

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

APRIL 23, 2020

SPECIAL CALL MEETING

**Kevin Greenfield
Chairman**

**Josh Tanner
Clerk**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Assistant State's Attorney, Mike Baggett present.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked Mr. Baggett to make some opening comments.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said before they have roll call he wanted to remind everyone just like last week, given the nature of this meeting via tele-presence that when they wish to speak they need to identify themselves. That goes for everyone on the phone participating that way as well as anyone who is in the county board room so that everyone will know who is speaking. Also, so that we can accurately record who is speaking in the minutes of the meeting. He said if you wish to speak to please be sure to be recognized by the chair prior to speaking. Try not to interrupt anyone while they are speaking until you are recognized. That way we will not have any cross talk where things can get a little confusing on a conference call. The rules are pretty easy to follow. Everyone did a great job last week and if we can keep on that path we will be fine.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner presented the request for Special Macon County Board Meeting, which was signed by the membership for the purpose of Extending the Proclamation Declaring Macon County a Disaster Area for Coronavirus Response, and for any other business which may properly come before the board.

The Roll Call showed the following members present at the meeting: Mr. Greenfield, Mr. Jackson and Mrs. Kraft. The following members were present via tele-presence: Mr. Bird, Mr. Brown, Ms. Buckner, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Drobisch, Mr. Gresham, Mr. Hogan, Ms. Joy, Mrs. Little, Mr. Mattingley, Mr. Noland, Ms. Rood, Mr. Smith, Dr. Zimmerman.

COMMENT:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield thanked them for calling in. He knows these are trying times especially trying to deal with this over the phone. They have just a few things and he thought while they were going to go ahead and meet they would go ahead and take up some of the appointments.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said the appointments have been included on the Consent Calendar along with the resolution to convey deeds. It can be passed as a group unless any member of the board wishes to hear any one of the items or any number of the items independently. So, in the absence of such a request, it can simply be moved as a Consent Calendar.

A. CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Resolution G-5117-04-20 – Reappointments to Fire Protection Districts

David Sadowski, 2191 Cross Roads Rd. Decatur, IL 62521
South Wheatland Fire Protection District

Stan Seevers, 10669 E. Washington St., Argenta, IL 62501
Cisco Fire Protection District

Peter Pistorious, 9044 Damery Rd., Blue Mound, IL 62513
Blue Mound Fire Protection District

William Voorhees, 593 Jacobs Way, Forsyth, IL 62535
Hickory Point Fire Protection District

Lyle Lash, 3026 Gabriel Rd., Macon, IL 62544
South Macon Fire Protection District

Cindy Hundley, 217 N. Durfee, Warrensburg, IL 62573
Warrensburg Fire Protection District

Terms Expire: 1st Monday in May 2023

Resolution G-5118-04-20 – Reappointment to Argenta Sanitary District

Jeffrey Grider, 191 E. Prairie St., Argenta, IL 62501
Term Expires: 1st Monday in May 2023

Resolution G-5119-04-20 – Reappointment to Zoning Board of Appeals

Blake Noland, 4717 W. Rock Springs Rd., Decatur, IL 62522
Term Expires: May 31, 2025

Resolution G-5120-04-20 – Reappointment to Macon County Board of Review

Jeannie Mayfield, 3875 E. Park Lane, Decatur, IL 62521
Term Expires: May 31, 2022

Resolution G-5121-04-20 – Reappointment to Merit Commission

Ed Aukamp, 255 W. Hight St./P.O. Box 392, Macon, IL 62544
Term Expires: May 31, 2026

Resolution G-5122-04-20 – Reappointments to Macon County Board of Health

Laura Zimmerman, 403 N. Oakcrest, Decatur, IL 62522
Term Expires: May 31, 2023

Jan Hack, 3750 N. Woodford Apt# 3304, Decatur, IL 62526
Term Expires: May 31, 2023

Resolution G-5123-04-20 – Reappointment to Macon County Mental Health Board

Evyonne Hawkins, 4021 N. Newcastle Dr., Decatur, IL 62526

Term: June 30, 2024

Resolution G-5124-04-20 – Executing Deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent

MOTION

Mr. Jackson moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve the Consent Calendar.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Bird, Brown, Buckner, Cox, Drobisch, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Little, Mattingley, Noland, Rood, Smith, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

Present: Dawson

AYES = 17

NAYS = 0

PRESENT = 1

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMENT:

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said Mr. Tanner called Mr. Gresham despite the fact that he didn't think Mr. Gresham made the roll call. Mr. Baggett also asked Mr. Tanner to call Mr. Oliver and Mrs. Taylor just to be sure if they called in in the meantime.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said that Mr. Holman and Mr. Oliver did not make roll call.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett apologized and said he may have misstated it, instead of Mr. Gresham call Mr. Holman.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner asked again if Mr. Holman was present. Mr. Holman did not respond. Mr. Tanner also asked again if Mr. Oliver was present. Mr. Oliver did not respond.

