointment to Macon County Regional Planning Commission

Tim Dudley, #2 Fenton Dr., Decatur, IL 62521

Term Expires: November 30, 2015

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve Resolution G-4049-3-14 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Resolution G-4050-3-14 – Executing Deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the Consent Calendar by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

6. Mr. Mattingley presented Resolution G-4051-3-14 which is approving increase in appropriations in FY 2014 Sheriff's budget for purchase of weapons.

MOTION

Mr. Mattingley moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-4051-3-14 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. Mr. Mattingley presented Resolution G-4052-3-14 which is approving a contract between the Macon County Sheriff's Department and the Decatur Public Building Commission regarding security personnel in the Macon County Office Building.

MOTION

Mr. Mattingley moved, seconded by Mr. Jacobs to approve Resolution G-4052-3-14 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

8. Mr. Mattingley presented Resolution G-4053-3-14 which is recognizing April 2014 as "National Donate Life Month".

MOTION

Mr. Mattingley moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-4053-3-14 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

RECOGNITION & PLAQUE PRESENTATION:

Lieutenant Butts: Lieutenant Butts read the following: In July of 2012 our office received our first donated departmental motorcycle. Since that time we have received 2 additional motorcycles along with all the needed equipment needed for them and for the deputies that are assigned to them. The 3 motorcycles will allow our deputies to patrol our county, conduct enforcement and to provide a service to any local organization in an event where a motorcycle is not only requested, but needed. Deputies assigned to these motorcycles will have extensive training and be able to perform duties that would not be possible otherwise. Our offices' last two motorcycles and all equipment have been made possible by the generous donation made by Macon County resident, John Hanson. Mr. Hanson, an avid motorcycle rider himself, saw the need for these motorcycles in our county and wanted to help. Because of his giving, our deputies can now ride as a unit, making it safer for them while they continue to make our county a safer and more enjoyable place to live, work and visit. Our office wants to give a heartfelt thanks to Mr. John Hanson for his commitment and contribution to the County of Macon. Lieutenant Butts read the plaque which states that Mr. Hanson is an honorary sheriff's deputy in the

County of Macon. It is presented to Mr. John Hanson in appreciation for your contribution and commitment of 2 Harley Davidson motorcycles to the Macon County Sheriff's office dated March 13, 2014.

John Hanson: Mr. Hanson thanked them and said he really appreciated it. Mr. Hanson said he is very proud of the Sheriff's Department. Like Jon said, he is an avid motorcyclist. He feels very privileged to be able to participate in this kind of an activity. It really makes him feel good. He hopes to see them when they are done. Mr. Hanson thanked everyone.

The EEHW Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

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

The Legislative Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

9. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-4054-3-14 which is setting the salary for the Office of Treasurer of Macon County from 2014 - 2018.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve Resolution G-4054-3-14.

COMMENTS:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he made the argument in Finance. He made this argument in caucus, and he would make it again. This is nothing personal against the treasurer or any other officeholder. Here in Macon County we face the highest unemployment in the State of Illinois. We face the fifth worst unemployment in the nation. Our people's jobs are not only going down in cost, they don't have jobs, and we want to give a 20% raise over 4 years. In the private sector that's unheard of. You may lose 10 or 15 percent, but you sure don't gain it. We have people out there that are truly hurting. Mr. Greenfield thinks this sends a terrible message to our taxpayers, a 20% raise over 4 years. Now, we can argue that we are trying to stay comparable to where other counties are. He would argue that let's lead instead of follow. He said \$72,000 is a good paying job. We do not have any officeholders that leave because the pay is too low; every one of them ran for re-election. Mr. Greenfield said he is asking that they show these young people here what responsible government is and vote no for this pay raise.

MOTION TO AMEND

Mr. Drobisch moved, seconded by Mr. Mattingley to propose a raise of 2%, 2%, 2% and 2% over the period of time.

