

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

APRIL 14, 2016

**Kevin Greenfield
Chairman**

**Stephen M. Bean
Clerk**

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

The Roll Call showed all members present with the exception of Mr. Ashby, Mr. Bird, Mr. Mattingley, Mr. Noland, Mr. Oliver, and Mrs. Taylor.

Mr. Dudley led members in prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

A. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 10, 2016 MEETING

MOTION

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve the minutes of the March 10, 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, Meachum, Minich, Potts, Smith

Nays: (None)

AYES = 15

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED.

COMMENT:

Mr. Greenfield: Mr. Greenfield said the Sheriff's Department had a citizen's recognition to present.

Jon Butts: Lt. Butts said it is a special night for the sheriff, himself and some special people that are here tonight. We have Meghan Baker and her son Landen Lynch. Mr. Tim Clark and his fiancée Leah Dunham, Meghan's parents Sue and Mick and her father-in-law Danny. He wanted to thank everyone that was at the meeting tonight for the Baker family, Meghan, Landen and for Tim Clark. All of their support was truly appreciated. He also wanted to let Meghan and Landen know that they continue and will always be in our prayers and each and every employee of the Macon County Sheriff's Office is here for you. This is a very special day for one person that is standing here this evening, and also standing up here is a five year old miracle by the name of Landen who through the grace of God one evening, met Tim Clark. On August 6, 2015 at about 7:50

in the evening, a traffic crash was reported to our office. This crash was reported with injuries. As a result of this crash, unfortunately, Justin Baker the driver of one of the vehicles was tragically taken from Meghan and Landen. That evening Justin had just finished his shift at Kroger in Decatur where he was a manager. Leaving work, Justin picked up his stepson Landen and were headed home to Shelbyville when their vehicle was hit head on by a suspected DUI driver. Tim Clark, a veteran of our military was traveling home and came upon the crash scene. In the military Tim received medical training that he never forgot and was able to use that to save Landen's life that evening. Tim exited his vehicle, ran up to the crash scene, did a quick evaluation of the scene and was told by a female bystander that there was a small child in the back of the Ford Taurus that she thought they might lose because of the amount of blood the child was losing. Tim removed his shirt and used the shirt to apply direct pressure to Landen's head. Landen had suffered a severe head injury as a result of the crash. While tending to Landen, Tim never left him, talking to Landen and reassuring him that everything was going to be ok. Tim continued to render lifesaving first aid to Landen until a paramedic who had just arrived on the scene tapped him on the shoulder and they switched positions. It is with great honor that we thank Tim for his actions that night. We want to let him know that his actions will never be forgotten, and because of his actions that night Landen is with his mom and his family tonight. Through Tim's compassion and willingness to help another in need, his training and ability to stay calm, God used him in a way that evening reassuring all of us that God is with us every day using ordinary people to do extraordinary things. Lt. Butts said it is with great appreciation presented to Tim Clark: Please accept our sincere appreciation for the lifesaving medical assistance you provided to Landen Lynch on August 6, 2015. Your actions that day will never be forgotten. From the Macon County Sheriff's Office. They also had an Outstanding Citizen's Award to present to Landen signed by all of their officers. It says Macon County Cares at the bottom of it.

Sheriff Schneider: Sheriff Schneider said they celebrate life and there is nothing more precious than what they had up there tonight. Sheriff Schneider said what Tim did is extraordinary. He is a hero, and the board acknowledging that in the manner they just did is not only appreciated by his family but it is also appreciated by the sheriff and his department. Landen is a special young man. He fought the fight and is in front of us now to prove that he is going to be something very special when he gets older. May God bless him, his family and everybody else.

Meghan Baker: Ms. Baker said she wrote something small, what she felt from the heart. She and Justin truly believed that God puts people in your life for a reason, whether it's for a brief moment or for a long period of time, he puts them there for a reason. Even as devastating as the accident was, she believes God put Tim on that road, at that time, to save Landen. She felt that especially after hearing the story that Tim told her when he reached out to her a few days after the accident. He told her that when he was on that road driving and approached the accident, he considered turning around, but there was something that he heard. He heard something in his head that made him stop. He heard a voice telling him, "you have to go over there, you have to go over there and help". She truly believes that it was Justin telling Tim that he needed to go over and help his son.

