

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES

APRIL 13, 2010

The adjourned meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order at 1:00 p.m., April 13, 2010. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were twenty-five members present and two members absent.

PRESENT

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| Bacon, Judy | Bellm, Darrell | Coatney, Raymond |
| Dragovich, Mark | Goodman, Frances | |
| Harding, William | Herschelman, L. | Kiel, Bernard |
| Long, Frank | Lux, Larry | Nichelson, Glenn |
| Novak, Joe | Pomatto, Ruth Ann | Thomas, David |
| Pratt, Vera | Quarton, Robert | Quirk, Paul |
| Reiher, Veryl | Schwallenstecker O. | Vojas, Robert |
| Watson, Julia | Wieseman, Francis | Wiggins, Tony |
| Zippay, M.A. | Zirkelbach, Jim | |

ABSENT

Fraser, Morrie
Manar, Andrew

MINUTES

Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Coatney to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2010, as written. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

The **Legislation and Technology Committee** met on March 12, 2010. Scott LePenske of Bruce Harris and Associates, presented the Committee with a proposal for online data for basic tax and assessment information. LePenske used data from Christian and Clark Counties to show G.I.S. data and maps used on those websites. The Committee recommended for approval by the full Board a contract, pending approval by the State's Attorney, with Bruce Harris and Associates for a one-time setup fee of \$5,000 and an annual hosting fee of not to exceed \$600 per month. Motion by Pratt, seconded by Bacon to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Animal Control Committee** met on March 18, 2010. The Committee met to approve agreement principals with TAILS; finalize building design with architect; approve notification to current land tenant; and other business in relation to new facility. The Committee discussed the building design and other facility items with Architect Scott Cowdrey. Due to the lack of a quorum

another meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 30, 2010. Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Novak to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Finance Committee** met on March 29, 2010. The Committee discussed the memo from the County Clerk to Elected Officials and Department Heads regarding new employees and insurance information. The Committee discussed the memo from the County Clerk to the County Treasurer regarding responsibilities. Chairman Thomas advised the Committee that he had a conversation with the Treasurer regarding concerns that the Finance Committee be kept informed of the financial status of the County in a timely manner. The Committee tabled the advertising of a position for Finance and Benefit Manager for the County Board and approved drafting of an ordinance requiring the approval by majority vote of the full County Board prior to hiring any personnel under any office of Macoupin County Government. Manar advised the Committee that he had met with the Elected Officials regarding the financial status of the County due to the loss of revenue from the State. Nick Christen, with AFSCME Council 31, discussed and distributed a hand-out regarding Governor Quinn's proposal in the FY 2011 Budget which would reduce revenue from the State of Illinois. Board Chairman Manar informed the Committee he and the Circuit Clerk are working on legislation which would clarify that funds in Document Storage could be used for personnel related expenses for employees. The Committee recommended for approval by the full Board, payment to the West Central Development Council for dues in the amount of \$9536. County Clerk Zippay advised the Committee that Macoupin Economic Development Partnership has paid reimbursements through November 2009. The Committee recommended for approval by the full Board an increase in the Budget for Mental Health from \$180,000 to \$215,000. The Committee tabled payment of bills from the Tax Assessment and Collections Budget until the next Finance Committee meeting after reviewing the bills that have been paid this fiscal year. County Clerk Zippay informed the Committee that the Election budget will have approximately \$25,000 at the end of the current fiscal year. Judge Deihl will submit a plan at the next Finance meeting to help with the County deficit. Larry Pfeiffer, Superintendent ROE #40, informed the Committee he has filed a writ of mandamus against Greene County for failure to pay their statutory portion of funding for operations of the office in the amount of \$68,000. Pfeiffer informed the Committee that the teachers and staff of the Safe School and Alternate Education will be notified they will be laid off due to the proposed education budget cuts from the State. Pfeiffer advised the Committee the State is behind and without funds by mid April the office will not be able to make payroll if the State Funds are not received and would like to request a short-term operating loan. Manar advised the Committee final plans for the Animal Control Facility will be available at the next Finance Committee meeting. The Committee went into Executive Session to discuss non-union salary increases and the Committee tabled action until the next meeting. Motion by Harding, seconded by Pratt to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Regional Office of Education Superintendent advised the Board that the Safe School and Alternative Education will be closing at the end of the current school year and that closing the Carlinville school was the most economical.

