

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES

MAY 11, 2004

The Adjourned meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order Tuesday, May 11, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Chairman Denby asked the Board to have a Moment of Silence for our recent loss of State Senator Demuzio on April 27, 2004.

Roll call vote taken: twenty-six members present and one absent.

PRESENT

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

Jubelt, Lance

MINUTES

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Quarton, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2004 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

GUESTS

Kent Tarro, Administrator, Public Health Department, explained to County Board members that his Department is requesting an Amendment to the Macoupin County Private Sewage Disposal Ordinance to include a Macoupin County Building Permit be presented along with the application for sewage disposal. This process would help in providing local township assessors with information to get new homes on the tax rolls.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Quirk read the minutes of the April 26, 2004, **Circuit Court, Coroner and States Attorney Committee** meeting. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the salary of the Macoupin County

Coroner. The Committee voted to raise the salary of the Coroner by \$5,000.00 the first and second years of the four year term and 3% per year the last two years of his term. Chairman Denby requested the vote be changed to 8 yes and Zippay voting present. Motion by Nicholson, seconded by Pomatto, to approve the minutes as amended. All in favor, motion carried.

Watson read the minutes of the April 30, 2004, **Fees and Salaries Committee** meeting. The Committee discussed a four-year pay increase for Coroner Landers. The Committee voted that a packet for County Board members be prepared prior to the May meeting containing information on coroner's salaries from counties with similar case loads, similar staff requirements and budgets. Motion by Pratt, seconded by Vojas, to approve minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Denby read the minutes of the May 3, 2004, **Finance Committee** meeting. Coroner Landers presented information to the Committee as requested at the Fees and Salaries Committee meeting. County Clerk Zippay distributed a "Various Tax Receipts Report" which indicates a monthly average income of approximately \$7,200.00 less per month in comparison to last fiscal year. The Committee voted to recommend to the full Board a 3% salary increase per year over the next four years of the Coroner's term. Once again, Chairman Denby requested the vote on this meeting to include six ayes and Zippay voting present. Motion by Manar, seconded by Lux, to approve minutes as amended. All in favor, motion carried.

Bellm read the minutes of the May 7, 2004, **Road and Bridge Committee** meeting. Bills were approved for payment. The letter sent to Chairman Denby was a personnel issue and was forwarded to the County Engineer. The County Engineer's contract expires August 31, 2004 and this issue was briefly discussed in addition to the ethics ordinance. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Quirk, to approve minutes as recorded. All in favor, motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Christopher, seconded by Caveny, to reappoint Earl Nixon to the Medora Community Fire Protection District for another three-year term effective June 1, 2004 – May 31, 2007. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

County Clerk Zippay advised the Board she had received correspondence from the Democrat and Republican Party Chairmen that they will be submitting a certified list of qualified persons capable of serving as Judges of Election for Macoupin County in the future for the next two-year cycle.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

PETITIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Chairman Denby read a Resolution from Macoupin County Board Members and County Officials honoring the late Senator Vince Demuzio for his vast accomplishments throughout the last thirty years. Motion by Thomas, seconded by Pratt, to present the Resolution to Deanna Demuzio and place on file in the County Clerk's office. All in favor, motion carried.

Board members Thomas and Manar also spoke about the **great** accomplishments of our late Senator and also thanked Board members for their journey to Springfield this morning for the swearing in of our new Senator, **Deanna Demuzio**.

- b. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Quirk, to approve the Resolution for low bidders for MFT oil for Macoupin County for 2004. Roll call vote: 26 ayes and 1 absent. Motion carried.

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- c. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Manar, to approve a Resolution increasing the ESDA budget for Homeland Security Grants. Same roll call vote: motion carried.
- d. Motion by Pratt, seconded by Harding, to approve a Resolution to purchase the ESDA radios. Roll call vote: 23 ayes, 3 nays, and 1 absent. Motion carried.

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Prior to the vote on Coroner Landers' salary for the next four years, there was a very lengthy discussion. Several Board members were concerned about County finances in granting Coroner Landers' salary increase. The monies coming into the County are slow and late according to County Clerk Zippay and she also stated the amounts are less than last year. Coroner Landers had been asked to provide statistics on other counties close in size to Macoupin. Landers made that presentation and also advised the Board that when his salary was brought up to the amount of other elected officials four years ago, he had agreed to take care of several items personally. An example is: provide his own office, provide his own secretary, provide his own vehicle and no mileage claimed, provide equipment and supplies for body transport and storage, provides his own fax and copy machines, pager and one cell phone, and delivers all toxicology samples to St. Louis County Medical Examiner's office. Landers stated he would not be able to provide these additional items with a lesser salary increase than other elected officials.

Motion by Fraser, seconded by Vojas, to make Coroner Landers salary increase 3% per year for the next four years. Roll call vote: 17 ayes, 9 nays, and 1 absent. Motion carried.

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ORDINANCE

Motion by Harding, seconded by Thomas, to adopt an Ethics Ordinance for Macoupin County and the United States Department of Agriculture. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Fraser, seconded by Pomatto, to approve a proposed Amendment to the Macoupin County Private Sewage Disposal Ordinance. All in favor, 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

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bacon, seconded by Nichelson, to adjourn at 2:25 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.