

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

DECEMBER 01, 2014

**Kevin Greenfield
Chairman**

**Stephen M. Bean
Clerk**

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk of the Board, Stephen M. Bean at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Bean presented the Request for a Special Macon County Board Meeting for the purpose of organizational session to elect a chairman and vice chairman for the ensuing two years and for any other business which may properly come before the board. The only change in the agenda is that there has to be a roll call of current members who did not stand for election.

The Roll Call of members who did not stand for election showed all members present.

Mrs. Taylor led the members in present.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENT:

Mr. Bean: Mr. Bean said that as Head of the Electoral Board for the County of Macon, he has the Certificates of Election for the other 11 members that were elected at the November Election.

The Honorable Circuit Judge Thomas Griffith administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Macon County Board Members.

The Roll Call of the full board as a whole showed the following members present, Ashby, Baxter, Bird, Brown, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, Greenfield, Hogan, Jackson, Jacobs, Little, Mattingley, Meachum Minich, Oliver, Potts, Smith, Taylor. 21 members were present. A quorum was present.

MOTION

Mr. Hogan moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to nominate Dave Drobisch as Temporary Chairman for this meeting.

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to nominate Tim Dudley as Temporary Chairman for this meeting.

There were no other nominations for Temporary Chairman of the Macon County Board.

ROLL CALL.

Votes for David Drobisch: Ashby, Bird, Brown, Cox, Drobisch, Greenfield, Hogan, Jackson, Jacobs, Little, Mattingley

Votes for Tim Dudley: Baxter, Dawson, Dudley, Dunn, Meachum, Minich, Oliver, Potts, Smith, Taylor

DROBISCH = 11

DUDLEY = 10

MOTION CARRIED FOR DROBISCH AS TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

NOMINATION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

MOTION

Mr. Mattingley moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to nominate Kevin Greenfield as Chairman of the Macon County Board.

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to nominate Jay Dunn as Chairman of the Macon County Board.

There were no other nominations presented for Chairman of the Macon County Board.

COMMENT:

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said he would like to hear from the candidates and where they are going with this if they are chosen to be the chairman. He would like to know where they would like to lead this county for the future for the next two years. He would like to hear each one of them speak.

Kevin Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said obviously he has not served on the board as long as Chairman Dunn has. He would be the first to say that Chairman Dunn has done a heck of a good job. We have some very important issues coming up this year, obviously the move to the library which will be very important for all of us. We are going to land a new manager for the EDC. He thinks it is very imperative that the county work closely with them to bring some good economic news and some good jobs to the area. We are going to have to keep a close watch on our budget. He has sat in on every budget meeting we have had for the last 3 or 4 years, and our budget is going to be tight. Hopefully, we will have some added revenues come along next year; but if we don't it is going to be a very tough year come budget season. Mr. Greenfield says he does not play politics. We are a non-partisan board. We work well together now. We will work together if he is chairman. He would appreciate each and every one of your votes.

Jay Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he has been chairman for 6 years and appreciates working with this board. He thinks we have done a lot. He would just continue that in the next two years. Mr. Dunn likes Kevin and thinks he has done a good job since he got on the board. Mr. Dunn said he has been involved in the library project for at least 3 years. It first started out when we were looking for document storage and evolved from there. Mr. Dunn said he agreed with Kevin. We have some tough decisions coming up for this board to make in the future. We cut the levy \$1,000,000.00 three years ago. We kept that cut last year. We projected to cut it this year. The next budget cycle is going to be a tough cycle for everybody on this board especially the Finance Committee. We have cut

