

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

FEBRUARY 09, 2012

**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. Jacobs.

Mrs. Taylor led the members in prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 12, 2012 MEETING

MOTION

Mr. Wicklund moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2012 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, Minich, Oliver, Smith, Taylor, Westerman, Wicklund, Wilkins, Williams, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 20

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

ZONING / SUBDIVISIONS

1. Mr. Dudley presented Ordinance O-95-2-12 which is amending the Macon County Zoning Ordinance.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund to approve Ordinance O-95-2-12.

MOTION TO TABLE

Mr. Greenfield moved to table Ordinance O-95-2-12 and send it back to the EEHW Committee for a public hearing.

COMMENT:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he believes that even though it has been through RPC- Regional Planning Commission and ZBA- Zoning Board of Appeals that this matter of such magnitude deserves a little more hearing and a little more people involved. During the Zoning Board meeting, Chairman Sefton agreed that it should be sent back with more discussion with more people involved such as developers, installers, obviously the Health Department, obviously Mr. VanNatta, engineers, road commissioners, and even township supervisors and maybe even school superintendents because it would affect them also. At the Zoning Board meeting even the board chairman agreed that it probably warranted more discussion. He was right then and Mr. Greenfield would really like to see that happen.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little wanted to ask before this was seconded, which might be against Mr. Roberts but they would deal with that later, if this was tabled at the board level can it go back to committee.

Mr. Ahola: Mr. Ahola said they have to vote on it.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said she understands that, but if it was tabled at the board level is it tabled at the board level or can it be sent back to committee; that is her question.

Mr. Ahola: Mr. Ahola said if that is Mr. Greenfield's motion to do that.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said she just wanted clarification on that.

Mr. Hogan: Mr. Hogan seconded the motion to table Ordinance O-95-2-12 and send it back to the EEHW Committee.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said he wanted to remind the board that this has been going on for over a year and it has been to 8 meetings. Every one of those meetings is an open meeting. Anybody at anytime can come to the meeting and voice their concerns. There were 100 letters sent out to all the concerned homebuilders and others and they chose not to respond. In all 8 meetings only 3 people came in opposition of this motion. We even held a special EEHW meeting that he didn't even have to let anybody speak at, but he did because he felt it was right to have the people and the citizens of Macon County's voices be heard. Even with that special meeting called and all the publicity drawn to it we had one person come in opposition and he was a member of the Homebuilder's Association.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked if anyone spoke in favor.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said that a gentleman by the name of Mr. Huntsinger spoke in favor of it. The Homebuilder's Association had their meeting that same night. They were already together in a building and they chose not to come here. If this would have been something that was really important to them, they should have shown up at that meeting. We don't hold these meetings just for fun; we hold them because it is a serious

matter. This has been through RPC. It has been through the Zoning Board and through EEHW twice. When you talk about Mr. Sefton's opposition, Mr. Dudley talked to him personally and he said he really didn't have a problem with it. That is one no vote out of all the others.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said there were 2 members that weren't there.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said if they don't show up that is no vote. It was 3 to 1. The truth was there were 13 members of that Homebuilder's Association that got letters directly that chose not to come to that last EEHW meeting.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he would agree with Mr. Dudley and shame on them for not coming, but that doesn't mean we should do the wrong thing. Out of the hearings that the RPC had in the ZBA, there were only 3 county board members that attended those meetings. It was Mr. Dunn, Mr. Westerman and Mr. Williams. Mr. Dudley who is the chairman of EEHW attended none. He asked if that were correct.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley asked if Mr. Greenfield was there.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he has the minutes.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said he got the minutes too.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked if he was at any of the meetings.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said no, but he got the minutes just like Mr. Greenfield did.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said the point being that a matter of this importance, and shame on him for not being there, there were no county board members involved except for 3. Therefore, that is why he would like to see it go back to EEHW for those members who are elected by the people to have the opportunity to have an open meeting and open discussion and come to what he believes will be a reasonable solution to fix this problem.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he is disappointed if most of the board isn't familiar with this because he assumes that the reason we have an 8 minute meeting is because these board members read the minutes of these committee meetings. If they so to speak, have a dog in that fight, they go to the meetings, but if they don't they read the minutes so when they come here to the board they are informed enough to make an intelligent decision. He is assuming that everyone has been in the loop and the only ones that wanted to go to RPC were the ones that went.

