

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

**APRIL 12, 2012**

**Jay A. Dunn  
Chairman**

**Stephen M. Bean  
Clerk**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:15 p.m. with Commander Max Austin and Assistant State's Attorney, Randy Waks present.

The Roll Call showed all members present at the meeting with the exception of Mr. Baxter, Mrs. Taylor, Mr. Wicklund, and Mrs. Wilkins.

Mr. Smith led the members in prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MARCH 08, 2012 MEETING**

**MOTION**

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve the minutes of the March 08, 2012 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Ashby, Cox, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, Greenfield, Hogan, Jacobs, Little, McGlaughlin, Meachum, Minich, Oliver, Smith, Westerman, Williams, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 17**

**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

There were no zoning or subdivisions presented at the meeting.

**B. CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter from Suddenlink detailing cable and video service complaints they have received for 2011.

A letter from Comcast regarding a report of customer complaints received by them for 2011

Three letters from Comcast regarding lineup changes, channel additions and XFINITY Signature support.

An e-mail from AT&T regarding a report of customer complaints received by them for 2011

A letter from Ameren regarding upcoming vegetation activities that will be done in the community in the near future

A copy of the Annual Report of the Macon County Mental Health Board – Fiscal Year 2011 (July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011)

## **REPORTS**

Sheriff's Report – March 2012  
Coroner's Report – February 2012  
Treasurer's Fund & Investment Report – March 2012  
Tax Collector's Bank Report – March 2012  
Auditor's Report – March 2012

## **MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Smith 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. Oliver 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-3686-4-12 – Appointment to Argenta Sanitary District Board of Trustees

Robert Millington, 450 N. Kenwood, Argenta, IL 62501  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday, May 2015

## **MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Resolution G-3686-4-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

3. Resolution G-3687-4-12 – Appointments to Fire Protection District Board of Trustees

<b><u>FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT</u></b>	<b><u>TRUSTEE'S NAME &amp; ADDRESS</u></b>	<b><u>TERM EXPIRES</u></b>
Blue Mound Countryside Fire Protection District	Mitch Ward 6281 Dummermuth Rd. Macon, IL 62544 (Re-appointment)	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday May, 2015
Hickory Point Fire Protection District	Don Netherton 13 Cloyds Dr. Decatur, IL 62526 (Re-appointment)	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday May, 2015
Niantic Fire Protection District	Charles D. Leeper 11902 Long Point Rd. Niantic, IL 62551 (Re-appointment)	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday May, 2015
South Macon Fire Protection District	Monte Holsapple 250 E. Cole Macon, IL 62544 (Re-appointment)	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday May, 2015
South Wheatland Fire Protection District	Gary S. Ventress, Sr. 2555 Cross Roads Rd. Decatur, IL 62521 (Re-appointment)	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday May, 2015
Warrensburg Fire Protection District	Galen Underwood 3 Redlick Ct. Warrensburg, IL 62573 (Re-appointment)	1 <sup>st</sup> Monday May, 2015

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Resolution G-3687-4-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

4. Resolution G-3688-4-12 – Appointment to Sanitary District of Decatur Board of Trustees

Jim Gresham, 3480 W. Center St., Decatur, IL 62526  
Term Expires: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of May, 2015

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-3688-4-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Resolution G-3689-4-12 – Appointment of Chairman of the Macon County Zoning Board of Appeals

Barbara Lamont, 121 E. Burgess, Oreana, IL 62554  
Term Expires: May 31, 2013

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Resolution G-3689-4-12 by prior roll call vote.

**QUESTION:**

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked if Mr. Sefton was asked to be chairman.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said no. Mr. Sefton was vice-chairman and still is as far as Mr. Dunn knows.

**MOTION CARRIED. (GREENFIELD SHOWED HIS VOTE AS NO)**

6. Resolution G-3690-4-12 – Appointment to the Macon County Zoning Board of Appeals

Donald Wilson, 2028 Evergreen Dr., Decatur, IL 62521  
Term Expires: May 31, 2017

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve Resolution G-3690-4-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED. (GREENFIELD SHOWED HIS VOTE AS NO)**

7. Resolution G-3691-4-12 – Appointment to the Macon County Zoning Board of Appeals

Steve Langhoff, 475 Greenbrier Ln., Forsyth, IL 62535  
Term Expires: May 31, 2017

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Minich to approve Resolution G-3691-4-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED. (GREENFIELD SHOWED HIS VOTE AS NO)**

**D. CONSENT CALENDAR**

8. Resolution G-3692-4-12 – 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. (GREENFIELD SHOWED HIS VOTE AS YES)**

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

9. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution G-3693-4-12 which is approving increased funds in Law Enforcement Safety Tax for moving radio equipment in Macon, IL.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-3693-4-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

10. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution G-3694-4-12 which is approving increase in appropriations in the State's Attorney's Grant Fund FY 12 budget for the Adult Redeploy Illinois Grant.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3694-4-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**EEHW COMMITTEE**

11. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution G-3695-4-12 which is approving increase in appropriations in the FY12 Health Fund Budget for Maternal, Infant and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-3695-4-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

12 Mr. Dudley presented Resolution G-3696-4-12 which is approving an increase in appropriations in the FY 12 Health Department Budget for building improvements.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Resolution G-3696-4-12 by prior roll call vote.

**QUESTION:**

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby said we had building improvements that were approved last year but asked if that money was not spent.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said this is Phase I, the roof and things like that.

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby asked if the amount was more than what was approved last year. He asked what the money was spent for.

Julie Aubert: Ms. Aubert said last year the amount was based on the architect's bid proposal. The amount was \$498,000.

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby said and now they are at \$598,000.

Ms. Aubert: Ms. Aubert said correct and that is when they actually got the bids, when they actually came in. She said that first money was never spent.

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby asked if the amount of work is the same but we have gone up \$100,000, or are they adding additional work. He does not quite understand.

Ms. Aubert: Ms. Aubert said when the first amount of money was proposed and they went through the process, they thought they were going to be able to get the work done so it was the first step in getting the proposal put together. She then brought that amount to the board. The bidding process took much longer than they anticipated so they didn't expend any of that money, so when the actual bids came in they were higher.

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby asked if the amount of work is the same as last year except that the bid came in at \$598,000.

Ms. Aubert: Ms. Aubert said the first amount was Phase I. This amount is Phase I & II.

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby said, so there is more work being done.

Ms. Aubert: Ms. Aubert said that correct.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

### **OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

13. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution G-3697-4-12 which is approving a health insurance proposal from Gallagher Benefit Services.

### **MOTION**

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-3697-4-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

14. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution G-3698-4-12 which is approving Delta Dental Insurance proposal from Gallagher Benefit Services.

**MOTION**

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3698-4-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

15. Mr. Meachum presented Resolution G-3699-4-12 which is approving a contract for Employee Assistance Plan Services with Chestnut Global Partners.

**MOTION**

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-3699-4-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

16. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3700-4-12 which is amending General Fund General Revenue detail for FY 12 budget.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-3700-4-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

17. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3701-4-12 which is approving increase in appropriations in the FY 12 Health Fund Budget for IPHI Obesity Campaign.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3701-4-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

18. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3702-4-12 which is approving increase in the General Fund for specialized appraisal research in the amount of \$75,000.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mr. McGlaughlin to approve Resolution G-3702-4-12 by prior roll call vote.

**QUESTION:**

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked if before that \$75,000 is spent it will go back to the Finance Committee.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said it will go to Finance and the board.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked if that needed to be an amendment to this resolution.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he had his word on it but if Mr. Greenfield wanted to make an amendment he could.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he would take him for his word.

Mr. Jacobs: Mr. Jacobs asked what kind of research we would be having here.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said we haven't finalized any research yet. The problem is that we do not have any money in there to do it when we want it. It depends on the people that protest their taxes and file an appeal. If they take it to PTAB and they have an appraisal, the PTAB process is that they base their decision on the facts and if appellant has an appraisal and we don't have one then PTAB will probably go with the facts and use their appraisal. We might need to get an appraisal down the road on some of these people who appeal their taxes to PTAB. Mr. Dunn said usually we try to work out some type of compromise, and sometimes they don't take them to PTAB and sometimes they do.

Mr. Jacobs: Mr. Jacobs asked if it goes to PTAB are we going to get an appraisal on every one on our own even though those persons who are petitioning have an appraisal by a competent person.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said no. The Board of Review will tell him what they think they should do and he will take it back to the Finance Committee and the full board, as far as what the county wants to do. The Board of Review can do their thing, but they are limited in funds. The Board of Review can make a decision on an appeal or a review of the appraisal and things like that, if they have money in their fund. Also, the county is one of the taxing bodies that can make that decision just like the school district or the park district or anybody else. But, we don't have any funds designated for that. He thinks the county board should have some funds there in case we want to make the decision that we want to appeal. The Board of Review might not want to appeal, but the county board might want to appeal or get an appraisal. Right now we don't have any funds to do that.

