

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

JULY 14, 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 Assistant State's Attorney, Randy Waks present.

The Roll Call showed all members present at the meeting with the exception of Mrs. Little and Mr. Westerman.

Mrs. Taylor led the members in Prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 9, 2011 MEETING

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve the minutes of the June 9, 2011 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

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

Nays: (None)

AYES = 19

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

ZONING / SUBDIVISIONS

1. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution Z-1115-7-11 which is regarding Case S-01-06-11, a petition submitted by Richard D. Park for a Special Use Permit for the storage of salt on 8 acres which would be confined to one shed built two years ago (Permit #28093) in R-1 Single Family Residential on property commonly known as 2455 Thunderbird Drive in Hickory Point Township. Staff recommended at hearing that the petition be granted with 7 stipulations. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted 5-0 in favor of recommending to the County Board that the petition be approved with 7 stipulations. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and recommended by an 8-0 vote that the County Board approve the subject petition with the stipulations recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution Z-1115-7-11 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

A copy of the Macon County Annual Financial Report for FY 2010 submitted to the Comptroller's Office.

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

A letter from Ameren regarding tree trimming that will be done in the Blue Mound area in the near future.

A letter from Ameren regarding upcoming vegetation management that will be done in the Macon County area

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report – June 2011

Treasurer Fund & Investment Report – June 2011

Tax Collector's Bank Report – May, June 2011

Coroner's Report – May 2011

Auditor's Report – June 2011

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. McGlaughlin 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.

2. CLAIMS

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum 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.

There were no appointments presented at the meeting.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Resolution G-3598-7-11 – 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.

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

4. Mr. Baxter presented Resolution G-3599-7-11 which is approving a contract for Macon County Sheriff's Police services for the Village of Argenta, Illinois.

MOTION

Mr. Baxter moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Resolution G-3599-7-11 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Mr. Baxter presented Resolution G-3600-7-11 which is approving termination of the Collection Agreement with Midwest Credit and Collection, Inc.

MOTION

Mr. Baxter moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3600-7-11 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.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said the only thing he has is a legislative call that will be next week on the 22nd at noon if anyone would like to call in on that. They should just let him know and he will get them the e-mail.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams asked if that is in regard to the Regional Office of Education's funding.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley that is probably one of the topics.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said there are two topics and that is one of them and the other one is on the counties being able to pass concealed carry.

OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

6. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution G-3601-7-11 which is establishing fees for marriage licenses and civil unions in the office of the Macon County Clerk.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund to approve Resolution G-3601-7-11 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mr. Hogan: Mr. Hogan asked if the purpose of this resolution is a fee increase. He also asked when the State of Illinois approved the Civil Unions.

Mr. Bean: Mr. Bean said Civil Unions were approved in January of this year. They passed this bill after the county has passed the original fee setup. As of May 31st they allowed counties to no longer be required to use a costly fee study to raise the cost of marriage licenses. They allowed the counties to raise the marriage license fee up to \$70.00. Mr. Ashby had asked at the time that he presented the original fee why we couldn't raise the fee and at that time we were held by the old State law. Once the new State law passed it allowed the counties to set the fee themselves without having a fee study so they could raise the fee on both civil unions and marriage licenses.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said they didn't raise it to the max. There was a compromise there.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said he asked each committee member what their position was on the fee structure of this. There was a variety of costs from \$50.00 to \$70.00 and they all came to a mutual agreement at the amount of \$60.00, and they took the average and all the committee members agreed to this price through a bipartisan decision.

Mr. Potts: Mr. Potts asked if the fee is currently \$35.00.

Mr. Bean: Mr. Bean said the fee is \$35.00 plus a \$5.00 fee for the Domestic Violence Fund. This will be \$60.00 for the county's portion and \$5.00 additional for the Domestic Violence Fund.

MOTION CARRIED. (HOGAN SHOWED HIS VOTE AS NO)

FINANCE COMMITTEE

7. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3602-7-11 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the General Fund Sheriff's budget for the Village of Forsyth purchase of squad cars and to record that as additional income to the General Fund.

MOTION

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund to approve Resolution G-3602-7-11 by prior roll call vote.

COMMENT:

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby said there is a scrivener's error in this resolution. In the Now, therefore, be it resolved paragraph the amount in the second line should be \$103,470.00. The reason for the discrepancy is that there is about \$2,800 needed for lettering of the vehicles and plus about \$750.00 of switch over costs which is the cost to transfer the cages and lights from the old vehicles to the new vehicles. He wanted that motion to include the correction of the scrivener's error as stated above.