Mr. Wicklund: Mr. Wicklund said he had attended the RPC meeting for the main purpose of learning what was going on with this one acre in the farmland out there. He had attended a couple of those meetings in the past whether his name was added to the list or not for that reason. Some of his district is residential but he does have some rural areas out there. He has talked to a lot of constituents and a couple businesses in town that

are in favor of moving this to a 1 acre lot minimum. There is still the option for the ½ acre lot as long as they hook up to sanitation. Mr. Wicklund is in favor of moving on with this resolution.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver said he is concerned that the affected people are not present tonight. Mr. Oliver asked the chairman to survey the audience to see if there is anyone present that wants to speak to this resolution.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn asked if there was anyone at the meeting who wanted to speak for or against this resolution.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said what they had on the floor right now was a motion to table.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he was just asking if there was anyone there who had any concerns. He saw Chuck who was the chairman of the RPC but that was about it.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said in the minutes of the RPC meeting it was very clear that Mr. Huntsinger, Mr. Bird and several other members agreed that the local people that this does involve whether it be engineers like Phil Cochran who testified at the ZBA that it was a bad idea, need to be involved. They need to be either brought into a round table, like Mr. Bird suggested having an afterhour's coffee or open house type thing. He was right and that is what should be done. Just because they didn't show up, like he said shame on them, but this is something that will not only affect the county but township revenues and school district revenues as well. He does believe that the lots do need to be made bigger, but they don't have to be made at an acre. That is why he thinks if you brought everybody in.... There is no rush. There is no subdivision being built in the next 2 or 3 months, so let's give it the time it deserves.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said if he wanted to rush this through it wouldn't have taken 14 months. We had plenty of meetings on this and nobody showed up. He told Mr. Cochran and Mr. Lewis 8 months ago this is what is going to come down and get voted on eventually and if you don't like it come up with an alternative that makes sense. Again, nobody at the RPC opposed it. There were 2 Zoning Board meetings and at one of them there was no opposition and the other there were 2 people. At the EEHW meeting there was no opposition. At the special EEHW meeting there was 1 person in opposition. They have had plenty of time to come up. Where are they at tonight? Mr. Dunn was ready to go on this.

QUESTION WAS CALLED FOR

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said they would have a roll call vote on the amendment which was to send it back to the EEHW.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said it was to table it and send it back to EEHW.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said if they read the memo from the State's Attorney, we don't have tabled amendments. He would assume that this is a motion to postpone to a certain time which is EEHW. He said that is what they would vote on to send it back to EEHW or not. (See Attachment)

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby asked if they were voting on the call for the vote or the vote itself.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said they would vote on the call for the vote first. They would vote on whether to cease discussion on this proposed amendment. Mark made a motion to call for the question so technically you are supposed to vote on the call. Do we want to stop the discussion?

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby said it takes 2/3rds majority to call for the question.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said a yes vote stops the discussion.

ROLL CALL.

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

Nays: (None)

AYES = 20

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED. (CALL FOR QUESTION)

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said they would now vote on the amendment to the motion which is to send this ordinance back to the EEHW Committee for more study.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Ashby, Cox, Drobisch, Greenfield, Hogan, Little, Zimmerman

Nays: Baxter, Dudley, Dunn, McGlaughlin, Meachum, Minich, Oliver, Smith, Taylor, Westerman, Wicklund, Wilkins, Williams

AYES = 7

NAYS = 13

MOTION FAILED. (AMENDMENT TO SEND BACK TO COMMITTEE)

MOTION TO AMEND

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to amend Ordinance O-95-2-12 to change the size from a 1 acre lot to a 30,000 square foot lot.

