

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES

DECEMBER 12, 2006

The Adjourned meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order Tuesday, December 12, 2006, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. County Clerk Zippay read the names of the County Board Members elected at the November 7, 2006 Election who were sworn in on Monday, December 4, 2006, by the Honorable Kenneth R. Deihl, Circuit Court Judge and County Clerk Zippay. The following Board Members sworn in were Judy Bacon, Darrell Bellm, Raymond Coatney, Frances Goodman, Lyndal Herschelman, Bernie Kiel, Frank Long, Larry Lux, Joe Novak, Ruth Pomatto, Vera Pratt, Robert Quarton, Robert Vojas, Tony Wiggins, Chris Yowell, and James Zirkelbach. County Clerk Zippay administered the oath of office to County Board Members Morrie Fraser, Bill Harding and Glenn Nichelson elected at the November 7, 2006 Election, prior to the start of the meeting.

There were twenty-seven members present.

PRESENT

Bacon, Judy	Lux, Larry	Vojas, Robert
Bellm, Darrell	Manar, Andrew	Watson, Julia
Coatney, Raymond	Nichelson, Glenn	Wieseman, Francis
Fraser, Morrie	Novak, Joe	Wiggins, Tony
Goodman, Frances	Pomatto, Ruth	Yowell, Chris
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Chairman Manar welcomed the new Board members.

A moment of silence was observed for the recent passing of Judge John Russell.

First order of business was to reorganize the County Board. Chairman Manar appointed Julia Watson to act as Temporary Chairperson. Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Bellm, to approve Watson as temporary Chair. All in favor, motion carried.

Watson accepted nominations for Chair of the County Board. Motion by Novak, seconded by Pomatto to nominate Andrew Manar as Chairman of the Macoupin County Board. There being no other nominations, Motion by Schwallenstecker, seconded by Zippay to close the nominations and elect Manar as Chairman by acclamation. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Manar was seated as Macoupin County Board Chairman.

Manar requested nominations for Vice Chairperson. Motion by Pratt, seconded by Thomas to nominate Lance Jubelt as Vice Chairperson. Motion by Harding, seconded by Vojas, to close nominations for Vice Chairperson and elect Jubelt as Vice Chairman by acclamation. All in favor, motion carried.

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Motion by Coatney, seconded by Quirk, to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2006 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

GUESTS

Peggy Garrison, Public Health Department, distributed calendars for next year to the County Board Members. Garrison advised the Board that the Department still has one vaccine scheduled for the Crystal Ballroom. An appointment could be made by calling the office if a vaccine is still needed.

Charles Landers, Macoupin County Coroner, addressed the Board regarding the status of his budget for the current fiscal year. Landers advised the Board that at this time last year there were 48 autopsies and currently for this year there had been 78. Various causes of death will determine whether there is an autopsy. Landers informed the Board of the various tests that are run and the cost associated with them. A family member may request an autopsy and will be required to pay for it. If there is a work related death OSHA requires that an autopsy must be done. Legislation passed last summer and signed into law by the Governor which is effective January 1, 2007, gives the Coroner more leniency on holding an inquest when the death is accidental, illness, etc.

Jim Pitchford, ESDA Coordinator, reported on the recent activities due to the ice storm November 30 and December 1. Pitchford stated that there were warming centers throughout the county. The County has an old generator that was used in Hilyard Township. A proclamation is on file in the County Clerk's office declaring Macoupin County a disaster area.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Manar read the minutes of the October 23, 2006 Joint Committee meeting of the **Finance Committee and Special Committee on Health Insurance**. Matt Dowland of Dixon Dowland Financial Services, Cynthia Tucker of Lewis & Clark Insurance Agency and Dan Snodgrass of Snodgrass and Flaherty made presentations to the Committee. After much discussion, the Committee approved the renewal of Health Insurance with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for the 2006-2007 year which no benefit changes. The Committee approved the reimbursement to employees in the 2006-2007 insurance years for the increased co-pays as compared to the unexpected change that occurred in the 2005-2006 insurance year. Manar will discuss options with the County Clerk on the best way to handle this reimbursement. After much discussion with the employee representatives on the Special Health Insurance, the Committee approved retaining Dan Snodgrass as the agent of recorder for the year 2006-2007. The Committee directed Chairman Manar to explore options to