Thomas addressed the Board regarding the loss of revenue from the State and how it will impact the County next fiscal year as well as the current fiscal year.

The **Animal Control Committee** met on March 30, 2010. The Committee recommended for approval by the full Board to advertise for bids for both the plans for the Animal Control facility, and construction. Discussion was held regarding approval of notification to the current land tenant regarding the acreage needed for the facility. Assistant State's Attorney Watson will assist with legal matters. The Committee discussed financing of the building of the facility. Motion by Quarton, seconded by Pomatto to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Executive Committee** met on April 5, 2010. The Committee approved the agenda for the April meeting with the addition of some items. The Committee approved the non-union time sheets for February and March. Motion by Thomas, seconded by Coatney to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Road and Bridge Committee** met on April 6, 2010. The Committee approved claims in the amount of \$99,400.47. The Committee recommended for approval by the full Board 50/50 petition projects as follows: Chesterfield #24 \$8000 (\$4000), Chesterfield #25 \$4,500 (\$2250), Chesterfield #26 \$5000 (\$2500), Nilwood #30 \$2500 (\$1250), Polk #34 \$15,000 (\$7500), Shaws Point #36 \$20,000 (\$10,000) and South Otter #25 \$6000 (\$3000). The Committee recommended for approval by the full Board a preliminary engineering agreement with Coombe-Bloxdorf Engineers for the design of deck replacement for the bridge on Scottville-Hettick Road over Solomon Creek not to exceed \$68,480. The engineering agreement for the Wolf Road railroad crossing was tabled. The Committee recommended for approval by the full Board to award contracts to the low bidders for the MFT oil letting. Reinhart reported on the sale of the used equipment. The committee discussed the sale of the Oak street property. The Litchfield Road Project was also discussed. Motion by Goodman, seconded by Herschelman to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Finance Committee** met on April 7, 2010. Chairman Manar gave an overview of the County's General Fund revenue and expenditures. Assessor Bresnan distributed information regarding GIS fees from various counties and presented a study that was conducted regarding fees. The proposed increase in fees would be utilized for GIS equipment and salaries consistent with State law. Judge Deihl distributed a handout regarding plans for the Circuit Court and Probation Department. The Committee approved for recommendation by the full Board an increase in the Probation Fees Account from \$132,000 to \$222,365. The Committee recommended for approval by the full Board to increase the Probation Department General Fund budget to \$348,859 with a transfer of \$38,000 from the Probation Fees Account. The Committee recommended for approval by the full Board transferring \$152,500 from the Probation Fee Special Fund to the General Fund to cover the current year costs. The transfer will include reimbursement to the Special Fund upon State reimbursements being received prior to August 31, 2010. The Committee recommended for approval by the full Board expenditures for the Route 66 Bike Trail up to \$10,000 from the grant fund. Chairman Manar gave an update on the audit. The Committee discussed the financing of the new Animal Control facility. The Committee went into executive session to discuss non-union employee increases. The Committee recommended for approval by the full Board a 3% parity salary adjustment to all personnel under the County Board not covered by a Collective Bargaining Agreement for the current fiscal year (2009-2010). Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Long to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES

None

GUESTS

Scott Cowdrey architect of the Animal Control facility gave an update and answered questions regarding the bids, engineering and construction of the facility.

Shari Albrecht, Executive Director, Macoupin Economic Development Partnership, advised the Board the partnership is on track with the goals established. Albrecht introduced Courtney Wood who will be responsible for marketing and the website. April 21st will be Macoupin County Lobby Day in Springfield.

Kent Tarro, Administrator of the Macoupin County Public Health Department, distributed information on the Health Expo and the Senior Health Fairs to be held. Tarro gave an update on the public transportation.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Lux, seconded by Vojas, to re-appoint Bart Yakos to the Staunton Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for a term beginning May 3, 2010 through May 3, 2013. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Pratt, seconded by Kiel, to re-appoint David Fitzgerald to the Girard Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for a term beginning May 3, 2010 through May 3, 2013. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Novak, seconded by Pomatto, to re-appoint Edward R. Dippold to the Unit 7 Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for a term beginning May 3, 2010 through May 2013. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Zirkelbach, seconded by Novak, to re-appoint Don Gibson to the Unit 7 Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for a term beginning May 3, 2010 through May 2013. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Harding, seconded by Quarton, to re-appoint Lacey Butcher to the Scottville-Modesto Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for a term beginning May 3, 2010 through April 30, 2013. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Thomas, to re-appoint Clifford Braatz to the Bunker Hill Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for a term beginning May 3, 2010 through April 30, 2013. All in favor, motion carried.

