

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 12, 1995

The Annual meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order Tuesday, September 12, 1995 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were twenty-four members present and three absent.

Motion by Scopel, seconded by Bruce, to approve the minutes of the August 8, 1995 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Payne, seconded by Jubelt to seat member Richard Mitchell, changing the count to twenty-five members present and two absent. All in favor, motion carried.

GUESTS

Kent Tarro, Public Health Administrator, explained that Macoupin, along with five other counties (Bond, Calhoun, Greene, Jersey and Montgomery) are working toward establishment of a Medicaid Community Care Network Healthcare Provider Program. The main focus of this operation is to keep medical services local in rural areas. Tarro is Vice President of this Steering Committee and will keep the Board updated on progress. Tarro also reported that the assessment process will soon begin by the DUI Task Force for the grant which was received by Public Health to help prevent alcohol related deaths.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Scopel read the minutes of the August 11, 1995 Fees and Salaries Committee. States Attorney Moreth requested a monthly increase of \$323.34 for Assistant States Attorney Da-Niel Cunningham. Sheriff Zirkelbach requested a promotion and salary increase for William Bruhn of \$242.00 per month. The Committee informed the Sheriff that this request must be addressed during union negotiations. Sheriff Zirkelbach also requested a \$200.00 per month salary increase for Gary Wheeler, who is a non-union employee.

Jean Davis, Office Chief Deputy in the Highway Department addressed the Committee stating that there used to be two office employees and now there is only one. She also stated all Highway Department employees had received two 4% annual increases in the last two fiscal years and she had only received \$50.00 per month during the same fiscal periods. She requested "Confidential Employee" status with a monthly salary of \$2,000.00

Non-Union Courthouse employees also addressed the Committee stating that they took into account the realization of the County's money situation in preparation of their request for the next two fiscal years. The non-union employees expressed their concern regarding union employees always receiving greater compensation for their services. Overtime pay alone for office workers in the Sheriff's Department was \$3,121.40 in the past 6 months in

addition to monthly salaries being higher. For 1995-96, the Courthouse employees requested a \$150.00 per month salary increase and a change in vacation accrual, bringing the Courthouse employees in line with other bargaining units of the County. The request for 1996-97 was \$150.00 per month salary increase for all employees and the County institute a Longevity Schedule for Courthouse employees. Char Taylor stated that although the duties and responsibilities of the staff in each County Office are different, they are all of equal importance. The majority of the non-union employees do not want to unionize, but may consider it if that is their only way to be treated fairly. Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Odorizzi, to accept minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Pomatto stated the Public Health Committee meeting minutes had been distributed and she would entertain questions from any Board members. The Committee accepted the Public Health budget in the amount of \$846,061.00 for submission to the Finance Committee. Public Health Administrator Tarro addressed the Committee regarding the establishment of the Area Healthcare Providers Council. Membership and participation will be open to all health care agencies and facilities providing service within the geographic area served by the Council. County Clerk Saracco discussed the Animal Control budget for 1995-96 and the Committee approved \$48,408.00 for submission to the Finance Committee. The Animal Control budget in the amount of \$25,000.00 and the Macoupin County Animal Control Claim Fund budget in the amount of \$20,000.00 was approved and submitted to the Finance Committee. Motion by Christopher, seconded by Payne to approve minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

Bruce read the minutes of the August 18, August 28 and September 8, 1995 Road and Bridge Committee meetings. The Committee interviewed a candidate for County Engineer. Brown updated Committee on status of sealing county roads for this maintenance season. The Committee approved two bridge lettings for Dorchester and North Otter Townships. Low bidder for Dorchester Township was Caldwell Engineering and for North Otter Township low bidder was Staunton Fuel and Materials. Hilyard Township presented a petition for a 50/50 project which was approved. There was discussion of making the Brighton-Bunker Hill road an 80,000 pound road. The Committee agreed to recommend to the Board approval of the purchase of a used 1974 oil distributor to replace the 1963 model now in use. Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Snodgrass to approve minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Bacon to approve the purchase of a 1974 oil distributor. Roll call vote: 25 ayes and 2 absent. Motion carried.

Thomas briefly discussed the minutes of the August 15, 1995 Industrial Commission meeting. The Committee agreed to accept the Industrial Commission budget in the amount of \$7,000.00 for submission to the Finance Committee. Motion by Jubelt, seconded by Payne to approve minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Jubelt reviewed the minutes of the September 7, 1995 Sheriff, Building and Grounds Committee meeting. Utilization of space on the ground floor of the Courthouse was discussed by States Attorney Moreth. Sheriff Zirkelbach

discussed purchase of three new squad cars. A discussion was held regarding the ADA requirements of the Courthouse elevator (infrared sensors for wheel chair access) and Otis Elevator was low bidder in the amount of \$11,234.00. Motion by Payne, seconded by Morgan to approve and comply with minutes as reported. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

Motion by Bertagnolli, seconded by Scopel to give the Sheriff, Buildings and Grounds Committee the power-to-act regarding the purchase of squad cars before the next Board meeting. Same roll call vote: motion carried. Chairman Thomas reported he and Snodgrass had checked the Courthouse dome and noted the dentals needed to be cleaned so water would drain. Thomas will discuss rectifying this condition with Dennis Schuette.

