

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2007**

The Annual meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order Tuesday, September 11, 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	Bellm, Darrell	Coatney, Raymond
Dragovich, Mark	Fraser, Morrie	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, O.	Thomas, David	Vojas, Robert
Watson, Julie	Wieseman, Francis	Wiggins, Tony
Yowell, Chris	Zirkelbach, James	

**ABSENT**

**MINUTES**

Motion by Harding, seconded by Coatney, to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2007 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

**GUESTS**

Craig Bussman, Macoupin County Public Health Department, distributed information regarding a Household Hazardous Waste Collection to be held in Carlinville on September 22, 2007. Bussman reviewed the list of items that are will be accepted for disposal.

Motion by Harding, seconded by Lux, to seat Michael "Allan" Zippay and change the count to 27 present. All in favor, motion carried.

Tammy Dugan, Co-Chair of the Relay for Life, thanked Chairman Manar for being Honorary Chairman of the event held this past June. Over \$40,000 was raised and over 400 luminaries were lit. Ms. Dugan distributed information for next year's event and will advise the Board of the date.

Ms. Dugan spoke to the Board regarding the re-cycling centers which are not only located in Carlinville but other communities around the County. She encouraged the Board members to look at the centers.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The **Sheriff's, Building and Grounds Committee** met on August 15, 2007. The purpose of the meeting was to interview architects for Courthouse Restoration, discuss property offer and discuss the budget. Three architectural firms made presentations for the restoration and preservation of the Courthouse. The representatives of the firms were Scott Kuhlemeyer, Gail White and Andy Fendrich of White & Borgognoni; David Leonatti and David Parker of Melotte Morse Leonatti, LTD; and Joshua N. Mandell, Lawrence Group Architects. After the presentations the Committee agreed further informational meetings must be held. Sheriff Albrecht informed the Committee a letter had been received regarding property for sale in Wilsonville. The Committee agreed that there is no intent to purchase the property at this time. The Sheriff advised the Committee that is well within his budget for both the Department and Jail for the amounts appropriated. Motion by Coatney, seconded by Quirk, to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Liquor Commission** met on August 20, 2007. The Committee granted a liquor license to Darrell Bellm for the Bowlero Lanes on Route 108 just to the west of Carlinville. Motion by Herschelman, seconded by Wiggins to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Road and Bridge Committee** met on August 20, 2007. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss personnel (Executive Session) and finalize letter to the County Clerk regarding Highway expenses. The Committee went into Executive Session regarding personnel and upon coming out of the Executive Session directed Chairman Manar and County Engineer Reinhart to meet with State's Attorney Moreth regarding the personnel matter in the Highway Department. After discussing County Highway expenses that are by the Department or reimburse the County, the Committee agreed to direct Chairman Manar to the County Clerk requesting formal invoices and copies of the original bills for those expenses. Motion by Goodman, seconded by Wieseman, to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Economic Development and Legislative and Technology Committee** meeting was held on August 27, 2007. The purpose of the meeting was review of landmark submissions for website, Subdivision Ordinance placed on the website, review of tourism grant application, review of revolving loan fund committee appointments, enterprise zone update, visitors guide update and review gun control legislation. Nora Feuquay, Economic Development Coordinator, distributed copies of many historical landmarks which have been submitted for inclusion in the Tourism Section of the County's website. The Committee gave approval for Feuquay to select the items to be added to the Tourism Section of the County's website. The Committee approved the creation of an Ordinance page to add the Subdivision Ordinance as well as other County ordinances on the website. The Committee recommended for approval by the Full Board a grant for \$3,000 for the Carlinville Christmas Market from the Macoupin County Tourism Fund. The appointment of a committee to review loans from the revolving loan fund was discussed. The Committee recommended to the full Board for approval the appointments of Brian Ury and Brent Cain. Feuquay reported that State approval was received for the CIF Industries' Enterprise Zone application. Feuquay informed the Committee she hired Judy Wagenblast to work on the county wide Visitor's Guide. Feuquay and EMA Director Jim Pitchford were evaluating vendor responses for the Vince Demuzio Broadband Initiative and will keep the committee advised of any progress. The Committee approved for recommendation to the full Board approve of the Resolution Supporting Firearm Ownership.

