

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

**Jay A. Dunn
Chairman**

**Stephen M. Bean
Clerk**

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

The Roll Call showed all members present with the exception of Mr. Mattingley and Mr. Noland.

Mrs. Taylor led the members in prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 10, 2017 MEETING

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2017 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Bird, Brown, Buckner, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, Greenfield, Hogan, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Meachum, Oliver, Potts, Smith, Taylor

Nays: (None)

AYES = 18

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMENT:

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn asked for everyone to stand for a moment of silence for Jon Baxter and Rex Brown.

Laura Hawkins: Laura introduced herself and her sister Jennifer Haseley and said they are Jon Baxter's daughters. They wanted to thank the board for allowing them to come and speak this evening. Laura said their dad had fought illness for the past 5 years. One of the many reasons he fought so hard to recover was his dedication to the county board. He took his responsibility very seriously. He felt it was his duty to represent the people of Macon County. To him this wasn't a part-time job. He felt it was necessary to stay in contact with the county officeholders and listen to their concerns. He also felt it necessary to listen to the concerns of the people of Macon County. He felt it was his duty to attend the monthly board meetings and the committee meetings because that was his job. He so hated it, when because of the chemo treatments, he wasn't able to attend. Jay

kept him apprised of all that was going on so he felt connected, and until the end he was still trying to get stronger so he could be here again. He considered all of you to be his friends, and we want to thank all of you for the kindness you showed him. His favorite thing to tell people about the board was, we don't fight and there are no TV cameras. Laura said thank you again for giving us a few minutes to speak to you.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said they had a recognition to present to Cherie Meyer.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said as they all know as county board members there are days when you have to do really tough things like saying goodbye to Jon Baxter which is not the easiest thing in the world to do. But, there are other times when we get to do something that is really cool and that is to recognize the great employees of Macon County. Tonight we are going to recognize someone that has dedicated her life to Macon County and also to the community that she lives in. Cherie Meyer began working in the Macon County Clerk's office in May of 1977 under County Clerk, Bill Tangney. In October of 1999 she became the Chief Deputy to County Clerk, Steve Bean. It has been said by Steve Bean that Cherie has the best overall knowledge of the property tax process, more than anyone else in Macon County. In December of 2003 during a very critical time for Macon County, Cherie moved from the County Clerk's office to a position of Chief Deputy in the Treasurer's office under Treasurer Steve Grimm. In December of 2010 she remained as Chief Deputy to Treasurer Ed Yoder. With her outstanding knowledge, leadership and hard work, she has continued to keep the Treasurer's office running very smoothly. If one Macon County employee could be called irreplaceable, it would definitely be Cherie Meyer. Thank you Cherie for your remarkable and outstanding 40 years with Macon County. You will definitely be missed. He read the plaque which stated, "Presented to Cherie Meyer in recognition of outstanding dedication and customer service, dated September 14, 2017."

Cherie Meyer: Cherie said, I am not a person that seeks recognition but I must say, particularly after the last 7 years, this is very much appreciated on my part. I have had the pleasure of working with a lot of people over the last 40 years and there are good people that are working for Macon County that will continue the service. I can say that right here in this room Linda Stuart who works with me every day is one of the best employees you have, and she will help to continue to carry the county along in the Treasurer's office, for awhile. I would be remiss if I don't also thank the people over here, my friends and my family that have upheld me because that is what it comes down to, your family and your friends. So to each one of you, thank you for your service and thank you for the recognition today. It is very much appreciated.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he speaks as a member of the Finance Committee in saying that he is really going to miss her. He knows she understood the Treasurer's finance and budget process more than anybody. We are going to miss you.

ZONINGS / SUBDIVISIONS

1. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution Z-1186-09-17 which is regarding Case R-01-08-17, a petition submitted by Richard & Linda Neihart and Terry Schum for rezoning approximately 3.8 acres from (A-1) Agricultural Zoning to (R-1) Single Family Residential Zoning on property commonly known as 5095 S. Franklin Street Rd., 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. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and recommended approval to the County Board.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution Z-1186-09-17 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution Z-1187-09-17 which is regarding Case R-02-08-17, a petition submitted by Zion Chapel UMC for rezoning approximately 2 acres from (A-1) Agricultural Zoning to (R-1) Single Family Residential Zoning on property commonly known as 6478 Nevada Rd., 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. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and recommended approval to the County Board.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution Z-1187-09-17 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

A Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste from the IL EPA for Advanced Disposal Services Valley View Landfill documenting installation of groundwater monitoring wells G480, G481, G482, and G591 for Unit 1.

A Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste from the IL EPA for Advanced Disposal Services Valley View Landfill documenting installation of groundwater monitoring well G590 Unit 2.

A letter from the Sanitary District of Decatur regarding biosolids that will be applied to farmland in Macon County.

A letter from IDOT regarding rejection of a bid by Illinois Valley Paving for Project TE-00D7(072), Section 15-00233-01-BT.

A letter from Comcast regarding channel line-up changes.

A letter from Ameren Illinois regarding tree trimming that will be done in the Decatur area in the near future.

A letter from Ameren Illinois regarding updates on recently completed energy infrastructure projects in the area.

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report – August 2017
Treasurer's Fund Report – August 2017
Tax Collector's Report – August 2017
Coroner's Report – July & August 2017
Public Defender's Report – August 2017

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum 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 Mrs. Kraft 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.

