

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

FEBRUARY 8, 2018

Jay A. Dunn
Chairman

Stephen M. Bean
Clerk

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

The Roll Call showed all members present with the exception of Mr. Bird, Mr. Mattingley and Mr. Oliver.

Mrs. Taylor led the members in prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 11, 2018 MEETING

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2018 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Brown, Buckner, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, Greenfield, Hogan, Jackson, Joy, Kraft, Meachum, Noland, Potts, Smith, Taylor, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 18

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

ZONING/SUBDIVISIONS

1. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution Z-1192-02-18 which is regarding Case S-01-10-18, a petition submitted by Tim Duncan for a Special Use Permit to operate a lawn mowing business and small retail counter for selling battery powered lawn equipment in (A-1) Agricultural Zoning on property commonly known as 3388 E. Boyd Rd., Decatur, IL. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend approval of the subject petition to the County Board with 7 stipulations. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and recommended the County Board approve the petition subject to the 7 stipulations recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution Z-1192-02-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

Five Applications for Permit to Manage Waste for Advanced Disposal Services Valley View Landfill

A Public Notice from the Illinois EPA regarding proposed issuance of a federally enforceable state operating permit for the Decatur Foundry, Inc. in Decatur.

A copy of an executed amendment from IDOT for Job: C-97-068-17 & P-97-014-15 in Section: 14-00268-00-EG.

A letter from Comcast regarding channel line-up changes in the community.

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report – January 2018
Coroner's Report – December 2017 & January 2018
Treasurer's Fund and Investment Report – January 2018
Macon County Collector's Report – January 2018
Public Defender Monthly Report – January 2018

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve the Correspondence and Reports and that they be placed on file by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

Mr. Oliver was now present at the meeting.

2. CLAIMS

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to approve the claims by prior roll vote.

There were no questions of comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (MR. OLIVER VOTED PRESENT)

C. APPOINTMENTS

The appointments are being presented under the Consent Calendar.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Resolution G-4763-02-18 – Appointment to Maroa Friends Creek Union Drainage District #9

John Eric Ragle, 490 Emerson Argenta, IL 62501

Term Expires: 1st Tuesday in September, 2019

Resolution G-4764-02-18 – Executing Deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve the Consent Calendar by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (MR. OLIVER SHOWED HIS VOTE AS YES)

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

4. Mr. Potts presented Resolution G-4765-02-18 which is approving a donation from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation to the Macon County Coroner’s Office to fund drug-related autopsies.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4765-02-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Mr. Potts presented Resolution G-4766-02-18 which is approving a donation from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation to purchase and implement a new records filing system.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve Resolution G-4766-02-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Mr. Potts presented Resolution G-4767-02-18 which is approving a donation from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation to purchase a new exchange server.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve Resolution G-4767-02-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. Mr. Potts presented Resolution G-4768-02-18 which is approving a donation from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation to purchase web server.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4768-02-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

8. Mr. Potts presented Resolution G-4769-02-18 which is approving an in-kind donation from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation to purchase and implement a new Jail Management System for the Macon County Jail.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-4769-02-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Mr. Potts presented Resolution G-4770-02-18 which is approving a donation from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation to fund increased medical services for the Macon County Jail.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-4770-02-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. Mr. Potts presented Resolution G-4771-02-18 which is approving a donation from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation to fund a Corrections Officer position in the Macon County Jail for a period of twenty-one months.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4771-02-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

11. Mr. Potts presented Resolution G-4772-02-18 which is approving a donation from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation to purchase a new inmate transport van that will be assigned to the Macon County Jail.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4772-02-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

12. Mr. Potts presented Resolution G-4773-02-18 which is approving an in-kind donation of services from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation to engage consultant to develop a new Corrections Policy Manual for the Macon County Jail.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4773-02-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

13. Mr. Potts presented Resolution G-4774-02-18 which is approving a donation from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation to purchase new uniforms for Macon County Jail Correctional Officers.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve Resolution G-4774-02-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

14. Mr. Potts presented Resolution G-4775-02-18 which is approving in-kind donation of services from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation to engage a consultant for expert assistance to develop medical policies for the Macon County Jail.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve Resolution G-4775-02-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

15. Mr. Potts presented Resolution G-4776-02-18 which is approving an in-kind donation from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation of fifteen vests for use by Macon County Jail Correctional Officers.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4776-02-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

16. Mr. Potts presented Resolution G-4777-02-18 which is approving a donation from the Howard G. Buffett Foundation to purchase sixteen pistols for the Macon County Jail.

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4777-02-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

The EEHW Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

17. Mr. Smith presented Resolution G-4778-02-18 which is approving a two year agreement with IPMG for Worker's Compensation Third Party Administration Services.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve Resolution G-4778-02-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

18. Mr. Smith presented Resolution G-4779-02-18 which is approving a one year agreement with IPMG Claims Management Services, LLC for General Liability Third Party Administration Services.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve Resolution G-4779-02-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

19. Mr. Smith presented Resolution G-4780-02-18 which is accepting a one year proposal from AJ Gallagher for property and inland marine insurance coverage.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Jackson to approve Resolution G-4780-02-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

20. Mr. Smith presented Resolution G-4781-02-18 which is approving an increase in the mileage reimbursement rate.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve Resolution G-4781-02-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

21. Mr. Smith presented Resolution G-4782-02-18 which is approving a budget amendment for Workforce Investment Solutions FY 18 budget.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve Resolution G-4782-02-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith said there was no report this evening, but they are starting to monitor bills as they are being introduced.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

22. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-4783-02-18 which is one omnibus resolution approving budget clean-up for FY17.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4783-02-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

23. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-4784-02-18 which approving an intergovernmental agreement between the Macon County Board and Whitmore Township Board for township assessing.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-4784-02-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

24. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-4785-02-18 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the FY17 Court Security budget.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-4785-02-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

25. Mr. Greenfield presented Resolution G-4786-02-18 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the FY 2017 Recorders Document Storage budget.

