

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**JUNE 14, 2005**

The Adjourned meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order Tuesday, June 14, 2005 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.

**PRESENT**

Bacon, Judy  
Bellm, Darrell  
Campbell, Tom  
Coatney, Raymond  
Fraser, Morrie  
Goodman, Frances  
Harding, Bill  
Jubelt, Lance  
Kiel, Bernie

Lux, Larry  
Malham, Vivian  
Manar, Andrew  
Nichelson, Glenn  
Novak, Joe  
Pomatto, Ruth  
Pratt, Vera  
Quarton, Robert  
Quirk, Paul  
Schwallenstecker, O.  
Thomas, David

Watson, Julia  
Wieseman, Francis  
Wiggins, Tony

**ABSENT**

Denby, Don B.  
Vojas, Robert  
Zippay, M. A.

Board member Thomas spoke about Margie Christopher, who had been a member of the County Board for over twenty-five years. "She was active in her Community, active in her Church and worked for all Macoupin County residents. Margie was a woman who stood by her word and will be sadly missed."

Chairman Manar requested a Moment of Silence for Margie Christopher who recently passed away.

**MINUTES**

Motion by Bacon seconded by Pratt, to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2005 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

**GUESTS**

Phil Whitler, Sanitarian for the Macoupin County Public Health Department, spoke

briefly about West Nile Virus. The Department is pro-active in detecting the virus in Macoupin County. Residents may call the Department if they discover dead blue jays, crows, and doves and they will test them. They are also checking for mosquito container breeding.

Bob Fulton, Regional Office of Education, spoke about the Right Track Truancy Program. He thanked everyone participating in this program such as Sheriff's Dept, Probation, States Attorney, DCFS and all public offices and schools in Macoupin County. Mr. Fulton suggested to the Board that when finances are better, the position he holds should be a 12 month position rather than a 9 month position. Mr. Fulton advised he was retiring as of today and Chairman Manar presented him with a plaque honoring him for his years of service to Macoupin County.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Pratt read the minutes of the May 19, 2005, Legislation and Technology Committee and Technology Improvement Task Force Committee combined meeting. The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss Bulletin 810 and G.I.S. Sidwell Company gave a thorough presentation regarding Bulletin 810 and prospects of a complete G.I.S. system in Macoupin County. Committees will meet again to review and discuss plans for specifications for bids to implement Bulletin 810. Motion by Pratt, seconded by Schwallenstecker, to approve minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Bacon discussed the minutes of the May 25, 2005, Planning and Subdivision Committee meeting. Committee voted to recommend to full Board approval of Preliminary Plat of Hurricane Sixth Addition Subdivision in Carlinville Township. Bristow Estates Subdivision in South Otter Township was discussed and will be addressed at a future date. Committee agreed to meet June 1, 2005, to discuss the Preliminary and Final Plat of Staunton Business Park. Motion by Bacon, seconded by Lux, to approve minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Bacon read the minutes of the May 27, 2005, Circuit Court, Coroner and States Attorney Committee meeting. Wanda Hammann discussed shortage in the Probation Department due to lack of AOIC reimbursement. The Committee voted to recommend to the Finance Committee along with Chairman Manar and Finance Chairman Thomas to discuss the shortage of \$17,363.37 in the Salary Line Item of the Probation Budget. Motion by Bacon, seconded by Pratt, to approve minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Bacon read the minutes of the June 1, 2005, Planning and Subdivision Committee meeting. The Committee discussed the preliminary and final plat of the Staunton Business Park. The Committee voted to recommend approval of both the preliminary re-plat and the final plat of the Staunton Business Park. Aaron Hutson discussed the updated statute requirements of the Illinois Land Surveyor Act. The Committee voted to recommend to the full Board approval of the Affidavit to Comply with Plat Act and Tract Survey Requirements and also including I. D. Number on the Preliminary Plat. The Committee also voted to recommend to the full Board amending from "I.D. Number on Preliminary Plat" to "I. D.