Ms. Baker said God bless Tim and his family because he was there to take care of her son, comfort him and wouldn't let him go until he knew there was someone there that was going to help him get the care he needed. Words will never be able to express the gratitude she has for him. She thanked him for being Landen's angel that night and letting him know that someone was there to help him, and that he was not alone.

Tim Clark: Mr. Clark said he never really imagined receiving an award for doing this. He was just going to his fiancé's house. It seems like he is always a helping type person. Tim said he was getting teary eyed. He said when he went up there and the lady told him they were going to lose Landen, no that was not an option. He sat right there with Landen after he took his shirt off and put it on his head. He was not very responsive. Tim said sometimes he can slip into being a twelve year old so began talking to him in a child's voice telling him he was going to be right there with him. Tim said he kept rubbing Landen's leg and about 2 or 3 minutes later, right before the paramedics got there, he moved and Tim knew he was going to be fine then. For some reason his little leg moved and he didn't know any of the damage or injuries Landen had sustained. Officer Reedy was the first officer from Macon County on the scene. As the officers had said, his military training was a good thing and he could stress about the littlest thing but it seemed like it all popped back just like that. Tim was deployed in two combat zones so you just react the way you are trained, so they weren't going to lose him, no, not an option. Landen is going to grow up and be a very, very fine man someday. Tim wanted to thank the Macon County Sheriff's Department and all the EMS who saved Landen, and all the doctors. Tim said when his fiancé was having surgery he thought he saw Landen going by on a gurney. He didn't even know what his name was at that time, but told his fiancé he thought he saw that little boy. Tim said his mom kept asking him if he had heard anything about that little boy and that was when he reached out and went to the Children's Hospital and finally got to meet the family. He went down to meet the family in Shelbyville and it was awesome. Tim is glad Landen is going to be around for a long time and is going to be a very, very awesome kid and man.

Mr. Oliver was now present at the meeting.

Mrs. Little: Mrs. Little said that was a wonderful award and they have another good award to give today, the Employee of the Quarter. She asked Deb Garrett to come up and brag about Paula Cross.

Deb Garrett: Ms. Garrett said that is a tough act to follow. She said thank God there were a lot of people on site and they were able to take charge and take care of that little boy. Ms. Garrett said they have Paula here who is their eternal optimist. She is nice to every single person, no matter how much they are yelling at us or giving us a lot of trouble. Paula will have them laughing by the time she gets off the phone. She is getting ready to retire shortly and we are really going to miss her in the office. She is going to be a hard one to replace.

Paula Cross: Ms. Cross said as Deb stated she is getting ready to retire and that is why she is such an optimist. She thanked them and said almost every day she is having fun,

so it's not like she is really working. Ms. Cross said she just appreciated the opportunity. She said they have such a wonderful office and staff in Macon County Environmental Management that it is just not like work. We feel like we are doing such great things there. Ms. Cross said she is really going to miss it, but it is time for her to retire. She thanked all of them.

ZONING / SUBDIVISIONS

1. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution Z-1167-04-16 which is regarding Case R-03-03-16, a petition submitted by Craft Brothers Construction, LLC for rezoning approximately 3.57 acres from (R-4) Single Family Residential to (RE-5) Single Family Estate Zoning on property located at 3451 Nevada Road in Decatur, IL, in Blue Mound 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

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution Z-1167-04-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (OLIVER SHOWED HIS VOTE AS YES)

2. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution Z-1168-04-16 which is regarding Case S-01-03-16, a petition submitted by Scott Fuller for a Special Use Permit for the operation of an auto and small truck repair shop in (RE-5) Single Family Estate on property commonly known as 3533 Nevada Road, Decatur, IL in Blue Mound Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend approval of the subject petition to the County Board with 9 stipulations. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and recommended the County Board approve the petition subject to the 9 stipulations recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Minich to approve Resolution Z-1168-04-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

3. Mr. Dudley presented Resolution Z-1169-04-16 which is regarding Case S-02-03-16, a petition submitted by Tom Massey for a Special Use Permit for the operation of a small firearms shop on a small portion of the property situated on 20.14 acres in (A-1)

Agricultural on property commonly known as 12153 Riley Road in Macon, IL in South Macon Township. After hearing the evidence, the Zoning Board of Appeals voted to recommend approval of the subject petition to the County Board with 5 stipulations. The EEHW Committee met and reviewed the petition and recommended the County Board approve the petition subject to the 5 stipulations recommended by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION

Mr. Dudley moved, seconded by Mr. Hogan to approve Resolution Z-1169-04-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

B. CORRESPONDENCE

A letter from IDOT regarding and amendment to Project HPD-0149(001), Job P-95-042-99.

