

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**MARCH 11, 2008**

The adjourned meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order Tuesday, March 13, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. The Board observed a moment of silence for Edith Bethard a long time County employee who passed away. There were twenty-five members present and two absent.

**PRESENT**

Bacon, Judy	Bellm, Darrell	Dragovich, Mark
Fraser, Morrie	Goodman, Frances	Harding, William
Herschelman, Lyndal	Kiel, Bernard	Long, Frank
Lux, Larry	Manar, Andrew	Nichelson, Glenn
Novak, Joe	Pratt, Vera	Quarton, Robert
Quirk, Paul	Schwallenstecker, Ollie	
Thomas, David	Vojas, Robert	Watson, Julia
Wieseman, Francis	Wiggins, Tony	Yowell, Chris
Zippay, M.A.	Zirkelbach, James	

**ABSENT**

Raymond, Coatney  
Pomatto, Ruth

**MINUTES**

Motion by Harding, seconded by Herschelman, to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2008 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

**GUESTS**

Kent Tarro, Macoupin County Public Health Department, updated the Board on the current Senior Bus routes and advised them of additional routes being added.

Jim Hill, File of Life, informed the Board that he has raised \$11,615 to help distribute approximately 20,000 informational packets for seniors and those with medical conditions to be quickly identified by emergency personnel.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The **Sheriff, Building and Grounds Committee** met on February 20, 2008. The Committee approved the placement of a memorial tree and a plaque near the Veteran's Memorial in honor of Cpl. Jeremiah "Jeremy" Costello who was killed in Iraq June 2, 2007. Scott Kuhlemeyer updated the Committee on the research regarding grants for preservation of the Courthouse. Sheriff Albrecht informed the Committee that Senator Demuzio has requested \$250,000 into her appropriation request for the study. Albrecht updated the Committee on the Sheriff's Budget, the Jail & Jail

Medical Budget. Personnel were discussed as a correctional officer retired and a janitor passed away. Motion by Novak, seconded by Vojas, to approve the minutes with the correction for the date of the passing of Cpl. Costello to be changed to June 2, 2007. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Economic Development Committee** met on February 25, 2008. Chairman Manar discussed proposals to form a public/private partnership within the county for economic development. The Committee recommended for full Board approval participation in a private/public partnership for economic development. The Committee recommended the creation of a Macoupin County Tourism Commission. A resolution supporting a four county public/private regional economic development organization was approved for recommendation to the full Board. A letter from Chairman Manar was recommended for full Board approval to be sent to Senator Demuzio, Representative Hannig and Representative Watson to support a bill increasing funding for economic development by retaining a larger percentage of sales tax revenue coal. The Committee referred to the Finance Committee the approval of a \$250,000 supplemental appropriation for a Macoupin County Revolving Loan Fund. Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Watson to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Finance Committee** met on February 27, 2008 to discuss responses from County officials regarding the Special Fund memo; update on the Fiscal Year 2006-2007 Audit; quote from Scheffel & Company regarding fee study; General Fund Budget 2007-2008; Special Fund Budget adjustments for Fiscal Year 2007-2008; review County's investment policy, approve AFSCME letter regarding the development of working sharing agreements; review proposed job description for benefit manager, establishment of an appropriation to enable the transfer of \$250,000 into the Revolving Loan Fund; and co-pay reimbursement for employees. The Committee approved for recommendation to the full for approval the reduction of 2% in the General Fund Budget for offices effective immediately after the Board meeting. The Committee recommended for approval by the full Board an increase the Animal Control Special fund from \$40,000 to \$60,000. All other items on the agenda will be discussed at the next meeting. Motion by Thomas, seconded by Lux to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Road and Bridge Committee** met on March 5, 2008. The Committee met to approve February claims, approval of 50/50 petitions for Nilwood and South Otter Townships, consider engineering agreements for Benstead Road and Laurie's Road over Shearles Branch. The Committee approved claims totaling \$104,133.34. Petitions for Nilwood #28 in the amount of \$6,000 and South Otter #21 in the amount of \$5,000 were recommended for approval by the full Board. Preliminary Engineering agreements with HLR of Springfield for design of replacement structure in Nilwood Road District and Shaws Point Road District were recommended for approval by the full Board. The Committee discussed the necessity of the frequency of the Committee meetings. Reinhart updated the Committee on the status of Shipman Cutoff Road and the bridge on Julian Avenue in Royal Lakes. Motion by Nichelson, seconded by Goodman to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Legislative Committee** meeting was held on March 7, 2008. The purpose of the meeting was to consider an ordinance to establish an advisory referendum for structure of County Board and consider resolutions regarding structure of County Board. The Committee recommended

for approval by the full Board an ordinance Authorizing an Advisory Referendum which reads “Shall the Macoupin County Board reduce the size of its current Board from 9 districts with three members per district to 9 districts with two members per district?.” The Committee directed the Chairman Manar and Committee Chair Pratt to gather information regarding salaries for Counties comparable in size. Motion by Schwallenstecker, seconded by Pratt to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Motion by Nichelson, seconded by Harding to appoint Kim Moore to the Virden Cemetery Association for a term from January 2008 through January 2014 and Carroll Woolfolk to the Panther Creek Cemetery Board effective February 11, 2008 through March 12, 2013, and. All in favor, motion carried.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

None.

