

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

**OCTOBER 13, 2016**

**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. Hogan, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Mattingley, Mr. Minich, and Mr. Noland.

Mrs. Taylor led the members in prayer

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 8, 2016 MEETING**

**MOTION**

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2016 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Baxter, Bird, Brown, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, Greenfield, Kraft, Little, Meachum, Oliver, Potts, Smith, Taylor

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 16**

**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**RECOGNITION – 2016 Q3 EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER**

Jay Scott: Mr. Scott said the 2016 Q3 Employee of the Quarter recipient is Kate Kurtz. She is one of our Assistant State's Attorneys. He wanted to say that Macon County got very lucky two years ago when she accepted his offer to come work in Macon County. The criteria listed on the Employee of the Quarter form requires they be people who have a positive attitude about work and their co-workers and that they be a role model to others. They should have a commitment to quality above and beyond the call of duty, and should be an asset to Macon County. They should be willing to accept additional responsibilities beyond what they normally have. Mr. Scott said he would simply say that Kate has all of those attributes. She is the career prosecutor. She served in Winnebago County for 12 years before she came here to Macon County. She is the head of our Sex Crimes Unit. Those are some of the most difficult cases we have. A lot of prosecutors, and even some very good ones don't want anything to do with sex crimes prosecution. They are very difficult and take a lot of work to put together. It is hard for

an adult to talk about sexual abuse and assault so you can only imagine how hard that is for a child victim to talk about. Kate is very good at it. You have to have a real knack for sex crimes prosecution. He has known a lot of prosecutors over his 29 years of doing this and he knows nobody that has the talent that she has for sex crimes prosecution. All of the felony sex crimes jury trials that she has done since she got here, she has won. She has had a 100% conviction rate. She has sentenced people who prey on children to 231 years in prison. These are good things not only for the victims, but they are also good for our community. Kate also does murder cases. She has done 3 of them since she has been here. She has won all three of those as well. The first one she got the week she started with the office. They assigned one to her that had been allowed to hang around for over 6 years. Within a 3 month time period she put that case together and took the guy to trial. It was a very brutal stabbing death of a young lady here in town; and she got him convicted. She also did one of the most difficult murder trials we have ever had here in Macon County. The defendant in that case hunted down the victim who was the main eyewitness in a double murder case, a different murder case and gunned him down and killed him in broad daylight. There were not a lot of our witnesses chomping at the bit to come in and testify against this guy. These guys that were killing witnesses in other cases, but Kate put it all together. There were some other challenges in that case besides witnesses being afraid to come in and testify, but she did a fantastic job on it. Two weeks ago, she along with his first assistant convicted James Chatman of 1<sup>st</sup> degree murder in a trial. Mr. Scott said Kate is a lot of fun to work with. She is a lot of laughs. He said she is just one of the most dedicated people he has ever known. She puts everything into every case. He would give them an example, the last sex crimes trial that she did was a tough one. He went down for the verdict and after the jury walked out you could tell it was tough on her. She had a little tear in her eye after it was over. We are very lucky and everyone in Macon County should count their lucky stars that Kate is on our team. He congratulated Kate on being Employee of the Quarter.

There were no zonings or subdivisions presented at the meeting.

## **B. CORRESPONDENCE**

Approval to hold a Special Macon County Board Meeting on December 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of an organizational session to elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman.

A letter from IDOT stating that Contract 95739 – Illinois Project BRS-0546/110/000 has been satisfactorily completed and accepted by the Department of Transportation.

A Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste from the Illinois EPA for Advanced Disposal Services Valley View Landfill regarding decommissioning documentation for landfill gas extraction well EW50.

A Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste from the Illinois EPA for Rhodes Landfill regarding Post-Closure Care Cost estimate.

A letter from the Illinois EPA regarding an application received from Tate & Lyle Ingredients Americas LLC for permit to install dry sorbent injection systems and associated sorbent handling equipment on two of its coal-fired boilers.

A letter from the Illinois EPA regarding an application received from R&R Services of IL Inc., Macon County for an operating permit for an existing used tire processing facility.

A letter from the Illinois EPA regarding an application received from TCCI Manufacturing LLC regarding the federally enforceable State operating permit renewal.

A letter from Comcast regarding changes to the channel line-up.

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

## **REPORTS**

Sheriff's Report – September 2016

Treasurer's Fund & Investment Report – September 2016

Tax Collector's Report – September 2016

Public Defender Report – September 2016

Auditor's Report – September 2016

## **MOTION**

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Smith 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 that have already been paid by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

## **MOTION CARRIED.**

There were no appointments presented at the meeting.

## **C. CONSENT CALENDAR**

2. Resolution G-4527-10-16 – Executing Deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn 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.**

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

3. Mr. Baxter presented Resolution G-4528-10-16 which is amending the Probation's FY16 budget.

**MOTION**

Mr. Baxter moved, seconded by Mr. Dunn to approve Resolution G-4528-10-16 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.

The Operations and Personnel Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

The Legislative Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

4. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-4529-10-16 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the FY16 Insurance Fund and Self-Insurance Fund budgets.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve Resolution G-4529-10-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

The Negotiations Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

5. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-2007-10-16 which is appropriating additional funds for an agreement with IDOT for the 2015 Sign Upgrade Program.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution H-2007-10-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-2008-10-16 which is appropriating funds for Emergency Repairs to Reas Bridge Road over Lake Decatur.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution H-2008-10-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

7. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-2009-10-16 which is appropriating funds for engineering design work for the repair of Lost Bridge Road over Lake Decatur.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution H-2009-10-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

8. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-2010-10-16 which is appropriating additional funds for Land Acquisition and Right of Way for the CH 41 Wyckles Road Whitetopping Project Section 08-00220-00-EG.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution H-2010-10-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

9. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-2011-10-16 which is appropriating additional funds for Environmental Design Work on Reas Bridge Road bridge replacement project.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution H-2011-10-16 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.

There were no officeholders' remarks presented at the meeting.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

There was no new business presented at the meeting.

**MOTION TO CLOSE SESSION**

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to go into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11) for discussion of pending litigation by prior roll call vote.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION TO OPEN SESSION**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Dunn to adjourn until Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.