

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE  
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

**FEBRUARY 11, 2016**

**Kevin Greenfield  
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. Ashby, Mr. Bird, Mr. Minich, Mr. Noland, and Mr. Oliver.

Mrs. Taylor led the members in prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 14, 2016 MEETING**

**MOTION**

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2016 meeting.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**ROLL CALL.**

Ayes: Baxter, Brown, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, Greenfield, Hogan, Jackson, Little, Mattingley, Meachum, Potts, Smith, Taylor

Nays: (None)

**AYES = 16**  
**NAYS= 0**

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**RECOGNITIONS:**

Mr. Flynn: Mr. Flynn said most of the time he appears on the other side of the room. For those who are interested he wanted them to know that he is not on the county's payroll today. Mr. Flynn said he was at the meeting on behalf of the Macon Mosquito Abatement District. For those who are conscientious taxpayers and concerned about that, he was there pro-bono as well. Mr. Flynn introduced them to Lisle Ellis. They had a plaque for Lisle that he read: To Lisle Ellis in grateful appreciation of 35 years of dedicated service, devotion, and commitment to the Macon Mosquito Abatement District and our community. Mr. Flynn wanted to tell them a little bit more about Lisle. Lisle has been serving on the Mosquito Abatement District for 35 years. He served on this Macon County Board for 6 years. He has been on the Decatur Township Cemetery Board of Trustees for 25 years. That is 66 years of dedicated public service. He has been a great guy to deal with. Just recently when we were electing the officers of the Mosquito Abatement District, he has been the president out there and done a very nice

job, he told them before they began that he didn't want to be nominated to an office because he was 87 years old and had decided to retire. So after 66 years of dedicated public service he asked them to join him in giving Lisle a round of applause.

Lisle Ellis: Mr. Ellis said back when he got out to the service in 1955 he decided while he was in Korea that a guy should have something to do with and a little bit to say about what goes on in this country. So, when he got home he asked the precinct committeeman if he could help him and he helped him on one election. The next time he told Lisle he should run and he would help him; and he did. He was a man of his word. Mr. Ellis said he became a precinct committeeman in his district for 30 years. There was a vacancy on the county board from District 1 so they named him. He was then reelected to it. Mr. Ellis was on several committees and looking back he wonders how he ever made them all. Sometimes he had 3 committees in one day and he was still working full time at Sears. He enjoyed his years on the board. After he was off the board the politics changed at that time and Mo Morthland was County Board Chairman. Mr. Morthland put Mr. Ellis on the cemetery board and nominated him and Dr. Hill for the mosquito abatement. He said they have seen a lot of changes in mosquito abatement since he started on the board. Originally when he started most of it was hand distribution of chemicals on the waterways, ponds, and what have you. Then they went to using a helicopter to distribute the chemicals. They worked for years to get a patent on a method of distributing chemicals for mosquito abatement by using ground corncobs and saturating them with the chemical and then sprinkling them on top of the water and they float. That is where the mosquitos hatch and grow, under the surface of the water, because they have to breathe. They finally sold the patent after they got it after several years to one of the big chemical companies. They quit using the helicopters because it became too expensive. They bought other types of equipment to distribute it. Chemical uses changed because some that had been used regularly, couldn't be anymore. They used to use diesel oil and that couldn't be used anymore. Things have changed an awful lot. Now they have a completely new set of chemicals to use. They mainly use college students because the districts' active time is in the summer. They have had a lot of good students who have worked for mosquito abatement for years. They come back and it turns out to be a good job for them too so they come back and work for several years until they graduate. The whole program has changed a lot in the years he has been there. When he started Jackie was the secretary and now she is the superintendent, and doing an excellent job of it. He said it is one of the best jobs they have had by any superintendent in all the years he has been there. Mr. Ellis said he has enjoyed his years with mosquito abatement. He has enjoyed the people he worked with there. Mr. Ellis said he will keep his interest in what goes on out there, especially with all like West Nile and this new disease they've got that is transmitted by mosquitos. He is not going to just wash his hands of it and forget it. Mr. Ellis appreciated the county board re-nominating him through the years to keep him on the board for mosquito abatement. He appreciates the fact that they were acknowledging his time there. He thanked them.