COMMENT:

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley noted that same amendment was offered at the EEHW Special Meeting and was turned down.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Ashby, Cox, Drobisch, Greenfield, Hogan, Little, Zimmerman

Nays: Baxter, Dudley, Dunn, McGlaughlin, Meachum, Minich, Oliver, Smith, Taylor, Westerman Wicklund, Wilkins, Williams

AYES = 7

NAYS = 13

MOTION FAILED. (AMENDMENT TO CHANGE SIZE)

MOTION TO AMEND

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to limit this ordinance for one year and in February of 2013 this issue would be brought up for another vote.

COMMENT:

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said her reasoning behind that is it puts into place what seems to be the popular vote here tonight but it also gives one year for the interested parties that are against this to get their ducks in a row and come forth with valid evidence as to why this is not a good idea.

Mr. Wicklund: Mr. Wicklund said that by amending this to a 1 year and then revisiting puts a lot of builders in conflict if they have permits and contracts to move forward on for other homes or properties within the rural district; and that is why he will vote against this amendment.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Cox, Drobisch, Little

Nays: Ashby, Baxter, Dudley, Dunn, Greenfield, Hogan, McGlaughlin, Meachum, Minich, Oliver, Smith, Taylor, Westerman, Wicklund, Wilkins, Williams, Zimmerman

AYES = 3

NAYS = 17

MOTION FAILED. (AMENDMENT TO LIMIT TIME)

COMMENT:

Mr. Hogan: Mr. Hogan said as a county board member and a subdivision owner, this ordinance does not create development in Macon County; it only makes it more difficult for development. He would urge the board members to vote against it.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver said he has had the opportunity to see what happens when ground in septic tank areas is saturated and the costs that come out of it as well as hepatitis and other things. It has happened in the City of Decatur in past years. There was no way to get sewer facilities to these places. They were able to acquire water in the county. Nowadays we have a municipal type portable water system that can furnish water to these properties without sewer systems being anywhere near close to them. The ground becomes saturated with one of these so called 100 year rains or whatever we might have then those properties are no longer valuable. All the good works and things we hope would be happening and then we always hear about the 100 year flood and don't think it would ever happen but we do have these things happen. He would hate to see that happen to us because we had an opportunity not to get into it in the first place. Mr. Oliver is going to vote to support.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Ashby, Baxter, Dudley, Dunn, McGlaughlin, Meachum, Minich, Oliver, Smith, Taylor, Westerman, Wicklund, Wilkins, Williams

Nays: Cox, Drobisch, Greenfield, Hogan, Little, Zimmerman

AYES = 14

NAYS = 6

MOTION CARRIED. (MAIN MOTION)

B. CORRESPONDENCE

A Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste from the Illinois EPA for the Veolia ES Valley View Landfill regarding submittal of Construction Documentation Report for landfill gas extraction system header pipe replacement.

A Notice of Application for Permit to Manage Waste from the Illinois EPA for City of Decatur Corley Landfill regarding submittal of Revised Cost Estimate for Corley Landfill Post Closure Care: February 14, 2012 to February 14, 2022.

Two letters from Ameren regarding tree trimming they will be doing in and around the Decatur area in the near future.

A letter from Comcast regarding an up-to-date list of local personnel

An e-mail from AT&T U-verse regarding possible programming changes

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report – January 2012

Tax Collector's Bank Report – January 2012

Treasurer Fund & Investment Report – January 2012

Coroner's Report – December 2011

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund to approve the Correspondence and Reports and that they be placed on file.

QUESTION:

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked where Corley Landfill is.

Mr. Bean: Mr. Bean said it is on U.S. 51 and Southside Drive.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said it is the old Corley Western Wear area.

ROLL CALL.

