

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES

JULY 13, 1999

The Adjourned Meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order Tuesday, July 13, 1999, 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.

MINUTES

Motion by Bellm, seconded by Mitchell, to approve the minutes of the June 8, 1999 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

GUESTS

Kent Tarro, Administrator, Public Health Department, made a brief presentation on the Macoupin County Public Health Department 1998 Annual Report. Tarro discussed the numerous programs offered to the citizens of Macoupin County by the Public Health Department. Tarro thanked the Board for their continued support over the past sixteen years.

Ann Kleinlein, Administrative Director of the Macoupin County Mental Health Department, thanked the Board for their financial support of the Department's Child and Adolescent School Counseling Program. She presented statistics on the different problems for which children are counseled in addition to the numbers served in individual school districts.

Brenda Beanblossom, Prevention Specialist, discussed the Safe School Program. More than 300 students received services this school year at the Center and at the school sites throughout Macoupin County. In addition, Mental Health staff members have been trained in how to handle violent situations in the schools such as what happened in Colorado this year.

Rick Spencer, President of the 4-H Council, thanked the Board for supporting the 4-H Council and encouraged Board members to observe the displays outside the Board room. Spencer discussed the many projects and opportunities available to 4-H members.

Connie Paul, Macoupin County Extension Service, discussed the County Agricultural Literacy Program, explaining its purpose and importance in life. Connie is promoting Agriculture Awareness in Macoupin County with programs from preschool through high school. Free resources are available to teachers in math and science concepts and guidance counselors toured Monsanto and other facilities to learn of the job opportunities in Agriculture.

Mr. McCormick expressed concerns about a junk yard in his neighborhood off the Hickory Ridge Lane, Brighton/Bunker Hill Road. He claimed Don Wells had sold off three acres instead of five acres. States Attorney Moreth introduced Wally Horrighs, Secretary of State Office, who explained the person was denied a permit to have a junk yard because he did not meet the requirements. Chairman Denby suggested Mr. McCormick discuss the situation with States Attorney Moreth and the issue will be forwarded to the Subdivision Committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Beverly Bertagnolli read the minutes of the June 15, 1999 Courthouse Renovation Committee. The Committee voted to accept the proposal from Marvin Wolfe, Sr. and Ernest Hohimer for removing the old boiler and steam pipes in the amount of \$7,000.00. The Committee discussed removing the radiators and also drilling recommendations made by ESDA Coordinator. It was announced that Bill Griffith has been hired by V-H Builders to be their on site superintendent. He also acts for County as its on site representative, but will not be paid for work done for the County on this project. Motion by Snodgrass, seconded by Campbell, to approve minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Bellm read the minutes of the June 21, 1999 Legislation Committee meeting. The Committee agreed to recommend to Finance Committee approval of the Supervisor of Assessment's budget in the amount of \$171,352.00. Larry McDaniel reported 911E Board would not give the County a list of address changes so he hired a part-time person to make these changes as well as the map changes. Soil Conservation Department has provided his office with an aerial survey of the County and software must be purchased to read it at an approximate cost of \$1,200.00. McDaniel also reported changing the present County maps to digital maps will cost approximately \$160,000.00 over a period of several years. McDaniel also advised the Committee the Township Assessors are not assessing new property as well as commercial, resulting in properties not getting on the tax roll. He suggested hiring a field crew of three part-time persons to do the property record cards. This crew will take outside measurements, information, etc and it will cost the County approximately \$500,000.00 over a two-year period. The Committee agreed to advertise for bids to fill these positions.

There was a lengthy discussion by the Board with Christopher requesting no action to hire any new personnel be considered at this time as Maps and Plats Officer has already received additional \$20,000.00 and he should work with Township Assessors to remedy this situation. Mitchell says County has no authority to tell Townships what to do. Zippay says townships are not in accordance with the law and Mitchell discussed multiplier not being applied properly. Motion by Malham, seconded by Mitchell, to approve minutes as written with the exception of advertising for bids to hire additional personnel. All in favor, motion carried.

