

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

The Adjourned meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order Tuesday, September 11, 2001 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 Pratt, seconded by Mitchell, to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2001 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

GUESTS

Kent Tarro, Administrator, Public Health Department, advised that there is a shortage of the flu vaccine. The Department should receive one fourth of what they ordered by the second or third week in October. Clinics will be delayed but held as soon as the vaccine is available. The Public Health Department has received a Federal Community Access Program Grant to provide medical care to the uninsured adults 18-64 in Macoupin County. The Department will also work with Catholic Charities for a pharmaceutical program for indigent people in the County. They will also attempt to work with many groups to explore the possibility of developing a health insurance program.

Betty Sternickle made a report to the County Board on the status of E911. She explained that the 911 Board has made a request to place its communications tower on the grounds of the new Highway Department building. Sternickle discussed some of the reasons that E911 has not been made operational countywide after almost six years of work. Both the company that was hired to complete the mapping project, and the bonding company have filed for bankruptcy. Sternickle also explained that only now has the 911 Board filed an Application for Frequency by the current E911 consultant, Ray Freeman from GEO.com. When asked by a County Board member when E911 may become operational, Sternickle said that the E911 Board hoped that Macoupin County would have E911 by July or August of 2002. The situation of replacing damaged road signs still exists, and Sternickle estimated the cost of sign replacement at about \$1,200.00 a month. The E911 Board will begin looking for a local vendor to provide that service. When Board member Vojas asked once again when the application for a frequency for E911 had been filed, Sternickle reiterated that the application had just recently been sent in.

Jim Pitchford, ESDA Coordinator, spoke about terrorism and security for Macoupin County. The County is working with the Illinois State Police to get possible funding for increasing security in Macoupin County.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mitchell discussed the minutes of the August 15, 2001, **Fees and Salaries Committee** meeting. The Committee recommended to the full Board salary increases for the next three years for the Non-union employees: \$80.00 a month the first year, \$90.00 a month the second year, and \$100.00 the third year.

The Committee also recommended raises to the full Board: \$90.00 monthly for Larry McDaniel, Supervisor of Assessments; \$80.00 monthly for Jim Pitchford, ESDA Coordinator; \$97.00 a month for Assistant County Engineer, Harold Valerio; \$218.00 monthly and a title change to Resident Engineer II for Sean Stinnett; and \$1,400.00 annually for Assistant States Attorney Doug Goings. The Committee also voted to recommend to the full Board increasing the mileage allowance from \$.32 to \$.34 a mile. The Recommendation was also made to the full Board to increase the cost of dog tags from \$3.00 to \$5.00. The final recommendation to the full Board was increasing the election judges salaries to \$130/\$140. Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Caveny, to approve minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Denby advised Board members the raises for the Public Defenders was to be acted on at a later date due to the passage and possible veto of HB549.

At this time Chairman Denby discussed the renewal of the health insurance coverage for employees of Macoupin County. The Board gave the Finance Committee the power to meet with the broker and County Clerk Saracco prior to the next Board meeting to discuss rates for the upcoming renewal.

Bacon discussed the minutes of the August 28, 2001, **Planning and Subdivision Committee** meeting. The Committee agreed to recommend to the full Board approval of the final plats of Sun Valley Estates at Lake Williamson; Timberlake Estates Second Addition in Staunton; and Timbered Estates Second Addition in Shaws Point. Motion by Bacon, seconded by Mitchell, to approve the minutes as presented.

Chairman Denby read a letter from Nancy Ruyle, attorney for Timbered Estates, stating the subdivision gets their water from the Henderson Water District and that the Timbered Estates Association must approve any additions to the water district. Since there was no approval by the Association to add any additional residences to the water district, the Timbered Estates Second Addition in Shaws Point was tabled.

Bellm read the minutes of the September 7, 2001, **Road and Bridge Committee** meeting. Bills were approved for payment and speed limits on Woodburn Road were discussed. The Committee agreed to purchase the roller the Highway Department has been renting. Mr. Freeman requested the E-911 Board be able to place the tower on County property east of the new Highway Building. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend approval to the full Board. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Quirk, to approve minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Jubelt discussed the minutes of the September 7, 2001, **Sheriff, Building and Grounds Committee** meeting, Bills were approved for payment. After discussion regarding free meals for jail employees, the Committee voted to sell any Sheriff's Department employee a meal for \$2.00 effective November 1, 2001. The Committee also voted to have Board Chairman Denby seek availability of the city storm/sanitary sewer system to help resolve the problem of water on the outside and ground level of the Courthouse. Sheriff Wheeler was directed to advertise for bids for new patrol cars and approval to purchase additional storage for fingerprint files in the amount of \$9,850.00. Motion by Jubelt, seconded by Christopher, to approve the minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

PETITIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Pratt, seconded by Beverly Bertagnoli, to approve the holiday schedule for the 2001-2002 calendar year. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Quirk, seconded by Landers, to adopt a Resolution allowing elected County Officials to purchase more than fifty months of retroactive service. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Griffith, to approve Fiscal Year Budgets for 2001-2002. Roll call vote: 26 ayes and 1 absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Pratt, seconded by Kiel, to approve various salary increases for non-union personnel and increase Election Judges salaries from \$80/90 to \$130/\$140. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Campbell, to transfer \$38,800.00 from the COPS Grant into the General Fund. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Kiel, to approve an increase in mileage reimbursement from \$.32 to \$.34 a mile. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

CLAIMS AND OFFICERS REPORT

Motion by Malham, seconded by Pratt, to approve the Claims and Officers report. All in favor, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Jubelt, seconded by Bacon, to approve the Final Plat of the Sun Valley Estates at Lake Williamson and the Final Plat of Timberlake Estates Second Addition in Staunton. All in favor, motion carried. The approval of the final plat of Timbered Estates was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Malham brought to the attention of the Board that Jim Huber's son has been ill and is waiting for a heart transplant.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Bellm, to adjourn at 2:30 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.