SPECIAL BUSINESS:

2. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution Z-1221-04-20 which is regarding Case R-02-03-20 a petition submitted by Evergreen FS, Inc. for rezoning

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution Z-1221-04-20 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (DAWSON SHOWED HER VOTE AS PRESENT)

3. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5125-04-20 which is approving expenditures from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation Grant for the Special Response Team (SRT).

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution G-5125-04-20 by prior roll call vote.

COMMENT:

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said he wanted to verify whether Mrs. Dawson had changed her vote to the affirmative.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson said she did not change her vote.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner asked if she was voting present.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson affirmed that she was voting present.

MOTION CARRIED. (DAWSON SHOWED HER VOTE AS PRESENT)

4. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5126-04-20 which is supporting the Fair Housing Amendments Act of 1988.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution G-5126-04-20 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (DAWSON SHOWED HER VOTE AS PRESENT)

5. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5127-04-20 which is approving extending the Proclamation Declaring Macon County a Disaster Area for Coronavirus Response.

COMMENT:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he understands that there were a couple questions about the resolution so he would let Mr. Baggett explain it before they call it for a vote.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said he understands there are questions but he is not sure what the questions are so he would yield to any questions being offered.

Dr. Zimmerman: Dr. Zimmerman said the question is that she doesn't even know what they are voting on. They didn't see any kind of resolution or text or anything. So, that is what they are wondering.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said the resolution, he understood, would have been included in the packet. He asked if she received a copy of the resolution with her packet.

Dr. Zimmerman: Dr. Zimmerman said she must have missed it. She only saw the agenda.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said someone was going to attempt to e-mail that to her now. He said he had his computer at the meeting so he could e-mail. Mr. Baggett apologized he assumed that would have been included with the packet.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson said she never got a packet.

Mrs. Little, Mrs. Cox, and Mr. Gresham all stated that they did not receive a packet

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said he would read the resolution over the phone. He didn't know if that would satisfy the board or not. He would still attempt to e-mail it to them, but the best he could do at that moment was to read it into the record.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said she would be fine if he would just read the resolution.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett read the resolution as follows: Whereas, pursuant to his authority under the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, 20 ILCS 3305/11, the Chair of the Macon County Board declared a state of local disaster due to the worldwide COVID-19 pandemic on April 16, 2020; and Whereas, said statute requires that the Macon County Board consider and determine whether to extend the state of local disaster not fewer than seven days after such a declaration by the Chair; and Whereas, since the initial declaration of local disaster by the Chair, the number of Macon County residents who have tested positive for COVID-19 has more than doubled, and the County has seen its greatest single-day spike in numbers on April 22, 2020; and Whereas, the number of Macon County residents who have died from COVID-19 has nearly doubled since April 16, 2020. Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Macon County Board, assembled in

special meeting this date at Decatur, that for reasons set forth above, and for the reasons set forth in the Chair's April 16, 2020 Proclamation Declaring Macon County a Disaster Area For Coronavirus Response, which is incorporated herein by reference, that pursuant to section 11 of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency Act, the declaration of local disaster within Macon County, Illinois, is extended through and including May 30, 2020. Presented, Passed, Approved this 23rd day of April, 2020.

Dr. Zimmerman: Dr. Zimmerman asked for more explanation to make sure she was clear. She said by declaring it a disaster county, what changes with that, what's different now that we are a disaster county verses when we weren't?

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said his understanding from Tammy Esposito with the Emergency Management Agency and Jim Root with the Sheriff's Office is that the declaration of local disaster opens doors with respect to the county applying for certain relief through the Illinois Emergency Management Agency as well as the Federal Emergency Management Agency. So, basically the declaration and extension thereof as long as the county remains a declared disaster area, it makes certain reimbursement and funding opportunities through IEMA and FEMA available to the county.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve Resolution G-5127-04-20 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (DAWSON SHOWED HER VOTE AS PRESENT)

CITIZENS' REMARKS:

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett asked Mr. Tanner if, to his knowledge, there were any public comments received by e-mail submission before 4:00 this afternoon.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner stated no.

OFFICEHOLDERS' REMARKS:

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett asked if there were any e-mails received from officeholders or other county employees that they wished to have read into the record, prior to 4:00 this afternoon.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner stated no.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson to adjourn the meeting

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.