

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

**AUGUST 13, 2020**

**Kevin Greenfield  
Chairman**

**Josh Tanner  
Clerk**

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

The Roll Call showed the following members present at the meeting: Mr. Greenfield, Mr. Gresham, Mr. Holman, Mrs. Kraft, Ms. Rood, Mr. Smith. The following member were present via tele-presence: Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Drobisch, Mr. Jackson, Ms. Joy, Mr. Noland, Mrs. Taylor, Dr. Zimmerman.

Mrs. Taylor led the members in Prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett reminded all board members to state their name prior to speaking so that the people who may not be able to see you know who is talking, both on the board and members of the public. Also, try to make sure you have been recognized by the chair prior to speaking so we don't have members cross talking and interfering with people's ability to understand each other.

**A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE JULY 9, 2020 MEETING & THE JULY 27, 2020 SPECIAL CALL MEETING**

**MOTION**

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Holman to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2020 and July 27, 2020 meetings.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Gresham, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Noland, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 14**

**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**ZONINGS/SUBDIVISIONS**

1. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution Z-1224-08-20 which is regarding Case R-02-07-20 a petition submitted by Suzanne Bloomfield for rezoning of approximately 3 acres from (RE-5) Single Family Estate Zoning to (R-1) Single Family Residential Zoning on property commonly known as 1715 Heritage Rd., Decatur, IL 62521 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**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Gresham to approve Resolution Z-1224-08-20.

There were no questions or comments from the floor.

**ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Gresham, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Noland, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 14**

**NAYS = 0**

**Mr. Hogan stated he was present at the meeting at that point and showed his vote as Aye for Resolution Z-1224-08-20.**

**NEW ROLL CALL TOTAL:**

**AYES = 15**

**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**B. CORRESPONDENCE**

A Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency from Advanced Disposal Services Valley View Landfill addressing condition 29 of Attachment A.

A letter from the Illinois EPA regarding a construction permit application from Decatur Foundry Inc.

A letter from the Illinois EPA regarding an application from Caterpillar Inc. for renewal of its existing Clean Air Act Permit for five years.

A letter from Greater Peoria Economic Development Council regarding application to the U.S. Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Board for authority to use a new procedure (the Alternative Site Framework) to provide quick and simple access to FTZ service for companies in our region.

A letter from NewWave Communications informing the county that they will be rebranding as Sparklight beginning in the fall of 2020.

**REPORTS**

Sheriff's Report – July 2020  
Collector's Report – June 2020  
Coroner's Reports – June and July, 2020  
Public Defender's Report – July 2020  
Auditor's Report – July, 2020

**MOTION**

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve the Correspondence and Reports and that they be placed on file.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Noland, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 15**  
**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**2. CLAIMS**

**MOTION**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Gresham to approve the claims.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Noland, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 15**  
**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**C. APPOINTMENTS**

**COMMENT:**

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said if no one had any objections they would put all the appointments together.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said they can also include with the appointments the Consent Calendar.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said if no one had any objections they would add the Consent Calendar as well.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith said he did have one question on one of the appointments. The resolution for the Rabies Control Administrator he knows is pretty standard and they do it every year. They have never had in there the salary of \$26.00 which is kind of an odd amount. He asked if there is a reason for that.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said it was \$1.00 a month or something like that.

Mrs. Reed: Mrs. Reed said he chooses not to take a salary, but it is \$1.00 a pay and we have 26 pays in a year so that is why it is \$26.00.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith asked her if what she was saying was that it had to have a pay with it.

Mrs. Reed: Mrs. Reed said they needed to pay him in order for him to take that position.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said the Rabies Control Administrator is a statutory office appointed by the chairman. It is similar to a county officer except it is not elected obviously, but it has to be a paid position under the law.

**3. Resolution G-5167-08-20 – Re-appointment of Rabies Control Administrator**

Larry D. Baker, D.V.M., 2800 N. Martin Luther King Jr. Dr.,  
Decatur, IL 62526  
Term Expires: August 31, 2021

Resolution G-5168-08-20 – Appointments / Re-appointments of Drainage District  
Commissioners