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

On August 28, 2007, an **Animal Control Committee** meeting was held. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposals from Judge Brunton on the Animal Control Ordinance, discuss cities who have adopted the ordinance, visit sites for the new building and discuss personnel. The Committee agreed to have Judge Brunton review the ordinance after the corrections are made. The Committee tabled discussion regarding the cities have adopted the Macoupin County Animal Control Ordinance until the corrections are made. The Committee tabled the personnel issues until more information can be made. Two sites were visited for the new Animal Control Building, one is located north of the Highway Department and one is located south of the current building. Motion by Novak, seconded by Long, to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Finance Committee** met on August 30, 2007. The Committee met to discuss budget requests for the Sheriff's Department and County Board for Fiscal Year 2007-2008; finalize the Health Insurance renewal rates; finalize the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 General Fund Budget; Correspondence from the Chief Probation Officer and a donation request from TAILS (To Adopt is Life Saving). The Committee discussed the declining sales tax and the status of Crown II and Crown III mines at length. Sheriff Albrecht submitted his budget request for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 in the amount of \$3,144,723 which includes the four percent increase for salaries. Albrecht requested \$134,000 for the Courthouse budget for Fiscal 2007-2008. Chairman Manar submitted the County Board Budget in the amount \$155,043 which is an increase of 4.8% over last to cover a 4% salary increase for the County Board Secretary and the increase in mileage. Chairman Manar distributed the cost breakdown of the Health and Dental Insurance with Blue Cross/Blue Shield for the employees effective September 1, 2007. The Committee approved the rates of \$371.91 per employee for Health Insurance and \$25.68 per employee for Dental Insurance. Any dependent coverage is paid by the employee. After much discussion, the Committee decided to not finalize the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 budget pending additional information regarding the Crown II and Crown III mines. Chief Probation Office Hammann distributed a letter received from the Administrative Courts regarding additional funds for Macoupin County in the amount of \$7,687.97. Treasurer Boehm informed the Committee the first distribution of taxes will be August 31<sup>st</sup>, with districts receiving 35%. Chairman Manar distributed a letter received from Macoupin County To Adopt is Life Saving (TAILS) requesting a donation from the Animal Control Building Fund. The Committee recommended for full Board approval the donation of \$9,677.17 from the Animal Control Building Fund to TAILS since the donations were specified for a new building. Assessor McDaniel informed the Committee that HB664 is awaiting the Governor's signature and pertains to exemptions for property taxes. The legislation had many components but the biggest impact will be the increase in exemptions. Motion by Thomas, seconded by Lux, approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Road and Bridge Committee** meeting was held on September 4, 2007. The purpose of the meeting was audit August claims and other business. The Committee approved claims for August in the amount of \$78,227.29. The Committee recommended for full Board approval the power-to-act to award a contract for the repair of the Quarton Road Bridge. The project appropriates \$53,618 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the project. The Committee discussed the Shipman Cutoff Road project which is not resolved. County Engineer Reinhart informed the Committee that the contractor has filed claims with Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) and Reinhart is

continuing to present the County's position. Reinhart stated the final decision is with IDOT. The Committee discussed the number deficient bridges and discussed which bridges are currently under design to be replaced. Motion by Vojas, seconded by Goodman to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Finance Committee** met on September 5, 2007 to adopt a temporary budget for Fiscal Year 2007-2008. Chairman Manar distributed information regarding the Crown II mine closure. Manar also mailed the information to all County Board members. The Committee discussed at length the financial impact on the County if it is determined that the closure of Crown II mine is permanent. After much discussion, the Committee recommended for the approval by the full Board the adopted of a temporary General Fund Budget totaling \$1,435,447. Motion by Pratt, seconded by Harding to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **General Services Committee** met on September 6, 2007. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the removal of an Election Judge; voter registration on the County's website; Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Audit for the Regional Office of Education #40; Quarterly Report for the Regional Office of Education #40 and Student Service Position. After much discussion regarding the incidents at the South Palmyra Precinct on April 17, 2007, the Committee approved for recommendation to the full Board the removal of Patty Burk as an Election Judge. Guests from the Palmyra area requested that the County Board direct State's Attorney Moreth to charge an individual for voting twice. Chairman Manar explained that the County Board cannot force an Elected Official to take certain actions. Chairman Manar and Judy Bacon will meet with the State's Attorney to discuss the matter in detail. Regional Superintendent of Schools Pfeiffer addressed the committee on the current technology contract for management of the Regional Office of Education (ROE) website and problems with his office. Pfeiffer distributed material outlining the collaboration effectors for continuing education requirements for teachers. Pfeiffer presented the ROE office audit for Fiscal Year 2005-2006. The Committee approved for recommendation by the full Board the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 Audit for the Regional Office of Education. Motion by Bacon, seconded by Bellm to approved the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Quarton, to re-appoint Dr. Gregg Laws and Dr. Gary Pellizzaro to the Macoupin County Board of Health for a three year term effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2010. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Long, to appoint Dr. Joshua Poos to replace Dr. Lourdes Cruz on the Macoupin County Board of Health for a three year term effective September 1, 2007 through August 31, 2010. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bacon, seconded by Quarton to appoint Brian Solomon to the Scottville-Modesto Rural Fire Protection District to replace Dennis Little for a term expiring April 30, 2008. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Fraser to appoint Brian Ury of Staunton and Brent Cain of Carlinville to the Revolving Loan Fund Review Committee for a term effective September 1, 2007 through December 31, 2008. All in favor, motion carried.