Mr. Flynn: Mr. Flynn said he didn't misrepresent anything to them, Lisle really is 87 years old. Mr. Flynn said if he is alive at 87 and has his wits about him he will be thrilled.

## **ZONING/SUBDIVISIONS**

1. Mrs. Little presented Resolution Z-1166-02-16 which is regarding Case R-02-01-16, a petition submitted by David Elliott for rezoning 26.33 acres from (A-1) Agricultural Zoning to (RE-5) Single Family Estate Zoning on property located at 3882 E. Kraft Road in Dalton City, IL in Mt. Zion Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend approval of the subject petition to the County Board. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and voted to recommend approval to the County Board.

### **MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution Z-1163-02-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

### **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **B. CORRESPONDENCE**

Two Notices of Application for Permit to Manage Waste from the IL EPA regarding Advanced Disposal Services Valley View Landfill application addressing condition V.4 and addressing modification to operate Section V Cell 1 of the landfill which consists of newly constructed 7 acre composite liner system including a gradient control system and leachate collection system.

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

### **REPORTS**

Sheriff's Report – January 2016  
Tax Collector's Report – January 2016  
Treasurer Fund & Investment Report – January 2016

### **MOTION**

Mr. Dunn 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.**

## **2. CLAIMS**

**MOTION**

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

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

There were no appointments presented at the meeting.

**C. CONSENT CALENDAR**

3. Resolution G-4441-02-16 – Executing deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent

**MOTION**

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve the Consent Calendar by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**JUSTICE COMMITTEE**

4. Mr. Mattingley presented Resolution G-4442-02-16 which is amending the FY15 Probation budget.

**MOTION**

Mr. Mattingley moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-4442-02-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

5. Mr. Mattingley presented Resolution G-4443-02-16 which is approving an amendment to the State’s Attorney’s FY 16 budget.

**MOTION**

Mr. Mattingley moved, seconded by Mr. Smith to approve Resolution G-4443-02-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

6. Mr. Mattingley presented Resolution G-4444-02-16 which is amending the State's Attorney's FY 16 budget for Teen Court Program.

**MOTION**

Mr. Mattingley moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4444-02-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

The EEHW Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

**OPERATIONS AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

7. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-4445-02-16 which is approving changes in fees charged by the County Clerk.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve Resolution G-4445-2-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

8. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-4446-02-16 which is approving changes in fees charged by the Macon County Recorder.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Dunn to approve Resolution G-4446-02-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

9. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-4447-02-16 which is approving a lease agreement with Senator Andy Manar.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve Resolution G-4447-02-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said the only thing she had was the comment that they all knew to be true which was that the safest day to be a taxpayer in Illinois is when Springfield is not in session. That is not true right now. They have been watching. There are several issues out there that will hurt the county, anywhere from significant property tax freezes up to even FOIA changes. Right now it looks like nothing is going to happen before the primary, which she wasn't sure if that was good or bad. Her concern on a personal level is that they are unable to make headlines of accomplishments at the state level, so she thinks they are going to try and make changes at local government levels that will look good for them in a reelection. She said that concerns her so they are watching that. One bill that is out there that she does hope passes is HB4557. It would kick back the jury changes that were made in Public Act 98, which was the reduction in the number of jurors as well as the mandatory increases in compensation; but again that hasn't been passed yet.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

10. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-4448-02-16 which is amending the Take Notice Fee in the County Clerk's Office.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Mattingley to approve Resolution G-4448-02-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

11. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-4449-02-16 which is accepting a one year proposal from AJ Gallagher for Property and Inland Marine Insurance Coverage.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-4449-02-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE**

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said they have a tentative agreement with Highway. They have to vote on it and once they do we will be bringing that to the board.

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**MOTION**

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Mattingley to combine the first five resolutions H-1958-02-16 through H-1962-02-16 together in one vote by prior roll vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

12. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1958-02-16 which is approving funds for purchase of Right of Way Parcel 10A from Stanley D. Lehn for CH 41 Wyckles Road Whitetopping Project, Section 14-00200-03-RW.

Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1959-02-16 which is approving funds for the purchase of Right of Way Parcel 10B from Patricia A. Bales, Richard E. Lehn, and Stanley D. Lehn for CH 41 Wyckles Road Whitetopping Project, Section 14-00200-03-RW.

Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1960-02-16 which is approving funds for the purchase of Right of Way Parcel 28 from Patricia A. Bales for CH 41 Wyckles Road Whitetopping Project, Section 14-00200-03-RW.

Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1961-02-16 which is approving funds for the purchase of Right of Way Parcel 35 from Patricia A. Bales for CH 41 Wyckles Road Whitetopping Project, Section 14-00200-03-RW.

Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1962-02-16 which is approving funds for the purchase of Right of Way Parcel 36 from Stanley D. Lehn and M. Jean Lehn for CH 41 Wyckles Road Whitetopping Project, Section 14-00200-03-RW.

**MOTION**



Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Dunn to approve Resolutions H-1958-02-16 through H-1962-02-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

13. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1963-02-16 which is appropriating funds for engineering design for a bridge on TR 46 Drummer Road over the South Fork of Lake Fork Creek in Austin Township.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Dunn to approve Resolution H-1963-02-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

**MOTION**

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to combine Resolutions H-1964-02-16 through H-1966-02-16 together in one vote by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

14. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1964-02-16 which is appropriating funds for engineering design for a bridge on CH 27 Damery Road over Spring Creek in Blue Mound Township.

Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1965-02-16 which is appropriating funds for engineering design for a bridge on CH 18 School Road over a tributary to Friends Creek in Friends Creek Township.

Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1966-02-16 which is appropriating funds for engineering evaluation on a bridge on TR 226 Kruse Road over Big Creek in Mt. Zion Township.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve Resolutions H-1964-02-16 through H-1966-02-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

15. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1967-02-16 appropriating funds for a 50/50 cost share drainage improvement project with Pleasant View Township.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Dunn to approve Resolution H-1967-02-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

16. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1968-02-16 which is appropriating funds for construction expenses for the Spacemark Road Construction Project in Hickory Point Township.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to approve Resolution H-1968-02-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

17. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1969-02-16 which is approving the funding agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation on the CH 30 Elwin Road and CH 41 Wyckles Road Connector Project.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution H-1969-02-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

18. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1970-02-16 which is appropriating additional funds to revise the 2016 MFT General Maintenance Program.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Potts to approve Resolution H-1970-02-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

19. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1971-02-16 which is appropriating funds for construction expenses on the CH 30 Elwin Road and CH 41 Wyckles Road Connector Project.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mrs. Taylor to approve Resolution H-1971-02-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

20. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1972-02-16 which is awarding the annual county culvert bid.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Mattingley to approve Resolution H-1972-02-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

21. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1973-02-16 which is awarding the annual county sign bid.

**MOTION**

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded Mr. Dunn to approve Resolution H-1973-02-16 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.

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

There were no citizens' remarks presented at the meeting.

**OFFICEHOLDERS' REMARKS:**

Mrs. Durbin: Mrs. Durbin said she just wanted to give them an update on their new collection agency. They started with them at the end of August. August 26<sup>th</sup> was the first payment date they collected for the Circuit Clerk's office. Mrs. Durbin said they are over \$300,000 that they have collected so far. She said yesterday they took in the biggest day for them which was over \$14,000 in one day. She said it is working really well for them. Mrs. Durbin said they are also working with the Comptroller's office where if anyone is to receive any kind of state funding whether it is a paycheck, lottery winnings, or unclaimed property anything like that, the Circuit Clerk's office will get a portion of that. We are over \$30,000 collected for that and it started December.

Mrs. Taylor: Mrs. Taylor said she wanted to take a minute and thank Mary Eaton our Recorder of Deeds, Steve Bean our County Clerk, Josh Tanner our Supervisor of Assessments, and Lois Durbin our Circuit Clerk as well as all of their dedicated, hardworking staff. She is in and out of those offices almost on a daily basis. They have their information together. She, along with city staff, would not be able to get their jobs done if it was not for their information being together. They know their stuff. She wanted them to know they are greatly appreciated and do a swell job. Amen.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

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**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to adjourn until Thursday, March 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.