

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES

APRIL, 2005

The Adjourned meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order Tuesday, April 12, 2005 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were twenty-six members present and one absent.

PRESENT

Bacon, Judy
Bellm, Darrell
Campbell, Tom
Coatney, Raymond
Denby, Don B.
Fraser, Morrie
Goodman, Frances
Harding, Bill
Jubelt, Lance
Kiel, Bernie

Lux, Larry
Malham, Vivian
Manar, Andrew
Nichelson, Glenn
Novak, Joe
Pomatto, Ruth
Pratt, Vera
Quarton, Robert
Quirk, Paul
Schwallenstecker, O.
Thomas, David

Vojas, Robert
Watson, Julia
Wieseman, Francis
Wiggins, Tony
Zippay, M. A.

ABSENT

Christopher, Margie

MINUTES

Motion by Pratt seconded by Jubelt, to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2005 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

GUESTS

Kent Tarro, Administrator, Public Health Department, distributed flyers for the upcoming Senior Health Screenings to be held throughout Macoupin County. The first will be Health EXPO on Tuesday, April 19, 2005 at the Crystal Ballroom in Staunton, Illinois. The cost is only \$2.00 for County residents age 60 and older and \$10 for those under 60 years of age. Tarro also noted there will be a FREE Used Tire Pick Up held on May 6 and 7, 2005 at the Carlinville City Garage. This event will be sponsored by the Macoupin County Public Health Department and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

Jack Matlock, Veterans Assistance Coordinator, spoke briefly to the Board and advised they planned to set up satellite systems in Benld, Bunker Hill and Girard, Illinois. Chairman Manar stated he would send the Veterans Assistance Coordinator's report to all Board members this week.

Jim Pitchford, Macoupin County Emergency Management Agency Coordinator, advised Board members of the schedule of Emergency Response Readiness meetings to be held throughout Macoupin County from April 12 through June 7, 2005. These programs are sponsored by the Macoupin County Public Health Department, the Macoupin County Sheriff's Department, and the Macoupin County Emergency Management Agency.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bacon discussed the minutes of the March 16, 2005, Circuit Court, Coroner and States Attorney Committee meeting. Judge Koval made a presentation to the Committee explaining the need for increased funding for the Petit Jury Expenses Line Item of the Circuit Court budget. The Committee voted to recommend to the Finance Committee funding to be increased with the understanding that this matter be acted upon prior to the end of the current fiscal year. Coroner Landers addressed the Committee regarding certain needs for his office. Landers updated the Committee of the action taken four years ago when he was not granted the same salary increase as the other elected officials. Landers has been providing office space, office equipment, supplies, secretary, phone service, vehicle, etc. and he can no longer provide these items. The Committee unanimously agreed that Coroner Landers submit an estimated cost of these items he was requesting and it would be discussed at a future meeting. Motion by Bacon, seconded by Thomas, to approve minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Thomas discussed the minutes of the March 22, 2005, Finance Committee meeting. The auditor presented the Macoupin County Audit Report for the year ending August 31, 2004. Thomas referred Board members to Pages 10/11 of the Audit Report and discussed it at length. Manar stated the Finance Committee was working through the audit and thanked Clerk Zippay for working with the auditors to get things accomplished. Manar stated things don't look good, but he felt confident that "we can fix it" this year as they owed it to the Macoupin County residents. Chairman Manar discussed with Chief Probation Officer Hammann a grant that was received last year to pay for Juvenile Sex Offenders in the amount of \$4,150.00 during last fiscal year. County Clerk Zippay discussed status of Workers Compensation and General Liability insurance and the status of reimbursements of salaries for some Departments. The Committee discussed the rent paid for County offices: ESDA, Regional Superintendent of Schools and the Elections office. The Committee voted to direct Board Chairman Manar to look into the matter of available space for the County that will be less costly than the current rental situation and report back to the Committee. Motion by Thomas, seconded by Lux, to approve the minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

Pratt read the minutes of the Legislative and Technology Committee meeting of March 23, 2005. Supervisor of Assessments McDaniel addressed the Committee about the need for updating the computers in the Treasurer's, County Clerk's and his office beginning this year. The update will be done over a three-year period. McDaniel stated Dell gives the best dollar investment. These computers will be funded from the Tax Assessment and Collection Supplies Line Item. The Committee agreed to recommend purchase of one-third of these computers this budget year at a cost not to exceed \$10,000.00. McDaniel also addressed the start of a GIS program for the County. The Committee voted to recommend to the full