Number on the Application.” Motion by Bacon, seconded by Fraser, to approve minutes as discussed. All in favor, motion carried.

Goodman read the minutes of the June 7, 2005, Road and Bridge Committee meeting. Claims were approved for payment. Committee agreed to recommend to full Board low bidder for construction of a bridge carrying Jones Road over East Fork of Otter Creek in North Otter Township. The Committee also agreed to recommend to full Board hiring James Lonergan as temporary resident engineer on the Farmersville Road Project. Motion by Goodman, seconded by Quirk, to approve minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

Thomas discussed the minutes of the June 7, 2005, Finance Committee meeting. Committee agreed to recommend approval to the full Board on the following issues: increasing Animal Control Special Fund budget from \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00: increasing the Tax Liquidation Special Fund budget expenditures by \$104,000.00 and receipts be increased by \$48,000.00: increasing the Tax Sale in Error Interest Fees Special Fund expenditures from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00: transferring \$102,384.00 from Court Security Special Fund to General Fund, Hospitalization, IMRF, Social Security, etc. for two Court Security Officers: transferring \$15,650.00 from General Fund to Regional Superintendent of Schools current budget, which will be reimbursed before the end of the fiscal year: \$12,821.60 will be paid from Traffic Fee Account, for Courthouse improvement bill and that amount transferred from the Capitol Improvement line of the General Fund to Salary Line Item of the Probation’s current budget to the Courthouse Improvement Line Item of the General Fund to Salary Line Item of the Probation’s current budget. The balance will be paid from the Probation Fee Account Special Fund. Committee discussed Worker’s Compensation Insurance and voted recommend Highway Department pay the balance of \$50,716.00 for the Highway Department’s Workman’s Compensation Insurance Premium. Motion by Thomas, seconded by Harding, to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

#### REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

None.

#### COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Manar read a letter of resignation from Sheriff Gary Wheeler. Motion by Coatney, seconded by Jubelt, to place on file.

Chairman Manar presented a Plaque of Appreciation to Sheriff Wheeler from the Board and all County residents thanking him for his many years of service. Sheriff Wheeler thanked Board members and stated it has been his pleasure serving Macoupin County during his years of service. Wheeler also wished good luck to Don Albrecht, who will be serving as Interim Sheriff through the end of Wheeler’s term. Albrecht briefly thanked the Board for the appointment and told them he looked forward to serving the residents of Macoupin County and running the Sheriff’s Office professionally and efficiently.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

**Motion by Thomas, seconded by Pratt, to suspend the Rules of Order and go to Communications. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by Bacon, seconded by Quarton, to appoint William C. Hays to the South Palmyra Rural Water Board of Trustees for a five-year term effective June 14, 2005.**

**Chairman Manar read a letter from Mike Mathis, stating the County Democrat Committeemen met on Saturday and unanimously selected Donald Albrecht to be the Interim Sheriff of Macoupin County through the end of Sheriff Wheeler's term. Motion by Coatney, seconded by Fraser, to accept the recommendation of the Committee and appoint Donald Albrecht as the Interim Sheriff effective July 1, 2005. The vote was unanimous for Albrecht.**

**Motion by Lux, seconded by Fraser, to appoint Deanna Taylor to the Macoupin County Housing Authority effective August 15, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.**

## **PETITIONS**

**None.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**None.**

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**Motion by Fraser, seconded by Pratt, to adopt a Resolution approving the Final Plat of the Staunton Business Park in Staunton Township. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by Quirk, seconded by Bellm, to adopt the Prevailing Wage for Macoupin County effective June 2005. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by Campbell, seconded by Bellm, to designate October 11, 2005, Mother Jones' Day. All in favor, motion carried.**

**Motion by Novak, seconded by Nichelson, to approve bids and award contract for construction of bridge carrying Jones Road over East Fork Otter Creek in North Otter Township. Roll call vote: 22 ayes and 4 absent. Motion carried.**

