

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

FEBRUARY 14, 2013

**Jay A. Dunn
Chairman**

**Stephen M. Bean
Clerk**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with the Sheriff and State's Attorney present.

The Roll Call showed all members present with the exception of Mr. Smith and Mrs. Taylor.

Mr. Dudley led the members in prayer

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Taylor was now present at the meeting.

**A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 10, 2013 AND
JANUARY 17, 2013 MEETINGS**

MOTION

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to approve the minutes of the January 10, 2013 and January 17, 2013 meetings.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Ashby, Baxter, Bird, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, Greenfield, Hogan, Jacobs, Little, Mattingley, Meachum, Minich, Oliver, Potts, Taylor, Williams, Zimmerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 20

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

There were no zonings and subdivisions presented at the meeting.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

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

A letter from NewWave Communications regarding their purchase of Suddenlink

A letter from Enbridge regarding Southern Access Extension Pipeline Project Open House on February 27, 2013 from 5:00 to 7:30 at Decatur Conference Center & Hotel.

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report – January 2013
Coroner's Report – December 2012
Treasurer Fund & Investment Report – January 2013
Tax Collector Bank Report – January 2013
Annual Report - Macon County Clerk – December 2011 thru November 30, 2012
Annual Report – Macon County Recorder- December 2011 thru November 30, 2012
Annual Collector's Report from Macon County Treasurer – Tax Year 2011 payable 2012
& 2012 Mobile Home Privilege

MOTION

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

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

There were no appointments presented at the meeting.

C. CONSENT CALENDAR

2. Resolution G-3828-2-13 – 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

3. Mr. Mattingley presented Resolution G-3829-2-13 which is approving an intergovernmental agreement for services during a disaster or extreme emergency between The Village of Forsyth and the County of Macon.

MOTION

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-3829-2-13 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

4. Mr. Mattingley presented Resolution G-3830-2-13 which is approving increase in appropriations in FY 2013 Sheriff's budget for vehicle purchase for the Canine Unit.

MOTION

Mr. Mattingley moved, seconded by Mr. Minich to approve Resolution G-3830-2-13 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Mr. Mattingley presented Resolution G-3831-2-13 which is approving increase in appropriations in FY 2013 State's Attorney's budget for vehicle purchase.

MOTION

Mr. Mattingley moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3831-2-13 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

EEHW COMMITTEE

6. Mr. Dudley presented Ordinance O-102-2-13 which is recognizing the most current published issues of the National Electrical Code published by the National Fire Protection Association.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to approve Ordinance O-102-2-13 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

7. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution G-3832-2-13 which is approving increase in appropriations in the FY 13 Health Fund Budget for Health Matters for Kids.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-3832-2-13 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

8. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution G-3833-2-13 which is approving increase in appropriations in the FY13 Health Fund Budget for Teen Pregnancy Prevention.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Mattingley to approve Resolution G-3833-2-13 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution G-3834-2-13 which is approving increase in appropriations for digital x-ray upgrade and additional doctors for the Dental Clinic.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-3834-2-13 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution G-3835-2-13 which is approving increase in appropriations for a Digital Health Department which will allow the Environmental Health Division to run more efficiently.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3835-2-13 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

The Legislative Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

11. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3836-2-13 which is approving increase in appropriations in the Circuit Court's FY 12 budget for expenses in certain appeals.

MOTION

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-3836-2-13 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

12. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3837-2-13 which is approving increase in appropriations in Law Library's FY 12 budget.

MOTION

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mr. Mattingley to approve Resolution G-3837-2-13 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

13. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3838-2-13 which is approving the proposed transfer of the cable franchise currently held by Suddenlink.

MOTION

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve Resolution G-3838-2-13 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

14. Mr. Ashby presented Ordinance O-103-2-13 which is granting a non-exclusive franchise to NewWave Communications, authorizing operation and maintenance of a cable communications system in Macon County, Illinois, and further approving the associated Franchise Agreement.

MOTION

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Ordinance O-103-2-13 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

15. Mr. Ashby presented Resolution G-3839-2-13 which is approving a contract with Decatur Computers Inc. for backup disaster recovery.

