

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2004

The Annual meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order Tuesday, September 14, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were twenty-five members present and two absent.

MINUTES

Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Caveny, to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2004 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

GUESTS

Debbie Lyons from the Macoupin County Center for the Developmentally Disabled made a brief presentation on the various programs with local school districts and Blackburn College. She also discussed the many volunteers that also make these programs a success. Dawn Perkins, Bookkeeper, also from the Macoupin County Center for the Developmentally Disabled, thanked the County for their funding and provided a list of the organizations that support the Center throughout the year, and also all of the fund raisers the Center held this year to keep the programs operating. Lyons stated the Center is working diligently to try to operate without County funding, but has not reached that point yet.

Kent Tarro, Administrator, Public Health Department, requested the Board to approve a Resolution for the Macoupin County Public Health Department to Participate in an Intergovernmental Mutual Aid Agreement to Establish and Operate the Illinois Public Health Mutual Aid System (IPHMAS).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Denby read the minutes of the August 23, 2004, **Finance Committee** meeting. Denby requested the minutes be amended to reflect Zippay as absent and not present. County Engineer Reinhart discussed the Highway Department budget and the fact that the Highway Department was asked to absorb \$300,000.00 to pay benefits for the Department. Chief Probation Officer Wanda Hammann distributed expenditure and reimbursement report for 2003-04 reflecting the amount paid by Macoupin County was \$156,014.76 out of the \$405,977.89 expended by the Probation Department. The Committee recommended to the full Board the approval of the Special Funds Budgets in the amount of \$13,098,387.00. Motion by Novak, seconded by Nichelson, to approve minutes as corrected. All in favor, motion carried.

Bacon discussed the minutes of the August 25, 2004, **Planning and Subdivision Committee** meeting. The Committee agreed to recommend to the full Board approval of the Final Plat of Tharps Subdivision in Brighton Township and Minor Subdivision in Mt. Olive Township pending receipt of 911-E address and School District. Motion by Bacon, seconded by Kiel, to approve minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Bellm read the minutes of the September 7, 2004, Road and Bridge Committee meeting. Claims were approved for payment. The Committee voted to recommend to the full Board approval of County Engineer's salary from Motor Fuel Tax funds for September 1 through December 31, 2004. Three Preliminary Engineering Services Agreements were also approved for recommendation to the full Board. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Quirk, to approve minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

Denby read the minutes of the September 3, 2004, **Fees and Salaries Committee** meeting. The Committee discussed and agreed to recommend to the full Board approval of the Macoupin County Animal Control Fee Schedule. The Animal Control Warden was discussed at length and the Committee voted to direct Sheriff Wheeler to implement the previous recommendation of terminating the Animal Control Warden and to direct Sheriff Wheeler to advertise for the position of Animal Control Warden. Buzie Bertagnoli, Assistant Animal Control Administrator advised additional repair was needed at the dog pound so the Committee agreed to recommend to the full Board that \$3,200.00 be approved for improvements. The Committee also voted to recommend to the full Board the approval of the amended "Policy Statements on the Use and Treatment of Animals." Motion by Novak, seconded by Harding, to approve the fee schedule and additional funds needed for repairs at the dog pound. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Christopher, seconded by Harding, to approve minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

None.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

PETITIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Bellm, to adopt an Administrative Order Designating Court Holidays for Macoupin County for 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bellm, seconded by Malham, to adopt a Resolution approving fees for Animal Control Services. Roll call vote: 25 ayes and 2 absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Malham, seconded by Harding, to adopt a Resolution approving Policy Statements on the Use and Treatment of Animals in Macoupin County. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Nichelson, to approve a Resolution authorizing the Macoupin County Health Department to Participate in an Intergovernmental Mutual Aid Agreement to Establish and Operate the Illinois Public Health Mutual Aid System (IPMAS). All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Watson, seconded by Thomas, to approve the Special Funds Budget for Fiscal Year September 1, 2004 through August 31, 2005. Roll call vote: 25 ayes and 2 absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Novak, to approve a Resolution approving increasing the Election Budget by \$9,547.00 due to grants received from the Help America Vote Act (HAVA) for ADA compliant equipment. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

Motion by Zippay, seconded by Lux, to approve the Final Plat of Minor Subdivision in Mt. Olive Township. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Malham, to approve the Final Plat of Tharps Subdivision in Brighton Township. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bellm, seconded by Landers, to approve a Resolution authorizing installation of a new phone system for the Macoupin County Courthouse and Jail due to the age and cost of maintaining the current system in the amount of \$54,757.90, including a five-year service agreement. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

Motion by Bellm, seconded by Caveny, to appropriate County Engineer's salary from the Motor Fuel Tax funds for September 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004, in the amount of \$28,405.00. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Caveny, to approve the following Preliminary Engineering Services Agreements: Coombe-Bloxdorf for design of a bridge replacement to carry Ritchie Road over Otter Creek, approximately 6.5 miles northeast of Hettick and the fee is not to exceed \$85,000.00; URS Corporation, Decatur, IL, for design of a bridge replacement to carry Victory Road over Coop Branch, approximately 2.0 miles east and 0.5 miles north of Summerville. The contract fee is to be a percent of construction cost, not to exceed \$20,000.00; and URS Corporation, Decatur, IL, for design of a bridge replacement to carry Moulton Road over Indian Creek, approximately 1.5 miles south and 0.75 miles west of Bunker Hill. The fee is to be a percent of construction cost estimated at \$20,000.00.

Motion by Bellm, seconded by Wiggins, to approve a Resolution authorizing a budget adjustment to the ESDA Budget in the amount of \$73,000.00 due to receipt of a Homeland Security Grant for the purchase of equipment for the County for police and fire departments. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

CLAIMS AND OFFICERS REPORT

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Thomas asked the status of the General Fund budget and Denby said Finance Committee will be meeting again this month.

Fraser had questions about the Building Permits for 2004, as several new houses have gone up in his neighborhood and were not listed as having building permits. Denby assured Fraser he would check into it and report back at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Campbell questioned regulations at the Courthouse and was advised by Denby there were no regulations. Board member Zippay advised Elected Officials may handle their offices as they see fit, but that the County Board has the "say so" for appointed positions.

Caveny and Quirk questioned the Highway Department paying for their benefits. They were questioning the tax levy. County Clerk Zippay advised if they paid their own benefits as many other counties do, the tax levy would remain the same.

Motion by Quirk, seconded by Caveny, to establish an emergency situation regarding a improvement of the rail road crossing approaches on Tall Timber Road. Same roll call vote, motion carried.

Motion by Bellm, seconded by Caveny, to grant the Road and Bridge Committee the **Power-to-Act** to award a contract for the improvement of the rail road crossing approaches on Tall Timber Road. By order of the ICC, the project must be completed by December 31, 2004, to receive 100% reimbursement from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bellm, seconded by Novak, to adjourn at 2:00 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.