

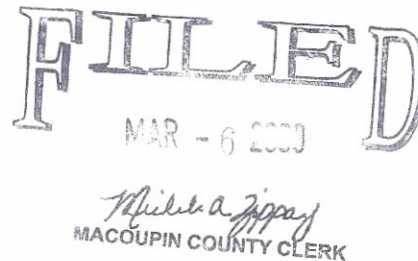
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March 5, 2009

Michele Zippay
County Clerk
Macoupin County Court House
Carlinville, IL. 62626



Dear Ms. Zippay,

The Macoupin Center for the Developmentally Disabled would like to extend our sincere gratefulness for the first installment paid to us through the Macoupin County Mental Deficiency Funds. This funding is financially crucial for our Center to continue to help serve individuals with developmental disabilities in Macoupin County. These funds will be used to help cover the operating expenses for our Center.

We are exceptionally fortunate and thankful for your continued support to our Center. We appreciate everyone's time and efforts in helping serve citizens with developmental disabilities, and in doing so, helping our community.

Sincerely,

Debra J. Lyons, Director
Macoupin Center for the Developmentally Disabled



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March 17, 2009

Governor's budget address likely to include income tax increase

This Wednesday, March 18th, Governor Pat Quinn is scheduled to give his inaugural State of the State/Budget Address which will be the primary focus of the week. Below are some details that are beginning to become available:

Income Tax Increase

An increase to the personal income tax by 1.5% points with a corresponding increase of 2.4% for corporations. This would increase the current tax rates of 3.0% (individuals) and 4.8% (corporations) respectively to new levels of 4.5% and 7.2% which fall within the constitutionally-mandated ratio of 8 to 5. While a normal 1% point hike in the income tax and corresponding corporate tax increase generates just under \$4 billion total, this proposal is set to generate only about \$2.6 billion because of increases in the personal exemption from \$2,000 to \$6,000. According to Quinn's office this means that a family earning \$56,000 and less will see no tax increase and a possible reduction. A family earning \$100,000 would pay approximately \$660 more in income taxes. If this proposal is enacted some groups, including the nonpartisan Tax Foundation, predict that Illinois will go from a State with one of the lowest income tax rates to one of the highest in the United States. While there are specific income tax nuances in each state, Illinois' rate would fall below only Minnesota, Iowa, Pennsylvania, and Washington D.C.



License Plate Registration Fee Increase

Governor Quinn is expected to propose an increase in license plate registration fees. The current fee is set at \$78 and was last increased by \$30 in 1999 as part of Gov. George Ryan's Illinois FIRST program. According to the Secretary of State, \$90 million is generated for each \$10 increase in fees. These funds are said to be slated for a six year, \$26 billion capital infrastructure program.

State Pensions

The largest component of the Governor's budget plan will involve restructuring state pensions. Quinn is reportedly going to propose a 2-tiered pension system that would create a defined-contribution plan for new state employees. This would allow the State to skip making a pension payment of \$3.5 billion into the pension system because out-year costs would be lessened.

Elimination of Tax Incentives

It is also rumored that Quinn plans on calling for the elimination of key tax incentives for businesses and corporate loop holes, though no list is currently available. And continuing with recycled ideas, sweeping funds from special state accounts will again be a part of the mix as will the use of federal stimulus funds. For example, the federal government has funds available to make sure that school districts receive no less funding than in the past fiscal year. So, in theory the state could reduce its payment to schools and then access federal money to make up the difference.

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Live video can be streamed via the Illinois General Assembly website (www.ilga.gov) at noon on Wednesday.

Monthly revenues fall – losses mount

by Jim Muschinske
CGFA Revenue Manager



Base general funds receipts fell \$167 million in February as revenues continued to manifest the deepening recession. Key revenue sources experienced a dismal month as weakness spread to virtually all areas.

Gross personal income tax fell \$77 million, or \$84 million net of refunds. Sales tax continued to suffer as receipts dropped \$46 million, while corporate income tax weakened by \$27 million, or \$24 million net of refunds. Inheritance tax receipts were off \$13 million, reflecting a large month one year earlier. Public utility taxes dropped \$8 million, while insurance taxes eased \$7 million. Corporate franchise taxes dipped \$5 million and vehicle use tax slowed by \$1 million. Other sources managed to generate a \$2 million gain, as did interest income as allocations of earnings boosted monthly returns.

