

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

OCTOBER 08, 2020

**Kevin Greenfield
Chairman**

**Josh Tanner
Clerk**

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

The Roll Call showed the following members present at the meeting: Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Dawson, Mr. Greenfield, Mr. Holman, Mrs. Kraft, Mrs. Little, Ms. Rood, and Mrs. Taylor. The following members were present via tele-presence: Ms. Buckner, Mr. Drobisch, Mr. Jackson, Ms. Joy, Mr. Oliver, and Mr. Smith.

Mrs. Taylor led the members in Prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 10, 2020 AND SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 SPECIAL CALL MEETING

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2020 meeting and September 24, 2020 Special Call Meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Little, Oliver, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 15

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED. (ZIMMERMAN WAS PRESENT AT THE MEETING AND SHOWED HER VOTE AS YES)

ZONING / SUBDIVISIONS

1. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution Z-1225-10-20 which is regarding Case R-04-09-20, a petition submitted by Richard Thacker for rezoning of approximately 9.87 acres from (A-1) Agricultural Zoning to (RE-5) Single Family Estate Zoning on property commonly known as 9025 Sefton Rd, Lovington, IL 61937 in Mt. Zion 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 Mrs. Taylor to approve Resolution Z-1225-10-20.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Little, Oliver, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 15

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

2. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution Z-1226-10-20 which is regarding Case R-02-09-20, a petition submitted by Lee & Cathy Walston for rezoning approximately 5.36 acres from (M-1) Light Industrial Zoning to (RE-5) Single Family Estate Zoning on property commonly known as 1835 N. Bender Rd, Decatur, IL 62521 in Oakley 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 Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution Z-1226-10-20.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Little, Oliver, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 15

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution Z-1227-10-20 which is regarding Case R-03-09-20, a petition submitted by Lee & Cathy Walston for rezoning approximately 4.96 acres from (M-1) Light Industrial Zoning to (RE-5) Single Family Estate Zoning on property

commonly known as 1801 N. Bender Rd., Decatur, IL 62521 in Oakley 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 Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution Z-1227-10-20.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Little, Oliver, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 15

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

QUESTION:

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked if everything that goes to EEHW that is authorized to move forward to the County Board meeting, always comes forward as it relates to zoning.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said if it relates to zoning he believes it does.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said there are some things that only need committee approval.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said Special Use Permits don't, but if there is a change in zoning, those do.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said Special Use Permits do go to the County Board meeting, but sub-divisions do not.

Mrs. Gunter: Mrs. Gunter said rezonings and Special Use Permits go to the board with resolutions; and variances do not. The Zoning Board of Appeals has the right to just approve variances. Minor subs only have to get approval by EEHW and major subdivision go to the full county board.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

Three letters from Comcast regarding programming changes, the launch of Revolt HD and Aspire HD and regional sports networks.

A Public Notice from the Illinois EPA regarding proposed renewal of the Clean Air Act Permit Program Permit for Caterpillar Inc. in Decatur.

A letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation for a Joint Agreement for Section 15-00274-00-BR, Job: C-97-095-18.

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report – September 2020

Collector's Report – September 2020

Treasurer's Fund and Investment Report – September 2020

Coroner's Report – August 2020

Public Defender Report – September 2020

Auditor's Report – September 2020

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve the Correspondence and Reports.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Little, Oliver, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 15

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

4. CLAIMS

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve the claims.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Little, Oliver, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 15

NAYS= 0

MOTION CARRIED.

C. APPOINTMENTS

5. Resolution G-5190-10-20 – Appointment to the Macon County Farm Assessment Committee

Anthony Wubben, 1167 Cornell Dr., Decatur, IL 62522

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-5190-10-20.

COMMENT:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked Kim Fowler to explain what the Farm Assessment Committee does.

Kim Fowler: Ms. Fowler said the Farm Committee has three farm members, herself, and the Board of Review Chair. That makes up the entire committee. They approve the implementation of the certified farm values that come from the Illinois Department of Revenue. They approve them the year before they are implemented.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked what they approve.

