

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

NOVEMBER 12, 2015

BUDGET SESSION

**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. Brown.

Mrs. Taylor led the members in prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION:

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox said she wanted to recognize Carol Reed and present a certificate to her from the Government Finance Officers Association. It is a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. It is presented to Macon County, Illinois for its comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ending November 30, 2014. It is also signed by the Executive Director and CEO, Jeffrey R. Esser.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 8, 2015 MEETING

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2015 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Ashby, Baxter, Bird, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, Greenfield, Hogan, Jackson, Little, Mattingley, Meachum, Minich, Noland, Oliver, Potts, Smith, Taylor

Nays: (None)

AYES = 20

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

There were no zoning or subdivisions presented at the meeting.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

A copy of a report of the recent inspection of the Macon County Jail from the Illinois Department of Corrections.

A letter from Comcast regarding a new price for the Field Collection Charge Fee.

Two letters from Comcast regarding changes and additions to the channel line-up in this community.

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

A Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste from Advanced Disposal Services Valley View Landfill addressing condition VIII.15.

A letter from the Decatur Public Building Commission regarding Multiple Facilities Lease and Lease payment – 2005 Bonds.

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report – October 2015

Tax Collector's Report – October 2015

Treasurer's Fund & Investment Report – October 2015

Coroner's Report – August & September 2015

Public Defender's Report – September & October 2015

Auditor's Report – October 2015

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Potts 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.

1. CLAIMS

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Dunn to approve the claims by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. APPOINTMENTS

COMMENT:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said if there were no objections he would like to put all of the appointments into one motion.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve Resolutions G-4385-11-15 through G-4394-11-15 as one motion by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Resolution G-4385-11-15 – Appointment to the Macon County Electrical Commission

Brett McClelland, 5790 W. Macon St., Decatur, IL 62522
Term Expires: November 30, 2018

- Resolution G-4386-11-15 – Appointment to the Macon County Rural Transit Advisory Group

Leslie Stanberry, 2450 Country Trail, Decatur, IL 62526
Term Expires: November 30, 2017

- Resolution G-4387-11-15 – Appointment to the Macon County Rural Transit Advisory Group

Emily Dobson, 214 W. Wait, Cerro Gordo, IL 61818
Term Expires: November 30, 2017

- Resolution G-4388-11-15 – Appointment to the Macon County Rural Transit Advisory Group

Becky Gillen, 2350 Longwood Pl., Decatur, IL 62526
Term Expires: November 30, 2017

- Resolution G-4389-11-15 – Appointment to the Macon County Rural Transit Advisory Group

Diane Drew, 944 E. Elwin Rd., Decatur, IL 62521
Term Expires: November 30, 2017

- Resolution G-4390-11-15 - Appointment of Austin Drainage District #1 Commissioner

Carmen S. Morthland, 3453 Las Vegas Dr., Decatur, IL 62526
Term Expires: 1st Tuesday in September 2018

Resolution G-4391-11-15 – Appointment to the Decatur Public Building
Commission Board of Commissioners

Mark Cheviron, 4010 S. Lake Ct., Decatur, IL 62521
Term Expires: October 31, 2020

Resolution G-4392-11-15 – Appointment to Macon County Regional Planning
Commission

Ryan McCrady, 4524 Havenwood Dr., Decatur, IL 62526
Term Expires: November 30, 2018

Resolution G-4393-11-15 – Appointment to Macon County Regional Planning
Commission

Bill Clevenger, 145 S. Woodlawn, Decatur, IL 62522
Term Expires: November 30, 2018

Resolution G-4394-11-15 – Appointment to Macon County Regional Planning
Commission

Mirinda Rothrock, 101 S. Main St., Suite 102
Term Expires: November 30, 2018

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolutions G-4385-11-15 through G-4394-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Resolution G-4395-11-15 – Executing Deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent

MOTION

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

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

4. Mr. Mattingley presented Resolution G-4396-11-15 which is approving needed services for the Macon County Sheriff's Office, Mental Health, Juvenile Monitoring and Detention, and Drug Dependency Counseling.