Board McDaniel be allowed to contact vendors to demonstrate the GIS program to this Committee along with the Technology Improvement Task Force. Motion by Pratt, seconded by Pomatto, to approve minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Bacon read the minutes of the March 30, 2005, Planning and Subdivision Committee meeting. Bacon requested the minutes be amended to include her name and also in the second motion to change Madison to Macoupin County. The Committee discussed the Clyde Mine Addition subdivision in Cahokia Township. At the present time the Committee voted to table the Clyde Mine Addition until next month. County Clerk Zippay addressed the Committee requesting a resolution addressing implementing the Permanent Parcel I. D. Numbers in the Reorders office. This Committee voted to recommend to the full Board implementation of this standard as of May 1, 2005. The Committee also discussed at great length the amendment of the Planning and Subdivision Ordinance. Motion by Bacon, seconded by Pratt, to approve minutes as amended. All in favor, motion carried.

Campbell read the minutes of the April 5, 2005, Road and Bridge Committee meeting. Claims were approved for payment. Three 50/50 Petitions were approved: Dorchester, #27; Polk #30; and Western Mound #27. Committee voted to approve resolution to close out 2004 MFT maintenance program. Committee also voted for approval of a Local Agency Agreement for construction of a bridge carrying Palmyra Road over Solomon Creek and an Engineering Services Agreement with Coombe-Bloxdorf P. C., Springfield for bridge carrying Jones Road over East Fork Otter Creek in North Otter Township. The Committee also voted to hire six employees for summer help. Motion by Campbell, seconded by Nichelson, to approve the minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Watson discussed the minutes of the March 30, 2005, Economic Development Committee meeting. The Committee discussed and voted to expand the Enterprise Zone to include 101 acres situated outside of the Mt. Olive city limits. This property was identified by the State as the most desirable location in the County for commercial and industrial development. The Committee also discussed and voted to recommend to the full Board extending the life of the Enterprise Zone by ten years. Motion by Watson, seconded by Harding, to approve minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Coatney read the minutes of the April 7, 2005, Sheriff, Building and Grounds Committee meeting. Chairman Coatney inquired about employees in the Sheriff's Department on Workers Comp. Sheriff Wheeler reported he has one employee on light duty and one other has a small claim outstanding. Sheriff Wheeler reviewed his budget explaining expenditures in various line items. Concerns were addressed regarding overtime in the Sheriff's Department. Wheeler explained the cost of medical expenses for inmates and housing inmates in other counties. The Committee discussed the deterioration of the Courthouse and long range plans for upkeep. The Committee decided to check into grants and other possibilities to pay for restoration of the building. Motion by Coatney, seconded by Wiggins, to approve the minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Pomatto read the minutes of the Technology Improvement Task Force meeting of March 23, 2005. The Committee discussed goals of the Technology Improvement Task Force. Manar reported that the intention of this group was to help guide the Legislative Technology Committee of the County Board. Manar suggested several items that he would like for this Committee to consider. Regional Superintendent of Schools Pfeiffer offered tech services from his office; Supervisor of Assessments McDaniel explained the GIS program. The Committee discussed developing an internet use policy and directed Chairman Manar to work with County office holders. Prior to the next meeting, Pfeiffer will have a needs assessment from officials and department heads. Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Pratt, to approve the minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Bacon, seconded by Harding, to reappoint Richard Sims, Phyllis Moffet, Alberta Staley and Marvin Sims to six-year terms on the Pulliam Cemetery Board of Directors effective January 2005 – January 2011. All in favor, motion carried.

Due to the death of Richard Sims, there was a motion by Quarton, seconded by Bacon, to appoint Kasse Newberry to complete his term on the Pulliam Cemetery Board of Directors. Her term will end January 2011. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Nichelson, seconded by Pratt, to reappoint Chester Jones to another 3-year term on the Girard Fire Protection District with term starting first Monday in May 2005 – first Monday in May 2008. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Vojas, seconded by Lux, to reappoint Ronald Dustman to another 3-year term on the Staunton Fire Protection District effective the first Monday in May 2005 through the first Monday in May 2008. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Malham, to appoint Karen Smith to replace Helen Richards on the Macoupin County Board of Health effective April 12, 2005 through August 31, 2006. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schwallenstecker, seconded by Wiggins, to table the appointments to the Special Committee on County Health Insurance Costs. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Motion by Quarton, seconded by Coatney, to approve the Macoupin County Audit for fiscal year ending August 31, 2004. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Nichelson, seconded by Pratt, to place on file in the County Clerk's office the Otter Lake Water Commission Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for year ending December 31, 2004. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Manar discussed a concern regarding the possibility of the E-911 Board

