

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

DECEMBER 07, 2020

**Kevin Greenfield
Chairman**

**Josh Tanner
Clerk**

The meeting was called to order by the Clerk of the Board, Josh Tanner, at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Tanner presented the Request for a Special Macon County Board Meeting for the purpose of an organizational session to elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman for the ensuing (2) years and for any other business which may properly come before the board.

Mrs. Taylor led the members in Prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENT:

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said before they begin the acceptance of the credentials and the swearing in of the newly elected county board members, it was incumbent upon him to notify the board that Mr. Entler was unable to attend the meeting. However, Mr. Tanner did swear him into office prior to the meeting this morning and he would be attending the meeting telephonically. Mr. Tanner also wanted to read a letter from Kevin Bird, County Board Member: To the Board Members of Macon County: It is with deep regret and hours of thought over this decision, but effective immediately on December 7, 2020 I will be resigning my position as board member of District #6. I would like to thank all of the officeholders, department heads and employees of Macon County for all of the hard work they do for our residents of this county. Best of luck to you all in the start of a new year. Sincerely, Kevin Bird.

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said he had presented the party chairman with the credentials. He asked the judge to come up and swear in the new members.

The Honorable Presiding Judge Thomas E. Griffith administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Macon County Board Members.

Helena Buckner arrived at the meeting after the swearing in and was sworn in by Judge Griffith when she arrived.

The Roll Call of the board showed all members present at the meeting with the exception of Mr. Entler who was participating telephonically.

COMMENT:

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said they would open nominations for a Temporary Chair.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Kraft to appoint Mr. Mattingley as Temporary Chair for this meeting.

There were no other nominations for Temporary Chair of the Macon County Board.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Brown, Buckner, Coleman, Dawson, Drobisch, Entler, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Holman, Jackson, Kraft, Kreke, Little, Mattingley, Noland, Oliver, Rood, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 20

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED. (TEMPORARY CHAIR)

NOMINATION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

MOTION

Mr. Mattingley moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson to nominate Kevin Greenfield as Chairman of the Macon County Board.

There were no other nominations for Chairman of the Macon County Board.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Drobisch, Entler, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Jackson, Kraft, Kreke, Little, Mattingley, Taylor

Nays: Brown, Buckner, Coleman, Dawson, Holman, Noland, Oliver, Rood, Zimmerman

AYES = 11

NAYS = 9

MOTION CARRIED. (VOTE FOR PERMANENT CHAIRMAN)

COMMENT:

Dr. Zimmerman: Dr. Zimmerman said she thought Mrs. Taylor had misheard the vote.

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman said Mrs. Taylor misheard him so she wanted to change her vote.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson asked if she just didn't pay attention.

Mrs. Taylor: Mrs. Taylor asked who said that.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson said he did.

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman said human beings make mistakes.

Mr. Jackson: Mr. Jackson asked if because of that they would revote.

Mr. Coleman: Mr. Coleman said she cast her vote incorrectly.

Mr. Mattingley: Mr. Mattingley asked Mr. Baggett what the procedure is.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said at this stage a vote has been cast. The call has been completed. There is a mechanism. If the member wishes to reconsider the vote, a member who is in the prevailing side of the vote can move to reconsider the vote. It would have to be seconded and that motion would have carry. If it carries, then a motion to reconsider would be agreed to and the vote would begin again. So, there would have to be a member of the majority move to reconsider. That can be board member Taylor or some other member who voted in the affirmative. It would have to be seconded by a member who voted in the majority.

MOTION

Mrs. Taylor moved to reconsider the vote.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said there would have to be a second.

Mr. Oliver seconded the motion to reconsider.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said the second has to be made by a person in the majority.

Mr. Mattingley: Mr. Mattingley said there is no second.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said the motion fails for lack of a second.

NOMINATION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

MOTION

Mrs. Kraft moved, seconded by Mr. Mattingley to nominate John Jackson for Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Jackson moved to nominate Linda Little for Vice-Chairman.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said she respectfully declined the nomination.

Mrs. Taylor moved to nominate Debra Kraft for Vice-Chairman.

Mrs. Kraft: Mrs. Kraft respectfully declined the nomination.

Mrs. Dawson moved to nominate Laura Zimmerman for Vice-Chairman.

Mr. Greenfield closed the nominations for vice-chairman of the Macon County Board. He said when they called for the vote they would choose Jackson or Zimmerman.

Votes for John Jackson: Brown, Drobisch, Entler, Greenfield, Gresham, Hogan, Jackson, Kraft, Kreke, Little, Mattingley, Noland, Zimmerman

Votes for Laura Zimmerman: Buckner, Coleman, Dawson, Holman, Oliver, Rood, Taylor

JACKSON = 13
ZIMMERMAN = 7

MOTION CARRIED FOR JACKSON AS VICE-CHAIRMAN

There were no officeholders' comments at the meeting.

CITIZENS' REMARKS:

Mr. Tanner: Mr. Tanner said they did receive a citizens' remark via e-mail. If the board wanted it read into the record, Mr. Baggett would do so. If they wanted to just accept it then it would be part of the permanent record regardless of whether it is read or not.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked Mr. Baggett if they could just accept it.

Mr. Baggett: Mr. Baggett said it is however the board wishes to proceed. The board's agenda states that public comments, and this is consistent with state law, if received by e-mail can simply be made a part of the record. The board has been e-mailed the comments so they have seen them, but if the board wishes him to read them aloud for anyone who may be listening, he is willing to do that.

Mrs. Dawson: Mrs. Dawson said she would appreciate him doing that.

Mr. Baggett read the following from Angela Cushing dated December 7, 2020 via e-mail:
Subject: Ordinance

Hello, The Macon County Health Department has recently closed local restaurants using "Violation" of code. There has been NO health department violation (infestation, no wash station, improperly stored food, etc). No sanitation violations have issued. They are using the ordinance that the county board passed to shut down these businesses. I ask you to keep in mind how the IL Appellate Court upheld the Clay County judge's ruling for the entire State of IL, that the Governor's EO power ended 30 days after he made the emergency proclamation, which was in April, which means none of the governor's new restrictions are law nor can they be legally enforced by the local health department or by the sheriff's department. Illinois law (20 ILCS 3305/7) (from Ch. 127, par. 1057) states that under a declaration of emergency, a governor may "suspend regulatory statutes for

STATE businesses” not personally owned businesses. Shutting down these restaurants and denying them their liquor licenses goes against Illinois State law! I urge you to end the Macon County Health Department shuttering these businesses. I would like my email read, and entered into the record at the next board meeting.

Mark Scranton: Mr. Scranton lives at 3770 Harry Land Road in Decatur. He said he came tonight to listen to what was going to take place, as we’ve all been going through a unique year in probably most of our lifetimes. Mr. Scranton said he has three words he shared with some members prior to the meeting that he wanted to share with the rest of the board. He has 3 things, as a citizen of this county, that he wants to see going into 2021. He wants to see communication. He wants to see unity; and most of all he wants to see leadership. That’s from all of you, regardless of party, regardless of the district you represent because you are the representatives for the citizens of Macon County. You need to hear what we are asking. We need to hear from you what you’re needing from us. We all need to do a better job. He is hoping as they go forward to 2021 that all of us will make that effort.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.