MOTION

Mr. Mattingley moved, seconded by Mr. Ashby to approve Resolution G-4396-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (LITTLE SHOWED HER VOTE AS NO)

5. Mr. Mattingley presented Resolution G-4397-11-15 which is approving increase in appropriations in the Sheriff's FY 2016 Budget.

MOTION

Mr. Mattingley moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4397-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (LITTLE SHOWED HER VOTE AS YES)

6. Mr. Mattingley presented Resolution G-4398-11-15 which is approving "Me Too Clause" for Correctional Officer Sergeants increase in appropriations in the Sheriff's FY 2016 Budget.

MOTION

Mr. Mattingley moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4398-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. Mr. Mattingley presented Resolution G-4399-11-15 which is approving increase in appropriations in the FY15 Coroner's Budget.

MOTION

Mr. Mattingley moved, seconded by Mr. Minich to approve Resolution G-4399-11-15 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

8. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-4400-11-15 which is accepting a one year insurance renewal proposal through Arthur J. Gallagher.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4400-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum asked what the total amount was on that.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said it is \$491,729.00.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-4401-11-15 which is approving a two year agreement with Go Self Insured, LLC for Worker's Compensation Third Party Administration Services.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Bird to approve Resolution G-4401-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-4402-11-15 which is amending holidays for 2015 to coincide with the Circuit Court's Holiday schedule.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4402-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

11. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-4403-11-15 which is approving the Holidays for 2016.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4403-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith asked about Election Day because they had a discussion in committee about that day.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said they are not including it in this resolution. They will address it later in the year.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Legislative Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

COMMENT:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said in the Justice Committee meeting Mr. Mattingley introduced a grant that is from the Buffett Foundation. He suggested that both members of the media that were present get with Sheriff Schneider and let him explain this better than Mr. Greenfield could. It just doesn't happen very often that someone comes along and gives you \$2,500,000.00 and Mr. Buffett has done it for us on a regular basis. He knows they told him thank you before, but Mr. Greenfield does not know what they would do without him. He asked the Sheriff to please pass the word that Macon County really appreciates it.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

12. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-4404-11-15 which is amending the State's Attorney's FY2015 budget for equipment.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Mattingley to approve Resolution G-4404-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMENT:

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said the rest of the resolutions have to do with the budget and he wanted to start off by thanking the Finance Committee. We put a lot of hours into this going through these budgets. We sent some of them back two and three times for revision. We asked for a 3% cut on all the budgets and unless someone corrects him, he thinks they got all of them to cut their budget by 3% except for the Treasurer and there was no way they could get that done. All of them included pay raises except for the State's Attorney, Public Defender, and the Circuit Court, and we took care of those pay raises. So, those budgets at the end of the day were not quite 3% but they were less than last year. As most of you know the revenue lines that come in are 1/3 fees, 1/3 property tax, and 1/3 is from the state through income tax and sales tax. They have been cutting some of that over the last few years, and right now we don't even know how much they are going to cut it for the next year. We have actively raised our fees in all of the departments, most of them to as high as we can legally raise them. Some of those departments we had to enter into a contract and have a study done to do that which costs us money, but in the end we are about at the end of our max on the fees. As they all know the state tax, the income tax has not recovered from where it was so our revenue is pretty well spent. We are not going to be raising it much more. In these resolutions we are reinstating our million dollar levy that we cut. For some reason we cut it \$1,000,000 three years ago, but in actuality over the last 3 years it has not been \$3,000,000; it amounted to \$3,800,000. He is working with Steve Bean and Carol to find out why it wasn't just \$3,000,000. He doesn't anticipate this body cutting taxes for a while, but he thinks they should know how the system works so that if we say we are cutting \$1,000,000 it is \$1,000,000. So, it ended up \$3,800,000 that we cut. We did the citizens a service when we did that, but their tax bill might have gone up because the park district raised their rates or the city raised their rates and of course they get their bill from us, so he is not sure how many recognized that we did cut it; but we did. At this point we have burnt down about half of our reserves and are in fact having cash flow problems because the State is not paying money that they owe us. The State is not paying their share of the State's Attorney's salary or their share of the Public Defender's, or their share of the Supervisor of Assessments salary. They are not paying grants from Adult Redeploy and Juvenile Redeploy. He and the chairman just met with the auditor, Mike Baggett, the Assistant State's Attorney, and Pat Berter from Probation. From that meeting we agreed that the Finance Committee's philosophy has always been if the grant money dies, then the program dies. Kevin is sending a letter to the State letting them know that in 30 days if we don't receive money for those particular grants we are going to cease doing business with them. That is also going out to the vendors. So, everybody is aware of it. It is a shame because we have the saved the State millions of dollars with these two