<b><u>DISTRICT</u></b>	<b><u>COMMISSIONER'S NAME &amp; ADDRESS</u></b>	<b><u>TERM EXPIRES</u></b>
Austin Drainage Dist. #1	John Zelhart 1422 W. Washington St. Rd. Maroa, IL 61756	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday September, 2023
Friends Creek/Whitmore Union Drainage Dist. #2	Brent Ferrill 9861 Midway Rd Oreana, IL 62554	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday September, 2023
Friends Creek Drainage Dist. #3	Jeffrey Jackson 572 W. South St. Oreana, IL 62554	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday September, 2023
Macon-Piatt Union Drainage Dist. #5	Randall Briggs 400 Constitution Blvd. Monticello, IL 61856	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday September, 2023
Maroa Drainage Dist. #2	William McGuire 12201 N. Wyckles Rd. Warrensburg, IL 62573	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday September, 2023
Maroa Drainage Dist. #3	Richard Hanes 10457 N. Bearsdale Maroa, IL 61756	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday September, 2023
Maroa Drainage Dist. #4	David Hoffman 96 Allen Bend Dr. Decatur, IL 62521	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday September, 2023
Maroa Drainage Dist. #5	David L. Foulke II 957 E. Hampshire Rd. Maroa, IL 62756	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday September, 2023
Maroa-Friends Creek Union Drainage Dist. #2	Gay Shoemaker 2833 E. School Rd. Maroa, IL 61756	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday September, 2023
Maroa-Friends Creek Union Drainage Dist. #2	William Voorhees 12928 Greenswitch Rd. Maroa, IL 61756	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday September, 2023

Maroa-Friends Creek Union Drainage Dist. #8	Craig Hill 5867 E. Washington St. Rd. Maroa, IL 61756	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday September, 2023
Maroa-Friends Creek Union Drainage Dist. #10	Gay Shoemaker 2833 E. School Rd. Maroa, IL 61756	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday September, 2023
Milam Drainage Dist. #1	David W. Wilson 3512 E. Walker Macon, IL 62544	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday September, 2023
Niantic Drainage Dist. #1 & #2	Martin Stahl 21773Niantic Rd. Decatur, IL 62539	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday September, 2023
Oakley Township Drainage Dist. #1	Roger Eads 3368 N. Oakley Rd. Oakley, IL 62501	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday September, 2023
Pleasant View Drainage Dist. #2	Dennis S. Alsbury 1135 Nottingham Ct. Mt. Zion, IL 62449	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday September, 2023
Pleasant View /Prairieton Townships Union Drainage Dist. #1	D. Rodney Damery 4470 E. Fitzgerald Rd. Decatur, IL 62521	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday September, 2023
Pleasant View /Prairieton Townships Union Drainage Dist. #2	Phillip Brown 6988 Boody Rd. Macon, IL 62544	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday September, 2023
Sanner Chapel Mutual Drainage Dist.	Phillip Buker 3848 E. Walker Rd. Macon, IL 62544	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday September, 2023
South Macon-Milam Union Drainage Dist. #1	John Hogan 8593 Karl Rd. Dalton City, IL 61925	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday September, 2023
South Macon/South Wheatland Union Drainage Dist. #1	Lawrence "Neal" Wooters 834 2900 North Rd. Moweaqua, IL 62550	1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday September, 2023

Whitmore Drainage                      Colby Schwarze                      1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday  
Dist. #1                                      3065 E. Illiniwick                      September, 2023  
    Decatur, IL 62526

Whitmore Drainage                      John Hill                                      1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday  
Dist. #4                                      761 Waterford Ln.                      September, 2023  
    Decatur, IL 62526

Resolution G-5169-08-20 – Appointment to Macon County Conservation District  
Board of Trustees

James Beckhart, 600 Lawrence Dr., Mt. Zion, IL 62549  
Term Expires: June 30, 2022

Resolution G-5170-08-20 – Appointment to Niantic Fire Protection District

David Bramel, 1262 S. Four Bridge Rd., Niantic, IL 62551  
Term Expires: May, 2023

**D. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Resolution G-5171-08-20 – To execute deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent

**MOTION**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve Appointment Resolutions G-5167-08-20 through G-5170-08-20 and Consent Calendar Resolution G-5171-08-20.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Noland, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 15**

**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

4. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5172-08-20 which is setting the salaries for offices of State's Attorney and Public Defender effective July 1, 2020.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Gresham to approve Resolution G-5172-08-20.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Noland, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 15**

**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5173-08-20 which is granting permission to dispose of surplus equipment at the Law Enforcement Center.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded Ms. Rood to approve Resolution G-5173-08-20.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Noland, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 15**

**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5174-08-20 which is approving Intergovernmental Agreement for Macon County Sheriff's Police Services for the Village of Argenta, Illinois.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve Resolution G-5174-08-20.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Noland, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 15**

**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**EEHW COMMITTEE**

7. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5175-08-20 which is approving land disturbance permit fees.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Gresham to approve Resolution G-5175-08-20.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Noland, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 15**

**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

8. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5176-08-20 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the FY20 Health Fund budget for COVID-19 Contact Tracing.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Holman to approve Resolution G-5176-08-20.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor

## **ROLL CALL**

Ayes: Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Noland, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 15**

**NAYS = 0**

## **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

The Legislative Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

The Finance Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

## **NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said they will be starting negotiations with the Sheriff's union the Corrections and also Highway will be coming up.