MOTION

Mr. Ashby moved, seconded by Mr. Minich to approve Resolution G-3839-2-13 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Negotiations Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

COMMENT:

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams said he would like to lump Resolutions H-1831-2-13, H-1833-2-13, H-1834-2-13, and H-1835-2-13 together if the chairman allows. All of these are appropriation resolutions for bridge projects.

16. Mr. Williams presented Resolution H-1831-2-13 which is appropriating funds for engineering expenses for the Drummer Road Bridge in Austin Township, Section 12-01121-00-EG.

Mr. Williams presented Resolution H-1833-2-13 which is appropriating funds for construction expenses on the Firehouse Road bridge repair project, Section 12-00243-00-BR.

Mr. Williams presented Resolution H-1834-2-13 which is appropriating funds for construction expenses for the Washington Street bridge repair project in Austin Township, Section 11-01120-00-BR.

Mr. Williams presented Resolution H-1835-2-13 which is appropriating funds for construction expenses for the Kenney Road CH 21 bridge replacement project, Section 10-00237-00-BR.

MOTION

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Bird to approve Resolutions H-1831-2-13, H-1833-2-13, H-1834-2-13, and H-1835-2-13 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

17. Mr. Williams presented Resolution H-1832-2-13 which is appropriating funds for engineering expenses for the Sefton Road (CH 60) Bridge Replacement Project, Section 13-00255-00-BR.

MOTION

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution H-1832-2-13 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (MEACHUM SHOWED HIS VOTE AS NO)

18. Mr. Williams presented Resolution H-1836-2-13 which is an intergovernmental agreement for the sharing of certain costs related to improvement of portions of various public highways in Macon County, Illinois between the City of Decatur, Hickory Point Township, Long Creek Township, Mount Zion Township and the County of Macon.

MOTION

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Mattingley to approve Resolution H-1836-2-13 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (MEACHUM ABSTAINED FROM VOTING ON RESOLUTION H-1836-2-13)

19. Mr. Williams presented Resolution H-1837-2-13 which is appropriating funds from Motor Fuel Tax Funds (FY 13) to cover the annual MFT Maintenance Program.

MOTION

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution H-1837-2-13 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (MEACHUM SHOWED HIS VOTE AS YES)

20. Mr. Williams presented Resolution H-1838-2-13 which is awarding the annual county sign and sign post bid to Rocal Inc.

MOTION

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution H-1838-2-13 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

21. Mr. Williams presented Resolution H-1839-2-13 which is awarding the annual county culvert bid to Metal Culverts, Inc.

MOTION

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution H-1839-2-13 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

22. Mr. Williams presented Resolution H-1840-2-13 which is granting permission to dispose of surplus equipment.

MOTION

Mr. Williams moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution H-1840-2-13 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 they will be asking for a closed session at the end of the meeting.

CITIZENS' REMARKS:

Dean Padgett: Mr. Padgett said some of the new members may not know why he is at the meeting so he quickly wanted to give them an overview on why he is there. Each board member should have received a copy of the Friends Creek Campground and Picnic Area 2012 Report. After his comments if anyone wanted a copy he did have a few more, and there is a good e-mail on the back that you could get a hold of the executive director pretty easy. Mr. Padgett said starting next month will be his seventh year of protest concerning the conservation district and the campground known as Friends Creek Campground. In that frame of time the campground has totally been closed by a vote of 3 to 2, of the 5 trustees who are appointed to the conservation board by this board right here when a vacancy arises. After it was completely closed it was reopened without any electricity the next year. One year after that, 17 sites were electrified. In 2008, ten more sites were electrified. Presently we are short 9 sites of this campground. He would like to resign his position if they wanted to know the truth. He was pleading with everyone on this board, and the chairman he was pleading with him, that the next appointment to the conservation board understands that we will make an attempt to open and finish the only campground we have in Macon County. He said to bring you up to date, many of you have heard this story. He was born in that area. He ran that timber. He is a retired school teacher, and every school he taught in they tear down and destroy. His first grade class is there. It is a very important place in his life. You have been a very important place in his life. He has learned to know you and is going to get to know the new members a little bit better. In life he has learned that there are more ways to skin a polecat than one, and there is no pun intended. Let's appoint someone to that board who will get on that board and finish this job that should never have taken place in the beginning.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley asked if there is a vacancy now.

