

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

**APRIL 09, 2015**

**Kevin Greenfield  
Chairman**

**Stephen M. Bean  
Clerk**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Sheriff and State's Attorney present.

The Roll Call showed all members present with the exception of Mr. Ashby, Mr. Baxter, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Little, and Mr. Smith.

Mrs. Taylor led the members in prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2015 MEETING**

**MOTION**

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2015 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ZONING / SUBDIVISIONS**

1. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution Z-1154-4-15 which is regarding Case R-02-03-15, a petition submitted by Beverly Carmean for rezoning of approximately 1.0 acres from (RE-5) Single Family Estate zoning to (R-1) Single Family Residential zoning on property located 4303 W. Center Street in Decatur Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend approval of the subject petition to the County Board. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and voted to recommend approval to the County Board.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution Z-1154-4-15.

There were no objectors present at the meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution Z-1155-4-15 which is regarding Case R-03-03-15, a petition submitted by Beverly Carmean for rezoning of approximately 2.13 acres from (RE-5) Single Family Estate zoning to (A-1) Agricultural zoning on property located on West Center Street in Decatur Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend approval of the subject petition to the County Board.

The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and voted to recommend approval to the County board.

## **MOTION**

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution Z-1155-4-15.

There were now objectors present at the meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

## **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **B. CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation stating Contract 95513, Illinois Project BRM-5169/038/000 has been satisfactorily completed and accepted.

A letter from Comcast regarding Changes to the Comcast channel lineup in Macon County.

A letter from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency regarding their receipt of an application from The City of Decatur for a 401 Water Quality Certification. The application is for construction of two temporary low-flow dams on Lake Decatur to direct stream flow to the Slough Intake at the ADM Company water treatment plant in case of severe drought.

A letter from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency regarding their receipt of an application from ADM Company for a construction permit to construct six new flaking rolls in the West Soybean Oil Plant, and add a second filter dust collector for the flaking operation.

An e-mail from the Chief Clerk of the Illinois Commerce Commission regarding AT&T Illinois' Annual Consumer Video Services Report.

A copy of the 2014 Year End Financial Statement from the Decatur Public Building Commission.

## **REPORTS**

Sheriff's Report – Corrected February 2015

Sheriff's Report – March 2015

Tax Collector Report – March 2015

Treasurer's Fund & Investment Report – March 2015

Coroner's Report – February 2015

Coroner's Annual Activity Report for 2014

Public Defender's Report – March 2015  
Auditor's Report – March 2015

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Minich to approve the Correspondence and Reports and that they be placed on file.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**3. CLAIMS**

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve the claims that have already been paid.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Bird, Brown, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, Greenfield, Hogan, Jackson, Mattingley, Meachum, Minich, Oliver, Potts, Taylor

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 16**

**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**C. APPOINTMENTS**

**MOTION**

Mr. Hogan moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to put all of the appointments together as one.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said he had an objection to that.

**MOTION TO AMEND**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to pull Resolution G-4272-4-15 and vote on Resolution G-4279-4-15 separately from all of the other appointments by prior roll call vote.

**MOTION CARRIED. (AMENDMENT)**

**COMMENT:**

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said they are voting on Resolutions G-4268-4-15, G-4269-4-15, G-4270-4-15, G-4271-4-15, G-4273-4-15, G-4274-4-15, G-4275-4-15, G-4276-4-15, G-4277-4-15, G-4278-4-15, and G-4280-4-15 all together, and Resolution G-4279-4-15 separately.

**MOTION CARRIED. (MAIN MOTION TO PUT RESOLUTIONS TOGETHER)**

4. Resolution G-4268-4-15 - Reappointment to the Argenta Sanitary District

Corwin Bruce White, 580 North St., Argenta, IL 62501  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2018

Resolution G-4269-4-15 – Reappointment to Macon County Board of Review

Joe McGlaughlin, 1372 W. Sunset Ave., Decatur, IL 62522  
Term Expires: May 31, 2017

Resolution G-4270-4-15 – Appointment to Macon County Board of Review

Tom Brinkoetter, 4503 Hickory Pl, Decatur, IL 62521  
Term Expires: May 31, 2017

Resolution G-4271-4-15 – Reappointment to Macon County Merit Commission

Mia Jackson Tyus, 2344 Longwood Pl., Decatur, IL 62526  
Term Expires: May 31, 2021