programs by not sending people to be incarcerated. We should be getting more grant money than what we do; we've done a great job. We have had people from Chicago come down here to see how our operation works and how we do it. It is a shame this has to happen, but it does. Mr. Dunn said getting back to his other point, our revenue lines he doesn't see increasing in the foreseeable future. We are possibly going to get some money from windfarms next year, maybe if it happens; but we have kind of dedicated that money to some big expense items that we know are coming up like election equipment, a new software program for the auditor's office, and for General Fund purposes. That is a one-time deal, if we get it. Now, we have to look at expenses and how to cut them. We have asked our department heads and elected officials to cut their budget, he doesn't know how many years in a row now, but it has been a bunch. We have had 5% cuts, 3% cuts, 1% cuts, and freezes. They've all done their part and we are getting to the point where some of them just can't cut any more. The only thing he foresees coming down next year when we look at our budgets is cutting personnel in the county. He thinks we have approximately 500 personnel. He said cutting 10% of that personnel would save us approximately \$1,500,000 to 2,000,000. Mr. Dunn said he does not like to think about it, but unless somebody comes up with a better idea he does not know where we go from here. He didn't anticipate the State settling their budget and giving us a big check. In fact he thinks we will get less than what we used to get, if they ever settle it. He wanted to let everybody know as Chairman of Finance that is what he is looking at for next year. It is not going to be pretty. There are probably some offices where there is just no way we can cut, but he couldn't see anything else to do. Mr. Dunn said as Chairman of the Finance Committee and a board member he knows he is not going back in debt and sit on this board. Just a fair warning for everybody.

**PRESENTATION OF THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET FOR
DECEMBER 01, 2015 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2016**

13. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution B-1-11-15 which is establishing the budgets for 2015-2016 Fiscal Year.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve Resolution B-1-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

14. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution B-2-11-15 which is establishing valuation of all taxable property in Macon County, Illinois.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve Resolution B-2-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith asked if that is up or down, and how it compares to last year.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said it is up a little.

MOTION CARRIED.

15. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution B-3-11-15 which is establishing a tax levy for General Corporate Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve Resolution B-3-11-15.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Ashby, Baxter, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, Greenfield, Mattingley, Meachum, Minich, Noland, Oliver, Potts, Taylor

Nays: Bird, Hogan, Jackson, Little, Smith

AYES = 15

NAYS = 5

MOTION CARRIED.

16. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution B-4-11-15 which is establishing a tax levy for Retirement Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution B-4-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (BIRD, HOGAN, JACKSON, LITTLE & SMITH SHOWED THEIR VOTE AS YES)

17. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution B-5-11-15 which is establishing a tax levy for Social Security Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve Resolution B-5-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

18. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution B-6-11-15 which is establishing a tax levy for Insurance Loss and Liability Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Mattingley to approve Resolution B-6-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

19. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution B-7-11-15 which is establishing a tax levy for Judgment Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve Resolution B-7-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

20. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution B-8-11-15 which is establishing a tax levy for the Health Department Unit Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve Resolution B-8-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

21. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution B-9-11-15 which is establishing a tax levy for County Highway Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution B-9-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

22. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution B-10-11-15 which is establishing a tax levy for Matching Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution B-10-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

23. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution B-11-11-15 which is establishing a tax levy for County Special Bridge Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution B-11-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

24. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution B-12-11-15 which is establishing a tax levy for DPBC Lease Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution B-12-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

25. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution B-13-11-15 which is establishing a tax levy for Historical Museum Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution B-13-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked if this is going to be enough funds to keep this museum open. There has been some question about it.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said yes.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked if it is in good shape.