Payne discussed the minutes of the September 1, 1995 Human Resources Committee meeting minutes. Three grievances filed by Robert Fritz, Maintenance Engineer, were discussed. Grievances #1 and #2 regarding Fritz's request to be called out when the air-conditioning system needs to be reset at the new jail facility were denied and written response will follow. Grievance #3 regarding Fritz's hours of work, and eligibility of Correctional Officers and Telecommunicators for the SLEP coverage will be discussed at the September 13, 1995, Collective Bargaining meeting. Motion by Payne, seconded by Caveny to accept minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

Denby discussed the minutes of the August 31 and September 6, 1995 Finance Committee meetings. The Committee accepted the Special Funds Budget in the amount of \$7,427,261.00. Budget cuts in the General Fund (Revised) Budget will be addressed with Department heads at the next Finance Committee meeting. The Committee discussed the possibility of re-evaluating the ESDA Office, the Copy Room, Economic Development and Animal Control.

Judge Koval represented Chief Probation Officer Hammann to point out that the Probation Fee Account has been used to help operate the Probation Department only temporarily due to financial crunch of the County. Judge Koval said the State would not allow this much longer. The Probation Department needs a computer system. Sheriff Zirkelbach and Wilma Cox addressed the cuts made in their respective budgets. The Committee approved the General Fund Budget in the amount of \$4,565,000.00. The Enhanced 911 Budget was discussed. Annual income is anticipated in the amount of \$480,000.00 and anticipated expenditures in the amount of \$151,723.00. The Committee discussed the duties of Copy Room personnel and the possible need for microfilming in that Department. Motion by Denby, seconded by Quirk to accept the minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Bruce read the minutes of the September 11, 1995 M & M Base Materials Committee meeting. Bills were approved for September payment. The electricians are to repair the DC Motors the week of September 20, 1995. The Committee voted to discontinue phone service at the plant and discussed making cold mix for the two counties. Loebach will check with Bill Sunley about

using the plant to make cold patch. Thomas requested copies of the insurance binders. Motion by Scopel, seconded by Harding, to approve the minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Jubelt, seconded by Bellm, to adjourn to Executive Session at 1:17 p.m. to discuss possible litigation and collective bargaining.

Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Payne to return to Regular Session at 1:44 p.m. No action taken during Executive Session.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Payne, seconded by Pomatto to appoint Dr. David Riesenberger, Dr. Gregory Deters and Dr. Kevin Kays to the Macoupin County Board of Health effective September 1, 1995 through August 1, 1998. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Motion by Quirk, seconded by Landers to approve payment of \$300.00 to the Asbury Cemetery Association for annual maintenance and to place their request letter on file in the County Clerk's Office. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Malham, seconded by Denby to place on file in the County Clerk's Office a letter from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency regarding a Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit from O K Grain, Inc., Barnett, IL. All in favor, motion carried.

PETITIONS

Motion by Caveny, seconded by Dugan, to approve a 50/50 Petition for \$3,000.00 to repair a bridge in Hilyard Township. All in favor, motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Bertagnolli, seconded by Campbell to adopt a Resolution endorsing the Area Healthcare Providers Council Health Care Delivery System. Same roll call vote, motion carried.

Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Quarton to approve a Resolution awarding low bidder for North Otter Road District Section 94-16112-00-BR to Staunton Fuel & Materials in the amount of \$103,910.00. Same roll call vote, motion carried.

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Jubelt to approve a Resolution authorizing water service line across County Highway Section 29Q, Sawyerville Road to the property of Raymond Crain. Same roll call vote, motion carried.

Motion by Snodgrass, seconded by Payne to approve a Resolution authorizing the City of Virden to a water line across County Highway 37. Same roll call vote, motion carried.

Motion by Bruce, seconded by Mitchell to approve a Resolution awarding low bidder for Dorchester Road District Section 94-09108-00-BR to Caldwell Engineering in the amount of \$212,054.89. Same roll call vote, motion carried.

Motion by Denby, seconded by Armour to adopt the General Fund Expenditure budget for 1995-96 in the amount of \$4,565,000.00. The General Fund Revenue budget is \$4,565,000.00. The total Expenditure budget for all of the Special Funds is \$7,578,984.00. The Special Funds Revenue and Cash on Hand is \$9,591,361.00. Same roll call vote, motion carried.

Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Malham to adopt a Resolution appointing Michael F. Renner, County Engineer, for a term of six years effective October 1, 1995, at an annual salary for the first year of \$51,000.00. Same roll call vote, motion carried.

CLAIMS AND OFFICERS REPORT

Motion by Griffith, seconded by Scopel to approve Claims and Officers Report. All in favor, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Thomas discussed the change in the local government distribution formula for state income tax. Effective July 1, 1995, Macoupin County receives a larger portion of income tax proceeds. Now there may be a move to reverse this action by the State Legislature. This important issue should be tracked during this Legislative Session.

Thomas also reported on the issue of the State's ability to pass along unfunded mandates to counties. He believes that a Constitutional Amendment should be adopted so that states cannot pass unfunded mandates on to the counties.

Caveny questioned the Board's authority in hiring Highway Department employees. Thomas advised he would discuss with States Attorney Moreth and report at a future meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Campbell read from a publication regarding the proposed large cuts in Federal Funds.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

Motion by Bruce, seconded by Malham to allow mileage and per diem. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Morgan, seconded by Bacon to adjourn at 2:50 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.