Resolution G-4273-4-15 – Appointment to Blue Mound Countryside Fire Protection District

Brad Damery, 11376 Pleasant View Rd., Blue Mound, IL 62513  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in May, 2018

Resolution G-4274-4-15 – Reappointment to Hickory Point Fire Protection District

Larry Reed, 749 Stevens Creek Blvd, Forsyth, IL 62535  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in May, 2018

Resolution G-4275-4-15 – Reappointment to Niantic Fire Protection District

Charles Leeper, 11902 Long Point Rd., Niantic, IL 62551  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in May, 2018

Resolution G-4276-4-15 – Appointment to South Macon Fire Protection District

Lyle lash, 3026 Gabriel Rd., Macon, IL 62544  
Term Expires: May, 2017

Resolution G-4277-4-15 – Reappointment to South Macon Fire Protection District

Monte Holsapple, 250 E. Cole, Macon, IL 62544  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in May, 2018

Resolution G-4278-4-15 – Reappointment to South Wheatland Fire Protection District

Gary Ventress Sr., 2555 Cross Roads Rd., Decatur, IL 62521  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in May, 2018

Resolution G-4280-4-15 – Appointment to Macon County Zoning Board of Appeals

Blake Noland, Macon, Illinois  
Term Expires: May 31, 2020

**MOTION**

Mr. Hogan moved, seconded by Mr. Dunn to approve the above appointments grouped together in one motion by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Resolution G-4279-4-15 – Appointment to the Warrensburg Fire Protection District

Kirk Riley, 355 E. Warren St. Warrensburg, IL 62573  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday in May, 2018

**MOTION**

Mr. Hogan moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve Resolution G-4279-4-15.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Bird, Brown, Cox, Drobisch, Dunn, Greenfield, Hogan, Jackson, Mattingley, Potts, Taylor

Nays: Dudley, Meachum, Minich

Present: Dawson

Abstention: Oliver

**AYES = 11**

**NAYS = 3**

**PRESENT = 1**

**ABSTENTION = 1**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**D. CONSENT CALENDAR**

6. Resolution G-4281-4-15 – Executing Deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent.

**MOTION**

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve the Consent Calendar by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED. (DAWSON, DUDLEY, MEACHUM, MINICH, OLIVER SHOWED THEIR VOTE AS YES)**

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

7. Mr. Mattingley presented Resolution G-4282-4-15 which is amending the State’s Attorney’s FY 2015 Grant Fund for Adult Redeploy Illinois.

**MOTION**

Mr. Mattingley moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve Resolution G-4282-4-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

8. Mr. Mattingley presented Resolution G-4283-4-15 which is amending the Probation's FY 15 budget.

**MOTION**

Mr. Mattingley moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-4283-4-15 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**

9. Mr. Potts presented Resolution G-4284-4-15 which is amending Macon County Employee Handbook for updates.

**MOTION**

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-4284-4-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MACON COUNTY Q4-2014 EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER PRESENTATION  
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Mr. Potts: Mr. Potts said the employee to be recognized for Q4-2014 is Allison Willis.

Mr. Bruce Bird: Mr. Bird said Allison is the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter selection for the Employee of the Quarter. The plaque says "Macon County Employee of the Quarter presented to Allison Willis in recognition of outstanding dedication and customer service for the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter of 2014. Mr. Bird said Allison has worked as an Engineering Technician for us at the county highway department since 2001. She supervises multiple construction projects each year and works with various contractors to complete road and bridge contracts. As part of this responsibility she must interact with various contractor employees and supervisors in order to complete the project. Bruce said she has an excellent working relationship with the many contractors and their employees that perform work for Macon County. She is also tasked with maintaining the federally required bridge inspections on all county, township and small municipal bridges; and that by itself is a very huge task. She interacts with all the township road commissioners, small municipal public works directors, and the Decatur Park District on their inspections and provides assistance on



how to perform minor repairs to gain more life out of their bridges. She is very detailed when she does that. She produces excellent reports. She also must interact with the Illinois Department of Transportation employees at the district and state level in order to document and complete both construction projects and the bridge inspection program. She is well known and well respected by these same IDOT employees. Mr. Bird thinks everybody in the bridge office over in Springfield knows her on a first name basis. Allison can be counted on to complete a project when assigned and is well liked and respected by those she works with at many levels within the state. Bruce said she is a great representative of Macon County and the Macon County Highway Department.