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

Nays: (None)

AYES = 20

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

2. CLAIMS

MOTION

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

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

C. APPOINTMENTS

3. Resolution G-3667-2-12 – Appointment to Macon County Board of Health

Tim Dudley #2 Fenton Dr., Decatur, IL 62521
Term Expires: May 31, 2014

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund to approve Resolution G-3667-2-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Resolution G-3668-2-12 – Appointment to the Macon County Historical Society Board of Directors

Garry Davis, 14 Oak Ridge Dr., Decatur, IL 62521
Term Expires: December 31, 2013

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund to approve Resolution G-3668-2-12 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked if this is a reappointment or is he replacing someone.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he thinks this person is replacing someone because usually it would say reappointment. He thinks someone was sick and had to resign.

MOTION CARRIED.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

5. Resolution G-3669-2-12 – 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.

The Justice Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

EEWH COMMITTEE

6. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution G-3670-2-12 which is approving increase in appropriations in the FY12 Health Fund budget for American Heart Association.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to approve Resolution G-3670-2-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution G-3671-2-12 which is approving increase in appropriations for grant timing in the FY12 Health Fund for Oral Cancer Grant.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund to approve Resolution G-3671-2-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

8. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution G-3672-2-12 which is approving increase in appropriations in the FY 12 Health Fund budget for Mental Health Partnership-HFI.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund to approve Resolution G-3672-2-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution G-3673-2-12 which is approving increase in appropriations in the FY12 health Fund Budget for Aging & Disability Resource Center.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund to approve Resolution G-3673-2-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution G-3674-2-12 which is approving increase in appropriations in the FY12 Health Fund budget for Women, Infants and Children WIC.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-3674-2-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

11. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution G-3675-2-12 which is recognizing the Decatur-Macon County Opportunities Corporation and the Anna Waters Head Start Program.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-3675-2-12 by prior roll call vote.

COMMENT:

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said she does not currently serve on the DMCOC Board but she did for several years and she has to say that this is a very well run program. They follow all the federal guidelines. They cross their t's and dot their i's and the kids get an amazing education. It is a very well run federal program.

MOTION CARRIED.

QUESTION:

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby asked about the first 3 grants where it says a provision for this grant was not included in the FY 12 budget. He asked if that was because the grant money came in after we did the budget.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said that is what it was.

OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

12. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution G-3676-2-12 which is accepting a one year proposal from Hartford Insurance for property and inland marine insurance coverage.

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Wicklund to approve Resolution G-3676-2-12 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby asked how many quotes we obtained for this insurance. He asked if we went out for bid.

Ms. Stockwell: Ms. Stockwell said we didn't go out for bid; the broker goes out for bids.

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby asked who was used for the broker.

Ms. Stockwell: Ms. Stockwell said next door A J Gallagher Risk Mgmt. Service Inc.

MOTION CARRIED.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said she had a brief report and it might be a warning but Springfield is back in session, so hold on to your wallets. The Legislative Committee will be working hard to hold on to the county's wallet. Issues they will be tracking and working on include many of the same issues that we had last year such as the foreclosure sales in the Sheriff's Office and the Local Government Distribution Fund known as the LGDF which is the county's portion of State Income Tax. The Regional Office of Education salary issue is one they will be trying to pay attention to as well, and other issues that have a direct impact on the dollars of Macon County or the services provided to our citizens. She encouraged any board member or officeholder that is aware of, through their associations or whatever, an issue that would impact Macon County to get in touch with anyone on the Legislative Committee and let them know.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

13. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3677-2-12 which is approving application of the Decatur Public Building Rent Surplus and for reduction in the levy for the DPBC Fund.

MOTION

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve Resolution G-3677-2-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

14. Mr. Oliver presented Resolution G-3678-2-12 which is approving the Macon County Command Officers Association Contract.

MOTION

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve Resolution G-3678-2-12 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little had one quick question that might be better suited for the auditor, but she would like to be assured by someone that we have enough money in our General Fund to cover this major outlay of cash that's going to be a retro pay for a whole 13 months.

Sheriff Schneider: Sheriff Schneider said he will be doing resolutions regarding that because as they know it is not built into his budget. So, he will do the resolutions and go through the proper oversights and we will go from there.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said that is why she was asking Amy because eventually it comes out of General Fund no matter how many people pass paper.

