

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

DECEMBER 08, 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 Mr. Jacobs and Mrs. Wilkins.

Mr. Bean: Mr. Bean read a letter from Jerry Potts regarding his resignation from the Macon County Board in District #2, effective December 1, 2011.

Mrs. Taylor led the members in Prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 10, 2011 MEETING

MOTION

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

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

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

Nays: (None)

AYES = 18

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

There were no zonings or subdivisions presented at the meeting.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from the Decatur Public Building Commission regarding the Multiple Facilities Lease Payment for fiscal year 2011

A letter from Suddenlink Communications regarding rate changes effective December 11, 2011.

E-mail from AT&T U-verse regarding possible programming changes and 2012 Video Pricing.

Letters from Ameren Illinois regarding tree trimming that will be done in and around the Decatur area in the near future.

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report – November 2011

Tax Collector Bank Report – November 2011

Treasurer Fund & Investment Report – November 2011

Coroner Report – October 2011

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox 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. Baxter 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.

C. APPOINTMENTS

2. Resolution G-3645-12-11 – Appointments to Macon County Historical Society Board Of Directors

Nancy Torgerson, 17 Surrey Ln., Forsyth, IL 62535
Term Expires: 12-31-2013

Ritchie Barnett, 207 Delmar Ave., Decatur, Il 62522
Term Expires: 12-31-2013

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund to approve Resolution G-3645-12-11 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

3. Resolution G-3646-12-11 – Executing deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent

MOTION

Mr. Meachum 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

4. Mr. Baxter presented Resolution G-3647-12-11 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the FY11 Coroner’s budget.

MOTION

Mr. Baxter moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-3647-12-11 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Mr. Baxter presented Resolution G-3648-12-11 which is approving the transfer of funds in the Public Defender’s FY11 budget expense lines to salary lines.

MOTION

Mr. Baxter moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund to approve Resolution G-3648-12-11 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Mr. Baxter presented Resolution G-3649-12-11 which is approving increase in appropriations in the FY 11 Sheriff Holiday Mobilization Memorial Day Grant budget.

MOTION

Mr. Baxter moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3649-12-11 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. Mr. Baxter presented Resolution G-3650-12-11 approving increase in appropriations in the FY 11 Sheriff Holiday Mobilization Labor Day Grant budget.

MOTION

Mr. Baxter moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund to approve Resolution G-3650-12-11 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

8. Mr. Baxter presented Resolution G-3651-12-11 approving the designation of the office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor to act on behalf of Macon County.

MOTION

Mr. Baxter moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-3651-12-11 by prior roll call vote.

MOTION TO AMEND

Mr. Baxter moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to amend Resolution G-3651-12-11 to appropriate the sum of \$20,000.00 instead of \$27,000.00 for the Appellate Prosecutor by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked what they were amending or changing.

Mrs. Baxter: Mr. Baxter said they are amending the amount of the appropriation. It is in the last paragraph. It is going from \$27,000.00 to \$20,000.00.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked if what was printed before them is what they will vote on after the amendment passes.

Mr. Baxter: Mr. Baxter said that was correct, the \$20,000.00 amount.

Mr. Waks: Mr. Waks said it was actually passed by the Justice Committee at \$27,000.00. It is really coming to the board as \$27,000.00 and needs to be amended down to \$20,000.00.

MOTION CARRIED. (AMENDMENT TO G-3651-12-11)

MOTION CARRIED. (MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED G-3651-12-11)

The EEHW Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

9. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution G-3652-12-11 which is accepting a one year proposal from Safety National for Workers Compensation Excess Liability Insurance Coverage.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund to approve Resolution G-3652-12-11 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED

10. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution G-3653-12-11 which is approving a two year agreement with Go Self Insured, LLC for workers compensation third party administration services.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-3653-12-11 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said if there is legislation in Springfield that any officeholder feels needs to be addressed to benefit Macon County, they should let her know. They will then address that in committee for the upcoming spring session.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

11. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3654-12-11 which is approving transfer in funds for the Treasurer's FY11 Automation fund budget.

MOTION

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3654-12-11 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

12. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3655-12-11 which is amending FY 11 Progress City budget line item 036-000-9020 (Project Expense).

MOTION

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Resolution G-3655-12-11 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

13. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3656-12-11 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the FY11 Recorder Automation Fund budget.

MOTION

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund to approve Resolution G-3656-12-11 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

14. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3657-12-11 which is approving transfers in funds for the Health Fund FY11 budget.