MOTION CARRIED.

26. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution B-14-11-15 which is establishing a tax levy for Veterans Commission Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution B-14-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

27. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution B-15-11-15 which is establishing a tax levy for Mental Health Fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Smith approve Resolution B-15-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

28. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution B-16-11-15 which is establishing a tax levy for Macon County Extension fund purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution B-16-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

29. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution B-17-11-15 which is authorizing Tax Anticipation Warrants against levies for various funds herein.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution B-17-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

30. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution B-18-11-15 which is approving the 2015-2016 Budget.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve Resolution B-18-11-15.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Ashby, Baxter, Bird, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, Greenfield, Hogan, Jackson, Little, Mattingley, Meachum, Minich, Noland, Oliver, Potts, Smith, Taylor

Nays: (None)

AYES = 20

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMENT:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield wanted to comment on what Mr. Dunn had said. He wanted to thank all of the officeholders for all of the hard work they have done. They have made sacrifices, and the Finance Committee and the County Board truly understand their pain and feel for them. He wished, as Jay said that they had good news coming down the pike, but he is not sure they do. He would like to give special thanks to the Finance Committee for the hard work they've done because that is one committee any more that you don't want to sit on. There is just never anything good that seems to be coming out of it anymore. One thing good that did come out of this, and we did raise the levy to do it, we increased the money for the Veterans Assistance Commission. That will give Kathie the opportunity to hopefully implement some new programs for the veterans. It seems like they are punished the worst in tough budget times. He wanted our veterans to know that here in Macon County we appreciate what they have done, and care for them. Kathie is going to do everything she can to implement these new programs. It is a tough budget and he apologized to the people of Macon County that we had to raise the levy and go back to the old one, and hopefully in the next few years we can get to the point where we've got some new revenue sources coming in. He assured them and was sure Jay would implement the same thing that if at any time we are able to cut the levy again, that we will do it.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

31. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1949-11-15 which is appropriating funds for design engineering for the Reas Bridge Road Lake Decatur Bridges Replacement Project (Beltway).

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Dunn to approve Resolution H-1949-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

32. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1950-11-15 which is appropriating funds for design engineering for the Brush College Road South Connection Realignment Project (Beltway).

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution H-1950-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

33. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1951-11-15 which is appropriating funds for construction expenses for the Argenta Concrete Pavement Project.

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Mattingley to approve Resolution H-1951-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

34. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1952-11-15 which is appropriating funds for construction expenses on the 2015 Farm Progress Patching Project.

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve Resolution H-1952-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

35. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1953-11-15 which is appropriating funds for construction expenses for a bridge replacement project on Boody Road (CH 29) over Mosquito Creek.

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve Resolution H-1953-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

36. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1954-11-15 which is appropriating funds for construction expenses for a bridge on Kosseick Road (TR265) in Pleasant View Township.

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Mattingley to approve Resolution H-1954-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

37. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1955-11-15 which is appropriating funds for construction expenses for the Spacemark Road Construction Project in Hickory Point Township.

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution H-1955-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (BIRD SHOWED HIS VOTE AS PRESENT)

38. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1956-11-15 which is appropriating funds for Section 16-00000-00-GM the 2016 MFT General Maintenance Program.

