

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES

JANUARY 13, 2004

The Adjourned meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order Tuesday, January 13, 2004, 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
Campbell, Tom
Caveny, John
Christopher, Margie
Denby, Don B.
Fraser, Morrie
Goodman, Frances
Harding, Bill
Jubelt, Lance
Kiel, Bernie
Landers, Mearl
Lux, Larry

Malham, Vivian
Manar, Andrew
Nichelson, Glenn
Novak, Joe
Pomatto, Ruth
Pratt, Vera
Quarton, Robert
Quirk, Paul
Thomas, David
Vojas, Robert
Watson, Julia
Wiggins, Tony
Zippay, M. A.

ABSENT

Coatney, Raymond

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Motion by Bellm, seconded by Pratt, to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2003 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

GUESTS

Kent Tarro, Administrator, Public Health Department, explained that the Department is working with St. John's Hospital in Springfield, Illinois and the American Cancer Society. Through this program, two clinics will be held for PSA screening, blood pressure screening, and additional tests. One clinic will be held in Carlinville on February 12, 2004 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. and the other one at the Gillespie Clinic on February 19, 2004, from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. These clinics will be **free** to Macoupin County residents.

Bill Harding, updated on the Illini Valley Resource and Conservation Development group. This group consists of Macoupin, Madison, Montgomery, Greene, Jersey and Scott Counties and is trying to establish a RC&D. This year they are competing for designations with two other areas. Shari Albrecht, Macoupin County Economic Development Coordinator, was just named chairperson of the RC&D.

Kasey Robinson, Carlinville Chamber of Commerce Administrator, presented Chairman Denby with a check for \$68.50. These funds were donated by people who participated in the Macoupin County Courthouse Tours during the 2003 Christmas Market.

Betty Sternickle, E-911 Administrator, advised Board members that the final phase of testing is in progress for the E-911 system. At this time all calls are coming into E-911 Dispatch in Carlinville and the final testing will be completed in three weeks.

Manar commended Sternickle for all her hard work in bringing this project to completion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bacon read the minutes of the December 17, 2003, **Planning and Subdivision Committee** meeting. Scott Peabody discussed and presented the preliminary plat of Heritage Trails Subdivision in Brighton Township of which Allen Lash is the developer/sub divider. Peabody reported that the lots have been re-adjusted to the required 20,000 square feet of land. The septic systems, roads, soil analysis, easements and setbacks were also addressed with the Committee's approval. The Committee voted to recommend to the Board the approval of the Preliminary Plat of Heritage Trail Subdivision in Brighton Township. Motion by Pratt, seconded by Bacon, to approve the minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Watson read the minutes of the December 30, 2003, **Fees and Salaries Committee** meeting. The Committee discussed at length, the Animal Control Department. The Committee voted to recommend to the full Board the approval of County Board Chairman appointing Sheriff Gary Wheeler as Animal Control Administrator and that he be authorized to appoint a Deputy Administrator and Animal Control Wardens as needed to comply with the Animal Control Act. Further, Macoupin County Animal Control Administrator/Sheriff shall insure that operational guidelines and procedures will be established as necessary to effectuate the program. Motion by Novak, seconded by Malham, to approve minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

Bacon discussed the minutes of the December 31, 2003, **Planning and Subdivision Committee** meeting. Once again the Committee addressed the issue of the Heritage Trails Subdivision in Brighton Township. The Plat had been altered and, therefore, it was necessary for the most recent Preliminary Plat to be approved. The Committee then voted to recommend the Board approve the Preliminary Plat of Heritage Trails Subdivision in Brighton Township. Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Christopher, to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Denby read the minutes of the January 6, 2004, **Sheriff, Building and Grounds Committee** meeting. Gerald Brand discussed the problem of the heating/cooling system in the Sheriff/Jail Facility. A new control panel could resolve the problem. The Committee gave Sheriff Wheeler permission to have AIRmasters correct the problem. This service will be paid out of the Maintenance Line Item or the Sheriff's budget. Judge Koval addressed the Committee regarding enforcing the "No Smoking in any County Buildings" issue. It was agreed that the door of the Boiler Room, where employees smoke, keep the door closed at all times. The Committee agreed to reimburse employees the \$250.00 insurance deductible, even though they had submitted their proof after the deadline. The

