

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

DECEMBER 10, 2015

**Kevin Greenfield
Chairman**

**Stephen M. Bean
Clerk**

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

The Roll Call showed all members present with the exception of Mr. Ashby, Mrs. Dawson, and Mr. Noland.

Mrs. Taylor led the members in prayer.

All led in the Pledged of Allegiance.

RECOGNITION:

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner thanked the board for giving him a few minutes. He asked Robin Beckham to come up. Mr. Tanner said Robin works in his office and she is retiring at the end of this year. She has worked 37 years in the Supervisor of Assessments office. Mr. Tanner said when she gave him her letter that she was retiring he began to kind of calculate the number of green sheets she has been through and the number of legal descriptions. The calculator was not big enough so he gave up on that. The real reason we are going to miss her is not the number of green sheets she has looked at, but it's the dedication she has had to the office. She is easy to work with. There is not a title company out there that won't call her if they have problems. It has been very nice having Robin in the office for his first three years. She will be greatly missed. He wanted to thank her for her dedication to the county, and to the Supervisor of Assessments Office. Mr. Tanner presented her with a plaque.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 12, 2015 MEETING

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2015 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

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

Nays: (None)

AYES = 18

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

ZONING/SUBDIVISIONS

1. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution Z-1164-12-15 which is regarding Case S-03-11-15, a petition submitted by Hollie Burns for a Special Use Permit to operate an animal grooming and pet photography business on property commonly known as 2727 W. Rock Springs Road, Decatur, IL in South Wheatland Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend approval of the subject petition to the County Board with 12 stipulations. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and voted to recommend approval to the County Board, subject to the 12 stipulations recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

COMMENT:

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said there is a scrivener's error on Stipulation #5. They had amended that at the EEHW Committee meeting to 30 days, along with the rest of the 30 day provisions.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Minich to approve Resolution Z-1164-12-15 with the amendment made by the EEHW Committee of 30 days to stipulation #5 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (LITTLE SHOWED HER VOTE AS NO)

2. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution Z-1165-12-15 which is regarding Case S-01-11-15, a petition submitted by Robert & Aissa Norris for a Special Use Permit to allow the holding of special events such as educational tours, wedding/receptions, company picnics, and family reunions on property commonly known as 990 S. Meridian Ave., Niantic, IL in Harristown Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend approval of the subject petition to the County Board with 12 stipulations. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and voted to recommend approval to the County Board, subject to the 12 stipulations recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution Z-1165-12-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (LITTLE SHOWED HER VOTE AS YES)

B. CORRESPONDENCE

Three letters from Comcast regarding updates to local personnel information, price change information, and clarification of correspondence dated October 30, 2015.

An e-mail from AT& T U-verse regarding TV price changes.

A Public Notice from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding re-issuance of Regional Permit 23 Private Recreational Structures on U.S. Government Land in the States of Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri.

A Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste from the IL EPA for Advanced Disposal Services Valley View Landfill regarding decommissioning documentation for gas collection and control system elements.

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

A letter from Ameren regarding upcoming vegetation activities notification.

A letter from the Decatur Public Building Commission regarding the Surplus Funds for Fiscal Year 2015.

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report – November 2015

Tax Collector's Report – November 2015

Treasurer's Fund & Investment Report – November 2015

Public Defender Monthly Report – November 2015

County Clerk Annual Report – December 1, 2014 thru November 30, 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.