## **AYES**

**Bacon, Judy  
Bellm, Darrell  
Campbell, Tom**

**Lux, Larry  
Malham, Vivian  
Manar, Andrew**

**Watson, Julia  
Wieseman, Francis  
Wiggins, Tony**

**Coatney, Raymond  
Fraser, Morrie  
Goodman, Frances  
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**Nichelson, Glenn  
Novak, Joe  
Pomatto, Ruth  
Pratt, Vera  
Quarton, Robert  
Quirk, Paul  
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**ABSENT**

**Denby, Don B  
Thomas, David  
Vojas, Robert  
Zippay, M. A.**

**Motion by Pratt, seconded by Novak, to adopt Resolution increasing the expenditure from Animal Control Special Fund being increased from \$20,000.00 to \$30,000.00. Same roll call vote: motion carried.**

**Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Harding, to adopt a Resolution increasing the Delinquent Tax Liquidation Fund revenue from \$40,000.00 to \$48,000.00 for fiscal year 2004-05. Same roll call vote: motion carried.**

**Motion by Malham, seconded by Pratt, to increase the Tax Sale in Error Interest Fee Fund from \$1,000.00 to \$2,000.00. Same roll call vote: motion carried.**

**Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Fraser, to approve Special Funds Budget from South Central Drug Task Force/Grants and Central Macoupin County Rural Water Phase II for this fiscal year. Same roll call vote: motion carried.**

**Motion by Coatney, seconded by Bellm, to transfer \$102,384.00 from Court Security Fund to the General Fund, Social Security Fund and Tort Liability Fund with no adjustment made to the General Fund Expenditures as these transfers were part of the revenue estimates for this fiscal year budget. Same roll call vote: motion carried.**

**Motion by Jubelt, seconded by Nichelson, to adopt a Resolution increasing the Sheriff's Department General Fund Budget by \$18,744.00 to \$2,418,744.00 to help purchase new finger printing equipment for fiscal year 2004-05. Same roll call vote: motion carried.**

**Motion by Campbell, seconded by Wieseman, to adopt Resolution hiring resident engineer for Farmersville Road Project. Same roll call vote: motion carried.**

**Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Coatney, to adopt a Resolution regarding the Budget of the Regional Superintendent of Schools. Same roll call vote: motion carried.**

## **ORDINANCES**

None.

## **CLAIMS AND OFFICERS REPORT**

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Chairman Manar stated the first meeting of the Health Insurance Committee was held on Monday, June 13, 2005. Manar appointed the following to serve on this Committee: AFSCME: Linda Stewart and Linda Valerio: F.O.P.; Gerald Brand, Mike Kostich, Robert Klaus: Teamsters; Jean Davis: Highway Department; Harold Valerio: Public Health; Kent Tarro, Peggy Garrison, Karen Hazzard: County; David Thomas, Raymond Coatney, Larry Lux, Michele Zippay. Motion by Novak, seconded by Kiel, to approve these Committee appointments. All in favor, motion carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Manar advised he would be attending the Benld and Royal Lakes City Council meetings in the month of July, 2005.

Manar also noted Union Negotiations are ongoing with three unions. Economic issues are being discussed with AFSCME at this time.

Campbell requested someone check out resident dumping between White City and Benld, as he had received a call from a former Board member.

Wiggins stated that during the severe storms when 911 went out, the Carlinville Fire Department was very helpful in getting service operational again and requested Manar send a letter of appreciation to the Department. Manar stated the back-up center in Bunker Hill was up and running during the severe storms and he would be glad to send thank you letter to Carlinville Fire Department.

Kiel also advised that the towns have “knock boxes” which they can use during these storms if necessary.

## **MILEAGE AND PER DIEM**

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion by Bacon, seconded by Nicholson, to adjourn at 2:10 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.**

**PREPARED BY LINDA VALERIO**