The Transportation Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

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.

## **OFFICEHOLDERS' REMARKS**

Mr. Yoder: Mr. Yoder said on July 28<sup>th</sup> he went down to security because he wanted to look at the camera set-up in the Treasurer's office. He was informed by security that the cameras had been disabled since early November of 2019 and have not been working. There are 3 cameras set-up in the office that shows people who come into the counter and shows the staff working. He contacted the Building Commission and they were aware of the situation. On Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> Mr. Yoder was sent an e-mail that said the cameras were operational. Mr. Yoder just wanted to make the comment that as an officeholder he was really dismayed that he was not informed that the cameras were not working in the office. That is a long period of time. He would like to think moving forward that if this happens

to other offices that the Building Commission would at least let them know that their cameras aren't working. At least they are working now.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked if they needed to suspend the rules.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said yes. In order to consider these since they have not been through the committee process, they would need a motion and a passage of a motion to suspend the rules before they can consider.

### **MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES**

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to suspend the rules to consider Resolutions G-5177-08-20 and G-5178-08-20 under New Business.

### **ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Noland, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 15**

**NAYS = 0**

### **MOTION CARRIED. (TO SUSPEND THE RULES FOR G-5177-08-20 & G-5178-08-20)**

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

9. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5177-08-20 which is approving an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan for the County of Macon.

### **MOTION**

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve Resolution G-5177-08-20.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

### **ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Noland, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 15**  
**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**COMMENT:**

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said they had one resolution left and he was going to open it up for citizens' remarks.

**CITIZENS' REMARKS:**

Brad Halbrook: Mr. Halbrook said he is a State Representative in the 102<sup>nd</sup> District. He resides in Shelbyville. He has 4 precincts in Macon County which are South Wheatland, South Macon, Mt. Zion #1 and #3. So, that along with parts or all of six other counties makes up the 102<sup>nd</sup>. He is at the meeting as chief sponsor off HR 101 a resolution they filed a year and a half ago that urges congress to separate Chicago from the State of Illinois. He said before the board members is a resolution that is advisory in nature to be put on by a board resolution, a board vote in the affirmative to put it before the voters. There are two opportunities for voters to have their voice heard. It is to either do this by a signature effort, a petition drive or to have the governing body put it on the ballot. So, this is just an opportunity, not necessarily is a yes vote an indorsement of this effort, but it is just allowing the voters of this county to have their voice heard. This is just an effort that is growing across the state. On the March Primary ballot there were 3 counties that had it on the primary ballot and it passed at 73or 74%, 79%. There is well over two dozen, 25 or 26 counties that have it on the ballot already for November. He just wanted to come and be in support of that and urge an Aye vote tonight.

Marsha Webb: Ms. Webb said she lives in Macon, IL and was there to speak on the Illinois Separation movement. They are respectfully requesting that the county board would give the citizens of Macon their voice as to whether or not they would like to separate. If the board decides to do so this is not obligating them any further other than giving the people their voice. However, if the board does allow that and it passes that does give any board member a seat at the table if they can get enough counties together to be involved in drafting the Declaration of Independence and the new Constitution for equal representation.

Loret Newlin: Ms. Newlin said she is from south-eastern Illinois in Jasper County. The referendum gives we the people a voice about what we want, whether for or against. According to the Declaration of Independence, government is to derive their power by the consent of the governed. Giving people an opportunity to vote on this will assess whether your county still is content with the way things are, if they are still consenting to be governed by the legislature that is dominated by the third largest city in the nation. If you give the people a voice to do that and they vote no, it goes no further. It's done. If your people vote yes, then this county board has a seat at the table to be a part of that discussion. It is an exploratory conversation. At this point, as Brad said, they have 25

