

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES

JANUARY 9, 2007

The Adjourned meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order Tuesday, JANUARY 9, 2007, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. 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
Harding, Bill	Pratt, Vera	Zippay, M. A.
Herschelman, Lyndal	Quarton, Robert	Zirkelbach, Jim
Jubelt, Lance	Quirk, Paul	
Kiel, Bernie	Schwallenstecker, O.	
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Motion by Coatney, seconded by Thomas, to approve the minutes of the December 12, 2006, meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

GUESTS

Craig Bussman, Public Health Department, informed the Board the EPA is holding hearing on the sampling of discharge from private property. Last February the Board passed a resolution opposing the samplings. Bussman went to one hearing and is planning on attending additional ones.

Larry Pfeiffer, Regional Superintendent of Schools, presented the Annual Report for the REO office. Pfeiffer explained by State statute his office is required to report to the County Board quarterly on the expenditures and duties of the office which he also distributed.

Buzie Bertagnolli, Animal Control Administrator, introduced Jennifer Schafer, Manager of the Carlinville Wal-Mart. Ms. Schafer presented a grant in the amount of \$1,000 to Bertagnolli for to use toward the Animal Control Building. The grant was voted on by the associates at the local store.

Assistant State's Attorney Brent Cain informed the Members of the County Board that Union Pacific Railroad is petitioning the Illinois Commerce Commission to close a railroad crossing in Nilwood Township on Green Ridge Road. The Commerce Commission will be holding a hearing

regarding this closure on February 1 in Springfield. Cain advised the Board Members that letters and petitions need to be sent to the ICC in opposition and explain the inconvenience it will cause the citizens in the area. Tom Reinhart met with Cain and the Nilwood Township Commissioner as to the action that needed to be taken.

Paula Robinson, U of I Extension Office, distributed a flyer on upcoming Tele-Institute workshops to be held at the Carlinville office. Robinson distributed an informational booklet to the new County Board Members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Goodman read the minutes of the December 18, 2006, **Road and Bridge Committee** meeting. The Committee approved and accepted the low bidders for the MFT rock letting. Harding requested a list of the bids that were awarded. Motion by Goodman, seconded by Pratt, to approve the minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Coatney read the minutes of the December 20, 2006, **Sheriff's Building and Grounds Committee** meeting. Sheriff Albrecht updated the Committee on the status of the County landfill. The Committee directed Sheriff Albrecht to put ads in the newspapers to notify the public that it is private property and that trespassers will be prosecuted. The Sheriff reported to the Committee on the inmate medical contract and the agreement for Inmate Health Services. The annual savings for the last two years has been approximately \$38,000 each year. Courthouse Access which is a safety issue was also discussed and an ordinance is being drafted for the Committee's approval. Sheriff Albrecht discussed the video arraignment program which allows a prisoner, who must appear before a judge in the Courthouse, to be videoed/recorded in a room at the jail. It makes it possible for inmates, who must be arraigned, to remain at the jail and transportation would not be necessary. The Committee discussed the website development. Maintenance of the Courthouse was discussed and due to the age of the building. The Sheriff is researching the possibility of grants for repairs of the Courthouse. The budget for the Sheriff's Department, Jail and Courthouse were discussed. Motion by Coatney, seconded by Vojas to approve the minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Manar, read the minutes of the **Liquor Control Committee** meeting from December 28, 2006. Manar noted that the minutes should read that Kell-Corp has recently leased Timber Lakes Golf Course and that the Committee approved the County Liquor License through June 30, 2007. Motion by Vojas, seconded by Pratt to approve the minutes with the correction from "purchase" to "lease" the golf course. All in favor, motion carried.

Goodman read the minutes of the January 2, 2007, **Road and Bridge Committee** meeting. The Committee approved the claims for December 2006 and approved a 50/50 petition for South Otter #17 in the amount of \$3,000 with the county's portion being \$1,500. The Committee discussed the status of other road and bridge projects that are on going. Motion by Goodman, seconded by Wieseman, to approve the minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

None.