MOTION

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3657-12-11 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

15. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3658-12-11 which is approving budget amendments for Workforce Investment Solutions FY11 & FY12 budget for grant timing purposes.

MOTION

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-3658-12-11 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams asked if grant timing purposes is the time we applied for grants or what is the definition of that.

Ms. Stockwell: Ms. Stockwell said it is just timing between our fiscal years. We always have issues at year end. We are trying to bring the grant, which always has a period that is different than our fiscal year, in line with our fiscal year. So, that is the grant timing.

MOTION CARRIED.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver said he had nothing to report other than to turn it over to Mr. Dunn for the correspondence that he had received.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said they had an opening meeting with the Probation department which was about an hour or hour and a half meeting. Our side met for another hour and a half. They did present their opening desires on contract changes. We basically met after that to put our offer together. We have 3 more meetings set up. Mr. Dunn said we do have arbitration coming up next week with the Corrections Officers as well.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

16. Mr. Smith presented Resolution H-1787-12-11 which is appropriating funds for the payment of the County Engineer's salary.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution H-1787-12-11 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

17. Mr. Smith presented Resolution H-1788-12-11 which is appropriating funds from Motor Fuel Tax Funds (FY12) to cover the annual MFT Maintenance Program.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution H-1788-12-11 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.

SITING, RULES & ORDINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said we do have a meeting coming up. We have the bids in from 3 different vendors on the codification. Once that goes through the committee, hopefully they will have a recommendation to the board at the January meeting.

BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch said we are going to meet and look at a building out on East Pershing Road on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. He said any board members that would like to attend are more than welcome to meet at 1291 E. Pershing. It is the old Norandex building.

COMMENT:

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said also for the Siting, Rules & Ordinance Sub-Committee in regard to the codification, we are going to have a Power Point presentation if anyone is interested. Since Mr. Potts has resigned, Mr. Westerman will be running that meeting. He encouraged everyone to attend and ask a lot of questions.

CITIZEN REMARKS:

Dean Padgett: Mr. Padgett lives at 3245 N. Susan Drive in Decatur, Illinois. He said he is almost a lifetime member. Mr. Padgett said in case they didn't know it this year is about over. We are starting a new year and in February he will be protesting starting his

6th year. He has nothing to bring to them from last month's meeting except he was very disappointed. Neither management nor any board member has made any move to improve and finish the campground. He does not care what the politics are of the chairman or any board member he just hopes when they nominate a new member that, that new member is in favor of finishing the campground. The leader of the campground, Ms. Merner, told him face to face in 2008 that there was \$143,000 appropriated to finish this project if that was enough money. She is still on her duff, if you know what that means. Over these 5 years he has said to this board and the boards he is dealing with that if he is not telling the truth would someone remind him that he is stating something wrong. He would apologize or correct his figures. If he was in the investment business and asked each of them to donate \$10,000 to him and they would get back that \$10,000 in three years and get 30% on their money forever, is there anyone in here who would not invest that? He would take out a loan on his house to do it. That is what is happening at the campground. During these difficult times when people are struggling, he is blessed and fortunate. He does not say that boastfully because he prepared well for retirement and is enjoying it. But, truthfully he is getting tired of fighting a dead dog. We need all the help we can get. Mr. Padgett said they had been very nice to him and he appreciated what each of them did for the citizens of this county. He has had a bank account since he was 11 years old and he balanced it. He has seen this board not have a balanced budget and do it. He sees them pray when they start and that is America. We need more of that in our top dog clear down to the dog catcher. This country is almost out of shape and this being the only campground in all of Macon County; it was used quite well this summer, even during the hot days which he missed. He had his winter riding suit on in Alaska when it was 102 and above here. It is time to get this thing finished up and if anybody can make a call or stick some pins in somebody we might be able to get this done. He wished them a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley asked if the money is there, still in the account to finish the campground that was appropriated.

Mr. Padgett: Mr. Padgett said it was appropriated. He doesn't know that much about the budget but you know... if that is just talk. All of that money has not been used and every dime they've spent, except for the last period they have done, they haven't gotten their money; but they have more than paid for that campground. It will pay its own way and will also pay the maintenance for all of the mowing and everything out there every year.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch asked if he knows how much it will take to finish it up.

