

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

**JUNE 11, 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. Bird, Mr. Mattingley, and Mr. Oliver.

Mr. Bean: Mr. Bean read a letter addressed to the chairman: Gentlemen, I hereby resign and vacate my elected position as County Board Member from District 5 effective close of business, May 18, 2015. Respectfully Submitted, Mervil Jacobs Jr.

Mrs. Taylor led the members in prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

## **A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2015 MEETING**

### **MOTION**

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve the minutes of the May 14, 2015 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

### **ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Ashby, Baxter, Brown, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, Greenfield, Hogan, Jackson, Little, Meachum, Minich, Potts, Smith, Taylor

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 17**

**NAYS = 0**

### **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **ZONING / SUBDIVISIONS**

1. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution Z-1156-6-15 which is regarding Case S-01-05-15, a petition submitted by Blue Mound Township Road District for a Special Use Permit to build a machine shed for township equipment in (R-2) Single Family Residential Zoning on property located on Boody Road in Boody, IL in Blue Mound Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend approval of the subject petition to the County Board with 3 stipulations. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and recommended that the County Board approve the petition subject to the 3 stipulations recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution Z-1156-6-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

2. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution Z-1157-6-15 which is regarding Case S-03-05-15, a petition submitted by C. Deadrick Development (Cynthia Deadrick) for a Special Use Permit to use a property as a venue for personal and corporate celebrations in (R-4) Single Family Residential Zoning on property commonly known as 4202 W. Route 36, Decatur, IL in Decatur Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend approval of the subject petition to the County Board with 14 stipulations. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and recommended that the County Board approve the petition subject to the 14 stipulations recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution Z-1157-6-15 by prior roll call vote.

**QUESTION:**

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby asked if Cindy owned this property.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said they own the property. It is the property out on Route 36, Shaw's.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**B. CORRESPONDENCE**

Two letters from the Illinois EPA regarding construction permit applications received by the Illinois EPA Bureau of Air from Tate & Lyle Ingredients Americas LLC.

A Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste from IL EPA for Advanced Disposal Services Valley View Landfill addressing condition XI.8.

A letter from the Village of Harristown stating their intent to initiate planning studies to be conducted by its tax increment financing (TIF) consultant, Moran Economic Development LLC.

A letter from Comcast regarding channel line-up changes.

Two letters from Ameren regarding tree trimming that will be done in the Decatur area in the near future.

A copy of the municipal guide for municipal leaders from Ameren Illinois.

## **REPORTS**

Sheriff's Report – May 2015

Tax Collector's Report – May 2015

Treasurer's Fund & Investment Report – May 2015

Public Defender Report – May 2015

Auditor's Report – May 2015

## **MOTION**

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Dunn 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.**

### **3. CLAIMS**

## **MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch 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.**

## **COMMENT:**

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said before they begin the appointments he wanted to say it was a blow to him to accept the resignation of Mr. Jacobs, but he truly understands him wanting to spend more time with his family. He will be sadly missed by all of us, and his district. He served the district well. His professionalism and leadership and the way he treated the people of District 5 will never be forgotten down there. Mr. Greenfield had a plaque to present to Mr. Jacobs. The plaque stated: Outstanding Service Award presented to Mervil Jacobs Jr. in grateful appreciation of 31 years of outstanding service and dedication from 1984 to 2015 on the Macon County Board.

Mr. Jacobs: Mr. Jacobs said it is a pleasure to be here, and it is a pleasure to have served 30 something years the people of Macon County. Some days were good and some days were bad, but the relationship he had with the County Board, we got along fine; even if you were a Democrat we got along fine. It has been a pleasure for 31 years. He doesn't know how he did it but he did it; and it was a part of his business every day. He thanked everyone for their support.

### **C. APPOINTMENTS**

4. Resolution G-4318-6-15 – Appointment to fill vacancy on the Macon County Board District #5

Grant Noland, 2502 Midiron Dr., Decatur, IL 62521  
Term Expires: November 30, 2018

### **MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4318-6-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

### **MOTION CARRIED.**

Macon County Clerk, Stephen M. Bean administered the Oath of Office to Grant Noland as the newly appointed Macon County Board Member in District 5.

### **COMMENT:**

Mr. Jacobs: Mr. Jacobs said he can't hardly say how great it is to be able to stand up here and say that he brought to them a young man of this caliber. His record shows that he will do a great job and Mr. Jacobs said he would probably have a little trouble keeping up with him if he were to start over. Mr. Jacobs said it is a pleasure to bring this young man to the board; and he is sure they will enjoy him.

5. Resolution G-4319-6-15 – Appointment to Macon Mosquito Abatement District Board of Trustees

Thomas E. McQuiston, 3620 N. Karen Ct., Decatur, IL 62526  
Term Expires: December 31, 2017

### **MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4319-6-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

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

6. Resolution G-4320-6-15 – Appointment to Macon County Health Board

Kimberly Serbe, D.V.M., 4545 Cresthaven Ln., Decatur, IL 62526  
Term Expires: May 31, 2018

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4320-6-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**D. CONSENT CALENDAR**

7. Resolution G-4321-6-15 – Executing deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent

**MOTION**

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

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

8. Mr. Baxter presented Resolution G-4322-6-15 which is approving contract for Macon County Sheriff's police services for the Village of Blue Mound, Illinois.