Committee also recommended to the full Board approval of the Resolution for Participation in State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program. The condition of the walls in basement of the Courthouse were discussed and it was agreed to advertise "Requests for Proposals" regarding inspection and solution to the problem with the walls in the basement of the Courthouse. The Committee also voted approval of depositing the reimbursement of \$2,970.36 from the Drug Task Force into the General Fund and then transferring into the over-time line item of the Sheriff's budget. The Committee voted to give Sheriff Wheeler permission to purchase a 2001 Ford Crown Victoria in the total amount of \$11,750.00, using \$4,100.00 from the Sheriff's budget in addition to the \$7,650.00 received from the insurance company for the Sheriff's vehicle that was totaled by a deer accident. Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Christopher, to approve the minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

Bellm read the minutes of the January 9, 2004, **Road and Bridge Committee** meeting. The Committee agreed to approve the low bidders of the county and township MFT maintenance rock letting and also to approve the resolution for preliminary engineering services with Coombe-Bloxdorf for design of railroad crossing approach upgrade on Tall Timber Road, in an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Quirk, to approve minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

Bellm read the minutes of the January 7, 2004, **Road and Bridge Committee** meeting. The Committee voted to accept low bidders for township and county MFT maintenance for 2004. Motion by Campbell, seconded by Caveny, to approve minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Novak, seconded by Watson, to appoint Sheriff Gary Wheeler as Animal Control Administrator. Roll call vote: 24 ayes, 2 nays and 1 absent. Motion carried. Questions asked by Board member Thomas of person Wheeler will appoint as Deputy were: "will this be an overtime position?" and Sheriff Wheeler answered "no"; "what about salary?" and Wheeler's response was "\$100.00 additional monthly"; "what about job description?" and Chairman Denby answered he was working on it; "where will Deputy be housed and will this person be in the union?" the answer was "the person will be housed in same location and will not be in the union because it will not be a deputized position."

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COMMUNICATIONS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

PETITIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Motion by Quirk, seconded by Caveny, to table the Resolution of Support for Catholic parishes in Bunker Hill, Wilsonville and Shipman. All in favor, motion carried. States Attorney Moreth stated each Board member may act individually on this issue.

- b. Motion by Harding, seconded by Caveny, to adopt a Resolution authorizing Macoupin County to participate in the Federal Surplus Property Program. Roll call vote: 26 ayes and 1 absent. Motion carried.

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- c. Motion by Christopher, seconded by Jubelt, to approve a Resolution increasing the Sheriff's overtime line item due to a check received from the Drug Task Force in the amount of \$2,970.36. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

- d. Motion by Nichelson, seconded by Pratt, to approve a Resolution increasing the Sheriff's equipment line item by \$1,000.00 for money received from the Monterey Coal Company and increase the Sheriff's Budget by that amount. Same roll call vote: motion carried.
- e. Motion by Caveny, seconded by Bacon, to adopt a Resolution designating and qualifying depositories for official funds for the year 2004. Same roll call vote: motion carried.
- f. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Zippay, to approve a Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with Coombe-Bloxdorf to work on Tall Timber Road, 2.0 miles south of Mt. Olive. Same roll call vote: motion carried.
- g. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Campbell, to approve a Resolution for granting County and Township MFT Maintenance Letting for 2004. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

ORDINANCE

None.

CLAIMS AND OFFICERS REPORT

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Board member Thomas read a historical fact that 175 years ago, January 17, 1829, legislation was passed approving the establishment of Macoupin County.

Chairman Denby advised he had signed a variance ordinance for the City of Carlinville where the old Clark Station was to allow the new business to be placed 15 ft. from the street rather than the usual 25 ft. That lot backs up to the County Archives Building.

Denby said he had received phone call regarding accusations of what was to take place at the Bunker Hill Volunteer Fire Department meeting tonight. Denby has spoken to the Chairman and Manar will attend the meeting and report to Denby tomorrow.

Bellm voiced his concerns regarding the local Cancer Society and where County contributions were being sent and why County residents were not receiving services when needed. He requested

Board to look into the situation.

Zippay spoke about the recent fatal accident on Tall Timber Road railroad crossing. He stated he had been there several times and visibility is very bad and this is the second accident there in less than a year. Reinhardt reported that was the Resolution that had been passed today but he will call the Illinois Commerce Condition to have the area investigated.

Campbell requested Reinhart be invited to the Finance Committee meetings.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Vojas, seconded by Bellm, to adjourn at 2:03 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.