Mr. Jacobs: Mr. Jacobs asked if the county board can ask for an appraisal even though the Board of Appeals doesn't want one.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said if someone goes to the Board of Review and files an appeal and goes to PTAB, the Board of Review can say they are ok with it; but the county board has the ultimate decision as a taxing entity to make that decision as to whether they want to be part of the appeal process. Right now we don't have any money to do that.

Mr. Jacobs: Mr. Jacobs asked where we are going to get the money.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said out of the General Fund.

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby said he thought we had a small amount of money in that line item, like \$5,000 or \$10,000.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said the Board of Review has, he thought \$10,000, and they have made a decision to review a couple of them on their own. Mr. Dunn said he was just saying that if we ever decide to make an appeal in the process, we don't have any money in there to do that. That decision would come through the Finance Committee and the board.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch asked if we would ask any of the other taxing bodies to participate in this cost.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said definitely. He has already talked to a few of them about whether they would participate. In one case, it ended up that we worked out a deal with them. He asked all of the taxing bodies except for one and that was the fire protection district, but all of them agreed verbally. They have to run it through their committees. He thinks everybody should pay their fair share of the process.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch said he knew that in the past some of them have opted out.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said it hasn't been done and he didn't know if anybody has even asked. Usually it is the Board of Review and the school districts that have done anything.

In the case of some of these entities, like the townships, it could be \$80,000 that potentially they could lose. He thinks they should pay their fair share.

Mr. Jacobs: Mr. Jacobs asked if we are going after every tax payer.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said no.

Mr. McGlaughlin: Mr. McGlaughlin said we are not going “after” any taxpayers.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said we are just trying to set up a fund so that if we see a large difference between what the Supervisor of Assessments set at and the Board of Review has come up with, what they have worked out, and the appellant; and there is a huge difference then that gives the county board an option to say we want to get an appraisal. We have not had that option before, or we haven’t taken that option.

Mr. McGlaughlin: Mr. McGlaughlin said that in most cases he would anticipate that these would be large complicated properties rather than a simple residence, or what have you. It would be a large manufacturing facility or something on that order that calls for more expertise than is readily available to us, as we did several years ago with a large grain milling firm here. We hired outside expertise to assist us just as the appellant, the company, did also. We are not doing this in anticipation of having a hit list or whatever.

Mr. Jacobs: Mr. Jacobs said he disagreed with that. He thinks they have a hit list.

Mr. McGlaughlin: Mr. McGlaughlin said he thinks that is one of the most ignorant remarks he has ever heard made on this board floor.

Mr. Jacobs: Mr. Jacobs said Mr. McGlaughlin could call it whatever he wanted to.

Mr. McGlaughlin: Mr. McGlaughlin said he just did.

**MOTION CARRIED. (HOGAN & JACOBS SHOWED THEIR VOTE AS NO)**

19. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3703-4-12 which is setting the salaries for officeholders elected 2012 – 2016.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-3703-4-12 by prior roll call vote.

**QUESTION:**

Mr. Hogan: Mr. Hogan said the problem he has with it is that the officeholders mentioned in the resolution that they are voting on for a salary increase, have salaries that

are \$10,000 above the other officeholders who will come up in two years. Mr. Hogan said that is a significant difference.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said we tried to take care of that 2 years ago and didn't get enough support to do that, and he hopes they would 2 years from now when those same officials come up for salaries; that we take care of it then.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch asked if they are going to jump from \$10,000.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said we did that 4 years ago. Two years ago when the other officeholders came up, this board decided not to jump them up. He would hope they would take care of that two years from now.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said he doesn't think it was mentioned in finance, but at that time he did vote for it. He asked if each one of these officeholders receives a stipend.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he was not sure about that anymore. It used to be that the Auditor didn't and then they cut the stipends for some of the officeholders so he is not sure where it is at now.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said maybe they could here from these officeholders, but it was his understanding that all 4 of these officeholders receive \$6,500 a year in a stipend.

Mr. Bean: Mr. Bean said he didn't think that was true. Mr. Bean said he and Mary do and he thought the Circuit Clerk did. He thought that some who were paid from the Department of Revenue don't get all of theirs. Under state law, state stipends are not supposed to figure into salaries.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said some of them have been cut, and a lot of them have been threatened to be cut. He doesn't know where they will be in the near future with the state finances the way they are; but he doesn't think it should have any bearing on the salary setting.

**ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Ashby, Cox, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, Greenfield, Little, McGlaughlin, Meachum, Minich, Smith, Westerman, Williams, Zimmerman

Nays: Hogan, Jacobs, Oliver

**AYES = 14**

**NAYS = 3**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

20. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3704-4-12 which is authorizing the position of Insurance Director and Salary for 2012 – 2016.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-3704-4-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED. (HOGAN SHOWED HIS VOTE AS NO & JACOBS & OLIVER SHOWED THEIR VOTE AS YES)**

21. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3705-4-12 which is approving the compensation of Macon County Board Members.