Mr. Padgett: Mr. Padgett said they have 9 sites to finish and the last 9 they did cost about \$32,000. They need 9 sites to finish it up. It will be an improvement and will probably be in use longer than...maybe not everybody here, but he is running out of time. He started this when he was 70 and he will soon be 76. He thanked the board.

Mr. Potts: Mr. Potts lives at 11 Circle Drive in Decatur, Illinois. He was here tonight to comment and say goodbye to the county board after having resigned officially as of December 1. He has been a civil servant for almost 20 years and has enjoyed it

thoroughly. He works for the city and has proudly served the citizens of Macon County for 8½ years and has served on various committees as a member, as Chairman of Transportation, Vice-Chairman of Operations & Personnel and Siting, Rules and Ordinance Sub-Committee Chairman. It truly has been an honor to work with the chairman and members of the board for the benefit of our county. When he was first appointed to the board it was done by Dave Wolfe. Thanks Dave, maybe. Some people said that there was a lot of shall we say, stress, but he found the opposite. They really all try to do the right thing for the folks in the county. Of course there are some disagreements, but for the most part he has found that we as a board work together. He is proud to have served a county that has been able to keep its fiscal house in order; this was not an easy task however. There are a lot of people who worked hard and need thanked. So, he would like to thank all of the officeholders who had to cut corners, and the Finance Committee who had to agonize over the budgets. Huge thanks to our Chairman Jay Dunn and our very talented Auditor, Amy Stockwell, and of course last but not least, our employees who are also suffering through. Thank you all. In closing, he has met people on this board and many citizens that he would not have had the opportunity to meet in life if he had not been a county board member and he is thankful for that. He wanted them all to know that he considered them all friends. Thank you and good luck.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn thanked Mr. Potts for his service. Jerry spent a lot of time on the board and got involved and the chairman always appreciates that.

OFFICEHOLDER REMARKS:

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams said he wanted to thank Mr. Padgett for his due diligence. Mr. Williams said he didn't grow up around camping, but 4 or 5 years ago he bought a camper and has camped a little bit. He has come to realize that a camping option offers families and individuals with a number of kids the opportunity to have a vacation and a reasonable vacation. He wanted to thank Mr. Padgett for what he is trying to do and has done for the camping community and the folks of Macon County.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he would encourage all of the board member to go up there and take a look at the campsite; it is really pretty neat.

Mr. Baxter: Mr. Baxter said that Mr. Mattingley would like to introduce our Public Defender.

Mr. Mattingley: Mr. Mattingley said since he didn't know if he would be at next month's meeting which would be his last and in light of our judges having announced their decision earlier this week, tonight was a perfect opportunity for him to say how much of an honor and privilege it was to be chosen as the county's Public Defender to serve this county, its citizens, its courts and this board as its Public Defender for the last, almost 4 years. They announced Tuesday that Mr. Forbes has been selected to be our new Public Defender. Mr. Mattingley hopes he has served the county honorably and well for the last 4 years, and he knows that Mr. Forbes will do the same. He introduced Mr. Rodney Forbes to the board. Mr. Mattingley said it has been a pleasure to work with all of them

on the Finance Committees and on his oversight committee and to get to know some of the others on the board. He thanked them.

Mr. Potts: Mr. Potts said he forgot to say that he likes Don Westerman too.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he wanted to thank Mr. Mattingley for his service. He has been great to work with. He told Rodney before Mr. Mattingley gets him messed up he needs to get with Mr. Ashby and he will help him work through his budget for next year.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said he wanted to thank Kathy Powless from the Veterans Commission. Yesterday was Pearl Harbor Day and it was the 70th anniversary. He got to spend a few minutes with some of those guys out at the DAV yesterday. Every time he is around the veterans he understands what a great bunch of Americans those people are. Mr. Dudley couldn't thank Kathy enough for what she does for veterans. We all need to be thinking about them all of the time and do what we can to help them. They are a great bunch of guys. Right now they are trying to get this WWII Memorial built down by the Civic Center. He encouraged each one of them as officeholders to do their best to try and support that and try to help them raise the money they need to finish that. These guys are not going to be around too much longer. We are losing them at a clip of 900 per day. The Pearl Harbor Veterans Commission that has been together for years is disbanding at the end of the year because there are only 18 members left. This is something we need to really focus on and whatever we can do as officeholders to help that along, he would really like to see all of them do that. He thanked them.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

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MOTION TO CLOSE SESSION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund to go into closed session for workers compensation issues by prior roll call vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO OPEN SESSION

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

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to adjourn until Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 7:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.