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Manar distributed the list of Committees to the members. Manar explained the changes by consolidating committees and noted each committee will now have a vice-chair in the event that the chairperson could not attend the committee meeting. Motion by Bacon, seconded by Pratt to approve the Committee. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Harding, seconded by Novak, to approve the members of the Grievance Committee effective January 9, 2007. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Keil, seconded by Herschelman, to re-appoint Frank Maynerich as an at-large member of the Otter Lake Water Commission for a term of January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2013. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Quirk, seconded by Bellm to appoint Robert Quarton to fill the term of Carlos Christopher to the West Central Development Council Board effective January 9, 2007. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schwallenstecker, seconded by Zirkelbach, to re-appoint Deno Filipinni to the Unit 7 Fire District for a period beginning the first Monday in May 2006 and ending on the first Monday in May 2009. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Motion by Harding, seconded by Lux to place the following communications on file in the County Clerk's office: a letter regarding the Bunker Hill Lincoln Statute from the Lincoln Bicentennial Commission, IACBM Talking Points News Bulletin and UCCI/University of Illinois Leadership Academy. All in favor, motion carried.

PETITIONS

Motion by Quarton, seconded by Wieseman, to approve the following Petition:

South Otter Township #17 \$ 3,000.00

Roll call vote: 27 ayes. Motion Carried.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Schwallenstecker, to approve the resolution requiring the Highway Department to pay the IMRF and Social Security employer's obligation for their employees for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

Motion by Bacon, seconded by Wiggins, approving the resolution designating and qualifying depositories for Officials for Macoupin County. All in favor, motion carried.

ORDINANCE

None.

CLAIMS AND OFFICERS REPORT

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Manar explained a letter in the packet from AFSCME regarding an issue in the County Clerk's office. Motion by Pratt, seconded by Wiggins to refer the letter from AFSCME regarding the County Clerk's office to the Grievance Committee. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bellm, seconded by Lux to approve the payment of dues for 2007 to the Illinois Association of County Board Members and the United Counties Council. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Manar distributed information regarding a grant application for Johanna Favrot Fund for Historic Preservation. Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Jubelt to refer the grant application to the Sheriff's, Building and Grounds Committee. All in favor, motion carried.

The Board discussed the dues for the West Central Development Council for the current fiscal year. County Clerk Zippay stated that her office has not received a bill from the Council for some time and it is paid when received by the office. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Jubelt, to approve for payment the bill from West Central Development Council in the amount of \$9,536.00. Roll Call Vote: 27 ayes. Motion carried.

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Motion by Bellm, seconded by Zippay, to approve the change to County Board Rule #20 that will consolidate and change the name of three of the committees. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Nichelson, seconded by Pratt, to approved the hiring of Nicole Edwards to the Supervisor of Assessments Office at an annual salary of \$22,000 effective January 2, 2007. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

Motion by Novak, seconded by Pratt, to approved the hiring of Martin Whitley to Animal Control as Kennel Cleaner part-time at \$8.00 effective January 3, 2007. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

Novak wanted to thank the following for donations of money, supplies and time at the Macoupin County Animal Shelter: Staff at the Macoupin County Enquirer, Jim Zuber, Chris and Mary Schmitt, Patty LeVora of Kibbles and Klips, Girl Scout Troup #6321, Carlinville Rehabilitation Center, Walmart, Gina and Rocky Evans, Dave and Roxanne Redman, Mike and Dawn Phelan, Steve and Lisa Sine, Angie Bertagnolli and Mira and Jason Rust. Novak also informed the Board that the Macoupin County Animal Control and Department of Ag are holding a class on January 16, 2007 at the Macoupin County Farm Building on the animal laws and changes with dangerous and vicious dog laws. The public is invited to attend.

Pratt commended Buzie Bertagnolli on the job she is doing as administrator of Animal Control.

Schwallenstecker inquired whether the Board should adopt a resolution in opposition to the closing of the railroad crossing in Nilwood. The Board decided to send a letter due to the time limitation with the hearing being held on February 1st in Springfield.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Novak, seconded by Bacon, to adjourn at 2:12 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

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