**MOTION**

Mr. Baxter moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve Resolution G-4322-6-15 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 PERSONAL COMMITTEE**

9. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-4323-6-15 which is approving a lease agreement with Senator Andy Manar.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4323-6-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

10. Mrs. Little presented Ordinance O-120-6-15 which is approving the Prevailing Wage rates for Macon County.

**MOTION**

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to approve Ordinance O-120-6-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

11. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-4324-6-15 which is amending the Macon County Employee Handbook for updates.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve Resolution G-4324-6-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said so far they are still just fighting amongst themselves in Springfield. The one significant piece of legislation that has not been passed is the one that was going to try to rectify the jury fee issue. So, at this point we are spending hand

over fist for jury fees until that new bill is passed. She is hoping that during officeholder remarks that Lois will talk about it a little bit.

The Finance Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

### **NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said they have negotiations coming up at highway, but they haven't gotten any dates set yet.

### **TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

12. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1938-6-15 which is appropriating funds for additional costs for environmental coordination on the 85<sup>th</sup> Street (CH 57) Bridge over a tributary to Big Creek.

#### **MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution H-1938-6-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

#### **MOTION CARRIED.**

13. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1939-6-15 which is appropriating funds for additional costs for environmental coordination on Sefton Road (CH 60) Bridge over Big Creek.

#### **MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution H-1939-6-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

#### **MOTION CARRIED.**

14. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1940-6-15 which is appropriating funds for the I-72 and IL Route 48 Interchange Modification Study.

#### **MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution H-1940-6-15 by prior roll call vote.



There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

15. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1941-6-15 which is approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for the sharing of certain costs related to improvement of portions of various county highways in Progress City, Macon County Illinois, between Richland Community College, Brush College, LLC and the County of Macon, Illinois.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution H-1941-6-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

16. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1942-6-15 which is appropriating funds for construction on the 2015 Farm Progress City Patching Project.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve Resolution H-1942-6-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

17. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1943-6-15 which is appropriating funds for construction of Section 13-00200-01-PV, the CH 30 and CH 41 Connector Project.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution H-1943-6-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

18. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1944-6-15 which is appropriating funds for construction costs for a bridge on Boody Road (CH 29) over Mosquito Creek.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve Resolution H-1944-6-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

19. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1945-6-15 which is appropriating funds for the purchase of Right of Way from James and Karla Hibbard on the CH 30 and CH 41 Connector Project.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution H-1945-6-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

20. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1946-6-15 which is appropriating funds for the purchase of Right of Way from John and Linda Hill on the CH 30 & CH 41 Connector Project.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution H-1946-6-15 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.

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 citizens' remarks presented at the meeting.

**OFFICEHOLDERS' REMARKS:**

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley wanted to thank Merv for his service. He is a great guy who has done a great job. Mr. Dudley said he had worked with him in real estate before this, and other things. Merv has always been a fair guy. Mr. Dudley thinks Merv should

continue to come to the caucuses before the meetings to make sure the boys are doing it right, but he is a Democrat and can't possibly know anything. He said that was just his two cents worth.

Lois Durbin: Ms. Durbin said the legislation passed Public Act 981132 which went into effect on June 1<sup>st</sup> of this year. This means we pay the jurors that come in \$25.00 the first day they are here for service and then \$50.00 each day after that. An example is, next week is our jury week. We have two weeks of jury and then we are off three weeks. Next week is our first week of the two weeks. We have two trials that will last eight days each, which is what she has heard. Those two cases alone are going to cost \$15,000 in jury fees. The bill that Linda referred to is HB 2641 that we are still hoping they will act on over in Springfield. That would let us stay at \$10.00 per day and .10 cents a mile until December 1<sup>st</sup>, and then on December 1<sup>st</sup> it will change to \$20.00 the first and second day and then \$32.00 each day after that. The house bill also allows the county board to take action where they can also add a jury service fee of \$15.00 to civil cases.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he is glad he is not head of finance. He asked Lois to keep them up to date.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

21. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-4325-6-15 which is approving the amendment to contracts being entered into by the Decatur Public Building Commission, the Board of Library Trustees of the City of Decatur, and 101 Main Place LLC.

#### **MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve Resolution G-4325-6-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

#### **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **COMMENTS:**

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he has had a couple of meetings with the mayor and new city manager. This has to be a good deal for everybody. It has to be good for the city. It has to be good for the county, the building commission, 101 Main Place and the library, if it is not then any entity in that group that feels it is not a good deal needs to pull out. Chairman Dunn has worked 2 years on this deal and he (Mr. Greenfield) has been chairman for 6 or 7 months and he doesn't know how many meetings he has been to. It is time to either do it or don't. He understands the city's dilemma and that they have some questions. He hopes they would get them answered quickly. If it is a good deal for them

fine, if it is not there are no hard feelings and we pull the plug; but enough is enough. We will leave it at that.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to adjourn until Thursday, July 9, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.