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve Resolution H-1956-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (BIRD SHOWED HIS VOTE AS YES)

QUESTION:

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked if they were going to have enough funds to cover all of these bridge proposals. Some of them are saying they are going to get reimbursement from the state. They have a certain time and date on them when this is going to be completed.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said the motor fuel resolution we just passed, we have that money in the bank now to pay for programs that we have implemented. There is a State bill that is going to be voted on or passed where the county will start receiving its motor fuel money. We haven't received any since July. The programs we have implemented now we have that money in the bank at this time. So, we are not implementing any new programs until we get new money from the State.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver said some of it is due this month in November, and some of it is due in the year 2017 with 100% paid by Macon County to be reimbursed 100% by the

State of Illinois. He is a little concerned about what is going to happen with the State of Illinois.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said the only projects we are doing now involve the money we currently have to do.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked if we wouldn't be starting these projects that have the State reimbursements.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said not unless we have the money.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver said that is good to hear.

NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said they are caught up and are waiting to start negotiations with the Highway Department.

QUESTION:

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver asked if we are going to be considering COLA – Cost of Living Adjustment for our contracts. Are we going to put 3% as a standard for all contracts, or just what are we talking about this year in negotiations? We are just saying 3%, 3%, and we haven't negotiated any of these things. He doesn't think anyone should be able to come to us and say they are going to demand 3% because you say you could do that when the cost of living is not that high.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he did not know of any demands that we have at this point in time.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver said we should have to negotiate from that kind of degree or angle because it is unfair to the members of the negotiating committee as well as the county board and for our General Fund purposes as we have it now to cover these expenses. He thinks we should use the Cost of Living index or some kind of index in order to get these contracts. As tough as it is to say, and he just came from a discussion about what's costing the local governments as well as State and Federal governments all over the country an inordinate amount of money to conduct their legal ramifications as far as first line defenders are concerned and those costs have multiplied something atrociously since 9-1-1. They don't seem to have any stopping place now. So, we've got to take that into consideration that somewhere along the way we have got to pay for all of this. We are just doing it because we feel it is the right thing to do. As the one ad he keeps hearing on television says, it's a dirty job but somebody's got to do it; but we still have to pay for it.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he totally agreed with him.

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:

Mary Eaton: Mrs. Eaton said she wanted to direct this to the State's Attorney's Office, the Sheriff's Department and the Coroner. She wanted to give them a big thank you from her family. She said they now have closure. She thanked them.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith said we sit on this board and a lot of times we don't see all the paperwork and things that come through. A lot of times we just read about certain things in the media. He wanted to thank the Sheriff's Department and Sheriff Schneider for giving us copies of this jail inspection report. It is probably not really exciting reading for a lot of people but we hear things on this board where we have to vote on approving expenditures, and then we hear things where certain incidents have happened. Seeing this report, and it was quite complementary, was very important to him to read. He appreciated the Sheriff's Department sharing that so that we could see the final report and that the jail did come through with flying colors. He thanked them.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

39. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-4405-11-15 which is regarding semi-annual review of Closed Session Minutes.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4405-11-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

40. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-4406-11-15 which is regarding approving the use of the Financial Stabilization Fund.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to approve Resolution G-4406-11-15 by prior roll call vote

QUESTION:

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said he understands what the purpose is and why the resolution is there, but he feels... He knows the auditor needs a tool to be able to tap into the Rainy Day Fund to meet the obligations of Macon County. He feels it is in the best interest of everyone involved that all money transferred shall be approved by the County Board Chairman, the Finance Chairman and the Treasurer as a committee to sign off on this approval of transfer of funds from the Rainy Day Fund. He would like to have that added into this resolution.

MOTION TO AMEND

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to amend Resolution G-4406-11-15 to add the statement that all money transferred shall be approved by the County Board Chairman, the Finance Chairman and the Treasurer as a committee to sign off on this approval of transfer of funds from the Rainy Day Fund.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked Carol if transfers from the Rainy Day Fund currently have to go to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said, and be reported to Finance after this meeting has transpired.

Carol Reed: Ms. Reed said she didn't think it had to go to Finance. She said they would normally put it on a sheet of paper and have the Treasurer, the chair of Finance, and the Chairman sign-off, as we would for any Interfund Loan we've ever done.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said he is just asking for transparency.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said we pretty much have that in place.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said he wanted it in this resolution and he hopes they understand that.

