

**AGENDA
MACON COUNTY BOARD
OPERATIONS & PERSONNEL COMMITTEE
April 19, 2021 5:30 P.M.
Macon County Office Building
141 SOUTH MAIN, ROOM 514
Decatur, IL 62523**

NOTICE TO THOSE ATTENDING IN PERSON

If you plan to physically attend the meeting:

Bring a mask/face covering.

If you do not have a mask/face covering or refuse to properly wear one, you may be refused entry.

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

III. Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting (3/22/21)

IV. Payroll

V. Claims

VI. Reports

Auditor

County Board

Macon County Board Resolution Approving the Creation and Maintenance of Official Email Addresses for County Board Members

Macon County Board Resolution Calling for the Governor and General Assembly to Protect Local Control of Zoning and Land Use

County Clerk

Recorder

Workforce Investments

VII. Citizen Remarks - Public Comment

(Limited to a total of 20 minutes, 5 minutes maximum per person)

An opportunity for public comment will be provided to all those persons who are physically present and wish to do so, subject to the time restrictions set forth above.

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Closed Session

A. Personnel Issues/Pending Litigation

XI. Next Meeting – 5/24/21

XII. Adjournment

**MACON COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE CREATION AND
MAINTENANCE OF OFFICIAL EMAIL
ADDRESSES FOR COUNTY BOARD
MEMBERS**

Resolution No. G-____-05-21

WHEREAS, since the advent and popularization of email, the members of the Macon County Board have allowed for their individual and personal email addresses to be used for County Board official business; and

WHEREAS, despite official communications being subject to the Freedom of Information Act and the Local Records Act, the County Board has never previously directed Macon County staff to create official email addresses for the use of the County Board members for official business; and

WHEREAS, neither State law nor County policy currently require that public bodies maintain official email addresses and accounts; and

WHEREAS, the current situation creates the possibility that records that should be subject to open records requests may be inadvertently lost or difficult to retrieve if sought.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Macon County Board, assembled in regular meeting at Decatur, that

- A. The Board finds that the current situation is not desirable or workable;
- B. The Board Members should have official email accounts created and maintained for each member upon their election or appointment to office and through the expiration of any applicable records retention period promulgated pursuant to the Local Records Act;
- C. Macon County staff responsible for creating and maintaining email addresses should create official email addresses for each Board Member and cause to be maintained all emails sent and received on each such address for the time mandated by law;
- D. The email addresses created and provided for the Board Members should be published on the County's website as a method of contacting Board Members; and
- E. Each Board Member shall be required as a policy of the County Board to refrain, to the extent that he or she reasonably can, from conducting official County business via email on any account other than that official account which is provided for that purpose by the County.

This resolution shall take effect not later than June 1, 2021.

PRESENTED, PASSED, and APPROVED this 13th day of May, 2021.

AYES _____ NAYS _____

MACON COUNTY BOARD
MACON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ATTEST:

BY:

Josh Tanner
Macon County Clerk

Kevin R. Greenfield
Chair

**MACON COUNTY BOARD RESOLUTION CALLING
FOR THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
TO PROTECT LOCAL CONTROL OF ZONING AND LAND USE**

RESOLUTION NO. _____

WHEREAS, Counties are authorized by the Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/1-1001 *et seq.*) to adopt and develop zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, Section 5-12001 of the Counties Code provides “the county board or board of county commissioners, as the case may be, of each county, shall have the power to regulate and restrict the location and use of buildings, structures and land” and “to regulate and restrict the intensity of such uses, to establish building or setback lines on or along any street, trafficway, drive, parkway or storm or floodwater runoff channel or basin outside the limits of cities, villages and incorporated towns which have in effect municipal zoning ordinances” (55 ILCS 5/5-12001); and

WHEREAS, consistent with their zoning authority, numerous Counties throughout the state of Illinois have adopted zoning and setback regulations related to wind energy facilities such as the model ordinance prepared by the Chicago Environmental Law Clinic and have made substantial revisions over time to suit the needs of their Counties and the residents of their Counties; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1602 was filed in the Illinois Senate on February 26, 2021 and seeks to mandate very specific timelines and procedural requirements regarding siting approval or a special use permits for commercial wind energy facilities; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1602 also mandates substantive changes including setback requirements, blade tip height limitations, and sound limitations; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1602 requires that any currently-existing county zoning ordinances pertaining to wind farms be amended within 120 days to comply with the requirements of the bill

and prohibits a county from adopting any future restrictions on the installation or use of a commercial wind energy facility that are inconsistent with the provisions of the bill; and

WHEREAS, the changes contained in Senate Bill 1602 ignore differences that occur locally from county to county across the State of Illinois and remove a county board's ability to regulate those local differences and address the concerns of their residents; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1602 further undermines local control in that it substitutes state level legislative determination for the local control exercised by county zoning commissions, zoning boards of appeals, and county boards; and

WHEREAS, the County Board is the best entity to support the needs, interests, and safety of its residents due to direct feedback and understanding of the County's needs, while State officials or industry leaders who do not reside in these Counties may not be aware of the most relevant and current information.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Board of the Macon County Board, Illinois as follows:

1. The County Board opposes Senate Bill 1602 or any similar legislation that would undermine the County Board's local zoning authority.
2. The County Board urges the Illinois General Assembly to abandon any efforts to advance Senate Bill 1602.
3. The County Board urges Governor Pritzker to veto Senate Bill 1602 or any similar bill should the General Assembly pass such legislation.
4. The Clerk is hereby directed to send copies of this Resolution to Governor Pritzker, the legislative leaders of both chambers of the Illinois General Assembly, and the representatives and senators representing this County.

Passed by the Macon County Board this 13th day of May, 2021

AYES _____ NAYS _____

MACON COUNTY BOARD
MACON COUNTY, ILLINOIS

ATTEST:

BY:

Josh Tanner, Clerk for the
County of Macon, State of Illinois

Kevin Greenfield, Chairman
Macon County Board