counties that have passed the referendum to be on the ballot. She had a map showing that most of them are centered in south-eastern Illinois, but that does not tell the whole story. They have people as far as Winnebago and Boone County, and she has been working with Madison County. So, there are people all over the state and until they have it on the ballot, and all of those counties have an opportunity to vote either for or against it, they don't know what counties are interested and they can't begin to know what their resources will be. She knew that had been a major concern whether they could afford to be apart from Chicago. She thought they had received her e-mail regarding ways they could save money. Ms. Newlin said she is a small business owner and your income isn't the whole equation is it? Part of it is what are your expenses and can you cut down on that. She had map she made on administrative rules. The committee is made of twelve people and they made an important ruling on Tuesday morning. Six of the twelve reside up in the corner of the state. Three of them are straight west on the western side and one of them is in Peoria; and only one of them is way down in Jackson County. So, there is a huge section of Illinois that is totally unrepresented on that important JACAR committee. She said representation, or lack of it, is one of their issues. She would conclude with a comment that was shared with her by a friend who is a township road commissioner. In 2009 or 2010 he attended a farm bureau event, she believed it was in Chicago, at the meeting Representative David Rice conveyed something pertinent to the discussion of separation. That wasn't on the discussion at that time, but he brought up that he believed at the rate of population decline in down-state, in about 15 years the whole Cook and collar county area will be able to out vote us. So, if all of us in down-state voted one way and all of Cook and the collar counties voted another, we would be canceled out. We would never get anything passed that we wanted or elected that we wanted. Again, a vote yes on this resolution doesn't mean you endorse it. There is a guy on the Effingham County Board who voted yes and he is against the separation but he wanted the constituents in Effingham County to have a voice at the ballot box. She urged them to do likewise. A no vote means you don't want to hear what they want. Ms. Newlin believed the board would want to hear what the voters had to say.

Karl Coleman: Mr. Coleman said he is a resident of Decatur, Illinois. He wanted to put politics aside and speak about lives and livelihoods. He was standing there to speak in dramatic and adamant opposition to this resolution and just the notion of removing Chicago from the State of Illinois. As the gentleman said, it is the third largest city in the nation and the economic heart of this state. What it would do our economic vitality as the State of Illinois Macon County and the City of Decatur who has been through some of the worst in the past couple of decades when comes to businesses and manufacturing leaving this town. We are a city that is devoid of economic opportunity. Removing Chicago from the State of Illinois would only dramatically effect down here even though we are two hours away. He understands why some people would say this from a political reason. He understands some politics are different when it comes from the north side of the state rather than from the southern part of the state. From a genuine lives and livelihood standpoint this is a very self-detrimental decision. He understands some people have spoken to the aspect of it being that they wanted to hear the voice of the community. He could understand that aspect, but the decision in itself would be self-detrimental. Mr. Coleman said for this to truly happen it would have to be done by ¾'s

decision of federal congress. Which as they could see in the middle of what's going on it's hard enough to agree about what is going on already and adding a 51<sup>st</sup> state being one single county in Illinois, he didn't see that being a very feasible step of action. For us as a county to endorse it, knowing that, would give us somewhat of a bad reputation around the State of Illinois.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked Mr. Baggett if it is a majority to put it on the ballot or is it 2/3rds to put it on the ballot.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said it is a majority of the board which would mean it has to have 11 votes to pass regardless of the fact that there were only 15 members at the meeting.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked if they could table this matter or does it have to be voted on today. She was unable to understand the last two speakers.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said she was within her rights to move to table it, but it would have to be through a motion to table that was properly seconded and adopted by the board.

#### **MOTION TO TABLE**

Mrs. Dawson moved, seconded by Dr. Zimmerman to table Resolution G-5178-08-20 until the next meeting.

#### **COMMENT:**

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said there was an issue about it being on the ballot if it is not voted on at this point in time. He asked Josh if that is correct.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said if they don't pass it here they would have to have a special meeting to make the deadline for referenda questions on the fall ballot.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked when that would be.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said he did not have the date in front of him, but knew they are very close. Someone said it is the August 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Tanner said it would have to be to his office by the 17<sup>th</sup> of August. So, it is either today or sometime before the 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked if they would have to have a meeting before then.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said yes. They would have to have the meeting and it has to be submitted to his office by close of business on the 17<sup>th</sup> in order to be put on the ballot.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said that is Monday.

Anita Clark: Ms. Clark asked if she could make a suggestion.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett apologized and said at that time there was a motion and second on the table and members of the public could not speak at that time.

Ms. Clark: Ms. Clark said it might solve the problem.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett apologized again and said it is a matter of parliamentary procedure. They have a motion and second on the floor.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said there is a motion and a second. He asked if they needed to act on that.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said yes unless there was more discussion to be had on the motion by the members of the board.

**ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Dawson, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: Cox, Drobisch, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Kraft, Noland, Rood, Smith

**AYES = 6**

**NAYS = 9**

**MOTION FAILED. (TO TABLE RES. G-5178-08-20)**

**COMMENT:**

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said if Ms. Clark wanted to speak she could go ahead and do so. She would have about 3 minutes

Ms. Clark: Ms. Clark said before she technically spoke that lady (Mrs. Dawson) ....

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said she was speaking so whatever she said was part of her 3 minutes.

Ms. Clark: Ms. Clark said her (Mrs. Dawson's) concern was that she couldn't hear the previous two people so maybe if they let them speak again without the masks she would be able to understand them. Regardless, Ms. Clark said she grew up in Cole City south of Joliet so she is pretty familiar with Chicago and how things work up there. She has heard all the bad jokes. It is what Chicago wants, Chicago gets. We have been ignored down here for decades and we need to either give it to them or they somehow figure out a way to punish us. Chicago assumes that we are uneducated and uninformed about what is best for us. However, one size does not fit all. Even if it never comes to separation, we will have, if we can pass this and get enough other counties to come with us, we will let them

know that we have to have a voice. We deserve to have a voice. She thinks even if it just is that, we should have this on the ballot. We deserve to let people know how we are thinking.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked if Mrs. Dawson needed to hear from the speakers again. He asked if that would help her.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson said she would have appreciated knowing this was going to be to be on the agenda before tonight, but she said no she didn't need to hear them.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said welcome to his world.

10. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-5178-08-20 which is approving putting and Advisory Referendum on the November 3, 2020 ballot regarding the separation of Cook County as a new State.

### **MOTION**

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution G-5178-08-20.

### **QUESTIONS:**

Dr. Zimmerman: Dr. Zimmerman asked if this passes are they committing any county resources to this endeavor. They had stated the county would have a seat at the table. Does that mean they will spend county money on this separation if this passes?

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said the ballot question as presented to the board simply indicates that if adopted by the electorate in November that the county would correspond with the boards of the other counties of the State outside of Cook County and with the municipalities of Cook County outside of the City of Chicago about the possibility of forming a new state separate from the city. There could be costs attached to that correspondence, possibly. He would let Mr. Tanner speak as to whether there would be any additional cost in terms of printing it on ballots. Those are the only two costs he could imagine would be attached if the board adopts this resolution. He asked if that answered her question.

Dr. Zimmerman: Dr. Zimmerman said she would like Mr. Tanner to comment on the time he would be spending putting this on the ballot and any costs associated with it as well.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said their costs are already fixed when it comes to the ballot design, so no there wouldn't be any additional costs to add this to the ballot.

Dr. Zimmerman: Dr. Zimmerman asked if there is any legal way that a county can form a new State. So, even if every single county in the entire State of Illinois passes this, is there any possible way that action actually turns into being a State? She thought she

heard but couldn't hear well, that it requires a  $\frac{3}{4}$  vote of congress to make a new State. She asked if that is the process it would take.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said no. In order for new States to be formed from existing States, the last time that happened was in 1863 with the State of West Virginia breaking off from the State of Virginia. What that requires is the consent of the State Legislature. In this case it would be the Illinois General Assembly as well as the consent of United States Congress. There is nothing in the Constitution that requires any type of super majority. So, under the Constitution's provisions a majority vote of both Houses of the House of Representatives and Senate and the Illinois General Assembly as well as of the United States Congress would be necessary in order for the State to be split into two different States.

Dr. Zimmerman: Dr. Zimmerman said so the county has no constitutional or legal authority to make a new State. As Mr. Halbrook, said the citizens of Illinois have every right to petition their State government. They can support candidates in the State Legislature that support making a new State. She didn't understand why this is on a county ballot. The county has nothing to do with it. The citizens have every right to be upset with Chicago that's fine. But, as Mr. Halbrook mentioned they can simply start a petition. It would have just as much binding authority as this ballot referendum. Dr. Zimmerman feels like they are giving people false hope when they put it on the ballot in terms that said the counties are going to correspond about making a new State when the county has no legal or constitutional authority to actually form a new State.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked for clarification on what they were voting on.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said the motion is on Resolution G-5178-08-20 which approving advisory referenda regarding the separation of Cook County as a new State.

## **ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Cox, Jackson, Kraft

Nays: Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Joy, Noland, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

**AYES = 3**

**NAYS = 12**

**MOTION FAILED. (RES. G-5178-08-20)**

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said a motion to adjourn was in order.

## **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Mrs. Kraft made a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said it could be accepted without objection.

Mr. Greenfield adjourned the meeting until September 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.