Sheriff Schneider: Sheriff Schneider said for their information it is a 3 year contract. The first one is a "me too" 3%, 2% in 2012, and 2% in 2013. The total effect on this budget year will be \$41,842.20. There is one step increase of \$1,000 that is step 30 and it affects 1 person.

MOTION CARRIED.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

15. Mr. Smith presented Resolution H-1794-2-12 which is awarding the annual county culvert bid to Metal Culverts, Inc. as the low bidder.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution H-1794-2-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

16. Mr. Smith presented Resolution H-1795-2-12 which is awarding the annual county sign bid to Tapco Inc. as the low bidder.

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution H-1795-2-12 by prior roll call vote.

QUESTION:

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked if Tapco Inc. is a local company.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith said they are not.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked how not local are they.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said they are from Wisconsin.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Executive Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

SITING, RULES & ORDINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

Mr. Wicklund: Mr. Wicklund said they are still moving ahead on the codification. He hasn't heard back from Randy yet on that so hopefully next week. Once that is finalized the fun starts on making sure all our t's are crossed and i's are dotted.

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

CITIZENS' REMARKS:

Dean Padgett: Mr. Padgett said as he last stood there he told them that as of February it would be the beginning of his 6th year fighting the Conservation Department. If you will think back 5 years ago he stood there informing the board that they had extended stay campers. There were 14 of them. He stood in line for 4 years to get that position and never complained or caused anybody any trouble. Starting this month is when they did away with that portion of camping. You had to pay \$900.00 for the 6 months you had your camper out there in the camping season. If you wanted that same spot for the next season then you paid \$120.00. Roughly they are talking about \$1,000.00. He was one person who had a permanent spot and he waited 4 years for it. He said \$5,000 X 5.... They could figure out how much money that is. If they add it to 14 times that it is \$71,400. He is quite sure the cross country ski operation out of the Conservation District

made that much money this year. He said it doesn't even come close. It just happens that this is on a pink piece of paper.

Mr. Wicklund: Mr. Wicklund asked if Mr. Padgett was saying that as of this month there is no more permanent.

Mr. Padgett: Mr. Padgett said it was done away with 5 years ago.

Mr. Wicklund: Mr. Wicklund asked when the next meeting is for the Conservation District.

Mr. Padgett: Mr. Padgett said it is next Wednesday night at 7:00 p.m. at the Conservation District.

OFFICEHOLDERS' REMARKS:

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams said he gave a little bit of information about the upcoming job shadow last month and he now has all of the details for the board. He asked Mr. Dunn if the caucuses next month could start at 6:45 p.m.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said sure.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams said next month will be the job shadow with the 4-H kids and they are going to do things quite a bit different. He announced last month that they are going to meet at Pastabilities for dinner. Dinner is being provided for the board members as well as the children, by the 4-H Foundation. There is no tax dollars involved with it. They are meeting at 5:15 for dinner at Pastabilities. The kids will meet them there. They will pair the kids up with board members at that time. They will have the opportunity to have dinner with the kids and talk to them. As a group, the ones that attend the dinner will take their 4-H member to their respective caucus. The caucuses will start next month at 6:45 instead of 6:30 to accommodate a little bit more of a leisurely dinner. The 4-H kids will be with the board members from dinner through the meeting. They are not going to have the usual part of the program with elected officials like they have done over the past few years. They wanted to try something a little bit different for a new experience for the kids to see the respective party caucuses. He needs RSVP's from board members by March 2nd. So far he has an RSVP from Bill Oliver, Patty Cox and himself. Mark Wicklund, Tim Dudley, Linda Little, Susanna Zimmerman, Jay Dunn, Dave Drobisch, Joe McGlaughlin, Kevin Meachum, Verzell Taylor and Jon Baxter all said they would be attending. He said they have until March 2nd to give him an RSVP. He will also send a reminder out to everyone.

