

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 12, 2002

The Adjourned meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order Tuesday, November 12, 2002, 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 Pomatto, seconded by Nicholson, to approve the minutes of the October 8, 2002, meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

GUESTS

Fred Albers addressed the County Board on behalf of the Veteran's Commission and the desire of the Commission to be included in Macoupin County's 2002 tax levy. However, it appears that the county cannot levy for any new funds on the County's tax levy without voter approval at a referendum because the voters in Macoupin County passed the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) at the election in 1996. State's Attorney Moreth will research the issue and report back to the County Board.

Kent Tarro, Administrator, Public Health Department, advised Board members about the upcoming shot clinics and the locations. Flu or pneumonia shots can be given at these clinics. Tarro also explained the contract had not yet arrived for the prescription card program. If County residents want to apply via the phone for the prescription card, they can call 854-3223 ext. 237.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Quirk read the minutes of the October 16, 2002, **Ambulance Committee** meeting. The Committee voted to approve the 2001 and 2002 Audit for the Mt. Olive area Ambulance Service, Inc. Motion by Campbell, seconded by Don Bertagnolli, to approve minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

Jubelt discussed the minutes of the October 25, 2002, **Finance Committee** meeting. The Committee discussed, at length, the health insurance coverage for County employees. Bruce Williams, Executive Sales Representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield provided a very detailed report on procedures used to determine insurance premiums. When County Clerk Saracco spoke to several commercial insurers, he was told that the County should allow a minimum of 90 days after the RFPs goes out to get responses and review them. The Committee agreed to recommend to the full Board that, due to time constraints, the County should renew with Blue Cross Blue Shield for Health Insurance for County employees. The Committee also discussed Workman's Comp, Property, and Casualty insurance also. The Committee agreed to recommend to the full Board that due to pending law suits, the County should not proceed to bid. The Committee will meet in June 2003 to discuss insurance premiums. Motion by Christopher, seconded by Campbell, to approve minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Jubelt discussed the minutes of the October 29, 2002, **Sheriff, Building and Grounds and Agriculture Committee** meeting. The Committee agreed to offer \$500.00 Agriculture Related Higher Education Scholarships to each of the 9 school districts in Macoupin County to be funded from the Farm Account and administered through the Extension Service so that the scholarships will be matched by the University of Illinois. The lease for the Fairgrounds was also discussed. The Committee agreed to a 10-year lease agreement in the amount of \$900.00 a year beginning November 15, 2002. Motion by Beverly Bertagnolli, seconded by Jubelt, to approve minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Denby advised the Fairgrounds Board had been approached by a donor who wanted to donate a grandstand if the County was not going to own it. After much discussion, the Board voted to extend the current fairgrounds lease until all issues can be addressed.

Bacon read the minutes of the November 4, 2002, **Planning and Subdivision Committee** meeting. The Committee discussed Panther Creek Estates Subdivision in Cahokia Township. There has been flooding problems. County Engineer Reinhart and Carl Nail discussed the study of before and after volume calculation and Reinhart reported that the ponds have enough storage during storms to control run off according to Heneghan and Associations engineer. Craig Bussman discussed the possibility of putting easements on the final plat if necessary. Motion by Bacon, seconded by Pomatto, to approve minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

Bellm read the minutes of the November 7, 2002, **Road and Bridge Committee** meeting. One 50/50 petition for Hilyard #35 in the amount of \$2,000.00 was approved. The Highway Department discussed leave policy at length. Claims were approved for payment. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Campbell, to approve minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Motion by Novak, seconded by Quirk, to approve the 2001-02 Audit for the Mt. Olive Area Ambulance Service, Inc. All in favor, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

PETITIONS

Motion by Caveny, seconded by Nickelson, to approve a 50/50 Petition for Hilyard Township #35 in the amount of \$2,000.00. Roll call vote: 24 ayes and 3 absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Christopher, seconded by Beverly Bertagnolli, to adopt the Resolution approving renewal of Blue Cross/Blue Shield health insurance for County employees, 11/1/02 – 10/31/03. Roll call vote: 24 ayes and 3 absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Malham, seconded by Harding, to extend the current Fairground Lease Agreement from 11/15/02 – 1/15/03. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

Motion by Harding, seconded by Don Bertagnolli, to adopt a resolution approving Agriculture Related Higher Education Scholarships to 9 school districts in Macoupin County funded from the Farm Account. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

Motion by Beverly Bertagnolli, seconded by Pratt, to approve a Resolution approving participation in the service program of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor for Fiscal Year 2003 for the purpose of providing a portion of the funds required for financing the operation of the Office of the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor in the amount of \$13,000.00. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

CLAIMS AND OFFICERS REPORT

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Jubelt, seconded by Pratt, to approve the Panther Creek Estates Subdivision pending the addition of easements, if necessary. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

County Clerk Saracco explained to the board that PTELL places limitations on the growth of actual tax extensions in any one year to the lesser of the rate of inflation of 5%, and also restricts the Board from levying taxes for new funds without voter approval. Because of these limitations, it may not be possible for the County to fund new programs such as the Veteran's Commission unless the voters pass a referendum in Macoupin County. The only way currently to fund new programs would be through spending in the General Fund.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Denby explained possible procedures for voting terms of Board members at December meeting. Either each member in the district can draw for time of term or one Board member can draw and all members have the same terms. Terms are either 4 4 2; 4, 2, 4; or 2, 4, 4. Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Don Bertagnolli, to draw once and it goes for all 3 members is district. All in favor, motion carried.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Beverly Bertagnoli, seconded by Caveny, to adjourn at 2:07 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.