QUESTION:

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum asked what the union employee's, countywide, pay increase was.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said it was 3% pretty much.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said he is just asking to make sure there is some fairness to the resolution, to the amendment.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Drobisch, Dudley, Jacobs, Little, Mattingley

Nays: Baxter, Dawson, Dunn, Greenfield, Hogan, Meachum, Minich, Oliver, Potts, Smith

AYES = 5

NAYS = 10

MOTION FAILED. (AMENDMENT TO G-4054-3-14)

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Baxter, Dawson, Dunn, Jacobs, Meachum, Minich, Oliver, Smith

Nays: Drobisch, Dudley, Greenfield, Hogan, Little, Mattingley, Potts

AYES = 8

NAYS = 7

MOTION CARRIED. (MAIN MOTION G-4054-3-14)

The Negotiations Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

10. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1879-3-14 which is appropriating funds for Right of Way negotiation expenses for Section 07-00218-00-LA, a bridge on CH 60 (Sefton Road) 2 miles east of Mt. Zion.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Mattingley to approve Resolution H-1879-3-14 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (DROBISCH, DUDLEY, GREENFIELD, HOGAN, LITTLE, MATTINGLEY & POTTS SHOWED THEIR VOTE AS YES)

11. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1880-3-14 which is appropriating funds for construction expenses for Section 14-00262-00-PV, a Cold In-Place Recycling Project on CH 38 (Washington Street) East of Maroa.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve Resolution H-1880-3-14 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

12. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1881-3-14 which is approving an agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation on Section 12-00248-00-FL, the installation of flashing lights and gates on CH 59 (Prairie View Road) east of Long Creek.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve Resolution H-1881-3-14 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

13. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1882-3-14 which is approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the Macon County Board and the Village of Mt. Zion.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve Resolution H-1882-3-14 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

14. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1883-3-14 which is awarding the annual county sign bid.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve Resolution H-1883-3-14 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

15. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1884-3-14 awarding the annual county culvert bid.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve Resolution H-1884-3-14 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

16. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1885-3-14 which is awarding the purchase of a new mower deck.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve Resolution H-1885-3-14 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

17. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-1886-3-14 which is awarding the purchase of two 2014 snow plows.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Minich to approve Resolution H-1886-3-14 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Executive Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

SITING, RULES & ORDINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

COMMENT:

Mr. Potts: Mr. Potts said they had a resolution tonight that has been a long time coming. He wanted to thank Mike Baggett, county attorney and Randy Waks. This has been several years in the making.

18. Mr. Potts presented Resolution G-4055-3-14 which is approving Macon County, Illinois Code of Ordinances.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve Resolution G-4055-3-14 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

CITIZENS' REMARKS:

Ms. Liz Hager: Ms. Hager commended the county board for their resolution making April 2014 National Organ and Tissue Donor month or National Donate Life month. Here in Macon County we have one of the best and most aggressive Macon County Life Goes On committees in the State of Illinois. We currently have 11 of those committees. Our committee is very hard working and one of the members is Jon Butts. She had some other members at the meeting that she would like to stand. Our most important guest is Jillian Irons. Jillian lives in Maroa. She is with her mother Leslie Irons, and they are very active on our committee. Jillian is a kidney recipient and without a compassionate donor, Jillian would not be with us today. Jillian also has a little sister who is 4 years old, Grace, who is also going to need a kidney transplant soon. She thanked them for allowing her to present the committee and thanked them for allowing her to make the county aware of organ and tissue donation. Ms. Hager said she is a Regional Coordinator for the Secretary of State Organ and Tissue Donor Program.

Amy Leman: Ms. Leman said she comes here today as the 4-H Youth Development Educator for Macon County for University of Illinois Extension. She thanked the board for allowing our 4-H'ers to come today. We left some information on your tables about

4-H and all of the exciting things we are doing. 4-H is going strong and we appreciate all your support.

OFFICEHOLDERS' REMARKS:

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley thanked the 4-H members for being here. It is probably one of the best nights of the year. It is an honor that young kids want to take the initiative to lead in our community; and he thinks it is great what they are doing.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to adjourn until Thursday, April 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.