

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**JULY 8, 2003**

The Adjourned meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order Tuesday, July 8, , 2003, 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.

**PRESENT**

Bacon, Judy  
Bellm, Darrell  
Bertagnolli, Beverly  
Campbell, Tom  
Caveny, John  
Christopher, Margie  
Coatney, Raymond  
Denby, Don B.  
Fraser, Morrie  
Goodman, Frances  
Harding, Bill

Jubelt, Lance  
Kiel, Bernie  
Landers, Mearl  
Lux, Larry  
Malham, Vivian  
Nichelson, Glenn  
Novak, Joe  
Pomatto, Ruth  
Quarton, Robert  
Quirk, Paul

Thomas, David  
Vojas, Robert  
Watson, Julia  
Wiggins, Tony  
Zippay, M. A.

**ABSENT**

Pratt, Vera

**MINUTES**

Motion by Christopher, seconded by Nichelson, to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2003 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

**GUESTS**

Debbie Hart, of the Macoupin Center for the Developmentally Disabled, reported on the Center's fund raising efforts. Hart said that while these efforts have been successful, the funding generated has been of the type which fluctuates, and cannot be counted on to maintain the Center's programs. Kerri McDow of Carlinville, who assisted at the Center through a program offered by Blackburn College, lauded the learning experience made available at MCDD. Recognizing the tight budgetary situation faced by the County, Hart and McDow asked the Board to assist the MCDD in any way possible

Karen Hazard, of the Macoupin County Public Health Department, spoke regarding the Department's efforts to address and spread of diseases that may be linked to bio-terrorism. Hazard distributed cards with contact numbers for MCPHD Officials. She also distributed informational materials dealing with preventive measures the public can take to combat the spread

of the West Nile Virus.

Doug Simpkins, Fidlar/GBS, demonstrated the new Optic Scan Voter System which is under consideration for use in Macoupin County. Each ballot station uses a direct entry computerized voting application that automatically records and stores encrypted ballot information and results. The system tabulates votes quickly and reliably, and transmits results to host computer at election central.

Shari Albrecht, the Macoupin County Economic Development Coordinator, addressed the Board regarding changes in State laws governing the policy, including a mandate which requires that 51 percent of the jobs generated go to low and middle income employees.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Bellm read the minutes of the June 13, **Road and Bridge Committee** meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to conduct interviews for the highway maintainer position. Eight candidates for the position were interviewed, and a decision was made to offer the position to one of the candidates. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Kiel, to approve the minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Bertagnolli read the minutes of the June 18 **Election Committee** meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to approve a contract for Voter Registration System and discuss consolidation of Precincts. The Committee approved to recommend to the full Board the consolidation of the following precincts: two precincts in North Palmyra to one precinct, two precincts in South Palmyra to one precinct and two precincts in Chesterfield to one precinct. Also, the Committee agreed to recommend to the full Board the approval of purchasing a Voter Registration System from Government Business System, in the amount of approximately \$46,000.00. Motion by Bertagnolli, seconded by Kiel, to approve the minutes as read and place on file. All in favor, motion carried.

Jubelt read the minutes of the June 18 **Finance Committee** meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to hear a presentation from Unicare Representatives, discuss the insurance bidding and discuss the budget shortfall. The presentation for Unicare Small Group Insurance was very informative and a question and answer period followed. The Committee discussed a new budget plan for all budget meetings which was suggested by Board Chairman Denby. The plan consists of a New Budget Committee composed of the Finance Committee plus the Chairman of each office on a budget; the Committee makes income estimates for the budget year; assign money budget to each office based on a percentage of last year and budget to each office based on a percentage of last year and considering income estimates. The Committee voted to approve the new budget plan. Bidding for insurance was discussed, and County Clerk Zippay is to obtain the necessary information from the Insurance Carriers to proceed if time limit allows. The budget shortfall was discussed, and several suggestions were brought to the table. County Clerk Zippay and County Treasurer Cox were directed to submit the Anticipated Revenue Report at the next Committee meeting. Motion by Jubelt, seconded by Bertagnolli, to approve as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Bellm read the **Road and Bridge Committee** meeting of July 3 **Road and Bridge Committee** report. Reinhart reported that there has been another retirement from the Department. This leaves two full-time maintainer positions open. The absence of a full crew is hampering the Department's summer maintenance program, which is approximately three weeks behind schedule. Reinhart read a letter he had received from temporary employee Aaron Bellm requesting the Committee consider elevating him to the next open full-time position. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Caveny, to approve as read and place on file. All in favor, motion carried.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Motion by Bellm, seconded by Campbell, to appoint the following members of the Corr Cemetery Board for a six-year term from April 12, 2003 to April 12, 2009: David D. Slightom, President; Richard Edmonds, Vice President; Rick Edmonds, Secretary; Dennis Slightom, Treasurer; and Trustees Margaret Klaus, Larry White, Roy Wolfe, Albert Fries and David Jackson. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Harding, seconded by Malham, to appoint Chris Millard to the Henderson Water District for a five-year term. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Quirk, seconded by Zippay, approving Regional Superintendent of Schools Larry Pfeiffer appoint Terry Strauch to serve as Assistant Regional Superintendent of Schools for the Regional Office of Education #40 effective July 1, 2003. All in favor, motion carried.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

A letter of thanks was received from the University of Illinois Extension Office thanking the County for the use of the Fairgrounds and facilities during a recent Emergency Response Training Session.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

### **PETITIONS**

None.

### **RESOLUTIONS**

Motion by Harding, seconded by Bertagnolli, to approve the Macoupin County Revolving Loan Policies. Roll call taken, motion carried.

Motion by Thomas, seconded by Christopher, to approve the Bond for Regional Superintendent of Schools Larry Pfeiffer. Same roll call, motion carried.

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Bellm, to consolidate the following precincts: North

Palmyra to one precinct, two precincts in South Palmyra to one precinct and two precincts in Chesterfield to one precinct. Same roll call, motion carried.

Motion by Bellm, seconded by Malham, to approve the purchasing a VEMAC Voter Registration System, from Government Business System, in the amount of approximately \$46,000.00. Same roll call, motion carried.

### **ORDINANCE**

None.

### **CLAIMS AND OFFICERS REPORT**

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

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Representatives of newly-formed Veterans Assistance Commission for Macoupin County announced their office will open September in the basement of the Carlinville Post Office. The Commission is devoted to aiding veterans in such areas as employment, medical care, and counseling which may not be available from other agencies.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **MILEAGE AND PER DIEM**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Minutes by Charlene Taylor