C. APPOINTMENTS

The appointments are being presented under the Consent Calendar.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

4. Resolution G-4681-09-17 – Appointment of Friends Creek & Whitmore Union
Drainage District #2 Commissioner

Brent Ferrill, 209 Rayton Dr. Oreana, IL 62554
Term Expires: 1st Tuesday in September 2020

- Resolution G-4682-09-17 – Appointment to Macon County Emergency Telephone
System Board

Tim Gleason, Designee of Mayor, Decatur, IL 62523
Term Expires: February 2019

- Resolution G-4683-09-17 – Executing deeds to convey property on which taxes were
delinquent

MOTION

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

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

5. Mr. Potts presented Resolution G-4684-09-17 which is approving increase in Nuclear
Safety Grant Fund for purchase of furniture for Emergency Operations Center.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4684-09-17 by prior
roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Mr. Potts presented Resolution G-4685-09-17 which is approving an increase in the
General Fund for Tasers.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4685-09-17 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. Mr. Potts presented Resolution G-4686-09-17 which is amending the State's Attorney's FY2017 budget to appropriate additional funds necessary to further a homicide investigation.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution G-4686-09-17 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

8. Mr. Potts presented Resolution G-4687-09-17 which is approving right of first refusal with Millikin University for potential conduit financing bond issue.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve Resolution G-4687-09-17 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Mr. Potts presented Resolution G-4688-09-17 which is approving and adopting the rules, regulations, and requirements of the Macon County Merit Commission for the Macon County Sheriff's Office.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4688-09-17 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-4689-09-17 which is approving a mitigation grant for Macon County to mitigate flood properties.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve Resolution G-4689-09-17 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

The Legislative Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

11. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-4690-09-17 which is approving the Illinois FOP Labor Council Collective Bargaining Agreement for FY2017-FY2019 for the Macon County State's Attorney's Special Investigators.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-4690-09-17 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said they had one meeting.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he thinks they are supposed to pretty well have that wrapped up.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said hopefully they are going to be voting on it.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

12. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-2074-09-17 which is appropriating funds for additional right of way and engineering expenses for a bridge on CH 57 85th Street.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Bird to approve Resolution H-2074-09-17 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

13. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-2075-09-17 which is appropriating funds for construction expenses for the CH 1 Brush College Road Pavement Rehabilitation Project.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Ms. Joy to approve Resolution H-2075-09-17 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

14. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-2076-09-17 which is approving an agreement with the Illinois Commerce Commission covering grade crossing improvements on Franklin Street and Baltimore Avenue.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve Resolution H-2076-09-17 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

15. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-2077-09-17 which is awarding the purchase of one 2018 ½ ton, 4x4, 4 door double cab pickup.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve Resolution H-2077-09-17 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

16. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution H-2078-09-17 which is appropriating funds for engineering for the Macon County Beltway INFRA Application.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Ms. Buckner to approve Resolution H-2078-09-17 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. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said he lost a good friend in his County Board District #1, Jon. He has a long history with Jon, and when that seat became available he recommended Jon to fill that seat. He will be dearly missed out there. He thanked everyone for all the things they said for him. He is just a good guy and will be missed.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said dedication is pretty important now a days. You don't see a lot of it in a lot of things that happen. Jon was dedicated. It makes him think back to about a year and a half ago when Jon had a little bit of a setback with his health. His wife wheeled him in here in a wheelchair and put him at his spot so he could be here for the meeting. He doesn't know too many people... He's not even sure he would do that. That was the dedication that Jon had to this county. Even though he didn't feel right and probably shouldn't have been here, he made his wife bring him in here. That is to be commended, and his daughters couldn't have hit it more on the head. Jon was very dedicated to this county and the people he lived with, and he is going to be sorely missed. Let's all keep Jon Baxter and his family in our prayers.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said in that particular case he needed his vote that's why Jon came. Jon's a great guy and he thinks they all love him. Mr. Dunn said he has heard a lot of Jon stories over the last couple of days and looking forward to hearing more. Everybody that's touched him has a story and they are usually always humorous.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said he did not know how many of them had checked their e-mail this afternoon. He did send an e-mail out right before the close of business regarding an event that he believed they had all been invited to tomorrow afternoon concerning the swearing in of Undersheriff Howard Buffett into the office of sheriff. He just wanted to make sure that everyone is reappraised of your obligations under the Open Meetings Act. If more than a few of you appear, his guess is that it is going to constitute a majority of a quorum of at least one of our committees. That would constitute a public meeting if you discuss public business, county business. He reminded them of their obligations as elected officials. You are not allowed to discuss public business concerning the county at any event where you are present, unless it is a public meeting. If you are present tomorrow and amongst each other he reminded them of their obligation. Don't violate the Open Meetings Act by discussing any county business while you are there. If you have any questions he would be happy to address them.

Ms. Joy: Ms. Joy asked if there was a reason we received this for this invitation when we haven't for any others. We get invitations all the time. She means the reminder about the Open Meetings Act.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said some of it would have to do with his awareness of what you are invited to, and when he is not aware of it.

Ms. Joy: Ms. Joy asked why they don't just notice.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said you are required to know this as an elected official. You are required to take Open Meetings Act training when you become elected.

Ms. Joy: Ms. Joy said she meant where it is noticed as the fact that there may be county board members present.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said he was not sure he was following the question.

Ms. Joy: Ms. Joy said with the Open Meetings Act you can notice as it's a meeting that may have officeholders at that particular meeting, so you would notice that at least 48 hours in advance.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said if it is a public meeting.

Ms. Joy: Ms. Joy said yes and if there may be board members present.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said it is a meeting convened for the purpose of discussing county business. The problem is that this isn't a meeting that's convened for the...

Ms. Joy: Ms. Joy said she understands that. She was just wondering why because they receive invitations all the time. She was just asking what prompted it.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said what prompted this this time is his awareness of the invitation.

Ms. Joy: Ms. Joy asked if he then was not aware when they get others.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said that would be true. He does not know what everybody is getting necessarily. On this one he became aware of it and wanted to make sure everybody's up to date.

Ms. Joy: Ms. Joy said we get a lot.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson to adjourn until Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.