

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES

DECEMBER 11, 2007

The adjourned meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order Tuesday, December 11, 2007, 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	Coatney, Raymond
Dragovich, Mark	Goodman, Frances	Harding, Bill
Herschelman, Lyndal	Kiel, Bernie	Long, Frank
Lux, Larry	Manar, Andrew	Nichelson, Glenn
Novak, Joe	Pomatto, Ruth	Pratt, Vera
Quarton, Robert	Quirk, Paul	Schwallenstecker, Ollie
Thomas, David	Vojas, Robert	Watson, Julie
Wieseman, Francis	Wiggins, Tony	Yowell, Chris
Zippay, M.A.	Zirkelbach, James	

ABSENT

Fraser, Morrie

MINUTES

Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Coatney, to approve the minutes of the November 13, 2007 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

GUESTS

Kent Tarro, Macoupin County Public Health Department, updated the Board on the flu vaccine clinics and there are vaccines still available. Tarro informed the Board that he is working on grants with Doug Kilberg from the Macoupin County Mental Health. Mass Transit grant funding is continued to being pursued.

Sheriff Albrecht introduced Bart Hassard the new Chief Deputy for the Department effective November 15, 2007.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The **Animal Control Committee** met on November 20, 2007. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the budget, ordinances, building site and work schedule. Novak informed the Committee after contacting the Finance Committee Chairman that no additional funds would be granted for this fiscal year and the Committee Chairman will check to see if any changes have been made in the Animal Control appropriation to allow for payment of unused vacation time. The Committee reviewed the changes to the Animal Control Ordinance. Sites for the new animal control building were discussed. The work schedule for the Animal Control Administrator was discussed.

Motion by Novak, seconded by Pomatto, to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Ad-Hoc Committee on Assessments** met on November 26, 2007. The Committee selected Manar as Chairman of the Committee. Manar reviewed the Countywide Special Task Force on Assessments with the Committee. The Committee recommended for approval by the full Board to have the Planning and Subdivision Ordinance on the County's website. The Committee discussed the issue of the GIS System and requested the Assessor attend the next meeting for an update on the project. The Committee recommended for approval by the full Board to place the Township Assessor's names and addresses on the County website. Discussion was held regarding the new construction that has not been assessed. The building permit process was discussed and the Committee recommended for approval by the full Board that the addresses of all building permits for the previous month be posted beginning January 1, 2008. Motion by Pratt, seconded by Wieseman to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Road and Bridge Committee** meeting was held on December 4, 2007. The purpose of the meeting was to audit November claims and other business. The Committee approved the audit claims in the amount of \$75,304.88. Approved for recommendation by the full Board was a resolution to grant the Committee Power to Act to accept bids and award contracts from the December 18, 2007 County Motor Fuel Tax Rock letting. The Committee approved for recommendation by the full Board a resolution for the 2008 County Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance in the amount of \$1,531,100. A resolution was approved for recommendation by the full Board to appropriate the County Engineer's Salary from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund for a period beginning January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 in the amount of \$92,340 and transfer \$46,170 of the County's Federal Surface Transportation Funds to the State in exchange for an equal amount of State MFT Funds. Motion by Goodman, seconded by Wieseman to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Finance Committee** meeting was held on December 4, 2007. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the tax levy, plat officer position, flexible spending plan for employees, a uniform hiring date for County employees, the fringe benefit tax, cost of audit and measures regarding the General Fund Budget. Paula Robinson discussed the U of I Extension Service budget and requested funds from the 2007 payable 2008 tax levy. The tax levy for the 2007 payable in 2008 taxes was discussed at length. The position of Plat Officer was tabled pending another meeting of the Ad-Hoc Committee. The Committee approved for recommendation by the full Board to allow Dan Snodgrass to present a flexible spending plan to the employees. The committee approved a resolution for recommendation by the full Board to encourage a uniform hiring date by all employees for the first of the month and if they did not use that date that month's health insurance premium would be taken from that department's budget. County Clerk Zippay discussed the Fringe Benefit tax and the Committee will take it up at the next meeting pending additional information from the Auditor. Information regarding the worker's compensation insurance was distributed and discussed. The Committee will make a formal decision regarding the insurance at the next meeting since the power-to-act has been granted. A letter form Scheffel & Company was distributed regarding the additional fee for the audit was discussed at length. Motion by Thomas, seconded by Lux to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Quirk, seconded by Watson, to appoint Chad Fuller to serve on the Revolving Loan Fund Review Committee effective December 11, 2007 through December 31, 2008. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bacon, seconded by Quarton, to re-appoint David McWard to serve on the South Palmyra Rural Water District from May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2011. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Harding, seconded by Quarton, to re-appoint John Carey to serve on the South Palmyra Rural Water District from May 1, 2007 through April 30, 2012. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Zippay, seconded by Thomas, to appoint Wilbert Scheller as Secretary to the Mt. Olive Fire Protection District to replace John Weis for a term effective October 1, 2007 until May 1, 2010. All in favor, motion carried.

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COMMUNICATIONS

Motion by Bacon, seconded by Zirkelbach, to place the Central Illinois Opportunity Returns Newsletter on file in the County Clerk's office. All in favor, motion carried.

PETITIONS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Long, seconded by Bacon to approve a resolution opposing an Ameren rate increase proposal. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Pratt, seconded by Harding, to approve a resolution adopting the 2007 payable in 2008 tax levy for Macoupin County. Roll call vote: 26 yeas and one absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Harding, seconded by Herschelman, to adopt a resolution establishing a uniform hiring date for County employees. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Harding, seconded by Bacon, to adopt a resolution granting the Power-to-Act for the Road and Bridge Committee to award the Motor Fuel Tax Rock. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schwallenstecker, seconded by Vojas, to adopt a resolution for the 2008 County Motor Fuel Tax Maintenance in the amount of \$1,531,100. Roll call vote: 26 yeas and one absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Zippay, seconded by Vojas, to adopt a resolution to appropriate the County Engineer's Salary from the Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Fund for a period beginning January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008 in the amount of \$92,340.00 and transfer \$46,170.00 of the County's Federal Surface Transportation Funds to the State in exchange for an equal amount State (MFT) Funds. Same roll call: motion carried.

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ORDINANCE

None.

CLAIMS AND OFFICERS REPORT

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Bacon, seconded by Lux that the Planning and Subdivision Ordinance be placed on the County's website. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Pratt, seconded by Harding that the name and contact information of the Township Assessors be posted on the County's website. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schwallenstecker, seconded by Keil to direct the Field Assessor to place the addresses of the building permits on the County's website. All in favor, motion carried.

Manar reported that the County will save approximately \$53,420 by changing carriers for the Worker's Compensation Insurance from the Illinois Public Risk Fund to Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust.

Wiggins met with the County Fair Board to discuss the property location for the Animal Control Building.

NEW BUSINESS

Manar advised the Board that the Ad Hoc Committee on Assessments will be meeting on December 27, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in the County Board room.

Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Lux, to approve AXA-Advisors to offer employees Flexible Spending Accounts for qualified medical expenses. All in favor, motion carried.

Senator Demuzio gave an update to the Board regarding the negotiations of the sale of Monterey Coal Company (EXXON) and Carlin Acquisitions.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

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

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:24 p.m., motion by Keil, seconded by Pratt to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Prepared by: Michele Zippay

