

**MACON COUNTY BOARD  
OPERATIONS & PERSONNEL  
COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Macon County Office Building  
141 S. Main St. – Room 514  
Decatur, IL 62523**

**June 21, 2022**

**5:30 P.M.**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Debra Kraft, Chair  
Bill Oliver  
Pat Dawson  
Jason Comer

**COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT**

Carol Reed, Auditor  
Mary Eaton, Recorder  
Josh Tanner, County Clerk  
Rocki Wilkerson, Workforce  
Jeannie Durham, County Board Office

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Grant Noland  
Kristen Larner  
Shad Edwards

The meeting was called to order by Chair Kraft at the Macon County Office Building.

**MINUTES**

Motion to approve minutes of prior meeting 5/23/2022 made by Ms. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Oliver, and the motion carried 4-0.

**APPROVAL OF PAYROLL**

Motion to approve payroll made by Ms. Dawson, seconded by Mr. Oliver, and the motion carried 4-0.

**APPROVAL OF CLAIMS**

Motion to approve the claims made by Mr. Oliver, seconded by Ms. Kraft, and the motion carried 4-0.

**REPORTS**

*Auditor's Office* – Ms. Reed had no report

*County Board* – no report

***County Clerk –  
Macon County Board Resolution Approving Election Judges***

Mr. Tanner explained that the reason there is not a list is because the election has not happened yet. Normally, the election has already taken place and people would have affiliated themselves with one party or the other. Until they go in and vote on the 28<sup>th</sup>, they may change their affiliation. There is no point in printing the list until that voting is done and the history is put in. It is a list of the same people. The only time we get new judges is for the Presidential Election. The list will be available when the resolution gets to the full board. It has to be passed by the Board in July. That is State Statute.

Chair Kraft asked about the need for more judges. Mr. Tanner explained that it is too late at this point. He said they would take someone if they wanted to be a judge, but they would have to go wherever the need is and they may not end up in their own precinct.

Mr. Comer asked about how much of a shortage they had. Mr. Tanner explained that they have more than enough to legally operate, but it is not like we are flush with judges. There can be up to 5. The requirement is 3 per precinct. We have what we need. The extras are spread out. You never have too many judges. Mr. Comer asked where the hole was. Mr. Tanner said it depends. For whatever reason, there is always less Republican judges than Democratic judges. The rural precincts tend to fill up fastest because there is only one precinct at a polling place, so you only need 5. As you get into the bigger, Maranatha, Mt. Zion, Christ United, polling places, you get short.

Motion to approve forwarding to the full County Board with recommendation to approve made by Chair Kraft, seconded by Mr. Comer, and the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Tanner went on to report that they currently are having extended voting hours. They are open until 7 p.m. all week, Saturday & Sunday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday until 7 p.m. & Election Day is on Tuesday.

There are 1,547 early votes cast & 346 vote by mail ballots returned. The vote by mail went back to pre-COVID numbers. So, it is more similar to what it was in 2018. Chair Kraft commented that there had been record numbers the first week of early voting and asked if that is continuing. Mr. Tanner agreed that it was very busy the first week but that seemed to be in tandem with the tax bill. We've never had voting while the till was going on. That may not increase turnout. It may just change the time at which people vote. They came in to pay their taxes and while they were here, they were going to vote anyway and so just did it on their way out.

***Recorder –***

Ms. Eaton distributed her monthly report and offered to answer any questions. There were no questions. Chair Kraft commented that this office had had an excellent month.

***Workforce Investments –***

Ms. Wilkerson reported that Workforce is keeping busy running those three grants this summer. They are all doing well, but it is a very busy time.

Workforce has recently gotten a new intern from Millikin for the summer. His name is Jamar Jackson and he started last Wednesday. He works about 20 hours a week. His project will be to try to figure out how to get the information and resources out to the community and to measure who walks in the door to get help. He is excited about it. He will be presenting his project at the Workforce board meeting.

A new Resource Specialist has been hired with the Illinois Works money. Her job will be like a case manager's. She will bring in resources to help the students that are in the Illinois Works program. She is busy getting acquainted with all 23 of those students at the Library. She will work about 20 hours a week.

There is a focus on free employment workshops at the Workforce office as well as hiring events and the website is being updated to make it a little easier to navigate.

**Citizen's Remarks - None**

**Old Business - None**

**New Business – None**

**CLOSED SESSION - None needed**

**NEXT MEETING:** Monday, July 25, 2022

**ADJOURNMENT** Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Oliver, seconded by Chair Kraft, the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Jeannie Durham, Macon County Board*