MOTION CARRIED. (HOGAN SHOWED HIS VOTE AS YES)

The Negotiations Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

8. Mr. Smith presented Resolution H-1771-7-11 which is authorizing application for public transportation financial assistance under section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act of 1991 as amended (49 U.S.C. 5311).

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Resolution H-1771-7-11 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Mr. Smith presented Resolution H-1772-7-11 which is appropriating funds to cover engineering expenses on Section 11-01120-00-BR, a bridge on Washington Street over Lake Fork in Austin Township.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Resolution H-1772-7-11 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. Mr. Smith presented Resolution H-1773-7-11 which is appropriating funds to cover engineering expenses on Section 10-00237-00-BR, a bridge on County Highway 21 Kenney Road over Lake Fork Creek.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution H-1773-7-11 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

QUESTION:

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams said they talked in caucus, the Republican caucus about Resolution H-1772-7-11, the one in Austin Township on Washington Street. He asked if Mr. Bird could explain about the unique financing arrangements going on there. As he remembered, Austin Township didn't have the full funds. They passed a levy, but don't actually have the money in place so we are helping them financially on that, above and beyond. He asked Mr. Bird to explain what is going on there.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said their old township levy brought in about \$6,500 a year. At their last town board meeting they increased the levy up to the short-term max which for 10 years they can go from a dime up to a quarter per 100, which will bring in about \$24,000 per year. The bridge in question here is closed, and what we are trying to do is accelerate some things to try and get the thing open as soon as possible.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams said he was for it; he just couldn't adequately explain it to his caucus. He said that is a very busy road, and heavily traveled road. He had urged the board to think out of the box to help Austin Township, and he thanked them for what they are doing.

The Executive Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

SITING, RULES & ORDINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

Mr. Potts: Mr. Potts said they met on June 14th for a brief meeting to discuss the liquor ordinance and the creation of a noise ordinance. These are two things the Sheriff wanted. He wasn't sure if the Sheriff wanted to elaborate on it.

Sheriff Schneider: Sheriff Schneider said this is something they are looking at and checking with surrounding counties and other counties throughout the State of Illinois to see if they could assist them in reference to these ordinances. The two they are looking at in particular are a noise ordinance and the liquor ordinance. They have not gotten a lot of positive feedback in reference to allowing them to do any of these things, but Randy is still researching it.

The Building Sub-Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

There were no citizen remarks presented at the meeting.

OFFICEHOLDER REMARKS:

Mr. Wicklund: Mr. Wicklund reminded everyone that there will be a rural transportation meeting here on July 20th from 9:00 a.m. to noon if anybody would like to attend. If anyone has questions about how the rural transportation is going to work out, they would be able to answer them better then.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams thanked the board for their support of Resolution H-1771-7-11 which authorized the funds for the rural transportation initiative.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

11. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-3603-7-11 which is approving and adopting an extension of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Decatur and Macon County regarding the Animal Control Program.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to approve Resolution G-3603-7-11 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby asked how negotiations are going with the city concerning renewing this agreement or reaching a new agreement. Are we close?

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said we have had two meetings. We had to cancel the last one because the City Manager wanted to have a little more discussion with the city council members about the contract. Since then, he has asked for some data on all of our calls. Mr. Dunn said Animal Control printed off about 600 pages of calls for the last year so the city could look at them. Our records show that the city is about 92% of the usage out at Animal Control. The City Manager probably wanted to check on that. We show that through adoptions, take in's and stuff like that, but he wanted to look through the call logs too.

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby asked if the chairman is confident we will have an agreement by October 31st.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he is pretty certain of that and does not plan on extending it again. He is not going to bring that back to the board. He is not sure who is going to be doing the city's animal control stuff on October 31st, but we've presented our side and are waiting on them to check on some of the information we gave them and come back and see where we go from there. We are trying to schedule a meeting for the first week in August. Starting with that meeting he is going to try to keep them as close as he can to get it done.

MOTION CARRIED. (GREENFIELD SHOWED HIS VOTE AS NO)

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. McGlaughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to adjourn until Thursday, August 11, 2011 at 7:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED. (GREENFIELD SHOWED HIS VOTE AS YES)

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.