Mr. Jay Scott: Mr. Scott this is for the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter of 2015 and is presented to Mary Koll in recognition of outstanding dedication and customer service. First of all he wanted to thank everybody involved in the Employee of the Quarter for setting it up. It is nice to see some hard working county employees get a little pat on the back. He said he might be biased but he thinks it might be especially nice for prosecutors. Being a prosecutor is not an easy job and nobody gets rich doing it. People are quick to criticize you and are sometimes slow to thank you for your hard work. So, you have to be kind of thick skinned to be a prosecutor. Mary has been with our office since 2010. She is currently the supervising attorney for both our Domestic Violence Unit and the Elderly Victims Crime Unit. She became the supervisor of the Domestic Violence Unit in 2012. In 2013 at the beginning of the year we set up the Elderly Victims Crime Unit and she took on additional responsibilities with that unit. Shortly after that she became the supervisor of that unit. She is very devoted to her cases and works very hard at what she does. She puts in a lot of extra hours and doesn't get any extra pay out of it and does everything possible within her power to get justice for crime victims and to protect the community. Mary is a natural in the courtroom if you come and watch her and he would encourage everybody from the county board to come over and watch her in action and all of the other people in his office in action, because they work very hard and are very good at it. If you saw Mary in action you would think she has been doing this a lot longer than she has. She is an amazing prosecutor. We trust her to handle some of our most serious cases. One thing he is really big on with staff in his office is how we treat other people, and Mary is always courteous and respectful to victims and to people within the office and people in other agencies that we deal with. She is always a true pleasure to work with. She is assigned to some of our most difficult cases and when you mention domestic violence a lot of prosecutors run the other way. Mr. Scott said he did domestics way back many years ago. A lot of people don't want to do them and it can be a very stressful and frustrating job when you are dealing with victims that might be reluctant or refuse to testify. It is hard when it is your job to try and protect that victim and try to get justice in every case that you handle. She also handles the heartbreaking cases of child abuse, child physical abuse. She has never wavered in taking on these cases or remaining in that unit and continuing to handle them. She has turned around the Domestic Violence Unit from one where there was kind of a "not so much care about the victims" and a lot of cases were being dismissed to a unit where very seldom does a case ever get dismissed. The only time it does is when there is absolutely no other alternative. Her talents have been recognized outside the office as well. She has given a lot of trainings on domestic violence investigation and prosecution to law enforcement officers all over central

Illinois. Every time she does that he gets a lot of compliments and comments about how lucky he is to have her. When they started up the Elderly Victims Crime Unit she was a natural choice to go into that because of her passion for her cases and the compassion she has for the victims. In 2014 she resolved 46 felony cases involving elderly victims and those resulted in 125 years in prison for the offenders and restitution of more than \$48,000. She also formed the Elderly Victims Crime Unit Task Force which brings together people from our office and other law enforcement agencies locally, medical professionals, elderly service agencies, and the banking industry to try to have a united front to do whatever we can to protect senior citizens. He wanted to read the paragraph he wrote on the nomination form which sums it up pretty well. “Mary possesses all the desirable attributes we look for in an employee. I am proud to work with her and to have her as a member of the Macon County Law Enforcement Team. Stated very simply, prosecutors like Mary don’t come along very often. She is a natural, and is a true asset to our community. I hope that the people of Macon County government and the citizens of Macon County will join me in realizing how lucky we are to have such a dedicated public servant. I literally wish I had an office full of people like Mary Koll.

### **LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox said Linda asked her to go over a few legislative things that have come up. SB1906 increases the senior property tax exemption and allows keeping the current amount or \$2000.00 whichever is higher. The position is against because it lowers our EAV. The next one is SB59 the second reading. This lessens the impact of the previous bill which reduces the number of jurors in civil cases, but raises the minimum rate to \$50.00. This bill would allow the county to declare the higher rate as a financial hardship. HB3236 also addresses this issue. The position is support because the county should be allowed to set their own rates based on their ability. The next one is SB1339 which is the Open Meetings Act – Videos the third reading. It would require all county meetings other than closed sessions, to be videotaped and posted online within 24 hours of being held and kept online for 2 years. The position is against because this is an unfunded mandate. The next one is HB2717 the second reading. It mandates websites for all units of local government and a mandated list of information to be included. The position is against because this is an unfunded mandate and requires publishing information that local government does not currently collect.