Ms. Fowler: Ms. Fowler said they approve the certified farm values. That is the soil indexes that come through the state.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked if they have a 1.0 or something like that.

Ms. Fowler: Ms. Fowler said it is by soil index PI and property use. That comes down through the state and they approve it through FATAB which is the farm advisory committee at the state.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked if it is assessed in that demeanor.

Ms. Fowler: Ms. Fowler said it is by use and PI.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Little, Oliver, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 15

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Resolution G-5191-10-20 – Appointment to the Cisco Fire Protection District

Gregg Briggs, 13006 Friends Creek Park Rd, Cisco, IL 61830
Term Expires: May, 2023

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-5191-10-20.

QUESTION:

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked for a geography lesson on Cisco.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said part of their district is in Macon County.

Mrs. Dawson: Mr. Dawson said then Macon County gets to appoint.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said that is correct.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Little, Oliver, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 15

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

7. Resolution G-5192-10-20 - To execute deeds to convey property on which taxes were Delinquent

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve the Consent Calendar.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Little, Oliver, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 15

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

8. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5193-10-20 which is increasing the IT Services line in the Circuit Clerk E-Citation fund for fiscal year 2020.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-5193-10-20.

QUESTION:

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox asked if this is a new fee.

Mrs. Kraft: Mrs. Kraft said they are increasing it.

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox asked how much.

Mrs. Kraft: Mrs. Kraft said it is just \$300.00.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Little, Oliver, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 15
NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5194-10-20 which is approving ILEAS donation of Naloxone to the Macon County Sheriff's Office.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-5194-10-20.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Little, Oliver, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 15
NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

10. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5195-10-20 which is granting permission to dispose of surplus equipment.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-5195-10-20.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Little, Oliver, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 15
NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

EEHW COMMITTEE

11. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5196-10-20 which is approving Master Services Agreement for Healthworks Lead Agency with Meridian Health Plan of Illinois, Inc. D/B/A Youthcare.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-5196-10-20.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Little, Oliver, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 15

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

12. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5197-10-20 which is approving acceptance of donations of goods and materials and the free distribution of the same by the Health Department.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Ms. Rood to approve Resolution G-5197-10-20.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Little, Oliver, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 15

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

13. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5198-10-20 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the FY20 Health Fund budget for COVID-19 Crisis Grant.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-5198-10-20.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Little, Oliver, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 15

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

14. Mrs. Kraft presented Resolution G-5199-10-20 which is approving an increase in appropriation in the FY20 Health Fund budget for Local CURE Program.

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-5199-10-20.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Little, Oliver, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 15

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

15. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-5200-10-20 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the FY 2020 County Clerk Elections budget.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to approve Resolution G-5200-10-20.

COMMENT:

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said to facilitate the Vote by Mail expenses the state provided through the CARES Act \$214,000.00 total for Macon County. So, there is an increase in the revenue line and a corresponding increase in two expense lines. One is for postage and one is for general expenses. Those will go to cover all the postage to mail the ballots out and all of the extra labor costs associated with that to process it.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked if he knows how much that is.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said the way the grant works is that they will receive up to \$214,000.00 and if they don't spend that much then obviously they don't receive it. They have to get reimbursed. At this point in time they are still sending them out.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Buckner, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Greenfield, Holman, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Little, Oliver, Rood, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 15

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

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 are going back into negotiations tomorrow with Probation and Correctional Officers tomorrow at 10:00.

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.

CITIZENS' REMARKS:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked Mr. Tanner if there was anything he received for citizens' remarks. Mr. Tanner replied he did not.