**MOTION**

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Resolution G-3705-4-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED. (HOGAN SHOWED HIS VOTE AS YES & OLIVER SHOWED HIS VOTE AS NO)**

The Negotiations Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

22. Mr. Smith presented Resolution H-1800-4-12 which is appropriating funds for a reconstruction project on CH 20 in Forsyth for engineering and design costs.

**MOTION**

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution H-1800-4-12 by prior roll call vote.

**QUESTION:**

Mr. Westerman: Mr. Westerman said he had a couple questions for Mr. Bird. He said we have been down this road before but he would like Mr. Bird to explain the condition of CH 20 through Forsyth. He asked if this is a pretty good road, or is it the worst road we have in the county.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said no it is not the worst road by far. It was resurfaced about 5 years ago so we should get about 20 years of life out of that, so another 10-15 years of life out of that road easily.

Mr. Westerman: Mr. Westerman asked if we have any other places in the county that could use \$4,500,000 that we might spend on this road.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said we won't be spending \$4,500,000 out there until we get our full use out of it. He would take \$4,500,000 because he has a lot of projects he could work on.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked how much acreage we are talking about taking for the retention pond from the Mc Cool farm.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said there are 2 areas. The folks from BGM are here. He thinks it is around 8 acres total. The people from BGM told Mr. Bird it is around 12 acres total for the McCool's.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked what about in the whole project.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said there are 2 there and then there is 1 east of there. He asked what the size is on the one east of there. The people from BGM told him that one is 10 acres. So, there is a total of 22 acres.

Mr. Westerman: Mr. Westerman said the amount of land that is being taken, meaning being taken and kept forever, is like twice or more of the acreage adjoining them is going to be used for construction purposes. So, as far as he is concerned that is being taken too. It will be given back after it's been demolished, but the top soil may be taken off. Clay may be piled on top of it. It is kind of like Humpty Dumpty falling off the wall, you can have scrambled eggs but you are never going to put that back together again. Soil is a fragile thing. It is not just a pile of dirt; and after it has been torn up like that, it is not very productive. So, those numbers may be correct but it is not the right answer we should be asking about how much land is going to be taken in the project.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said regardless of her views on the entire project, regarding this resolution, she asked if this is engineering work that has already been completed and now we have decided to pay them.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said it was additional work that after you put together your report you send it off to IDOT and they take a look at it and the feds take a look at it, sometimes, and way too many times for his personal preference here lately they come back and ask for additional work to be done. It is very frustrating from his standpoint because we have an engineering firm that is going to put their license out there. They are going to say this is work they are going to turn in and they stand behind it and then you get a bureaucrat somewhere along the line with IDOT that says you have to spend more money.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said that didn't answer her question. Has this work been done?

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said the work has already been done.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little asked if this \$28,619.48 worth of work, did we approve it before it was done.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said it was part of the original work. In order to finish the project, we had to have the work done.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said then it didn't come back. When the additional work was requested by IDOT, it did not come back to the board?

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said it is here now. He asked if she meant did it come back before the work was accomplished.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said yes.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said no.

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby said he had a follow-up to Mr. Westerman's comments. How is the landowner compensated for the construction use of the property as opposed to the basin?

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said that is an individual negotiation with the landowner at the time that the work is imminent. There are federal guidelines you follow, but it is basically an open negotiation. You could have purchase price of the ground and there is any kind of damages. In the past we have paid crop damage for compaction. We've paid damages for point rows. There are a lot of firms out there that will do those evaluations for you and tell you exactly what that dollar amount is.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams asked if the owners of the land are subject to public condemnation if they refuse to sell.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said yes, but that is always a last ditch.... There are significant costs involved on the county side and even getting to that point. So, it is always, always cheaper to reach a negotiated settlement.

## **MOTION TO AMEND**

Mr. Westerman moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to amend Resolution H-1800-4-12 to add a second Whereas to state, "Whereas, the County Board is desirous of not spending any further funds on this project for engineering and design costs." He wants to further amend the resolution by adding two new paragraphs at the end of the original resolution which will read as follows: "Be It Further Resolved that the County Board shall not appropriate any additional funds for engineering and design costs for this project. Be It Further Resolved that County Highway 20 shall not be re-constructed without County Board approval until it becomes functionally obsolete as defined by IDOT standards."

