

SPECIAL MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD MEETING
7:00 PM April 9, 1990

Roll call taken.

County Clerk presented general information about Special Services Area.

County Board Chairman recognized Rev. Evers. Rev. Evers discussed his group's recommendation to try to form a Special Service Area. Rev. Evers says his group believes a Special Service Area would provide the best solution for ambulance service to the Bunker Hill area. He concluded that comparisons are difficult to make with other ambulance services because the economic base of various areas are different.

County Board Chairman recognized Wayne Heal. Mr. Heal presented information to oppose financing of an ambulance service through property taxation. Mr. Heal discussed an alternative proposal to finance ambulance service through a voluntary contribution with a higher service rate if the "dues" is not paid.

Motion by Mitchell, 2nd by Quirk, to seat Marvin Payne. Motion carried.

Question: The proposed Special Service Area is the common Bunker Hill School District #8.

Statement: Finance the Special Service Area in another way because so many elderly people cannot afford it.

Statement: Property Tax is unfair. Donations may not be reliable. Can a head tax be used? Not allowed. Also, suggested are holding raffles, bake sales, etc.

Statement: There must be other methods to provide ambulance service than property taxation.

Glenn Bruckert, Mayor: Discussed reasons why Special Service Area is being proposed. He suggested to start a fund raising drive and to levy a tax at the same time. If enough money is raised through donations, then a property tax can be abated.

Statement: Subscription rates are a better way to go than property taxation.

Statement: EMT's feel that the Bunker Hill area is against them. Start knocking on doors to raise money to finance ambulance service.

Statement: Finance ambulance service voluntarily.

Statement: Finance ambulance service with a subscription rate.

Statement: EMT insulted by low amount of money presented in alternative budget. Coordinators are not able to perform many normal activities when on call.

Statement: Rural people should be included in any group which oversees ambulance service so that rural interests are represented.

Statement: Strongly against taxation through Special Service Area.

Statement: Not for or against ambulance service. Rethink what should be done to provide ambulance service.

Statement: Quit bickering and figure out a way to provide ambulance service.

Motion by Mitchell, 2nd by Campbell, to adjourn at 9:00 PM.