3. CLAIMS

MOTION

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

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. APPOINTMENTS

4. Resolution G-4407-12-15 – Appointment to the Macon County Historical Society Board of Directors

Ritchie Barnett, 207 Delmar Ave., Decatur, IL 62522
Term Expires: December 31, 2017

- Resolution G-4408-12-15 – Appointment to Macon County Historical Society Board of Directors

Dave Sapp, 625 Illinois St., Box 213 Warrensburg, IL 62573
Term Expires: December 31, 2017

- Resolution G-4409-12-15 – Appointment to the Macon County Historical Society Board of Directors

Darrel Parish, 428 N. Summit Ave., Decatur, IL 62522
Term Expires: December 31, 2017

- Resolution G-4410-12-15 – Appointment to the Macon County Merit Commission

Suzanna Zimmerman, 1411 S. Lynnwood, Decatur, IL 62521
Term Expires: May 31, 2018

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Minich to approve Resolutions G-4407-12-15 through G-4410-12-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Resolution G-4411-12-15 – Executing deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve Resolution G-4411-12-15 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-4412-12-15 which is adding an expense line in the Circuit Clerk E-Citation Fund for Fiscal Year 2016.

MOTION

Mr. Mattingley moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4412-12-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. Mr. Mattingley presented Resolution G-4413-12-15 which is entering into an agreement with Peoria County for the sale of Juvenile Detention Bed Space.

MOTION

Mr. Mattingley moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve Resolution G-4413-12-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

8. Mr. Mattingley presented Resolution G-4414-12-15 which is amending the Sheriff's Office FY15 budget.

MOTION

Mr. Mattingley moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4414-12-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Mr. Mattingley presented Resolution G-4415-12-15 which is designating the Illinois State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor as its agent to administer the operation of appellate offices and process appellate cases for Macon County during FY2016.

MOTION

Mr. Mattingley moved, seconded by Mr. Minich to approve Resolution G-4415-12-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

EEHW COMMITTEE

10. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution G-4416-12-15 which is approving increase in appropriations in the FY15 Health Fund budget for year-end addition and cleanup.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve Resolution G-4416-12-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

11. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution G-4417-12-15 which is approving increase in appropriations in the FY15 Health Fund budget for MIPPA and SHIP.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve Resolution G-4417-12-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

12. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution G-4418-12-15 which is approving increase in appropriations in the FY15 Health Fund budget for Nursing Home Diversion.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4418-12-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

13. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution G-4419-12-15 which is approving increase in appropriations in the FY15 Health Fund budget for Ebola Virus Disease.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve Resolution G-4419-12-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

14. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution G-4420-12-15 which is approving increase in appropriations in the FY15 Health Fund budget for Teen Pregnancy Prevention.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve Resolution G-4420-12-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

COMMENT:

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said she would not be presenting Resolution G-4422-12-15 because there are some questions concerning contract compatibility and since there is no pressing reason to address it tonight, we will clarify all of the contract language and address it in January.

15. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-4421-12-15 which is accepting a two year proposal from Midwest Employers Casualty for workers compensation excess liability insurance coverage.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve Resolution G-4421-12-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said she had no solid information to present because she has been out of the loop for a few days. It does look like our MFT may be being funded as is constitutionally required, but somehow the legislature doesn't feel obligated to abide by the constitution all the time. She apologized for not having a better update for them, but as far as she knows it is still limbo as usual. Mrs. Little wished all of her fellow board members, officeholders, and citizens of the evening a very Merry Christmas.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

16. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-4423-12-15 which is approving increase in the Juror Agency Fund budget for jury fees for Fiscal Year 2015.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4423-12-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

17. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-4424-12-15 which is approving fee cost studies for the County Clerk's Office, Recorder's Office and Sheriff's Department.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve Resolution G-4424-12-15 by prior roll call vote.

COMMENT:

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said there is a scrivener's error on the second page in the second to last Be It Further Resolved, that number instead of \$18,000, should be \$5,250. Jeannie is aware of it and said she would take care of it.

MOTION CARRIED.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said we have negotiations for highway coming up either next week or the week after.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

18. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1957-12-15 which is appropriating funds for the purchase of Right of Way from Ameren Illinois on the CH 41 Whitetopping Project.

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution H-1957-12-15 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.

