

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES

OCTOBER 13, 1998

The Adjourned Meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order Tuesday, October 13, 1998, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were twenty-six members present and one absent.

MINUTES

Motion by Payne, seconded by Campbell, to approve the minutes of the September 8, 1998, meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Board Chairman Denby introduced the newly-hired County Engineer Tom Reinhart to the Board

GUESTS

Lou Ashby, vice president of the United Mine Workers Local 969, spoke to the Board regarding the issues in dispute in their strike against Freeman United. Ashby explained that the current contract has been approved and agreed upon by every mine owner in the state. The pensioner's health care is the issue between the Union and Freeman United. The mine owners want to be able to offer a lump sum payout and no other health care, rather than the benefits many of these pensioners were promised 30-40 years ago.

Ken Doyle, a local hog farmer spoke briefly, inviting County Board members to tour the newly-constructed hog confinement facility on the Dave Klaus farm. He distributed maps and said that the new facility was, as yet unoccupied, but that seeing it would answer many questions.

Kent Tarro, Administrator of the Public Health Department, mentioned that Board members should consider getting pneumonia shots as well as the standard flu vaccination. The flu shots are \$6.00 each, and appointments or times of clinics can be obtained by calling the Health Department.

The Health Department is expanding Well Child Clinic to include adult physicals. Beginning October 28, in addition to well child exams, and school or sports physicals, adult physicals will be available at the Macoupin County Public Health Department. The service expansion will encourage low-income, uninsured adults to obtain an annual physical as well as provide a means for some adults to receive necessary employment physicals. The next clinic will be held Wednesday, October 28, at the Gillespie Office at 112 South Macoupin Street. Appointments are required and may be made by calling (217) 854-3223. Clients served must meet the financial guidelines, but proof of income will not be required.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committee Chairman Quirk read the minutes of the September 16, 1998, **Circuit Court, Coroner and States Attorney Committee**. The Committee made a recommendation to the Fees and Salaries Committee that Chief Probation Officer Wanda Hammann be given a salary increase of 4%. Motion by Caveny, seconded by Bacon, to approve the minutes as read and place on file. All in favor, motion carried.

Committee Chairman Caveny reviewed the minutes of the **Agriculture Committee Meeting** which was held September 29, 1998. The Committee unanimously agreed to accept the highest bid of \$155.00 an acre to Gerald and Rick Rosentreter for a three-year lease for the 30 tillable acres owned by Macoupin County. Motion was made by Payne, seconded by Harding, to approve the minutes as reported and place on file. All in favor, motion carried.

Committee Chairman Mitchell read the minutes of a joint meeting between the **Fees and Salaries Committee and Finance Committee** which was held September 30, 1998. The Committees unanimously agreed to recommend to the full Board that health insurance not be offered to the Macoupin County Board Members.

The Committees unanimously agreed to recommend, to the full County Board, that a \$50.00 stipend be given to County Board Members who attend the Monthly Board Meeting. This will be in addition to the \$50.00 received for each meeting.

The Committees agreed to recommended to the full Board that Chief Probation Officer Wanda Hammann be given a 3% salary increase.

It was unanimously agreed by the Committees that Comp. Time will no longer be used. "Comp. Time" must always be documented as "Over-Time". All "Over-Time" must be submitted to and approved by the Elected Officials and/or Departments Heads before payment is made to employees.

A recommendation will be made to the full Board that all employees, in management positions, are not to receive Over-Time.

Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Quirk, to approve the minutes and place on file. All in favor, motion carried.

Board Chairman Denby informed the Board that State Statutes forbid County Board Members to receive stipends.

Denby also reported that the Federal Labor Standards Act makes it impossible to deny employees the right to receive comp. time in lieu of over-time. He reported that everyone, in decision-making position, are not subject to comp. time or over-time.

Committee Chairman Mitchell read the minutes of the **Fees and Salaries Committee and the Finance Committee** which was held October 6, 1998. It was agreed to recommend, to the full Board, the adoption of a Resolution designating January 1, 1971, as date for qualifying position of County Board Members, current and future, for participation in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund.

It was unanimously agreed by both Committees to recommend to the full Board the adoption of a Resolution allowing Macoupin County Board Members to buy back more than fifty months of consecutive service in IMRF.

The two Committees agreed to recommend to the full Board that the salary increase for Chief Probation Officer Wanda Hamman remain at 3%.

Motion by Don Bertagnolli, seconded by Griffith, to accept the minutes and place on file. All in favor, motion carried.

Board Chairman read the minutes of the **Collective Bargaining Team** meeting which was held October 7, 1998. After a lengthy discussion, regarding the classification change and resulting pay increase for Ms. Jean Davis, the Committee agreed that the Teamsters Contract should be approved and signed by all parties. It was unanimously agreed to bring this matter to the County Board at the October Meeting. Motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Caveny, to accept the minutes as read and place on file. All in favor, motion carried.

Board Chairman Denby read the minutes of the **Sheriff, Building and Grounds Committee** meeting, which was held October 8, 1998. The Committee recommended that cost estimates be prepared, for the refurbishing of the old jail, and the estimates will be brought before the full Board for approval.

The Committee unanimously agreed to the purchase of 4 new squad cars and 1 program car from the sale of the 5 old cars. \$80,000.00 has previously been approved, in the Sheriff's budget, to purchase these new squad cars.

The Committee agreed to recommend to the full Board, that Gregg McKinney complete the project on the North side exterior of the Courthouse in the amount of \$1,500.00.

