

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

MARCH 10, 2011

**Jay A. Dunn
Chairman**

**Stephen M. Bean
Clerk**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. with the Sheriff and State's Attorney present.

The Roll Call showed all members present at the meeting with the exception of Mr. Ashby.

Mrs. Taylor led the members in Prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. PROCLAMATION

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams introduce Evan Hall who is a member of the Austinetts 4-H group and he presented the proclamation recognizing March 6 – 12, 2011 as Macon County 4-H Week. The following 4-H members were also present at the board meeting: Samuel Flickinger, Devon Moretti, Jeremy Pezzelle, Sara Best, Olivia Bowers, Blake Bowers, Jessica Best, and Carsen Culp.

B. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2011 MEETING

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2011 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Baxter, Cox, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, Greenfield, Hogan, Jacobs, Little, McGlaughlin, Meachum, Oliver, Potts, Smith, Taylor, Westerman, Wicklund, Wilkins, Williams, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 20

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

There were no zoning or subdivisions presented at the meeting.

C. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Bean stated that we did receive correspondence from the Department of Revenue stating they had accepted the school referendum results and we will take care of the taxes on that.

A request for Conduit Financing from Decatur YMCA for the issuance, by Macon County of bonds not to exceed \$2,400,000.

A Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste from the Illinois EPA for Veolia ES Valley View Landfill.

A letter from Bonestroo regarding information about potential soil and groundwater contamination at a former drycleaner at 1133 W. Grand Avenue in Decatur, Illinois.

An e-mail notice from AT&T U-verse regarding possible programming changes for their TV customers.

Two letters from Comcast regarding channel line-up changes in the community.

Three letters from the Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the final report on Section 10-00229-00-SC, Section 10-00231-00-DR, and Section 10-00230-00RS.

Two letters from Ameren regarding notification of upcoming vegetation management and tree trimming in and around the Decatur area.

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report – February 2011

Treasurer's Fund & Investment Report – February 2011

Tax Collector's Bank Report – February 2011

Coroner's Report – January 2011

MOTION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch 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.

1. CLAIMS

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund to approve the claims that have already been paid by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. APPOINTMENTS

2. Resolution G-3557-3-11 – Appointment to the Blue Mound Countryside Fire Protection District

Mitch Ward, 6281 Dummermuth Road, Macon, IL 62544
Term Expires: 1st Monday, May 2012

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3557-3-11 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum asked if the board members in that area are aware of this individual and did they give any input on this.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he was not sure if they are aware of it. He said he has not had any input, nor did he talk to them about it.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said he was just asking because he didn't recognize this name.

MOTION CARRIED.

E. CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Resolution G-3558-3-11 – Executing deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent.

MOTION

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

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Sheriff Schneider: Sheriff Schneider said he wanted to introduce Blake Bowers who is 13 and from the west end of Decatur. He is one of the individuals here with the 4-H and he will present the resolution

4. Mr. Bowers presented Resolution G-3559-3-11 which is recognizing April 2011 as "National Donate Life Month".

MOTION

Mr. Baxter moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve Resolution G-3559-3-11 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Mr. Bowers presented Resolution G-3560-3-11 which is entering into an agreement with Decatur Memorial Hospital for jail medical services.

MOTION

Mr. Baxter moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-3560-3-11 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

EEHW COMMITTEE

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley introduced Samuel Flickinger with 4-H and said he would present the resolution.

6. Mr. Flickinger presented Resolution G-3561-3-11 which is consenting to the boundary modifications to the area known as the Decatur Macon County Enterprise Zone.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3561-3-11 by prior roll call vote.

MOTION TO AMEND

Mr. McGlaughlin moved, seconded by Meachum to amend Resolution G-3561-3-11 at Parcel 2 and Parcel 4 where the headings are correct but the parcel numbers and legal

descriptions should be exactly the opposite; so parcel 2 should have parcel 4's and parcel 4 should have parcel 2's by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (AMENDMENT TO RES. G-3561-3-11)

MOTION CARRIED. (MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED RES. G-3561-3-11)

COMMENT:

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley stated that Resolution G-3561-3-11 that he is presenting to the chairman for a signature is correct.

The Operations and Personnel Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said the committee has met twice. The committee was formed about the same time that bills were being filed so it has been a little hectic. Some of the concerns we have presented to our representatives are making it into committee. One for sure was heard this morning in committee regarding clarification of the language in the Public Officer Prohibited Activities Act. Another one regarding the foreclosures and how the way they are handled in the county and every county in the State of Illinois is scheduled to be heard next Wednesday. It is kind of nice to see some of the issues we have brought up being addressed. On a federal level, we are concerned about the federal budget situation. The impact on Workforce Investment services could be quite significant with the way the cuts are being presented. They haven't been brought down. Robyn is monitoring the situation very closely and keeping us informed. Everything is on hold right now pending the second continuing resolution that was passed. It will be about 2 more weeks before we know anything.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

7. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-3562-3-11 which is authorizing issuance and sale by the county of its Economic Development Revenue Refunding Bonds (Decatur Family YMCA Project), Series 2011, authorizing execution of a Loan Agreement, and Assignment and Agreement, and a Bond Purchase Agreement, all relative to said bonds, and authorizing other action to be taken with respect to the issuance, sale and delivery of said bonds.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-3562-3-11 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

NEGOTIATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver said they would be back in session tomorrow morning at 10:00 a.m.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith introduced Carsen Culp a member of 4-H who would be presenting the resolutions this evening.