Bruce Bird: Mr. Bird wanted to thank everyone for the cards, call and comments on the passing of his father. It was greatly appreciated by himself and his family.

Mr. Ahola: Mr. Ahola said he doesn't usually say anything during officeholders' comments, but this is his last February here so he would take advantage of it. He first

wanted to introduce Nichole Kroncke who has been in their office for two years as a felony prosecutor. She is now being partially reassigned to help the county board and county officials as Randy Waks' assistant. He pointed out that when Nichole worked for the McHenry County State's Attorney's office she did work on budget issues with that county administrator. She has prosecuted 61 jury trials, 48 felonies, 1 capital case with death, 5 first degree murder trials two of which were in Macon County, 4 attempted murders, 1 quadruple victim reckless homicide, 5 single victim reckless homicide, 14 Class X's, and 8 sex assaults; she lost 3. She is a very competent prosecutor and will be very useful to the county board and officials. That being said, there is a new law that requires the board members to take training. They have passed out some documents and the website may or may not be very good right now; but you have to take training within 1 year of January 1st. Anybody that has been appointed since January which would just be Mr. Minich, has to do it within 90 days. You have to get a certificate and furnish it to the County Clerk and failure to do so is a Class C Misdemeanor. Most of the board members would have a year. He has to take it as well for a board that he is on. It should be fairly painless to take that course on line. It tells you how to do it. Some of you may have already taken it and should get your certificates to Mr. Bean. Secondly, Macon County Criminal Justice Strategic Priorities, he has given them a copy of that. They have given this to the Justice Committee and Finance Committee and will probably ask for a vote on this at the next county board meeting. This is for the board members to look at and hopefully we can come to an agreement that these are our goals as a county. He pointed out to them that some of the items in there have been worked on for several years by officials and law enforcement officers. Page 6 shows the huge amount of people that Macon County has sent to prison and continues to do so. We have had for the last year an Adult Redeploy Illinois Program that directly addresses this to redirect resources from the Department of Corrections to a local community. We were just informed this week that we received an additional \$100,000 for more funding to help that program. Please look at that and he will be asking for a vote on that next month.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley asked that their thoughts and prayers be with Walt Dannewitz. He was the Chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals. He is in hospice right now battling a brain tumor. He asked everyone to be thinking of Walt.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Amy Stockwell: Ms. Stockwell said they are very pleased to have with them tonight the Executive Director of IMRF who came to visit us from up north and is going to talk to us about the basics of pensions and the basics of IMRF. She has certainly never been shy about telling them how glad she is that their employees are covered by IMRF and what a great, well run pension plan it is. We very much appreciate Mr. Kosiba coming down and giving us some overview about IMRF.

Louis Kosiba: Mr. Kosiba said he came in from Oakbrook so it is not too far north. He thanked them for the opportunity and said he had been before the board in the past. He