moving their backup station from Macoupin County to Jacksonville, IL. Kiel, the E-911 Board's representative from the County Board, stated possibilities of moving the backup station are being discussed because the current location is unable to handle the operation. Jubelt suggested the Board should propose a resolution opposing such move. Fraser felt the resolution was necessary so that it would be published in the County Board minutes that are provided to the newspapers. Board members felt if it was in "print" Macoupin County residents would know the Board's stand on this issue. Many Board members expressed their concern for this station being removed from Macoupin County, and Board Chairman Manar felt sure that one of the 15 police stations within the County will be able to work with E-911. Manar stated he would prepare a resolution for the May Board meeting.

PETITIONS

Motion by Vojas, seconded by Wieseman, to approve three 50/50 Petitions: Dorchester #27 for \$2,000.00; Polk #30 for \$4,000; and Western Mound #37 for \$2,000.00. Roll call vote: 26 ayes and 1 absent. Motion Carried.

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Zippay, M. A.

ABSENT

Christopher, Margie

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Zippay, to adopt a Resolution supporting the application of the West Central Development Council for Economic Development comprehensive planning activities. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Lux, seconded by Pratt, to approve a Resolution authorizing participation as a member in the Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System. All in favor, motion

carried.

Motion by Pratt, seconded by Schwallenstecker, adopting a Resolution replacing computers in the Assessor, Treasurer and County Clerk's offices for tax collections. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

Motion by Harding, seconded by Quirk, to approve a Supplemental County Maintenance Resolution in the amount of \$33,053.19 to close out 2004 Motor Fuel Tax program. Resolution to approve a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for construction of bridge carrying Palmyra Road over Solomon Creek at an estimated construction and construction engineering cost of \$440,000.00. Engineering Services Agreement with Coombe-Bloxdorf P. C., Springfield for construction of bridge carrying Jones Rd. over East Fork Otter Creek in North Otter Township at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.00. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

Motion by Schwallenstecker, seconded by WIESEMAN, to approve a Resolution implementing the utilization of the permanent parcel I. D. Number within the Office of the Recorder, effective no later than May 1, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Coatney, to approve a Resolution making County Audits available in Public Libraries in Macoupin County. All in favor, motion carried.

CLAIMS AND OFFICERS REPORT

Motion by Jubelt, seconded by Bacon, to approve the Claims and Officers report. All in favor, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Campbell mentioned again he had been receiving calls regarding the 911 rate being lowered in Madison County and wanting to know why Macoupin doesn't do the same. Manar will discuss at Finance Committee meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Manar stated all seasonal employees hired need to come before this Board. Goodman stated seven applications were received and six were hired. The Road & Bridge Committee agreed that it was advantageous to hire folks who had worked in this position before. If something doesn't work out for the persons hired, the last one will be called to work. Bellm requested names of the people hired this year. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Goodman, to approve the six persons hired for summer help. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Manar requested the power-to-act on the Agreement to increase the Enterprise Zone to include 101 acres outside of Mt. Olive as soon as the local jurisdictions have approved this Agreement. The State of Illinois has identified this property as the best place in Macoupin County for business expansion. Motion by Watson, seconded by Denby, to grant Chairman Manar the power-to-act on the Enterprise Zone Agreement. All in favor, motion

carried.

Manar stated he had been in contact with Steve Hannah, Interim CEO of Carlinville Area Hospital, regarding the possibility of the County Board offering any assistance regarding the hospital's search for someone to take over the ambulance service as of June 30, 2005. Coatney will represent Board Chairman Manar at a meeting being held regarding this topic on April 15, 2005.

Chairman Manar agreed to contact United States Senators Obama and Durbin and U. S. Representative Lane Evans regarding obtaining funding for the Brighton-Bunker Hill road project. He also plans to contact Senator Demuzio and Representative Hannig regarding the possibility of grant funds for improvements and repairs to the Courthouse.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

Motion by Malham, seconded by Pratt, to allow Mileage and Per Diem. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Goodman, seconded by Pratt, to adjourn at 2:25 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

PREPARED BY LINDA VALERIO