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

REPORTS

Sheriff's Report – March 2016

Treasurer Fund & Investment Report – March 2016

Tax Collector's Report – March 2016

Coroner's Report – December 2015, January & February 2016

Public Defender's Report – March 2016

Auditor's Report – March 2016

MOTION

Mr. Smith 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.

4. 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.

C. APPOINTMENTS

COMMENTS:

Mr. Greenfield said he would like to put all of the appointments together except for G-4472-04-16 and G-4473-04-16 if there were no objections.

4. Resolution G-4462-04-16 – Reappointment to the Argenta Sanitary District Board of Trustees

Ronald Grider, 280 W. East St., Argenta, IL 62501
Term Expires: 1st Monday of May, 2019

- Resolution G-4463-04-16 – Reappointment to the Macon County Board of Review

Jeannie Mayfield, 3875 E. Park Lane, Decatur, IL 62521
Term Expires: May 31, 2018

- Resolution G-4464-04-16 – Appointment to the Macon County Health Board

Vivian Goodman, 1676 N. Union St., Decatur, IL 62526
Term Expires: May 31, 2016

- Resolution G-4465-04-16 – Reappointment to the Blue Mound Countryside Fire Protection District

Leon Kallenbach, 221 S. Prairie St., Blue Mound, IL 62513
Term Expires: 1st Monday of May, 2019

- Resolution G-4466-04-16 – Reappointment to the Hickory Point Fire Protection District

Tim McQuality, 181 E. Cox St., P.O. Box 82, Forsyth, IL 62535
Term Expires: 1st Monday of May, 2019

- Resolution G-4467-04-16 – Reappointment to the South Macon Fire Protection District

Stephen J. Coffman, 700 N. Woodcock Rd., Macon, IL 62544
Term Expires: 1st Monday of May, 2019

Resolution G-4468-04-16 – Appointment to the South Wheatland Fire Protection
District

Sidney Duffer, 6960 Mt. Auburn Rd., Decatur, IL 62521
Term Expires: 1st Monday of May, 2019

Resolution G-4469-04-16 - Reappointment to the Warrensburg Fire Protection
District

Chris Wentworth 4798 Wise Rd., Warrensburg, IL 62573
Term Expires: 1st Monday of May, 2019

Resolution G-4470-04-16 – Appointment to Macon County Regional Planning
Commission

Mark Wells, 640 N. Whitetail, Mt. Zion, IL 62549
Term Expires: January 2019 (Coterminous with Mayoral term Mt. Zion)

Resolution G-4471-04-16 – Appointment to Macon County Regional Planning
Commission

Rick Bright, 117 Southmoreland Dr., Decatur, IL 62521
Term Expires: December 31, 2016

Resolution G-4474-04-16 – Appointment to the Niantic Fire Protection District

C. Daniel Carr, 10855 Pebble Rd., P.O. Box 139, Niantic, IL 62551
Term Expires: 1st Monday of May, 2019

MOTION

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve Resolutions G-4462-04-16
thru G-4471-04-16 and G-4474-04-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

5. Resolution G-4472-4-16 – Appointment to the Sanitary District of Decatur
Board of Trustees

Phillip Cochran, 4460 Mt. Vernon Pl., Decatur, IL 62521
Term Expires: 1st Monday of May, 2019

MOTION

Mr. Hogan moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4472-04-16.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Baxter, Brown, Cox, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, Greenfield, Hogan, Jackson, Little, Meachum, Minich, Smith

Nays: Dawson, Oliver, Potts

AYES = 13

NAYS = 3

MOTION CARRIED.