Mr. Padgett: Mr. Padgett asked a vacancy for?

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said for that board.

Mr. Padgett: Mr. Padgett said no.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley asked when they are up.

Mr. Padgett: Mr. Padgett said he is thinking in June, but asked if Mr. Dunn knew.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he thinks he has one coming up but he doesn't know what month, but probably June.

Mr. Padgett: Mr. Padgett said that is normally when it is.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch asked if these other sites were finished, would that keep this unit from losing money every year.

Mr. Padgett: Mr. Padgett said they took in \$23,000 and you know how poor last summer was. The board doesn't agree with this he thinks, but the directors of the conservation district think there are a lot of people who still do not want electricity. As he has mentioned before when you go into Friends Creek there is an area about a football field and a half and there is all kinds of camping there if people want to put up a tent. The only thing they would have to do is with the restrooms close by they would have to walk to take a shower if they are really that adamant about having electricity not available to them. But, the sites are there and we just need 9 more. If we get 9 more, it will outlive everybody in this room including him.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch said there used to be a waiting list of people that wanted to use electrified sites. He asked if that is still the situation.

Mr. Padgett: Mr. Padgett said the campground only fills up 3 times a year. They fill up July 4th, Memorial Day and Labor Day, and maybe one other time if there is a family reunion or something like that. The waiting list was when they had permanent campers. If you would add permanent campers onto that \$23,000 there would have been enough money there that as he said the very first time he stepped to the microphone; that it is the only operation under the Conservation District that would pay its own way. As bad as last year was, that is still quite a bit of money. They are still going to have to mow that area and take care of it. You could wipe off the cost of that because it is a self sustaining operation.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams said if he understands the income summary correctly, the income for 2010 was \$16,469.00 and 2011 was \$22,393.00. He said that is a substantial increase so it must be catching on.

Mr. Padgett: Mr. Padgett said they have done a better job of advertising. If you know anything about business, when you close a business because of a road change or something it sometimes never recovers; and we are still recovering from that. But, they are doing a better job of advertising.

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams said it appears to be trending in the right direction.

Mr. Padgett: Mr. Padgett said he agreed and if they finish the 9 sites.... It is a great improvement and he can go to his grave and he won't turn over.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley asked if he knows what the approximate cost is to finish the 9 sites.

Mr. Padgett: Mr. Padgett said he would give them a ballpark figure which is \$38,000 or \$40,000 would finish it, in that ballpark.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley asked if the funds are available to do it.

Mr. Padgett: Mr. Padgett said they are sitting on a \$3,000,000 reserve; they can do anything they want. He thanked them for their time and patience, and said he would appreciate if they would make sure that next person is for finishing the campground. They will get rid of him for sure.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn asked if the board would want him to draft a letter in support of finishing that project. He said he would put everyone's name on it so they could sign it. The board members were in favor of sending a letter.

OFFICEHOLDERS' REMARKS:

Mr. Williams: Mr. Williams said he is a little behind the eight ball this year, but next month is our annual job shadow with our 4-H kids. We have had some big changes since last year in the time we meet, and he had not had a chance to talk about their tentative plans and what they would like to do. This room appears not to be used before the board meeting so they would like to have the 4-H kids meet here about 5:00. Amy Lemman and Mindy Peterson, from 4-H will bring snacks for the kids. We ask board members and officeholders to meet here as soon as they can around 5:00 to talk with the kids informally for a couple of minutes. As we break off and go to the caucuses we will send, as best we can an equal number to the Democrat and Republican caucuses. Then we will try to get a board member to bring each youth back with them to the meeting. He said they will get something out about this.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

There was no new business presented at the meeting.

MOTION TO CLOSE SESSION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to go into closed session by prior roll call vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO OPEN SESSION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to return to open session by prior roll call vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to adjourn until Thursday, March 14, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.