Karl Coleman: Mr. Coleman lives at 244 N. Summit Ave. He wanted to speak about the last agenda item. He believed they have up to \$214,000 that can be spent on different election related items. He said with them being 26 days out from the election, obviously the three weeks before Election Day and Election Day itself are generally, he knows they are in a pandemic, the busiest times for voting. With there still being 26 days he felt that is a decent amount of time for the county to set up the boxes that Mrs. Dawson spoke of. Mr. Coleman said the City of Springfield only spent a total of \$8,000 on their drop-off boxes. Even if those were out there with only one week left before Election Day, he felt they would still be a valuable asset for the community to have. For instance, his grandmother has a very high risk of contracting the virus and the implications of such, so the thought of having a box in a place where she can drop it off without having any form of human interaction which is also easier than the mail system and all the possible issues that could arise from using that system. So, having a box here at the County Building would be a great asset especially when they have lines out of the building and down the block.

OFFICEHOLDERS' REMARKS:

Dr. Zimmerman: Dr. Zimmerman said she is very concerned about the firing of the Interim Director of Environmental Management, Nick Burge. Not only were the relevant committees and the county board not consulted in this, they were not even notified that it had occurred. She had to find out the information second hand from someone not even associated with the county. She is alarmed that the EEHW Committee, which has oversight over Environmental Management was not consulted or even notified even though the chairman sits on that committee and the firing took place the very next day after a committee meeting. Further, the Finance Committee was not consulted or notified even though a committee meeting took place the Monday after the firing occurred. Making this worse is that they voted on the entire county budget at that meeting which included the budget for Environmental Management. The chairman himself voted for this budget which included the salary of this position and the rest of them were not notified of the firing. This is unbelievable to her given that Environmental Management now has no director when there are revenues for the General Fund totaling over a half a million dollars, and based on the organization chart provided during budget hearings, now will not even have a single full-time employee. Further, there is no agenda item placed on the agenda for this meeting and no discussion has taken place on how Environmental Management will deal with this lack of a director and how the duties will be carried out. The fact that the revenues for the General Fund from Environmental

Management total over a half a million dollars, and the fact that the portion of the salaries from the General Fund for this position was only \$25,000, and the fact that the chairman voted twice for a budget that included this salary, and the fact that this firing was hidden from most of the board, makes her believe that the chairman did not do this for the best interest of the county. So, she believes they are only left to speculate what his alternative motives may have been.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson said he wanted to note that he was thankful that they did not get into a landfill situation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked Mr. Yoder if he had something he would like to address the board with.

Mr. Yoder: Mr. Yoder said he would like to submit his written response for the minutes. He said everyone received, to his knowledge, a copy of the written response of the audit. He said he did not have anything else to add.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson asked where Mr. Yoder was at on the action items that he promised the board at Finance, on the steps he was taking to address the issues based on his report.

Mr. Yoder: Mr. Yoder said he came up with some actions moving forward. He didn't know that it was imperative that he had to have them tonight. He has everything in his report and did not know what else they wanted.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson said the report was just a one-time offering and there is no action for follow-up.

Mr. Yoder: Mr. Yoder said everything is in his report, all of his recommendations.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson said based on the report there were all kinds of action items Mr. Yoder was going to take to make corrective action on. He asked if Mr. Yoder could please share that with the County Board at the next meeting.

Mr. Yoder: Mr. Yoder said they are in his report, all of his recommendations and what he is going to implement in the office.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson asked about action steps and where Mr. Yoder was at to implement those, monthly.

Mr. Yoder: Mr. Yoder said he didn't know if they could really put a time line on daily operations in a county office, but he did have those action items in place.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson asked what steps Mr. Yoder had taken that he could share with the board.

Mr. Yoder: Mr. Yoder said it is in his written response. He has about 30 something pages on it and if they would like he would every page. He would start with page 1. He has 64 pages and he would start reading.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked Mr. Greenfield if he was going to address the question from Dr. Zimmerman.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he would address it next month.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson said she just wanted a response.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he would be happy to.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson asked meanwhile, what is happening with it.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked if she meant who was the interim. He said it is Tracy Sumpter.

There was no new business presented at the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mrs. Little moved, seconded Mrs. Cox to adjourn until November 12, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.