6. Resolution G-4473-04-16 – Appointment to the Sanitary District of Decatur Board of Trustees

Billy Tyus, 2344 Longwood Pl., Decatur, Il 62526
Term Expires: 1st Monday of May, 2019

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Dudley to approve Resolution G-4473-04-16.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Baxter, Brown, Cox, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, Greenfield, Hogan, Jackson, Little, Minich, Smith

Nays: Dawson, Oliver, Potts

Abstention: Meachum

AYES = 12

NAYS = 3

ABSTENTION = 1

MOTION CARRIED.

D. CONSENT CALENDAR

7. Resolution G-4475-04-16 Executing deeds to convey property on which taxes were delinquent

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve Resolution G-4475-04-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (DAWSON, MEACHUM, OLIVER, & POTTS SHOWED THEIR VOTE AS YES)

JUSTICE COMMITTEE

8. Mr. Baxter presented Resolution G-4476-04-16 which is approving an increase in Probation fees.

MOTION

Mr. Baxter moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-4476-04-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

9. Mr. Baxter presented Resolution G-4477-04-16 which is authorizing assessment of a fee for the support of a residential mortgage foreclosure mediation program.

MOTION

Mr. Baxter moved, seconded by Mr. Minich to approve Resolution G-4477-04-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

10. Mr. Baxter presented Resolution G-4478-04-16 which is approving increase in appropriations in the Sheriff's FY 2016 budget and approve contract with the Macon County Sheriff's Deputies FOP #144 bargaining unit.

MOTION

Mr. Baxter moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to approve Resolution G-4478-04-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

11. Mr. Baxter presented Resolution G-4479-04-16 which is approving needed single purpose K9 Units for each patrol shift of the Macon County Sheriff's Office patrol division.

MOTION

Mr. Baxter moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-4479-04-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

12. Mr. Baxter presented Resolution G-4480-04-16 which is entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the Village of Warrensburg regarding the use of water towers within the Village of Warrensburg for the installation of radio equipment by the Macon County Emergency Management Agency.

MOTION

Mr. Baxter moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-4480-04-16 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

13. Mrs. Little presented Resolution G-4481-04-16 which is amending the County Clerk's FY16 budget for purposes of refunding certain Take Notice Fee charges to Tax Buyers.

MOTION

Mrs. Little moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution G-4481-04-16 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

14. Mr. Dunn presented Resolution G-4482-04-16 which is setting the salaries for officeholders elected 2016 – 2020.

MOTION

Mr. Dunn moved, seconded by Mrs. Little to approve Resolution G-4482-04-16.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Baxter, Brown, Cox, Dawson, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, Greenfield, Hogan, Jackson, Little, Minich, Oliver, Potts, Smith

Nays: Meachum

AYES = 15

NAYS = 1

MOTION CARRIED.

NEGOTIATIONS COMMITTEE

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said we don't have anything now, but something is coming up. He wanted to let everybody know, and he had mentioned it in finance, he and the chairman have talked about it, any future negotiations where the unions want to negotiate a wage then it is going to come out of the officeholder or department head's budget the next year following. As you can see from the officeholder's salary that was just set, we cannot afford to spend any more. We have burnt down our budget reserves and our income we've maxed it out. We have got some tough times ahead. He knows they will be wanting some money, but there is going to be consequences. That's not because he likes it, but that is just the way it is.

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

15. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1976-04-16 which is awarding the 2016 Annual Drainage Project bid to Entler Excavating Co., Inc.

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution H-1976-04-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (MEACHUM SHOWED HIS VOTE AS YES)

16. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1977-04-16 which is approving funds for the purchase of Right of Way Parcel 25 from John & Lisa Dowson for CH 41 Wyckles Road Whitetopping Project, Section 14-00200-03-RW.

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Brown to approve Resolution H-1977-04-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED.

17. Mrs. Cox presented Resolution H-1978-04-16 which is awarding the Building 2 Tuckpoint and Repair Project.

MOTION

Mrs. Cox moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to approve Resolution H-1978-04-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (BROWN ABSTAINED FROM VOTING)

The Executive Committee had nothing to submit at the meeting.

SITING, RULES & ORDINANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

18. Mr. Brown presented Ordinance O-121-04-16 which is approving amending Chapter 115 of the Macon County Code in regard to Raffles and Poker Runs.

