

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES

OCTOBER 12, 1999

The Adjourned Meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order Tuesday, October 12, 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

B. Bertagnolli noted that she did not make a motion, at the September Board Meeting, to increase the salary of Assistant States Attorney Brent Cain \$100.00 per month. B. Bertagnolli had made the motion to bring the matter to a vote. Motion was made by B. Bertagnolli, seconded by D. Bertagnolli, to approve the September 14, 1999, Board Minutes as amended. All in favor, motion carried.

GUESTS

Board Chairman Denby introduced Shari Albrecht, the County's new Economic Development Coordinator. Albrecht, of Staunton, has an office in the lower level of the Carlinville Post Office.

Kent Tarro, of the Macoupin County Public Health Department, outlined the State's proposed plans for the tobacco settlement funds with the hope that a large portion be utilized for health care programs. Tarro asked that individuals write to elected State Officials expressing their desire to see the money spent on health-related issues.

Martin Rogers, of Carlinville, gave a status report of the Veterans Memorial located on the grounds of the Courthouse. Mr. Rogers outlined plans, including the planting of trees and possibly placing a book in the Courthouse, listing brief biographies of those named on the Memorial. The fee for adding a name to the monument is \$100.00, and those wishing to contribute to the cause may purchase a brick with their name inscribed at a cost of \$50.00. In appreciation to the County's maintenance of the site, Rogers intended to present a check in the amount of \$2,500.00 to Sheriff Wheeler. Motion was made by D. Bertagnolli, seconded by B. Bertagnolli to return the funds to Mr. Rogers to be used for the Memorial. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Payne read the Minutes of the September 21, 1999, **Planning and Subdivision Committee Meeting**. The Committee made the motion to recommend, to the full Board, the approval of the Shady Oaks Subdivision in Mt. Olive Township and Sun Valley Estates at Lake Williamson. Motion by Payne, seconded by Pomatto, to approve the Minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

B. Bertagnolli read the Minutes of the October 5, 1999, **Courthouse Renovations Committee Meeting**. A very lengthy discussion was held, between the Committee Members and Andy Kerkemeyer the engineer from Woolpert, regarding the renovation project. The Committee made the motion to approve the installation of a supplemental heater in the new boiler room for use if the intake air louver would remain open during the winter time. Motions were also made to approve Change Orders in the amount of \$9,273.00, \$24,995.00 and \$5,960.00. It was pointed out, by Engineer Kerkemeyer, that their ability to evaluate and research Change Order Requests has been compromised by action being taken in the field before an official price has been agreed to and voted on by this Committee. Motion by Snodgrass, seconded by Pomatto, to approve the Minutes and place on file. All in favor, motion carried.

Bellm read the Minutes of the October 6, 1999, **Road and Bridge Committee Meeting**. The Committee approved 50/50 project petitions, for Honey Point Township, in the amount of \$1,800.00, \$18,000.00 and \$1,500.00. The Committee approved and recommended a Resolution to appropriate \$19,433.36 from the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund for the County Engineer's salary from September 1, 1999, to December 31, 1999. A discussion was held regarding the purchase of a new tandem dump truck. Reinhart reported that a new truck equipped with a snowplow and salt spreader can be purchased through the State bid for \$72,616.00. Currently delivery of a new truck is expected approximately 12 months from the date of order. The need to hire another Resident Engineer was also discussed since there is a backlog due to delays in getting the Shipman Road project underway. In the past, the Highway Department has employed two Resident Engineers. The matter was tabled until Spring. Committee Chairman Bellm suggested that in light of the recent fatality on the Shipman Blacktop and the general poor repair of the road, the County Board should write a letter to the Illinois Dept. of Transportation and the locally elected State Officials to raise awareness of the serious need for major repair to the North end of the Shipman Blacktop. Motion was made by Bellm, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Minutes as read and place on file. All in favor, motion carried.

Board Chairman Denby announced that the State of Illinois is very much aware that the blacktop is in bad need of repair, and apparently IDOT will have funds budgeted specifically to repair the road. Because IDOT was working toward the problem, it was decided that no further action be taken at this time.

