

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

MARCH 14, 2019

**Kevin Greenfield
Chairman**

**Josh Tanner
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. Dunn, Mr. Mattingley, Mr. Noland, Mr. Smith, and Ms. Zimmerman.

Mrs. Taylor led the members in prayer.

All led in the pledge of Allegiance.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 14, 2019 MEETING

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2019 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Bird, Brown, Buckner, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Dudley, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Little, Oliver, Taylor

Nays: (None)

AYES = 16

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

B. PROCLAMATION

Mr. Butts: Mr. Butts presented a proclamation proclaiming April 2019 as "National Donate Life Month" in Macon County, Illinois.

Gina Hoots: Ms. Hoots introduced her 6 year old son Crosby. She said 5 years ago he received a liver transplant and is in kindergarten now. Ms. Hoots said if he had not received that transplant he would not be in kindergarten and wouldn't be complaining about coming to a boring meeting. She told him it was important that he come.

Sister Ritamary Brown: Sister Ritamary Brown said she is a health advocate at St. Mary's Hospital and they work diligently toward making people aware of the need for organs. They have donor drives. As Mr. Butts said, April is Donate Life Month. So, they would be flying their donate life flag at St. Mary's Hospital and Jon was going to get some other flag here. It isn't hard to do, you just sign the brochure that you want to be an

organ donor. It is on your driver's license. Sister Ritamary asked how many at the meeting had it. There was a show of hands of those who are organ donors. She said they were all good citizens. At the time they no longer need their organs then they could be donated to someone if there was a match. It is an extremely important activity and they were very proud to be a part of it. They love it when someone like Crosby can come and show the wonderful results of someone's generosity. She thanked them.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he had a letter he was going to read that was addressed to Mr. Kevin Greenfield, Chairman, Macon County Board. Mr. Greenfield read, "Dear Kevin, I am resigning my position as Macon County Board Member in District 4 as of February 22, 2019 because of a recent health emergency. I need to concentrate on my health now and am sure that you understand. I have been very proud to serve the citizens of Macon County during my 16 years as a Board member, and have been even more honored to serve as the Board Chairman for 8 of those years. We have accomplished much together. I deeply value many friendships I have made and the many interesting projects I have had the opportunity to work on. My thanks to all the great employees and elected officials that have helped us work together in a responsible and productive way. I certainly wish you all the best in the future. Sincerely, Jay A. Dunn." Mr. Greenfield said they have lost a good board member. He is a good friend and he will be sadly missed. Mr. Greenfield said he wishes Jay all the health and happiness in the world. He told him that they will be calling him from time to time to ask for a little advice. Mr. Greenfield said his hat is off to Chairman Dunn.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said he wanted to thank Mr. Greenfield for that recognition for Jay. He knows they worked a lot together and did a lot of things. He just wanted to also say that on their side he was very lucky that when he came on the board twelve years ago that Jay was already here. Mr. Dudley said he couldn't even begin to count the times Jay helped him and all of the stuff he learned from him. As Kevin said and he would echo, they have lost a darn good board member in Jay Dunn. He has been a great leader for this county and a great leader for the people. It is unfortunate that he had to step down for the reasons that he did. Mr. Dudley said he couldn't say enough about Jay. He dearly loves the guy and will miss him. Things must go on and they will carry on, but they will think of him often. He thanked Kevin for the recognition.

There were no zoning or subdivision issues presented at the meeting.

C. CORRESPONDENCE

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

Two letters from Comcast regarding channel line-up changes and Xfinity TV Channel updates.

A letter from Newwave Communications regarding channel line-up changes.

A letter from Ameren Illinois regarding tree trimming to be done in the near future.

REPORTS

Sheriff Report – February 2019
Treasurer Fund Report – February 2019
Collector Report – February 2019
Coroner Report – January 2019
Public Defender Report – February 2019

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson 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. Drobisch to approve the claims 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.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Resolution G-4975-03-19 – To execute deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve the Consent Calendar by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Justice Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

The EEHW Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Taylor: Mrs. Taylor said there was one bill passed that raises the age to whom tobacco products, electronic cigarettes, and alternative nicotine products may be sold. It was raised from 18 to 21 and is effective July 21, 2019.

The Finance Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

The Negotiations Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

3. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-2150-03-19 which is appropriating additional MFT Funds for the CH 1 Brush College Road Pavement Rehabilitation Project.

