

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

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

February 21, 2023

5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Debra Kraft, Chair
Kristen Larner
Edward Yoder

COUNTY PERSONNEL PRESENT

Tammy Wilcox, County Administrator
Josh Tanner, County Clerk
Rocki Wilkerson, Workforce
Crystal Hugger, County Board Office

MEMBERS ABSENT

Karl Coleman
Jeff Entler

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

MINUTES

Motion to approve minutes of prior Ad Hoc meeting 01/03/23 made by Ms. Larner, seconded by Mr. Yoder. Motion carried 3-0.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

Chair Kraft asked if there will be a change in committee and will it still be separate.

Mr. Tanner said that the claims are under the consent calendar or the consent agenda. Chair Kraft said for the full board.

Mr. Tanner replied yes and you will vote on them here and then when they go to the full board you will not vote on the individual item.

Ms. Larner said that this will be the place if someone would really want to question something.

Mr. Tanner replied that you can always have it pulled from the consent calendar at the full board but if you don't pull it once you make that one vote it is all done.

Chair Kraft asked if the next agenda for the full board be correct so that it is all under. Mr. Tanner said it is under there it is just going to take you guys a while to get use to looking at not being a separate item.

Motion to approve the claims made by Ms. Larner, seconded by Mr. Yoder. Motion carried 3-0.

REPORTS

Auditor's Office – No report

County Board –

Ms. Wilcox reported that we are looking at a new phone system for the County Building and it will cost us more money in the beginning but save on monthly bills.

Chair Kraft asked if the Building Commission was looking into to this.

Ms. Wilcox said yes and she had been in those meetings. We have talked to three companies now but only have gotten numbers back from two and one of the numbers was not good. Also the insurance renewal is up and we are working on that and looking at different things.

County Clerk –

Mr. Tanner reported that early voting starts Thursday and we will be mailing out about 4500 vote by mail ballots on Thursday. Your voters will probably not get them until Saturday and if you're lucky Monday. They have up until Election Day to return them and have to be post-marked by Election Day and then they have up to two weeks after that to be received. They can mail them back or they can bring them to the drop-box which will open on Thursday as well. We will check that every day. Turnout two years ago was 8900 and turnout four years ago was about 12,000. The ballot does not have a lot of contested races and I was trying to count them and there is only a handful as County wide. Most voters may not see a contested race.

Recorder – No Report

Workforce Investments –

Ms. Wilkerson reported that she has some updates and currently they are working on two career fairs. They have not gone well in the past but we are going into it with positive attitude. We have one the first of March at the Conference Center and we have one at the end of March at Richland Community College. Workforce has got 24 enrolled in the pre-apprenticeship program. It has started its fourth week this week and that is 18-24 year olds. We are starting to talk about where we are going to place them and what their work experience is going to look like. I have two say about two weeks ago one of our students that was in the first YCP class which is 18-24 year olds was selected to go with Nikki Budzinski to the State of the Union Address.

Nikki is working on a bill to add more funds to the State of Illinois for more apprentice training and she took our student. We ran twelve and graduated eleven out of twelve with that first class. She completed and after they got back from the State of the Union on February 14th she got inducted in to the IBEW. This means she is now into that four year program. JTED is still going on that is the grant we wrote to help dislocated workers. We are doing a project with Homeward Bound and DOVE to get their barriers reduced so that they can get a work experience is going well and we got 18 enrolled in that. The QUEST grant is specifically for the dislocated workers and we have twelve enrolled in that right now. The adult education Workforce Bridges Hospitality has 10, Healthcare has 18 and Childcare has 8.

Citizen's Remarks - *no citizens were present.*

Old Business - *None*

New Business - *None*

CLOSED SESSION - *None needed*

ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn made by Chair Kraft, seconded by Ms. Larner, the motion carried 3-0 and the meeting was adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Crystal Hugger, Macon County Board