over the years. When he first got on the board we were \$4,000,000.00 in debt. One of reasons he decided to run for chairman was because he kept hearing some of the members say it was going to take 40 years to get out of debt. He didn't think that was right, so he did start getting involved a lot more than what he was originally. He encouraged all of those on the board in these next two years to get more involved because it is going to be an extremely tough two years. So, Mr. Dunn said he did get involved and fortunately the officeholders and employees stepped up to the plate to help us get out of debt and get about \$10,000,000.00 in reserve. It wasn't just the board and it wasn't just the Finance Committee, and it wasn't just our auditor; it was a combination of everybody working together. He thinks we all should be proud of that. As Kevin said, we have a tough two years coming. We have been negotiating the dispatch center project since Jerry Dawson was sheriff. He had mentioned we should have a dispatch center run different than what it is, which right now it is controlled by the city. We are into those negotiations pretty heavy right now. It is going to cost the county anywhere from \$475,000 to \$1,000,000.00 coming up. It is something we have got to face. The city has had some financial problems and have decided they are going to start charging for some services at the dispatch center. It is going to happen one way or the other, and unfortunately it is going to affect us and all the police departments in the villages and all the fire departments. They are all going to have to pony up and it is going to be a huge cost. We used to have an agreement with the city that we did all of their records for that; and they did the dispatch for all the county, villages and fire departments. But, they have taken over their own records now. The sheriff has had a couple of layoffs or will have some coming because we are not doing the records anymore. Unfortunately, that cost is going to be shared now by all of the fire departments, village police departments, park district police, the Millikin police, but especially the sheriff's office. It is going to be a tough row to hoe. Mr. Dunn said he thinks he has done a pretty good job as chairman. He has tried to be as nonpartisan as he could. He put everyone in charge the last time when it was a Republican board, everybody in positions they asked for whether chairman or vice-chairman. Some of those jobs nobody wanted. If Kevin gets it he hopes the Republicans stand up and take the responsibility. It is not easy to run a committee. He has run several. That is where our work is really done. He tried to lower these board meetings to an hour. They used to be 4 hours when he got on the board. He thinks the work is done in the committees. If you respect your committee members and you know they are doing a good job then when you get to the board meeting it is not such a big deal. You don't have to fight and argue and ask questions because if you read the minutes of all the committee meetings you should understand what is going on. Mr. Dunn said whoever is chairman, whether it is Kevin or himself, he hopes they all get involved in these committees and do the job for our taxpayers.

ROLL CALL.

Votes for Kevin Greenfield: Ashby, Bird, Brown, Cox, Drobisch, Greenfield, Hogan, Jackson, Jacobs, Little, Mattingley

Votes for Jay Dunn: Baxter, Dawson, Dudley, Dunn, Meachum, Minich, Oliver, Potts, Smith, Taylor

GREENFIELD = 11

DUNN = 10

MOTION CARRIED FOR GREENFIELD AS CHAIRMAN

NOMINATION FOR VICE-CHAIRMAN

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to nominate Linda Little as Vice-Chairman of the Macon County Board.

There were no other nominations presented for Vice-Chairman of the Macon County Board.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Ashby, Baxter, Bird, Brown, Cox, Drobisch, Dudley, Greenfield, Hogan, Jackson, Jacobs, Little, Mattingley, Taylor

None: (None)

Present: Dawson, Dunn, Meachum, Minich, Oliver, Potts, Smith

AYES = 14

NAYS = 0

PRESENT = 7

MOTION CARRIED. (LITTLE AS VICE-CHAIRMAN)

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

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OFFICEHOLDERS' REMARKS:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield thanked the board members for this prestigious position. He looked forward to working with each and every one of them. He assured them that he will work hard to be the best chairman he can be. Mr. Greenfield wanted to give a special thanks to Chairman Dunn who without a question has done one hell of a job the last few years. He looked forward to working with Jay, not as just a board member, but as a good friend. He has a lot of respect and as he said Jay has done a terrific job. When we came in here tonight we came in divided, let's make sure when we leave here tonight we leave united. The truth of the matter is that we are all on the same team. We all want the best for the people of Macon County, the people we represent. Mr. Greenfield wanted to assure each and every one of them that he not only had an open door policy,

but he has an open mind policy. To all of the county board members, officeholders and employees of Macon County, he looked forward to working with each and every one of them.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn wanted to ask everybody to work with Kevin. Kevin has done a great job on finance which is one of the toughest committees. Mr. Dunn feels Kevin has an excellent understanding of where we have been, where we have come from, where we are at, and where we are going. That is going to be tough for the board coming up. He really thinks Kevin understands the process and that will help everybody in the county. He just asked for everybody to work with him.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley wanted to thank Jay for his leadership and said it has been an honor to have worked under him. Mr. Dudley said he has learned a lot from Jay. He has been a good friend and a great leader, and for that he wanted to thank him. Mr. Dudley also thanked Mr. Greenfield for his win tonight. He said it is really like Mr. Greenfield said that this is really one of the only nights, when it rolls around, that this is kind of a partisan board. Very rarely is this board ever partisan. We work in a bipartisan manner and that is something that he has always been really proud of on this board. We need to do the same thing for the new chairman, Mr. Greenfield and work together to always do what's in the best interest of this county, no matter what party you are from. He looked forward to working with him.

There were no citizens' remarks presented at the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to adjourn until December 11, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.