has a handout for them. Mr. Kosiba was not going to go through all of the points because he liked to keep his comments brief. As you know Macon County and its employees participate in IMRF. He asked them to look at slide #5 in the handout. There are a number of retirement systems in the state. IMRF is not one of the systems that is funded by the State of Illinois which is a very key point. On page 6 he has some new information since these slides were created for his presentation last month. He said IMRF is the 51st largest pension system in the country and the second largest in Illinois. 2011 was a difficult year for investments. Our funding statewide has gone down a little bit from 86% but we are still over 80% funded. You could compare that to the 5 state funded systems that are about 43% funded in the aggregate. Looking at slide #9, we do provide disability benefits, retirement benefits and death benefits for 2,966 different units of local government. We cover all the major cities and all the counties except Cook. We cover all the school districts except Chicago. In the school districts we cover the non-teaching personnel. There are 176,000+ active participants. As you may know, 2 years ago legislation was passed establishing a second tier of benefits for all retirement systems in the state. We now have over 11,000 members in tier 2 and over 97,000 retirees. Page #10 gives them a nice little snapshot of who they are. When you read press reports about public pension systems sometimes you get the impression that everyone makes over \$100,000 a year and the fact of the matter is that it is not quite so. Our average member is making \$36,000. When you look at people who retired in 2010 which is his most recent data, they didn't retire at 50 or 55; the average retirement was at 62. The average retirement benefit is at \$17,000. Looking at page #11 this is a slide he uses when talking with the press. There is a broad spectrum of benefits that they pay. On the left side it shows they have over 7,000 retirees who receive \$1,200 a year or less in benefits which is \$100.00 a month or less. There is another extreme on the right side where we have over 2,900 members receiving \$48,000 a year as a retirement benefit which is \$4,000 a month. Slide #14 shows they are funded by members, employers, and investment returns. This gives some numbers for their regular employers. Most of the employees in Macon County would come under this group. The average employer in 2012 is contributing 12.4%. When it comes to the SLEP program it is about 22%. Slide #15 tells you why IMRF is as well funded as it is in comparison to the state funded systems. We have enforcement authority and we are the only public pension system in the state that has this. We have had it since the inception of IMRF in 1939 which means we have an independent board of trustees. We follow sound actuarial principles. We set appropriate employer contribution rates and they collect the money from the employers. We do that through either intercepting funds from the State Comptroller flowing to those local units of government, intercepting real estate taxes or suing units of government in court. He is always asked by a reporter how frequently does that happen. The answer is that 99.9% of our contributions are made on time. He said they would skip to slide #18. One of the biggest contributors to funding IMRF is our investment returns. IMRF assumes it is going to make 7.5%. As anyone who does any investing knows, it is very difficult to make that type of money especially in a low interest rate environment. If you have money in a money account you are probably earning about a tenth of a percent. If you look over our history going back to 1982 which is an important year because that is the year we received authority from the state to invest IMRF's monies very broadly. We could invest in any prudent investment. Prior to then we were basically limited to

government bonds and stocks of corporations that paid dividends over a ten year period. Going back to 1982 and this information goes through 2010 for a 29 year period, on average we have made 10.32% a year. We have lost money in 5 periods. In three periods we made less than the 7.5%, but in 21 periods we made 7.5% or more. In 18 periods it was a double digit return. Slide #19 they call the IMRF dollar. How are we funded? 13% of our funding comes from members. Taxpayers are paying about 26 cents on every dollar we pay out in benefits, and on average 61 cents come from investment returns. Slide #20 is a busy slide but an exciting slide for people in the pension industry. We have 3 buckets and money goes into 3 different buckets. Your employees are contributing to IMRF and there is a separate bucket for them. By law we are required to post 7.5% interest to that bucket whether we make money or not. The second bucket, and this is the exciting bucket for those 97,000 retirees, we have 12 billion dollars set aside. It is always 100% funded. We post 7.5% into that bucket also. Retiree groups are very excited to hear when he speaks to them explaining that they always have 100% of the money needed to pay the retirement benefits. People always say to him that everyone is living longer than they used to and the answer is yes, but IMRF is designed to prefund the benefits for individuals. We are collecting money from investments, employers and members throughout their working career. This is not social security which is a pay as you go system. We are prefunding these benefits and investing these monies and when a person retires we calculate the present value of that benefit. It is fully funded so we take into consideration when they retire their life expectancy. Every year they do a true up. They look at who has lived longer than they expected and who has lived shorter than they expected. They look at the 12 billion dollars and their actuaries ask if more money needs to go in or are they a little overfunded, so every year there is a true up. Finally, there is the employer reserve. It is important for you to know you are funding retirement benefits only for your employees. You are not funding retirement benefits for school district employees or maybe the City of Decatur. You are funding retirement benefits only for Macon County employees. A couple of slides show you what their benefit formula is. He wanted to show them a real life example on page 24 of someone who retired from a school district. Mary retired at age 63 with 24 years of service. Using their formula she earned 43% of her final rate of earnings. She was making \$40,000 a year which basically comes out to \$3,333.00 a month and she will get 43% of that or \$1433.00 a month. They look at the present value of her benefit. They don't need all of the money the day she retires, but they do need to know what they expect to pay her and they discount it by 7.5%. In Mary's case they needed \$240,000. During her working career, her bucket, she put in \$30,000 and IMRF put in \$31,000 interest from investment earnings. When she retired her entire member account is used to fund her retirement benefit \$61,000. The rest comes from the employers account. In this instance it was \$179,000. What did the employer contribute during that period of time, the 24 years that she worked? The employer contributed \$55,000 and investment income made up the other \$123,000. At the end of the day the benefit is fully funded when she retired. On slide #26 it talks about 'Tier 2'. It is important because it has changed the benefit formula for anyone first employed after January 1, 2011. A couple of things have happened that are somewhat technical. The salary cap is interesting. The amount of money that is going to be recognized in calculating a retirement benefit is capped. In 2011 it was capped at \$106,800. They do have a COLA. They have a non-compounded COLA for Tier 1 and