## **QUESTION:**

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby asked Mr. Bird to comment on these amendments and how they would affect him.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said you are basically putting in black and white what he has been saying for several months now. He has no problem with it.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked Mr. Bird if he had a problem with that last paragraph that says the county highway will not be reconstructed without board approval until it becomes functionally obsolete as defined by IDOT standards.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said no. He said we will still maintain it when the road gets to the point where....

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked Mr. Bird to describe what functionally obsolete is.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said it is an engineering term based upon traffic counts, what type of pavement you have there, how thick it is, what type of traffic you are carrying. It could also relate to geometrics, how wide it is. If you end up with a lot of trucks on the road then you obviously have to widen the road and widen the turns to get the trucks around it. It is a good term to use in there that covers any kind of potential changes that would happen in the future on that road.

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield asked him if he felt comfortable with it.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said absolutely.

Mr. Jacobs: Mr. Jacobs said as he understands it the work has been done.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said the engineering work.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver wanted to ask in this 22 acres where it will go, the land that is left over, will it become county property. Will it revert back to the original owners or what if it is all not used?

Mr. Westerman: Mr. Westerman said it will be the Village of Forsyth's property.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said it won't be county property.

## **ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Ashby, Cox, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, Greenfield, Hogan, Jacobs, Little, McGlaughlin, Meachum, Minich, Oliver, Smith, Westerman, Williams, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 17**

**NAYS = 0**

**MOTION CARRIED. (AMENDMENT TO RES. H-1800-4-12)**

**MOTION CARRIED. (MAIN MOTION AS AMENDED RES. H-1800-4-12)**

23. Mr. Smith presented Resolution H-1801-4-12 which is approving the Macon County Highway Department sign maintenance policy.

**MOTION**

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Williams to approve Resolution H-1801-4-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

24. Mr. Smith presented Resolution H-1802-4-12 which is awarding the purchase of one 2012  $\frac{3}{4}$  Ton 4x4 heavy duty extended cab pickup.

**MOTION**

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution H-1802-4-12 by prior roll call vote.

**QUESTION:**

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said she had a quick question on county procedures. Mrs. Little asked if this has already been purchased and we are just kind of...

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said no it has not been purchased.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch said he noticed there are two different manufacturers but asked why there is a difference between the \$28,000 and the \$24,000 when the vehicles sound almost the same.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith said one is a  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton and the other is a  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

25. Mr. Smith presented Resolution H-1803-4-12 which is awarding the purchase of one 2012  $\frac{1}{2}$  Ton 4x4 extended cab pickup.

**MOTION**

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution H-1803-4-12 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

26. Mr. Smith presented Resolution H-1804-4-12 which is awarding the purchase of two 2012, 15ft. flex wing rotary cutters.

**MOTION**

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution H-1804-4-12 by prior roll call vote.

**QUESTION:**

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby thought we bought a couple of these last year.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said yes.

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby asked if they are still functional. Do we only get 1 year of life out of them or what is the deal?

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum said we needed 4 and we only have 2 left.

Mr. Ashby: Mr. Ashby asked what the life on one of these is.

Mr. Bird: Mr. Bird said 20 years.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

27. Mr. Smith presented Resolution H-1805-4-12 which is approving an Intergovernmental Agreement for the sharing of certain costs related to improvement of a bridge on Firehouse Road in the Village of Long Creek, Macon County, Illinois, between the Village of Long Creek and the County of Macon.

**MOTION**

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve Resolution H-1805-4-12 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 met and went over the different buildings we have looked at to determine which ones we would like to pursue. So, we cut down on the number. There are basically 3 properties that we are going to look into further. We are waiting on some action to be taken by the Building Commission and then we will make some other decisions.

There were no citizens' remarks presented at the meeting.

### **OFFICEHOLDERS' REMARKS:**

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he would like everybody to contemplate if FOX News was shutting down today for the rest of our lives, what you would think about that because we are losing Theresa Churchill as our reporter. We are losing a good gal who he thinks has done very well for the county as far as reporting the facts as they have transpired through our meetings. She has been reassigned to some new stuff. We are getting a new gal whose name is Allison. Theresa said she will help break her in and if they had anything to report to her she would always be welcome to listen to it. Mr. Dunn said we are going to miss her and he thinks she has done a good job for the county as far as reporting the facts as best as you can. Some of the stuff we deal with here is pretty complicated and he respects her for what she has done and we'll miss her.

Mr. Meachum: Mr. Meachum asked all of the board members to keep Jon Baxter in their thoughts. He is home recovering and doing well. Hopefully, in a month or so will be back sitting in his chair.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

There was no new business presented at the meeting.

### **MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Oliver to adjourn until Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 7:15 p.m.

### **MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.