The Finance Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

The Negotiations Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

10. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1929-4-15 which is approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for the sharing of certain costs related to roadway improvements on North Street in Argenta in Macon County, Illinois, between the Village of Argenta and the County of Macon, Illinois.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Dunn to approve Resolution H-1929-4-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

11. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1930-4-15 approving the purchase of a large-format Plotter Scanner-Copier.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve Resolution H-1930-4-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

12. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1931-4-15 which is appropriating funds for an agreement with IDOT on the 2015 Sign Upgrade Program.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution H-1931-4-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

13. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1932-4-15 which is approving participation agreement with Government Payment Services, Inc.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Bird to approve Resolution H-1932-4-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

14. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1933-4-15 which is appropriating funds for the 2015 Annual Guardrail and Median Weed Control Contract.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve Resolution H-1933-4-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

15. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1934-4-15 which is appropriating funds for construction expenses for a bridge on Kosseick Road (TR 265) in Pleasant View Township.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Bird to approve Resolution H-1934-4-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

16. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1935-4-15 which is approving a Highway Authority Agreement for limiting access to soil in the right of way at 2895 S. Franklin Street in Decatur, Illinois between the County of Macon, Illinois and the Premcor Refining Group, Inc.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution H-1935-4-15 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**

17. Mr. Brown presented Ordinance O-119-4-15 which is amending Title XV, Chapter 153 of the Macon County Code – Wind Energy Conversion Systems Ordinance.

## **MOTION**

Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Ordinance O-119-4-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

## **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE**

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch said they would be having a meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:15 and he needs a quorum there. He asked those who are on that committee to let Jeannie know.

## **CITIZENS' REMARKS:**

Sherry Procarione: Ms. Procarione said she lives in Decatur. She wanted to make some comments on what was said earlier. First of all she wanted to say that she is supportive of the State's Attorney and their office staff do an excellent job. She wanted to say and suggest concerning Adult Redeployment or Juvenile Justice Rehabilitation that she thinks the public and people involved in those programs would be best served by charity or churches instead of the government programs. It would also save taxpayer dollars. She doesn't believe it is within the scope and role of the government to take on that position. She thinks it would be best with charity or churches. She also wanted to comment on the vote this evening on the EPA. She is not sure what all the particulars are they were voting on because she wasn't in caucus. Ms. Procarione asked if she is allowed to go into a caucus or are you invited. She asked if the general public is allowed. She was told she is allowed to go into either one she would like. Concerning the EPA since she wasn't in on the caucus, she would like to suggest and remind the elected officials that this is a governmental agency, a body that is not answerable to the people. You sitting here are elected officials that answer to the people and she asked that they not cede any of their power or authority to the EPA. She asked them to remember, and didn't think it has changed, when you are talking about water quality this is an agency that doesn't even know how to define a puddle. So, how on earth are they going to make these decisions? She believes these decisions should be made by our county board members. She trusts and thinks the people have enough intelligence on whom they elected to ensure that those water quality issues for the community will be met without that agency; and she would actually like to see it dissolved.

## **OFFICEHOLDERS' REMARKS:**

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley wanted to say that bringing Tom Brinkoetter on to the Board of Review is a really great decision by this board and the chairman. Mr. Dudley has worked with Tom for several years and he has always done a great job at Brinkoettters. He is very knowledgeable. Mr. Dudley feels he will be a huge asset to this board. Mr. Dudley

thanked the chairman for appointing him and Tom for accepting the position. Mr. Dudley welcomed him on board.

Mrs. Verzell Taylor: Mrs. Taylor thanked the board for all of their prayers and concerns during her husband's illness and her bereavement period. She asked God to continue to richly bless each and every one of them.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

18. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-4285-4-15 which is regarding approval of the semi-annual review of closed session minutes.

**MOTION**

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-4285-4-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to adjourn until Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.