in Tier 2 it is also going to be non-compounded. It is going to be 3% or one-half CPI. On slide #27 they see the vesting period and the normal retirement ages moving up. We still have early retirement but it has gone from 55 to 62. COLA's will be delayed until someone reaches age 67. The SLEP Program which is the Sheriff's Law Enforcement Personnel Program had some changes also in 2010. The vesting period was reduced interestingly enough, but then the normal retirement age was increased to 55. For the first time SLEP retirees if they retire before 55 will see a reduced benefit. Maximum benefit has been reduced and some other things as well. Slide #29 is an important slide for your finance chairman. What they will see is the normal cost which means for each new year going forward the normal cost for the program is going to decrease by about 38% for the regular plan and in the SLEP Program it will decrease about 33%. Going forward, we are going to see as new people are hired and brought into the program and current members retire we are going to see long term cost decreases. Finally, he wanted to give one final pitch for IMRF and in fact all of the public pension systems on page 31. We are a major financial institution. We are broadly diversified and invest in stocks, bonds, real estate, international investments, permanent crops, row crops and other investments. That means we are bringing money into the state from those investments whether it is rent or interest or dividends. 85% of our members stay in Illinois after they retire. In 2010 they paid out \$988 million. If you use the US Bureau of Economic Analysis formula to determine what the ripple effect is, there is money coming back into the community. Our retirees are paying their taxes, going to shows buying groceries and that eventually gives a boost to the Illinois economy. He asked if the board members had any questions.

Mr. McGlaughlin: Mr. McGlaughlin said we read in the papers once in a while about obscure to us municipalities up north where for instance a person might be simultaneously a police lieutenant of one community and a street foreman in another. He thinks in one case a man was making \$400,000 a year. He knows that is an extreme but he thought he read that IMRF was taking steps to diminish the negative effects on the other people who were drawing from these sorts of things. He asked if Mr. Kosiba had any comment on that.

Mr. Kosiba: Mr. Kosiba said it is public record that Roy McCampbell worked for the Village of Bellwood and he had about 10 jobs and was probably making about \$400,000 a year and received a substantial pension. IMRF really administers a program for local units of government. We can't determine what a person's compensation should be. We can't determine how many jobs they should have. We are reliant on the local units of government to report honestly to us. We also have an audit program that is uncovering things. That audit program is looking at these very things. In Mr. McCampbell's case there were some things we could rightly question within the purview of the Illinois Pension Code, and we did, and his benefits were adjusted accordingly. Pension spiking gives IMRF a black eye when salaries spike up and pensions are higher that results in unfunded liabilities for local units of government. One of the brilliant things, and it is by happenstance, is that IMRF is a very local system. You are funding retirement benefits for your employees. If your employees are abusing the program, other communities in the state are not going to be bearing that cost; it will all be borne by your community.

There is that rational aspect to it. You can control compensation and the net effect is this retirement system which operates for everyone but in one sense the retirement system you have for your employees will be impacted by your decisions and no one else is going to be penalized.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Greenfield moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to adjourn until Thursday, March 8, 2012 at 7:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19 p.m.