### **PETITIONS**

Motion by Bacon, seconded by Quarton, to approve a 50/50 petition for Nilwood Township #28 in the amount of \$6,000.00. Roll Call vote: 25 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

### **AYE**

### **NAY**

Bacon, Judy	Bellm, Darrell	Dragovich, Mark
Fraser, Morrie	Goodman, Frances	Harding, Bill
Herschelman, Lyndal	Kiel, Bernie	Long, Frank
Lux, Larry	Manar, Andrew	Nichelson, Glenn
Novak, Joe	Pratt, Vera	Quarton, Robert
Quirk, Paul	Schwallenstecker, Ollie	
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Motion by Bacon, seconded by Quarton, to approve a 50/50 petition for South Otter Township #21 in the amount of \$5,000.00. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1:45 p.m. motion by Wiggins, seconded by Pratt to go into Executive Session regarding personnel. All in favor, motion carried.

1:55 p.m. motion by Harding, seconded Thomas to arise from Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Motion by Bacon, seconded by Watson, to approve a resolution establishing support for the four county Regional Economic Development Organization. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Herschelman, seconded by Wiggins, to approve a resolution establishing the Macoupin County Tourism Commission. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bacon, seconded by Pratt to approve a resolution making a two percent reduction in the 2007-2008 General Fund Budget for County Officers, due to the Mine closures, as presented on the Chart pending each County Board Member receiving a copy. A two-third's vote is required. Roll Call Vote: 18 yes, 6 nays, 3 absent. Motion Carried.

**AYE**

Bacon, Judy  
Fraser, Morrie  
Herschelman, Lyndal  
Nichelson, Glenn  
Quarton, Robert  
Watson, Julia  
Zippay, M.A.

Bellm, Darrell  
Goodman, Frances  
Long, Frank  
Novak, Joe  
Quirk, Paul  
Wieseman, Francis

Dragovich, Mark  
Harding, William  
Lux, Larry  
Pratt, Vera  
Thomas, David  
Wiggins, Tony

**NAY**

Kiel, Bernard  
Manar, Andrew  
Schwallenstecker, Ollie  
Vojas, Robert  
Zirkelbach, James

Motion by Novak, seconded by Quirk, to approve a resolution increasing the Animal Control Regular Special Fund from \$40,000 to \$60,000 for the remainder of the current Fiscal Year 2007-2008. Roll Call Vote: 24 yes. Motion Carried.

**AYE**

Bacon, Judy  
Fraser, Morrie  
Herschelman, Lyndal  
Lux, Larry  
Novak, Joe  
Quirk, Paul  
Thomas, David  
Wieseman, Francis  
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Wiggins, Tony  
Yowell, Chris  
Zirkelbach, James

Dragovich, Mark  
Harding, Bill  
Long, Frank  
Nichelson, Glenn  
Quarton, Robert  
Watson, Julia

**NAY**

Motion by Harding, seconded by Vojas, to adopt a resolution for a service agreement with HRL of Springfield for the design of replacement structures carrying Benstead Road over Shearles Branch. Same roll call. Motion Carried.

Motion by Harding, seconded by Vojas, to adopt a resolution for a service agreement with HRL of Springfield for the design of replacement structures carrying Laurie's Road over Shearles Branch. Same roll call. Motion carried.

### **ORDINANCE**

Motion by Watson, seconded by Pratt to approve an Ordinance Authorizing an Advisory Referendum which reads, "Shall the Macoupin County Board reduce the size of its current Board from nine districts with three members per district to 9 districts with 2 members per district?." Roll Call: 21 yeas, 3 nays and 3 absent. Motion carried.

### **AYE**

Bellm, Darrell  
Goodman, Frances  
Long, Frank  
Nichelson, Glenn  
Quirk, Paul  
Thomas, David  
Wieseman, Francis  
Zirkelbach, James

Dragovich, Mark  
Herschelman, Lyndal  
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Zippay, M.A.

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Watson, Julia

### **NAY**

Bacon, Judy  
Harding, William  
Quarton, Robert

### **CLAIMS AND OFFICERS REPORT**

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

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mike Shearer, from the Job Center gave an updated regarding employment and training funds for the laid off workers in Macoupin County.

County Engineer Reinhart reported on the Brighton-Bunker Hill Road open house.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Wiesemen, seconded by Harding to approve a letter of support for Senate Bill 2445 to be sent to Senator Demuzio, Representative Hannig and Representative Watson. All in favor, motion carried.

Shari Albrecht, Department of Economic Opportunity, explained to the Board the importance of establishing a Public/Private Economic Development Corporation.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Pratt, to approve participation by Macoupin County in the Public/Private Economic Development Corporation. All in favor, motion carried.

### **MILEAGE AND PER DIEM**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At 3:20 p.m., motion by Zippay, seconded by Keil to adjourn. All in favor, motion carried.

Prepared by: Michele Zippay