Board Chairman Denby read the October 7, 1999, Minutes of the **Sheriff, Building and Grounds Committee Meeting**. The Committee unanimously agreed to direct Sheriff Wheeler to investigate the possibility of hiring a Court Security Consulting Firm to assist with a solution to the problem of Court Security in the Courthouse. Sheriff Wheeler asked the Committee to consider hiring a third

Court Security Office until the problem of Court Security is solved. The Committee unanimously agreed that Sheriff Wheeler hire two part-time Court Security Officers. The Committee made the motion to recommend to the full Board the approval to purchase the 24' x 24' pre-cut wooden shed including the 6" slab on concrete, labor and materials costing no more than \$10,000.00. The funding, for this shed, will be paid out of the Capital Improvement Line Item of the General Fund. Motion was made by Campbell, seconded by Pomatto, to accept the Minutes and place on file. All in favor, motion carried.

Don Bertagnolli suggested that the Sheriff contact the Union before hiring two part-time Security Officers.

Motion was made by Campbell, seconded by Bellm, to seek bids for the purchase of a 24' x 24' pre-cut shed, including concrete, labor and materials. Roll Call taken, 24 Ayes, 3 Absent.

APPOINTMENTS

None

COMMUNICATIONS

Board Chairman Denby read an invitation to the Pilgrim Presentation Ceremony of New Pilgrim Paul Quirk. The Pilgrim Degree is the Highest Degree of the Loyal Order of Moose. Board Member Quirk was congratulated and applauded by all fellow Board Members.

A letter was read, from Circuit Clerk Mathis, regarding an incident that occurred during the Courthouse renovation project. On October 6th, one of the painters had broken into an employee's desk and attempted to remove money. Charles Johnson, an employee of Kane Mechanical, and Board Member Griffith assisted in apprehension of the thief.

Board Chairman Denby read a letter from Monterey Coal Company regarding a Proposed Subsidence Agreement. Exxon Coal USA, Inc. is conducting longwall mining operation within an 8 section area of Honey Point Township. Macoupin County owns or maintains County Roads 3 and 20 located in Sections 7,8, and 17 of Honey Point Township. These sections comprise a part of Monterey's longwall mining plan. Even though the approximate three miles of County roads located within these sections are not projected to be impacted by subsidence until 2003, State of Illinois mining permit procedures require an agreement between the parties sufficiently in advance of any subsidence impacts. Motion was made by Mitchell, seconded by Bellm, that the matter be forwarded to the Road and Bridge Committee. All in favor, motion carried.

PETITIONS

Three Petitions, for Honey Point Township, in the amount of \$1,800.00, \$1,500.00 and \$18,000.00 were discussed. Motion was made by Campbell, seconded by Quirk, to approve the Petitions. Same Roll Call, motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by B. Bertagnolli, seconded by Bellm, to approve the Counties of Calhoun, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Montgomery, Morgan, Scott and Shelby to be known as the Policy Board for Workforce Investment Area #21 under the Workforce Investment Act. Same Roll Call, motion carried.

Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Bellm, to approve the West Central Illinois Valley Regional Planning Commission Articles of Incorporation changing the name to West Central Development Council and expanding the governing board to include the Counties of Calhoun, Christian, Greene, Jersey, Macoupin, Montgomery, Morgan, Scott and Shelby. Same Roll Call, motion carried.

Motion by B. Bertagnolli, seconded by Pomatto, to approve the Administrative Order Designating Court Holidays for 2000. Same Roll Call, motion carried.

Motion was made by Payne, seconded by Malham, to approve a Resolution authorizing the Chairman of the County Board to execute deeds of conveyance of the County's interest or authorize the cancellation of the appropriate certificates of purchase, as the case may be, on described real estate in the Delinquent Real Estate Tax Liquidation Program. Same Roll Call, motion carried.

Motion by Bellm, seconded by Harding, to approve the appropriation of \$19,433.36 from the Motor Fuel Tax Fund to pay the salary of the County Engineer for a period from September 1, 1999, through December 31, 1999. Same Roll Call, motion carried.

Motion by B. Bertagnolli, seconded by Griffith, to approve the contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois, through Dixon Insurance, to provide health, dental and group life insurance for all full-time employees of Macoupin County. Same Roll Call, motion carried.

ORDINANCES

None

CLAIMS AND OFFICERS

Motion by Payne, seconded by Bacon, to approve the Claims and Officers Report. All in favor, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Payne, seconded by Watson, to approve the Shady Oaks Subdivision in Mt. Olive Township. All in favor, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

County Clerk Saracco distributed Petitions for Board Members from Districts 3, 7 and 8 who will be seeking re-election March 21, 2000.

Motion by Bellm, seconded by D. Bertagnolli, to purchase two Tandem Trucks through State bid at a cost of \$72,616.00 for the Highway Department. Same Roll Call, motion carried.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Caveny, seconded by Payne, to adjourn at 2:15 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.