MOTION

Mr. Brown moved, seconded by Mr. Dunn to approve Ordinance O-121-04-16 by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board floor.

MOTION CARRIED. (BROWN SHOWED HIS VOTE AS YES)

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

There were no citizens' remarks presented at the meeting.

OFFICEHOLDERS' REMARKS:

Mr. Bean: Mr. Bean said he tries not to talk too much after an election but he has a few remarks he wants to make tonight. If you read media accounts of other counties or saw TV reports, the election on the 15th here and the election in St. Louis County brought a lot of difficulties that he wanted to talk about tonight. First, he wanted to thank his Chief Deputy, Dawn Leiner for everything she has done in the last 25 years, starting from a part-time election clerk, to being the Chief Deputy. When you talk about the employees of the quarter, he looks at what the office had to go through this last year in preparing for this election. Same Day Registration became a real difficult situation for us. We only had 644 of them which is far shy of the 5,000 U of I students that showed up on Election Day to register to vote. We had a lot of students come in from Millikin to Central Christian Church and our office with their Amazon Boxes and their ID's to register to vote for various candidates. We had one candidate on the Republican side that showed up that brought in quite a few voters. Mr. Bean said he could not say enough about what Josh Tanner does to help us out on election night and during the day as well. Mr. Bean thanked Jerry Lord and the Building Commission for remodeling the Voter Registration office on Martin Luther King's birthday. He thanked the Sheriff's office and courtroom security for all the hours they put in with Alan and Kid being here a lot. He does know the dog's name because he caught a lot of ridicule because they use a Belgian name sometimes to tell him to sit, and sometimes he thinks that is his real name other than Kid, but he has a few dogs like that. Mr. Bean wanted to thank Probation for all the help they give us with the election supplies. Finally, he wanted to thank the election judges, and this is where he really needs their help. He needs the help of the two political parties because we are having a harder and harder time finding election judges. We only ran about 70% capacity, and that was true in many counties. It got so bad that St. Louis County had an election like we did and turned around and had a bunch of municipal primaries and they went from 70% participation by election judges, down to less than 50%. It is getting harder and harder to get people because the greatest generation are all leaving us. They have a greater commitment to public service. Mr. Bean said when people his age retire they have to go get a second job just to pay their insurance and so forth. So, we are really having a hard time finding election judges and will probably look at more consolidation of polling locations. He pleaded with the Legislative Committee and the county board to talk to the members of our General Assembly and tell them to stop passing election legislation. It has put on more unfunded mandates and driven our costs up. He noticed the County Clerk of Champaign County is going to ask the county board to hire 200 more election judges just especially for the upcoming election on top of their normal staff. They are also going to ask for close to \$150,000 to \$200,000 more just

to operate the General Election, and he keeps hearing from Mr. Dunn that we need to cut back. We are also looking at the fact that our election equipment is getting old. We have only had it for 12 or 13 years but the technology is over 20 years old. Part of the problem we have is that Illinois law where if you have a State official on the ballot the machine has to kick out the ballot if the voter doesn't fill in the oval. The problem was that we had a write-in candidate for Circuit Clerk that received 161 votes which is enough to get on the ballot, but it kicked out another 10,000 Democratic ballots that day. Mr. Bean said he has looked at the price of new election equipment and thought maybe Mr. Buffett, with all of his generous help to the Sheriff's Department, might be interested in election equipment as well. The cost of new equipment is approximately \$500,000. Mr. Bean said he has been here for 25 years and they keep throwing more and more things to us, and if he didn't have a wonderful staff, a great group of part-timers, zone leaders and other people; we wouldn't get the job done. He is glad we basically stayed out of the news. Where other counties had some problems, we were able to work them through so we didn't have those kind of problems here on Election Day.

There was no old business presented at the meeting.

There was no new business presented at the meeting.

MOTION TO CLOSE SESSION

Mr. Oliver moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to go into closed session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(12) of the Open Meetings Act for discussion of litigation against the county pending before the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission and the Macon County Circuit Court by prior roll call vote.

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO OPEN SESSION

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

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. Drobisch moved, seconded by Mr. Meachum to adjourn until Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.