Mike Baggett: Mr. Baggett said as he understands this amendment, Mr. Meachum was asking that the resolution be amended in order to make it a requirement that in addition to the county board tonight authorizing the Rainy Day Fund to be utilized to meet any necessary expenditures by the county, that any subsequent deductions from that fund would have to be approved by the Finance chair, the County Board chair as well as the Treasurer. He asked if that is correct.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said that is correct. They would have to meet in agreement and have a consensus that this needs to happen and sign off on it.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said he did not believe the County Board has the power to delegate that kind of authority to the County Board Chairman, the Finance Chairman and then an elected officer who is not a member of the board.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said they are speaking on behalf of this County Board. He disagreed.

Mr. Bean: Mr. Bean said we did this before instead of doing Tax Anticipation Warrants. We borrowed internally or whatever and that was all approved by those people.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said with respect to making a budget amendment mid fiscal year with this kind of fiscal impact you are going to need a super-majority of the board to pass the resolution authorizing, basically the fund to be utilized. But, as far as delegating and then making a condition precedent of the utilization of those funds which have already been approved by the County Board, then conditioned upon the approval of two members of the board and an elected officeholder, he didn't think there is a legal authority for that.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said that Mr. Baggett is the legal opinion. Mr. Greenfield thought we should table this at this point in time and let Mr. Baggett look at it a little more. He asked Carol Reed if that would mess things up for her if we put it off for 30 days.

Ms. Reed: Ms. Reed said it certainly might. She would hate to put it off for another 30 days. We will automatically get those 3 signatures on there when we draw out funds. She didn't know what kind of guarantees he wanted, but they would automatically do that.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said this is all about transparency. He doesn't want one person saying they didn't know about this Rainy Day Fund being tapped. This is all about checks and balances. The taxpayers deserve this.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he was telling them right now, we are going to tap it.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said he knows that, but we still answer to the taxpayers. He wanted to make sure that the taxpayers know that 21 of them are in here watching the key to the vault. He wanted to make sure that this happens. He wants to make sure the taxpayers are getting a fair shake here and that when we authorize this it is not one person knowing what is going on with the finances.

Ms. Dawson: Ms. Dawson said they all sign off on it.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said he wants accountability here and that is what he is asking for.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said this was brought up in the caucus and he told Kevin he did not have a problem putting it down on paper and amending it, but if the State's Attorney says we can't do that or needs to look into it; he did not have a problem just passing the resolution the way it was. He knows from their meetings that Carol is going to get the Chairman's signature, the Finance chair's signature, and the Treasurer's. He didn't see any problem with why they can't report it at Finance and the next board meeting whenever that occurs. If this doesn't get passed she could be in trouble with meeting payroll and we will have some pretty angry employees. It is not our fault and it is not her fault. It is the fact that the State owes us around \$1,000,000.00 and we've got to have money to cover payroll.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked that Mr. Meachum withdraw his amendment and they would address it at the next meeting.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said he would withdraw his amendment, but he wanted the resolution only good for 30 days until we can find out what legally we can do about this.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said that was what he just said. It will be at the December board meeting.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said he wants an expiration date on this resolution then.

Mr. Potts: Mr. Potts withdrew his second to the amendment.

MOTION TO AMEND

Mr. Meachum made a motion to amend Resolution G-4406-11-15 to be effective for 60 days only.

There was no second to Mr. Meachum's motion to amend Resolution G-4406-11-15. The motion to amend died for lack of a second.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Ashby, Baxter, Bird, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, Greenfield, Hogan, Jackson, Little, Mattingley, Minich, Noland, Oliver, Potts, Smith, Taylor

Nays: Meachum

AYES = 19

NAYS = 1

MOTION CARRIED. (MAIN MOTION FOR RESOLUTION G-4406-11-15)

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to adjourn until Thursday, December 10, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.