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve Resolution H-2150-03-19 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-2151-03-19 which is appropriating additional funds for the bridge on CH 38 Washington Street East of Maroa.

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Ms. Buckner to approve Resolution H-2151-03-19 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-2152-03-19 which is appropriating funds for the tree removal expenses on CH 57 85th Street Bridge Replacement Project.

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve Resolution H-2152-03-19 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-2153-03-19 which is appropriating funds to purchase Right of Way Parcel 1 T.E. from Loren G. Hiser Trust and Melinda J. Hiser Trust for the CH 18 School Road Bridge Replacement Project.

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Ms. Buckner to approve Resolution H-2153-03-19 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-2154-03-19 which is appropriating funds to purchase Right of Way Parcels 005 &005TE from Donald Roderick for the CH 24 Rea's Bridge Replacement Project.

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve Resolution H-2154-03-19 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

8. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-2155-03-19 which is approving permission to amend the speed limit on Fort Daniel Road in Mt. Zion Township.

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve Resolution H-2155-03-19 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox asked what the speed limit is now.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said it was 55.

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 officeholder remarks presented at the meeting.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to suspend the rules to consider Resolution H-2156-03-19 by prior roll call vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

QUESTION:

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox asked where they are at with the compost and recycling center.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked to take care of the resolution first.

9. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution H-2156-03-19 which is appropriating funds for construction of the CH 57 85th Street Bridge Replacement Project.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve Resolution H-2156-03-19 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley asked if this was a timing issue on this. He asked Bruce Bird to tell them why they were suspending the rules.

Mr. Bruce Bird: Mr. Bird said this was originally set up for the June letting with IDOT and by suspending the rules and getting this resolution amongst all of the right of way issues and things like that this is the very last thing, we can actually move it up to the

April letting. That will move it up 2 months on the letting but actually gains us 4 months of construction, which will give us a fighting chance to get that bridge that is already closed actually done and opened up this year.

MOTION CARRIED.

QUESTION:

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox asked where they stand with the compost and recycling.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said they are waiting to hear back from May Cocagne & King for the audit. We are supposed to hear back he hopes, by the first of April. They will tell us exactly where we are at for last year. Carol is putting some numbers together to show where we are this year to see just exactly how far in the red we are.

MOTION

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox said she would like to make a motion to move forward with the feasibility study because that is going to take a while to get done.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he has already talked to those people. He has not told them to proceed with it yet, but he gave them the information on it. It probably needs to be on the agenda before it is voted on.

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox said she didn't think in New Business that they had to have it on the agenda.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said under the Open Meetings Act anything that the board would take final action on has to be on the agenda and published 48 hours in advance of the meeting. That gives the public notice that it is going to be considered and voted on. So, you can't have anything brought up at a meeting that isn't on the agenda and have final action taken. If that happens, the final action is not binding, by virtue of the statute.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked him to define final action.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said it is taking a vote to do something.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked if they hadn't already talked about a feasibility study.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said he thought they had but....

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox said it was pulled. It went to EEHW and then....

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said they have had the discussion, but he didn't think they had a vote to proceed forward, a final vote on that. As he understood it, that was the board

member's motion, to proceed forward. If it was not on the agenda, then that motion would be out of order.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said we have never had the issue of the feasibility study on the agenda. We have had discussion about it, but we never...

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch asked if there had ever been a budget set for it.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said no. He said that is one reason he called and talked to those people, to try and get an amount on what it is going to cost for the study. He gave them some information and they are supposed to be getting back with him.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked if the board is paying for the study.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said the Buffett Foundation has agreed to pay for it.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked if May, Cocagne & King are going to let him know what the study says.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said they are going to let him know what the audit said. They are auditing the whole county right now, all the offices. We will see just how far in the red we are.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson said she was just trying to figure out what one has to do with the other.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said it has nothing to do with paying for the feasibility study, other than can we afford to bother having it done.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said it involves whether we can afford to move forward and where we are going to be financially before we do move forward.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked if that was not just with the feasibility study but with everything.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said she lost him.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson said if they are going to pay for the study, then what does May, Cocagne & King have to do with it.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said it will let the board members know how far in the red we are to start with. He said May, Cocagne & King do not have anything to do with the study.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Ms. Buckner to adjourn until Thursday April 11, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.