Pomatto read the minutes of the June 29, 1999 Regional Superintendent of Schools Committee meeting. The Committee agreed to recommend to the Finance Committee the budget request in the amount of \$105,703.92, the same as last year. Masinelli thanked the County Board for its continued support. Motion by Don Bertagnolli, seconded by Pomatto to approve minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Bellm read the minutes of the June 30, 1999 ESDA/Environmental Committee meeting. The Committee discussed the 1999-2000 budget. The Committee agreed to recommend to the Finance Committee approval of the ESDA/Environmental budget in the amount of \$52,395.20, an increase of \$1,680.00. The Committee also agreed to recommend to the full Board that \$11,000.00 be taken from the Solid Waste Fund -- \$6,000.00 to go to the We Care Project and \$5,000.00 into the regular budget of We Care Recycling. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Beverly Bertagnolli, to approve minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

Christopher reported the minutes of the July 2, 1999 Circuit Clerk Committee meeting. The Circuit Clerk brought the Committee up to date regarding the operation of the Circuit Clerk Department. Mathis also discussed the budget and the ongoing problem of the telephone system in the Courthouse. Mathis was directed to investigate the matter further and report back to Committee regarding an updated telephone system in the Courthouse. The subject of increasing the salary of the Circuit Clerk to the same level as the County Clerk and County Treasurer was discussed. Normally an office holder cannot receive a salary increase during his/her term, but since the Circuit Clerk is considered an Officer of the Court by the State of Illinois, he may receive a salary increase during the term. The Committee agreed to recommend to the Fees and Salaries Committee, pending the approval of the Administrative Office, to increase the salary of the Circuit Clerk to the same level as the County Clerk and County Treasurer effective September 1, 1999. Zippy advised the Board that different office holders are elected in different years so that someone will always be ahead or behind.

Motion by Snodgrass, seconded by Kilduff, to amend the minutes of the July 2, 1999 Circuit Clerk Committee meeting to reflect that the salary increase may be granted during the term of office due to the fact that the Circuit Clerk is an Officer of the Court. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Christopher, to approve the minutes as amended and recommend to the Fees and Salaries Committee the salary increase for the Circuit Clerk Mathis due to his exceptional performance exceeding his predecessor. All in favor, motion carried.

The pros and cons of holding Fees and Salaries and Finance Committee meetings at the same time were discussed and Chairman Denby advised he would take it under consideration.

Denby discussed the minutes of the July 6, 1999 County Treasurer Committee meeting. The Committee agreed to recommend the County Treasurer's budget request in the amount of \$166,248.56 to the Finance Committee for approval. Motion by Campbell, seconded by Payne, to approve minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

Denby reviewed the minutes of the July 7, 1999 Circuit Court, Coroner and States Attorney Committee meeting. The Committee agreed to recommend to the Finance Committee the approval of the Circuit Court budget in the amount of \$138,637.80, an increase of \$46.12 over last year's appropriation. The Committee also agreed to recommend the Coroner's budget request in the amount of \$49,485.00 to the Finance Committee along with a request to increase Chief Deputy Brad Targhetta's salary to \$200.00 monthly. The Committee also agreed to recommend approval of the following budgets to Finance Committee: States Attorney in the amount of \$337,185.60.; Probation Department in the amount of \$317,225.73; the Probation Fee budget, a Special Funds budget, in the amount of \$57,000.00; and the Public Defender budget in the amount of \$125,607.48. The Committee also discussed the possibility of raises for County Board Members. Motion by Beverly Bertagnolli, seconded by Mitchell, to approve minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

A letter written by the Honorable Joseph P. Koval, Presiding Judge, Macoupin County, to the Governor's Office in opposition of House Bill 1935 was discussed. The County Board concurred that States Attorney Moreth prepare a resolution in opposition to House Bill 1935. Beverly Bertagnolli suggested all Board members phone the Governor's Office in opposition of this bill as she had done.

Watson read the minutes of the July 8, 1999 Industrial Commission Meeting. There was a lengthy discussion regarding the position of Economic Development Coordinator and the Committee agreed that pending the information received from the University of Illinois regarding the hiring guidelines, it would recommend to the full Board the hiring of Shari Albrecht to the position of Economic Development Coordinator with the Cooperative Extension Service. Motion by Campbell, seconded by Don Bertagnolli, to approve minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Denby reported this action is on hold at this time as the University of Illinois guidelines state the Economic Development Coordinator must possess a four year degree.