lock in the renewal rate with Blue Cross for longer than one year. Ideas were discussed regarding the reimbursement for the unexpected increase in co-pay for the 2005-2006 insurance years that is to end on November 1, 2006. It was decided to survey the employees and report back to the Board with the results prior to action being taken. The Committee approved the repayment to the General Fund for a loan made during the 2005-2006 fiscal year to fulfill payments to IMRF due to the delay in property tax revenue. Motion by Lux, seconded by Thomas, to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Bacon read the minutes of the November 29, 2006, **Planning and Subdivision Committee** meeting. The Committee discussed the Sycamore Ridge Subdivision in Brighton Township at length and agreed to give the developer until January 31st to submit a new amended subdivision plat and covenants for approval. Motion by Bacon, seconded by Wiggins to approve the minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Goodman read the minutes of the December 5, 2006, **Road and Bridge Committee** meeting. Claims were approved for payment. The Committee approved the 2007 County Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance Resolution in the amount of \$1,436,050. A resolution was approved to appropriate the County Engineer's Salary from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund for 2007 in the amount \$88,635. A resolution to transfer \$44,317.50 from the County's Federal Surface Transportation Funds to the State in exchange for an amount of State (MFT) Funds was approved. The County's 2007 MFT rock letting is scheduled for December 13, 2006 and the Committee is seeking the power to act in awarding the bids. Motion by Goodman, seconded by Novak, to approve the minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Thomas discussed the minutes of the December 9 and 11, 2006, meetings of the **Finance Committee** meetings. Paula Robinson, Administrator of the Extension Service, Kelly Knight and Angie Little of the Macoupin County Developmentally Disabled, Jack Matlack of the Veteran's Assistance Commission, Doug Kilberg, Administrator of the Mental Health Association, Kent Tarro, Administrator of Public Health, and County Highway Tom Reinhart were all present to submit their request for the 2006 payable in 2007 tax levy request. Frank Schwab of Illinois Valley Economic Development Corporation, requested \$17,000 from the tax levy which is the same as last year. A draft of the tax levy for 2006 payable 2007 was distributed by the County Clerk. The largest increase is in IMRF and there was much discussion regarding this portion of the levy. Manar reported that he met with Dan Snodgrass and a Blue Cross representative regarding the renewal for health insurance for more than one year. Proposals will be available for the January 2006 meeting. The General Liability insurance for the County was discussed and a letter was distributed regarding a new policy which resulted in a \$3,000 savings. County Clerk Zippay distributed an Expense Summary report and the committee discussed the year to date spending. Manar advised the Committee that Judge Deihl is looking into the legality of increasing the Court Security Fee. On December 11th, the Committee reconvened and discussed the tax levy for 2006 payable in 2007. The Committee approved for recommendation by the full Board a tax levy in the amount of \$3,772,000. The Committee approved the Highway Department to pay the employer's obligation for IMRF effective September 1, 2006 for their department. County Treasurer Anne Boehm was recommended for approval as the IMRF authorized agent for Macoupin County. The Committee recommended that the County Clerk and County Treasurer submit a monthly IMRF Report: Summary of Contributions

to the Board". Discussion of the Coroner's salary was tabled. Motion by Coatney, seconded by Lux to approve the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

None.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Wiggins to place the following communications on file in the County Clerk's office: letter from the IEPA regarding the Carlinville Landfill, rental dates for the Macoupin County Fairgrounds, letter sent to Amtrak, thank you letters to Darcy Billbruck and Sunshine Manor, Central Regional Opportunity Returns E-Update and 2006 Illinois Livestock Brand Book. All in favor, motion carried.

PETITIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Bellm, seconded by Bacon, to appoint Anne Boehm as the Authorized Agent for IMRF for Macoupin County. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Pratt, seconded by Wiggins, approving Phase II of the GIS Development with Bruce Harris and Associates in the amount of \$407,000. Roll call vote: 27 ayes. Motion carried.

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Motion by Jubelt, seconded by Lux, to support Amtrak Service in Macoupin County for a flag stop in Carlinville. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Novak, seconded by Bacon, to approve a resolution in the amount of \$1,436,050 for 2007 County Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance. Roll call vote: 27 ayes. Motion Carried.

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Motion by Zippay, seconded by Pratt, to appropriate County Engineer's salary from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund for a period beginning January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, in the amount of \$88,635.00. Same roll call vote: motion Carried.

Motion by Nichelson, seconded by Harding, to transfer \$44,317.50 County's Federal Surface Transportation Funds to the State in exchange for an equal amount State (MFT) Funds. Same roll call vote: motion Carried.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Coatney, to approve the 2006 Tax Levy for Macoupin County in the amount of \$3,772,000. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

ORDINANCE

Motion by Harding, seconded by Wiggins, to amend the Macoupin County Enterprise Zone to include property to the east of Carlinville. Roll call vote: 27 ayes. Motion Carried.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Novak, seconded by Bellm, to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss property purchase at 1:40 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Harding, seconded by Keil, to return to Regular Session at 2:45 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bellm, seconded by Wiggins, to give the Committee on Property another month to report to the Board. All in favor, motion carried.

CLAIMS AND OFFICERS REPORT

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Bellm, seconded by Vojas to approve the letter for the Kaskaskia River Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP).

Chairman Manar distributed the rules for the County Board to be voted on at the January meeting.

Bellm inquired as to the status of an individual who received an animal bite and whether or not the County had an Animal Control Ordinance. Bertagnolli, Animal Control Administrator, informed the Board that the ordinance cannot be breed specific. She is currently reviewing the ordinance and getting copies from other counties to update our current ordinance.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Pratt, seconded by Wieseman, to adjourn at 3:12 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

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