8. Mr. Culp presented Resolution H-1759-3-11 which is awarding the annual county culvert bid to Metal Culverts as the low bidder in the amount of \$34,701.81.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution H-1759-3-11 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Mr. Culp presented Resolution H-1760-3-11 which is awarding the annual county sign bid to Allied Municipal Supply as the low bidder in the amount of \$12,631.04.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution H-1760-3-11 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. Mr. Culp presented Resolution H-1761-3-11 which is awarding the annual sign blank bid to US Standard Sign as the low bidder in the amount of \$3835.60.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution H-1761-3-11 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

11. Mr. Culp presented Resolution H-1762-3-11 which is approving termination of the Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Decatur, Village of Forsyth, County of Macon, Village of Mt. Zion, and the Macon County Soil and Water Conservation District.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution H-1762-3-11 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch said we had a meeting. We are also going to meet this coming Wednesday to tour four buildings. Anybody who would like to be on this tour should meet in the lobby at 5:15. We will see 4 of these buildings to determine whether or not they could be of use to us, particularly what we are looking at is for storage of records because we are running out of space. So, anybody that would like to attend should just be down there next Wednesday in the lobby of this building at 5:15.

There were no citizen remarks presented at the meeting.

OFFICEHOLDER REMARKS:

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams thanked all of the 4-H visitors tonight. He wanted to introduce Amy Leman who was here from U of I Extension and 4-H.

Amy Leman: Ms. Leman wanted to thank the chairman and board members for allowing our 4-H'ers to be here tonight. National 4-H is doing a nationwide study on the impact that 4-H has. Just last week findings came out that youth involved in 4-H are 3 times as likely to be involved in citizenship activities and giving back to their community than youth in other out of school activities. So, having these youth here today to see what the board members do to give back to their community is another example of that. In Macon County we have over 4,000 youth that are reached each year with 4-H Youth Development Activities. The brochures they passed out are from the State 4-H office for

all over Illinois, but all of the kids in the purple sweatshirts are from Macon County. They came to our county to take pictures so our kids are all over the state. She wanted to thank them for their continued support of the program.

Mr. Westerman: Mr. Westerman said as many of you may know there are proposed improvements or so called improvements to County 20 through Forsyth. Many of you came to the unveiling of the proposal in Forsyth last month. He thanked them for their interest in that. However, he is very much opposed to it, and while there is nothing going to happen in the next few days, he wanted to give everyone ample opportunity to research the pros and cons of this nearly \$10,000,000 project. It will be coming up in the future and he will be discussing it at length then. He did not want to bore you with that tonight, but extended an open invitation that anytime you had time or interest he would be glad to visit with you on a one to one basis.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

12. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-3563-3-11 which is approving a Two Year Contractual Agreement with Integrys Energy Services Inc. for advance purchase of electrical supply.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-3563-3-11 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTIONS:

Mrs. Cox: Mrs. Cox asked if this is supposed to help reduce some of the electrical bills.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said yes. They can buy it out for 1 year, 2 years, or 3 years, and normally you get a better rate on it over that longer period of time. The Building Commission has been doing it for quite some time now. He would let the Auditor speak to this because her office came up with the idea of looking into our other Ameren bills, so he wanted to give credit where credit is due.

Ms. Stockwell: Ms. Stockwell said the bulk of our utility purchases are made by the Building Commission, but we do directly pay for utilities at the Highway Department, Child Advocacy Center, and several other little bills. When this opportunity was presented to us, Annette in her office took the initiative and saw it through to figure it out to bring it to you tonight. It is the same broker that the Building Commission has used for 2 years. They have been extremely pleased with how it has worked. Ameren continues to be our power supplier, and they are the ones we would call if the power is not on. They maintain a kind of delivery business, but the long term supply business they are trying to get out of. We are recommending a 2 year contract.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn asked what the projected savings was.

Ms. Stockwell: Ms. Stockwell said the projected savings was 31%. It is a small group of charges, but it's a significant number.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said it is like \$5,000 a year, but every little bit helps.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO CLOSE SESSION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund to go into closed session for personnel and pending litigation issues by prior roll call vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to return to open session by prior roll call vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Potts moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to adjourn until Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 7:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.