Year to Date

Through the first two-thirds of the fiscal year, overall base revenues are down \$1.209 billion. The declines are attributed to battered economic related sources as combined, income and sales taxes represent \$509 million of the fall off. In addition, lower transfers account for \$264 million of the slowing, with lower federal sources another \$191 million. In fact, no major revenue source currently is demonstrating any growth on a year to date basis, indicating that the deepening recession is not discriminating, and that virtually all sectors of the economy are being negatively impacted.

Gross personal income tax is down \$130 million, although on a net of refund basis that falloff grows to a loss of \$251 million. Sales tax is down a startling \$178 million, reflecting the bruised consumer who is reluctant to spend amid the worsening employment outlook. Gross corporate income tax also has been hit with receipts falling \$75 million, or \$80 million net of refunds. Unfortunately, corporate income tax performance will likely worsen considerable over the remainder of the fiscal year as key months yet to come will reflect the brutalized business sector. Interest income is off \$95 million due to lower rates of return as well as reduced investable balances, while inheritance taxes are down \$66 million. All other remaining tax sources add another \$84 million in year to date losses.

As mentioned, total transfers are down \$264 million, reflecting \$116 million in lower other transfers, \$109 million in transfers from riverboat gaming, and \$39 million in reduced lottery transfers. Federal sources contributed \$91 million to the year to date loss, although are expected to rebound in short order as increased Medicaid match stemming from the stimulus package can be expected in the new future.

BUDGET ADDRESS *continued*

State Spending Cuts

Quinn has also strongly indicated that he plans to cut around \$850 million from current state spending; however, he said he would not touch education or health care.

Sales Tax Increase

And while we have not heard about any plans for a sales tax increase from the Governor's office, there has been plenty of talk from legislators from both the House and Senate Democrat offices about a possible increase and expansion of the sales tax to cover various services.

In Conclusion

On a side note people from within the Governor's Office have begun to publicly confirm that the total FY '09 and '10 deficits stand closer to \$11.5 billion than the much lower estimate of \$9 billion by Comptroller Dan Hynes. Hynes projection of the current deficit isn't very far off the mark as it stands at about \$4.2 billion. But next year's deficit is skyrocketing uncontrollably. Contributing factors such as Medicaid spending, which alone is projected to increase by \$1 billion, State employee wage and benefit hikes will cost the state an extra \$300 million and Social service spending, exacerbated by the recession, will rise by about \$300 million, all of which is pushing next year's deficit through the roof.

Respectfully,

Taylor Anderson
IACBMC Legislative Consultant

Mautino named House Democrats' budget negotiator

Rep. Frank J. Mautino (D-Spring Valley) is slated to take over as lead budget negotiator for the House Democrats. Mautino replaces former Rep. Gary Hannig of Litchfield who left the House a few weeks ago to become Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT). Rep. Mautino is the Assistant Majority Leader and has served in the Illinois House since 1991.





2009 IACO Spring Conference

"SPRING TRAINING - GET IN THE GAME"

April 27-29, 2009

Crowne Plaza Hotel - Springfield

Now that Springtime has finally arrived we are all thinking of our conference in Springfield, I would encourage everyone to register early for another very exciting and fun-filled conference.

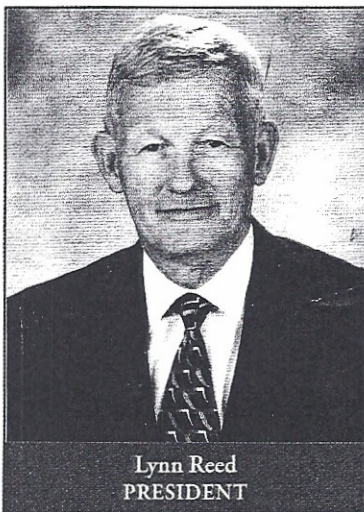
We will begin the conference with our Annual Golf Outing and Barbecue at the Rail Golf Course in Springfield. Be sure to get your teams together for this fun-filled afternoon. I have ordered warm and sunny weather for this year. There will be a wonderful buffet following golf that is open to everyone, so be sure to come out and visit and enjoy a delicious meal.

"SPRINGTRAINING" begins on Monday with great educational opportunities, Certified County Official credit hours and our opening session. Please be sure to visit all our exhibitors and enter your name for their prizes. Vendor prizes will be awarded during the President's Reception in the evening, and you **MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN!**

Affiliates have scheduled a great day of training opportunities for Tuesday followed by the banquet. The theme for this year's banquet will be 'Spring Training-Get in the Game.' We will have a baseball theme so come to the banquet sporting the shirt, cap or uniform of your favorite baseball team and enjoy the entertainment of 'Pop Rocks' - the Midwest's #1 Party Band. Wednesday will be closing session with a buffet breakfast.