CITIZENS' REMARKS:

Sherry Procarione: Ms. Procarione lives at 1440 E. Buena Vista in Decatur. She wanted to make a couple comments regarding some things that were voted on. She would like to ask the board to stop the EPA. Please don't ask for grants. Please stop them in any way you can because they put a layer between citizens and their government. She thinks the board who is elected by the people should be the one deciding, whatever it is that the EPA wants to decide you guys should be deciding. She asked them to pursue that. She also asked the board to please stop seeking grants. What it does is just asking to pull money from other communities and then they go and ask for grants that pulls money from our community. She thinks that if a thing is worth funding, and it carries weight in your mind that you should be seeking to appropriate it with funds from the community. In regard to the Teen Pregnancy Prevention, she didn't know if a specific grant was voted on for that she couldn't quite tell. We have charity. We have church organizations. New Life Pregnancy Center is located in our town. They would not turn anyone away that would have a pregnancy issue, or need education, or have any concerns. There isn't any reason the taxpayer should be funding such education when it can be done for free and with a sense of sensitivity that the state can't provide. That would also go for nursing home situations. If there isn't a charity involved in a nursing home that could be done by the free market. She had a comment on the issue of the already approved wind farms. It has already been voted on, but she wanted to discuss a few things. She submits that the government has no role subsidizing what should be private industry. Government can be supportive of infrastructure and promote the general welfare in some of the following

ways. She has 6 ideas she would like to submit: #1. By letting the free market choose the lowest cost and best forms of power. #2. The wind farm should stand or fall in the arena of the free market. #3. A second turbine at the Clinton station would put hundreds of tradesmen and other people to work and would be a more reliable power source in all kinds of weather conditions. #4. Wind farms can be off-putting to potential home investment and reduces property values of current homeowners. She said it should also be noted that it is invaluable to be able to see an unobstructed view of a sunrise or sunset. #5. Illinois farm soil is very desirable for ag usage. This wind farm takes thousands of acres out of that potential earning power, and that would be very shortsighted. #6. If these wind farms are such a good investment why are turbines being studied under highway taxpayer funding at the local community college? As a taxpayer she was asking them to please stop the wind farms. She realized there has already been a vote taken, but she was asking them to stop that as a citizen who pays taxes.

OFFICEHOLDERS' REMARKS:

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said he wanted to reiterate what Mrs. Little said about a Merry Christmas. It is that time of year and a great time to appreciate the season. He wanted to appreciate Linda bringing that up. Also, with all the good things happening with the season, there are also some sorrowful things. A lot of us here knew Rudy Escobar. He was with the Macon County Honor Guard. He was a veteran from the Marines and a very dedicated human being to the cause. He passed away a couple days ago. We also lost Aaron Hodges who was also with the Macon County Honor Guard. Mr. Dudley said he didn't know him as well as he knew Rudy. Mr. Dudley said he wanted to say as a county board member who has been involved a lot with those guys, Rudy was a great guy. He did a lot for this county and a lot for the veterans. He worked very closely with the Veterans Commission. You're never, ever in your life going to meet a better guy than Rudy. He felt he could speak for the board by saying they appreciate Rudy and may he rest in peace.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to suspend the rules to consider Resolution G-4425-12-15 because it did not go through committee by prior roll call vote.

COMMENT:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said this will add Election Day to the Holiday calendar. Election Day was not on the Holiday calendar to begin with. We weren't actually going to put it on there but some people have it in their contracts. We felt that instead of half of the county working and half and half the county taking off we would just make it for right now that everyone would get Election Day off.

MOTION CARRIED. (TO SUSPEND THE RULES TO CONSIDER RESOLUTION G-4425-12-15)

19. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-4425-12-15 which is approving an amendment to the Holidays for 2016.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-4425-12-15 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO CLOSE SESSION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to go into closed session pursuant to Section 2(c)(11) of the Open Meetings Act in order to discuss litigation against the county by prior roll call vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to return to open session by prior roll call vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to adjourn until Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.