PETITIONS

Motion by Quirk, seconded by Wiggins to take one roll call for all 50/50 Project Petitions. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Herschelman, to approve the following 50/50 Petitions Chesterfield #24 \$8,000 (4,000); Chesterfield #25 \$4,500 (2,250); Chesterfield #26 \$5,000 (2,500); Nilwood #30 \$2,500 (1,250); Polk #34 \$15,000 (7,500); Shaws Point #36 \$20,000 (10,000) and South Otter #25 \$6,000 (3,000). Roll call vote: 25 ayes, 0 nays.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 1:27 p.m., motion by Long, seconded by Thomas to resolve into Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried.

At 2:15 p.m., motion by Harding, seconded by Wiggins to arise from Executive Session. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Thomas to table the resolution regarding the sale of property at 220 North Oak in Carlinville. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Pratt, seconded by Schwallenstecker to table the resolution declaring surplus property in the County Treasurer’s Office. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Coatney to approve a resolution increasing the Tax Assessment and Collections to \$67,675 and Probation Department to \$348,859 for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 . Roll call vote: 25 ayes and 0 nays, motion carried.

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Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Pratt to approve a resolution increasing the Special Fund Budgets by increasing Mental Health to \$215,000 and Probation Fees Account to \$222,358 for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 . Same roll call, motion carried.

Motion by Lux, seconded by Wieseman to approve a resolution approving the expenditure of up \$10,000 from the Grant Fund for the Route 66 Bike Trail . Same roll call, motion carried.

Motion by Pratt, seconded by Pomatto to approve a resolution approving a loan to the Regional Office of Education #40 in the amount of \$160,000. Roll call: 24 ayes, 1 nay. Motion carried.

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Motion by Pratt, seconded by Coatney to approve a resolution increasing the recording fee to implement GIS. Roll call: 25 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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Motion by Harding, seconded by Vojas to approve a resolution transferring funds from the County Farm Account for \$71,000 and Probation Fees Account for \$152,500 to the General Fund. Roll call: 25 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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Motion by Novak, seconded by Vojas to table the resolution approving the financing of the Animal Control Facility. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Goodman, seconded by Reiher to approve a resolution for a preliminary engineering agreement with Coombe-Bloxdorf Engineers, for design of deck replacement for bridge on Hettick-Scottville over Solomon Creek not to exceed \$68,480. Roll call: 25 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Nichelson to adopt a resolution approving the MFT Oil letting accepting bids and awarding contracts to the low bidders. Same roll call, motion carried.

Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Herschelman to approve a resolution supporting OWES, LLC Green Illinois Business Development Grant Application. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bacon, seconded by Quirk to approve a resolution for participation in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus property program. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Long to table a resolution regarding salary adjustments for non-union employees for Fiscal Year 2009-2010. All in favor, motion carried.

ORDINANCES

None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Novak, seconded by Thomas to approve an agreement with TAILS. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Novak to request a donation from TAILS and to authorize the Chair to sign an agreement with TAILS for the Animal Control Facility. Roll call: 25 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Harding, seconded by Reiher to give the Agriculture Committee power to act for approval to grant an easement request for Illinois Family Farms to extend a water line. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bellm, seconded by Quirk to approve the payment of \$9536 for annual dues to the West Central Development Council. Roll call vote: 25 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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Information regarding the American Institute of Architects designation of the Macoupin County Courthouse as “AIA 150 great places in Illinois” was distributed.

Macoupin County Lobby Day is scheduled for April 21, 2010.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Quarton to approve the Mileage and Per Diem and Claims and Officers Report. Same roll call, motion carried.

Motion by Novak, seconded by Long to place the Counties at the Capitol Legislative Report; letter from CCAO regarding 2010 Tax Cycle; commentary from Staunton-Star Times regarding the Historic Route 66 Recreational Trail; IACBMC Dialogue Forum, April 14, 2010 in Springfield; Ameren – Tree trimming letters for the Shipman, Piasa and Chesterfield Areas; and Ameren – invitation to Coffeen Power Plant, on file in the County Clerk’s Office. All in favor, motion carried.

MATTERS OF RECOGNITION

Watson acknowledged Animal Control Administrator Bertagnolli completed training for Professional Administrative & Regulatory Training.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

Prepared by: Michele Zippay