Attend this year's Spring Conference - we have a full schedule of education, networking and enjoyment for a fresh start to spring.

Lynn Reed, Moultrie County Coroner
2009 IACO President



Lynn Reed
PRESIDENT

Register now at www.iacoonline.org



2009 Spring Conference

SPRING TRAINING

GET IN THE GAME

April 27-29, 2009
Crowne Plaza - Springfield, IL

Sunday - April 26, 2009

The Annual IACO Golf Outing will be held at The Rail Golf Course, Sherman.

9:00 am Golf Registration with 11:00 am Shotgun Start
5:00 pm Dinner - at The Rail Golf Course - (All Conference Registrants are invited)

Monday - April 27, 2009

8:00 am - 4:00 pm **Registration & Vendor Exhibits**

Coffee, rolls will be available in the Exhibit Hall for attendees beginning at 7:30 am. Be sure to visit exhibitor's booths and register for the door prizes to be given away during the President's reception Monday evening. Also don't forget to bid on the Silent Auction items. Proceeds from the Silent Auction will support the IACO scholarship fund.

8:30 - 9:15 am **IL Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Update**

Speaker: Louis W. Kosiba, IMRF Executive Director

Louis Kosiba will be available to answer your retirement questions.

9:15 - 9:30 am Break in the Vendor Area

9:30 - 11:30 am **Educational Session - (2.0 credit hours, Level I CCO and DPR Credit)**

Introduction to "7 Habits of Highly Effective People"

Speaker: Tony Franklin

Maybe you've heard about *The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People* by Stephen Covey - the best-selling business book of all time. The 7 Habits program is one of the most dynamic training programs for personal and professional effectiveness ever developed. Rosabeth M. Kanter, editor of the Harvard Business Review, said, "At a time when American organizations desperately need to energize people and produce leaders at all levels, Covey provides an empowering philosophy for life that is also the best guarantee of success in business... a perfect blend of wisdom, compassion, and practical experience." In this workshop, which is an introduction to the 7 Habits program, you will experience interactive exercises, case studies, and poignant video segments.

11:30 am Break for Lunch (on your own)

1:00 pm **Opening Session**

Gov. Pat Quinn, invited

Presentation of CCO designations and Awards

1:30 - 3:00 pm **Educational Break-Out Sessions**

Choose from one of the following Sessions.

Session #1 - Ethics Training

(2.0 credit hours, Level I CCO and DPR Credit)

Speaker: Michael Luke, Attorney General's Office

Ethics is the responsibility of all public servants to maintain high standards to effectively and honestly serve Illinois citizens. The enacted government ethics laws are intended to increase government accountability. The Illinois General Assembly enacted a comprehensive revision of State ethics laws intended to ensure that public officers and employees adhere to the highest ethical standards. The Office of the Attorney General is committed to ensuring compliance with these laws and increasing awareness by both the public and public officials of their rights and obligations under them.

Session #2 - Diversity Training

(2.0 credit hours, Level II-SILVER CCO and DPR Credit)

Speaker: Ancilla Parducci

This training provides understanding of diversity, generation differences, and the similarities and differences of different cultures. Training topics include: generations gaps, cross-cultural communication, dealing with stereotypes and prejudices, and making change in yourself and community.

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm **Exhibit Hall Open (refreshments)**

Be sure to visit exhibitor's booths and register for the door prizes to be given away during the President's reception Monday evening. Also don't forget to bid on the Silent Auction items. Proceeds from the silent auction will support the IACO scholarship fund.

5:30 pm – 7:00 pm **President's Reception**

The Illinois Association of County Officials cordially invites you to attend

the President's Reception in honor of: IACO President Lynn Reed, Moultrie County Coroner

We encourage all attendees to attend. There will be a wonderful assortment of hors d'oeuvres as well as complimentary draft beer and soda. **We kindly ask that hospitality suites not be open during the President's Reception so that everyone can attend. Vendor Door Prizes will be given away during the President's reception. You must be present to Win!**

Tuesday - April 28, 2009

7:30 am – 11:30 am **Registration**

Coffee, rolls will be available in the Exhibit Hall for attendees beginning at 7:30 am.

8:00 am – 11:30 am **Exhibit Hall Open**

Be sure to visit exhibitor's booths. Don't forget to bid on the Silent Auction items. Proceeds from the silent auction will support the IACO scholarship fund.

Affiliate Organizations' Meetings

Detailed information on affiliate meetings will be published in the Conference Program Book.