Bellm read the minutes of the July 9, 1999, Road and Bridge Committee meeting. The Committee approved several Petitions for 50/50 projects in various townships. The budget was approved for recommendation to the Finance Committee. Two resolutions were also approved: one to purchase a demo pick-up mounted paint striper for \$26,000.00 and a Preliminary Engineering resolution for Nilwood Township, Section 99-15113-00 BR. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Payne, to approve minutes if the date of the next meeting is changed to August 5, instead of August 6. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Denby advised Schwartz's Furniture would be replacing the carpet, at no cost to the County, in the Sheriff's Office due to a discoloration problem. Don Bertagnolli suggested checking border of carpet also before new is ordered. Denby also reported he is researching property surrounding the Courthouse for the possibility of additional parking.

Jubelt discussed the minutes of the July 12, 1999, Sheriff, Building and Grounds Committee meeting. The bills were approved for payment. The Committee agreed to recommend to the Board the approval of the low estimate from Terminix for termite control in the jail in the amount of \$5,400.00 initially and \$660.00 for second and third years. The Committee agreed to have Otis Elevator repair the elevator door so that it can be opened in the event it was stuck on one of the floors at a cost of \$250.00. The Committee also agreed to recommend to the full Board that Lynn Loveless of VH Builders make necessary temporary repairs to the jail roof. Schwartz Furniture has agreed to replace all of the carpeting in the Sheriff's office due to the water stain which cannot be removed. Sheriff Wheeler advised the Committee he is in the process of hiring a new deputy who already has police training. Motion by Jubelt, seconded by Payne, to approve the minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Jubelt, seconded by Mitchell, to appoint Dr. Gregg Laws to replace Dr. Alfred Garcia on the Macoupin County Board of Health effective July 13, 1999 through August 31, 2001. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Payne, seconded by Beverly Bertagnolli, to reappoint Don B. Denby, Jr. to the Macoupin County Housing Authority Board of Commissioners for a five-year term effective August 16, 1999 through August 15, 2004. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Bellm, to place on file in the County Clerk's office correspondence from We Care Recycling. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Jubelt, seconded by Payne, to place on file in the County Clerk's office correspondence from the Emergency Telephone Systems Board, including the 1999-2000 budget adopted June 7, 1999. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Bacon, to place on file in the County Clerk's office a thank you note from the American Cancer Society Board Members for the County's contribution to the 1999 Laps for Life. All in favor, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

PETITIONS

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Malham, to approve 50/50 Petitions for culvert projects in the following Townships:

Polk #27	\$ 3,000.00
Dorchester #18	\$ 3,500.00
Gillespie #8	\$10,000.00
Gillespie #9	\$ 8,000.00
Gillespie #10	\$ 9,500.00

Roll call vote: 24 ayes and 3 absent, motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Jubelt, seconded by Payne to adopt a Resolution authorizing Joseph E. Meyer, Macoupin County Trustee, to execute easements on properties for which they will acquire title on August 7, 1999, in Royal Lakes, Macoupin County, Illinois. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

Motion by Bellm, seconded by Kilduff, to approve a Resolution awarding \$11,000.00 to We Care Recycling from the Solid Waste Management Fund, which is a Tipping Fee Fund: \$6,000.00 going to the We Care Project and \$5,000.00 into the regular budget of We Care Recycling. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Bellm, to approve a Resolution approving \$14,000.00 for Preliminary Engineering on Nilwood Bridges. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

Motion by Malham, seconded by Caveny, to adopt a Resolution for the County Highway Department to purchase a used paint striping machine. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Jubelt, to approve a Resolution accepting the low bidder, Terminix Corp., for termite control in the jail for a cost of \$5,400.00 plus an annual extension coverage charge of \$660.00 for the second and third years. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

ORDINANCES

None.

CLAIMS AND OFFICERS REPORT

Motion was made by Caveny, seconded by Malham, to approve the Claims and Officers Report. All in favor, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Beverly Bertagnolli, to sue the 911 Emergency Telephone Systems Board for access to the new 911 addresses. County Clerk Saracco explained he had contacted all of the individual post offices for this information and upon receipt he will share with Supervisor of Assessments' office. Mitchell and Beverly Bertagnolli withdrew their motion and second.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Mitchell, seconded by Bellm, to adjourn at 2:50 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.