**AYE**

**NAY**

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**COMMUNICATIONS**

Motion by Pratt, seconded by Wieseman, to place the following communications on file in the County Clerk's office:

- a. Letter from Patricia Huson.
- b. UCCI Education Seminars
- c. Opportunity Returns
- d. Letter from Chairman Manar to Peg Barkley

All in favor, motion carried.

**PETITIONS**

Motion by Novak, seconded by Herschelman, to approve a 50/50 petition for Bird Township #50 in the amount of \$1,000.00. Roll Call vote: 27 ayes. Motion carried.

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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Motion by Goodman, seconded by Vojas, to adopt a resolution granting the Road and Bridge the Power-to-Act to award the contract for the Quarton Road Bridge project using funds from Motor Fuel Tax Fund. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Zippay, to approve a resolution establishing a temporary Fiscal Year 2007-2008 General Fund budget through October 9, 2007. Roll call vote: 27 ayes: Motion carried.

Motion by Novak, seconded by Kiel, to adopt a Resolution supporting Firearm Ownership. Same roll call vote: Motion carried.

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**ORDINANCE**

Motion by Vojas, seconded by Wieseman, to approve the amended Liquor Control Ordinance to include the sale of wine manufactured from vineyards located within Macoupin County. Same roll call vote: Motion carried.

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### **CLAIMS AND OFFICERS REPORT**

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

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Chairman Manar informed the Board that the Finance Committee approved the renewal rates for the Health and Dental Insurance for the employees effective September 1, 2007.

Motion by Schwallenstecker, seconded by Pratt, to approve the removal of Patty Burk as an election judge for South Palmyra Precinct for this election cycle. All in favor, motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Nora Feuquay, Economic Development Coordinator, informed the Board the Carlinville Christmas Market submitted a Tourism Grant Application and the Economic Development Committee approved for recommendation to the full Board a \$3,000 grant.

Motion by Bellm, second by Harding, to approve a grant in the amount of \$3,000 from the Tourism Fund to the Carlinville Christmas Market. Roll call vote: 27 ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Novak, seconded by Coatney, to approve a request from the Macoupin County TAILS (To Adopt is Life Saving) for a donation from the Animal Control Building Funds in the amount of \$9,667.17. Same roll call vote: Motion Carried.

Motion by Herschelman, seconded by Bellm, to accept the Regional Office of Education Audit for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 and place it on file. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Manar discussed the letter and information sent to the Board members regarding the closure of Crown II mine. Manar informed the Board Members that a leadership team including County Officials and County Board members will be formed. Manar will appeal to the Governor for financial assistance to the County. Nora Feuquay informed the Board that Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity (DCEO) will be assisting with a two day meeting September 18 and 19 to assist the coal miner's on what their options are regarding job skills and resume writing. Feuquay also stated that DCEO will also assist in trying to identify businesses that will be effected by the closure. Manar stated that Congressman Hare has offered assistance to help the coal miner's.

Lee Hudson informed the Board of a group formed with Montgomery, Jersey and Greene counties stressing the importance of Economic Development in the area and that 40% of the

workforce commutes outside of the area.

Shari Albrecht, representative of DCEO, emphasized the importance of the DCEO's Coal Office.

Motion by Zippay, seconded by Quarton, to give the Agriculture Committee the power to act on the lease for the farm ground owned by the County. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Manar acknowledged Bill and Lucille Harding on their recent 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

A moment of silence was observed in member of those who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001 attack.

### **MILEAGE AND PER DIEM**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 2:00 p.m., motion by Wiggins, seconded by Harding to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Prepared by: Michele Zippay