MOTION

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution G-4786-02-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said they are still in negotiations with corrections and probation. The next meeting is March 4th or 6th somewhere in there.

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.

BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE

26. Mr. Drobisch presented Ordinance O-129-02-18 which approving a lease agreement with Macon County CASA, NFP.

MOTION

Mr. Drobisch moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve Ordinance O-129-02-18 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

CITIZENS' REMARKS:

Gerald McIntyre: Mr. McIntyre said he lives at 1025 S. Maffit in Decatur. He said you are proposing to sell off the empty lots to the city of Decatur for \$75.00 apiece. He is not really concerned about you selling them to the city, but he is concerned about the amount since the public had to pay \$600.00 to get them if they wanted them. If you are going to sell them for \$600.00 to the city, he proposed that you would think about selling them at the same price to the local citizens and give them a period of 60 days or 90 days whatever you think is proper to have a chance to buy some. There are a lot of people in this town that use their lots next door and if the city takes over they may not be able to do that. They are concerned about that. Mr. McIntyre said \$600.00 may be a lot for some people, but \$75.00 is not. He said that is what he thinks is unfair about the selling of the properties. He thanked the board.

OFFICEHOLDERS' REMARKS:

Mr. Yoder: Mr. Yoder said he would just like to say that on the tax sale and interest and penalties that the Treasurer's office collected for the current budget year \$450,000. The Treasurer's office turned over \$486,696 and these are for interest on late payments for mobile homes and real estate. He also wanted to mention one other thing on the pre-pays. They got a lot of pre-pays the last two weeks of December. The prior year in 2016, he put it in perspective, the Treasurer's office collected \$83,354. The end of December, between the mail and the walk-ins, the Treasurer's office collected \$4,986,908.82. The Treasurer's office still takes pre-pays clear up through March, and we are still getting a lot of money. We have over \$5,000,000.00 in the Collector account and it will stay there until it gets distributed at the end of June. That amount currently is on track to

accumulate right at \$27,000 in interest which will be divided up when we do the tax distribution between all the taxing bodies. We had a lot of people come in on prepays. Mr. Yoder said he does not expect to see that again, but it is just an unusual situation.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver said the gentleman who just made the speech about the lots has a very valid point because a lot of people are using those lots for extra space. Some of the city lots are only 40 feet wide and the addition of another lot to some of those properties has really been a boon. It also helps the city in the weed cutting program because these people will cut those extra lots as being part of their property. That has helped a bunch in that category too. He thinks it is something we should take into consideration for those lots. Mr. Oliver said what they might do is take the idea that if a lot is next door to a piece of property then it would be one of those that might fall in line with his proposal. He would like to see something done about that.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he understands what both of them are saying, but the county's benefit was that we have never had anyone offer to buy all 700, and some lots have been there year after year and nobody is buying them. We had to work very diligently with our company that handles the tax sales to get that price. He wasn't interested in doing it individually, but for a whole. The city is interested in buying them. He does not know the city's intent, but thinks they would look at selling them pretty cheap just to get somebody to buy them. Mr. Dunn thinks what they are looking at is in totality. They have quite a few lots they have identified they would like to turn into some kind of enterprise area or something like that. He thinks it will be available for a lower a price for the citizens in Decatur. Mr. Dunn said he didn't want to speak for Mr. Gleason, but he would think that is the way it is going to work.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver said there is some talk of doing something with those properties. He was thinking that one thing is that they would go back on the tax rolls because right now they are accumulating taxes and that is the reason why they are up for sale. They have gone into an idea now that they get no taxes on them at all and it is costing the citizens that much money to keep them cleaned up and mowed. So, it is worth taking a look at. He started trying to get something done with those several years ago and they were \$300.00 apiece and they have risen up to where they are now. They got some folks to buy the lots next door to them so they would have that expansion of their property. Mr. Oliver said he is all for trying to get something done along the lines that he is talking about.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said the city pays \$150,000 a year to mow and take care of those properties also. This is a chance for us to give them to the city and get them off our books and the city can sell them off to neighbors that have a spot right next to them if they want. He assumes a lot of them will be that way, but he doesn't know for sure.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver said they talked about governments and it makes no difference where it comes from, it still comes out of somebody's back pocket. So, whether it be the county or the city, somebody has got to take care of it. That is one point that is worth taking a look at also. He said just because the city is going to get them and they will be

out of the purview of the county, still doesn't stop the idea that somebody is paying taxes for it and government uses a lot of taxes.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch said he knows that in the past when they had people buy them for \$600.00 he had done a number of appraisals after they paid the \$600.00 fee to get the property. The problem is that they are not even worth \$600.00. Maybe they are worth \$100, \$150, \$200 at the max. He said the ones he has looked at and done reports on are difficult to comp out, but nevertheless they are usually coming out less than \$200.00 apiece. So, they are overpriced and that is the reason there are so many of them sitting around and nobody wants them.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said when we met with the city and the Joseph Meyer firm we talked about working out a new agreement. The board sets that rate, so we could move that rate down. He thinks they should take a look at it.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

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MOTION TO CLOSE SESSION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to go into closed session pursuant to Section 2 (c) 5 & 6 of the Open Meetings Act for the discussion of purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body including the discussion of whether the particular parcel should be acquired. In addition, there may be discussion under Section 2 (c) of the Open Meetings Act regarding the setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body by prior roll call vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Greenfield to return to opens session by prior roll call vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Drobisch moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to adjourn until Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned 6:43 p.m.