It was unanimously agreed to recommend to the full Board that the carpet in the Sheriff's Department be replaced. Bids must be advertised.

The Committee approved to pay the bills for the Sheriff's Department, jail and Courthouse.

Chief Deputy Wheeler reported that Monterey Coal Company had given the Sheriff's Department a check in the amount of \$1,325.00 for the purchase of equipment.

Motion was made by Payne, seconded by Bacon, to accept the minutes as presented and place on file. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Road and Bridge Committee** minutes, of October 9, 1998, were reviewed by Committee Chairman Bellm.

The bills were reviewed and approved in the amount of \$56,696.19.

Scottsville Rural Water Company and Central Macoupin County Rural Water District requests to submit a \$5,000.00 bond in lieu of the Standard \$200.00 per road crossing cash deposit was discussed and approved.

The Road and Bridge Committee unanimously agreed that should

Bird Township decide not to replace the bridge on TR 132A, Section 98-02111-00-BR, the township will be responsible for the engineering fees for the design to the bridge replacement.

The Committee discussed options for the possible relocation of the Highway Department.

Motion was made by Bellm, seconded by Campbell, to approve the minutes and place on file. All in favor, motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by Campbell, seconded by Beverly Bertagnolli, to appoint Roy Dean Close, John Earl Tranbarger, Etta Carol Frank, Coy Ambrose, Thomas Robert Wolfork, and William Albert Harding to the Panther Creek Cemetery Association Board of Trustees for a six-year term. 10/13/98 - 10/12/2004

COMMUNICATIONS

County Clerk Saracco read a letter, from the Illinois Department of Corrections to Sheriff Zirkelbach, stating that the Macoupin County Jail operation has repeatedly been found in compliance with the Illinois County Jail Standards. Motion by Jubelt, seconded by Campbell, to place on file. All in favor, motion carried.

County Clerk Saracco read correspondence, from David P. Thomas, Administrator of the Macoupin County Emergency Telephone System Board, A report of the income and disbursements from the Macoupin County Emergency Telephone System Board for the period of September 1, 1997 thru August 31, 1998, was read. The expenditures were \$162,061.76. The income was as follows: Surcharge Income was \$536,389.70; Interest and Miscellaneous Income was \$49,512.47 and the Filing Fees & Map Sales was \$100.00. Motion by Payne, seconded by Malham, to place on file. All in favor, motion carried.

County Clerk Saracco read a letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation acknowledging receipt of a certified copy of a resolution adopted by the County Board, at its September 8, 1998, meeting appointing Mr. Thomas A. Reinhart as County Engineer for Macoupin County effective October 1, 1998. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Campbell, to place the correspondence on file. All in favor, motion carried.

County Board Chairman Denby read a letter from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources thanking the County Board for allowing the Macoupin County Highway Department to perform needed road maintenance at Beaver Dam State Park. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Caveny, to place on file. All in favor, motion carried.

PETITIONS None

RESOLUTIONS

Motion was made by Bellm, seconded by Snodgrass, to approve the contract with Teamsters Local #525, for a period lasting from September 1, 1998, until August 31, 2001. Roll Call vote: 26 Ayes and 1 Absent. Motion Carried.

Motion by Don Bertagnolli, seconded by Harding, to approve a Salary Resolution granting Chief Probation Officer Wanda Hammann, a 3% increase for the period of September 1, 1998, to August 31, 1999. Roll Call vote: 19 Ayes, 7 Nays and 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Bellm, seconded by Don Bertagnolli, to approve a Resolution awarding the high bidder for the auction of the lease of 30 tillable acres, owned by Macoupin County to Gerald and Rick Rosentreter in the amount of \$155.00 per acre. Roll Call vote: 26 Ayes and 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Christopher, seconded by Malham, to adopt a Resolution transferring \$1,325.00 from the Contingency Account of the General Fund to the Sheriff's budget of the General Fund. Same Roll Call, motion carried.

Motion was made by Bev Bertagnolli, seconded by Mitchell, to approve a Resolution designating January 1, 1971, as date for qualifying position of County Board Members, current and future, for participation in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. Roll Call vote: 20 Ayes, 6 Nays and 1 Absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Quirk, seconded by Kilduff, to approve the Resolution allowing Macoupin County Board Members to buy back more than fifty months of consecutive service in IMRF. Roll Call vote: 20 Ayes, 6 Nays and 1 Absent. Motion carried.

ORDINANCES NONE

CLAIMS AND OFFICERS REPORT

Motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Bellm, to approve the Claims and Officers Report and place on file. All in favor, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Caveny, seconded by Kilduff, that the County Board go on record supporting the UMWA concerning the strike at Virden. All in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

A discussion was held regarding the changes in the County employees' Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance benefit plan

which will renew November 1, 1998. The new policy will cost a little less but have much better benefits. Motion by Don Bertagnolli, seconded by Jubelt, to approve the new Blue Cross Blue Shield Health Insurance Plan for County employees. All in favor, motion carried.

Board Member Fraser suggested that the Board Meetings be held between 4:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. instead of 1:00 p.m. Fraser felt that more people would be able to attend the Board Meetings if the meeting was held later. A discussion was held, and a Resolution will be presented at the November Board Meeting regarding the change of time in Board Meetings. All in favor, motion carried.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Quarton, seconded by Mitchell, to adjourn at 2:45 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.