9:30 am – 11:00 am **Break in Exhibit Hall**

Refreshments will be available in the Exhibit Hall for all attendees.

6:00 pm **Reception/Silent Auction**

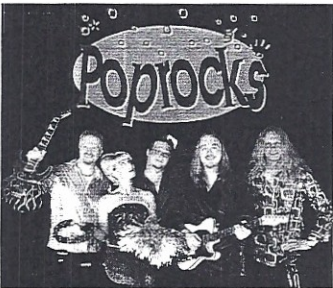
Last Chance to Bid on Silent Auction Items. All proceeds from the Silent Auction will benefit the IACO Scholarship Fund.

7:00 pm **President's Banquet**

Legislator of the Year Presentation

Presentation of 2009 IACO Scholarship Awards

Entertainment by PopRocks - The Midwest's #1 Party Band.



PopRocks has been packing dance floors all over the country since the year 2000. Playing funk and disco classics from the '70s and the finest dance, rock and new wave hits from the '80s. PopRocks makes sure that every groove thing in the house gets shook. Their amazing stage show combines smokin' party tunes, non-stop action and tons of crowd participation. Playing great 70s dance songs like "I Will Survive" and "That's the Way I Like It", and '80s party tunes like "I Love Rock 'N' Roll" and "Love Shack" PopRocks keeps the dance floor moving, and leaves all with a smile on their face.

There will be complimentary beverages at the President's banquet. This is one event you won't want to miss!

Wednesday - April 29, 2009

8:00 am **Closing Session/Buffer Breakfast**

Affiliate Organization Reports

The IACO Executive Board Meeting will follow the Closing Session. All Affiliate Presidents are encouraged to attend.

2009 IACO Annual Golf Outing



- When: April 26, 2009 – Registration 9:00 a.m. – Shotgun 11:00 – Dinner 5:00 p.m.
- Where: Golf & Dinner will be held at the Rail Golf Course.
- Format: 4-Person Scramble Golf Outing & Dinner. IACO will be responsible for organizing foursomes unless specified. Golf is limited to the first 144 golfers so register today!
- Golf Fees: \$75 per golfer (includes golf, drinks, Dinner & prizes)
- Dinner: Refreshments and dinner is provided by the generosity of our sponsors. All Spring Conference participants are also invited to attend dinner at the Rail.
- Prizes: Team and individual prizes will be awarded. Affiliates will compete for the traveling trophy.

Sponsorship Opportunities*

- ☐ Hole Sponsor (\$125)
- ☐ Lunch Sponsor (\$500)
- ☐ Course Beverage Sponsor (\$500)
- ☐ Dinner Sponsor (\$500)

Door Prizes:

- ☐ Yes, I will bring a door prize(s).

Description of prize(s) & quantity: _____

Sponsor fees help to cover the expense of the course beverages, dinner, prizes and other outing expenses for the attendees. Sponsorship does not include golf!

If you are interested in an exclusive sponsorship of the dinner or beverages, please contact Bobby Myers at (618) 967-9856.

Contact Name: _____
Company: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Fax: _____

Please make checks payable to the IL Association of County Officials and return with your registration form to:
IACO Golf Outing
Bobby G. Myers, Exec. Director
P.O. Box 82
Cobden, IL 62920
Phone: (618) 967-9856 or
(618) 833-5621

Player #1:

Name: _____
Office: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Player #2:

Name: _____
Office: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Player #3:

Name: _____
Office: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

Player #4:

Name: _____
Office: _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Telephone: _____ Fax: _____

The following person is responsible for our team.

Team Coordinator: _____

Affiliate Team ☐ Yes ☐ No Phone: _____

Affiliate Organization: _____

☐ Enclosed is our check to cover the following:

____ Number of Golfers - \$75 each \$ _____

____ Sponsorship Amount* \$ _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

OFFICIAL IACO 2009 SPRING CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM

April 27 - 29, 2009 ♦ Crowne Plaza Hotel ♦ Dirksen Parkway ♦ Springfield, Illinois

Attendee Name: _____

Do you plan to attend the President's Banquet (Tues. eve)? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

(There is no additional cost to attend the banquet, however, we are trying to secure a more accurate count for that function prior to the conference. Please let us know whether or not you plan to attend). Thank you.

Badge Name (if different): _____

Title/Office (e.g. Coroner/Medical Examiner) _____

County/Jurisdiction (e.g. Lee County): _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone: (____) _____ Fax: (____) _____

E-mail: _____

Affiliate

Organization: All attendees, including deputies, assistants, etc. must pay the registration fee.

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**THIS REGISTRATION FORM IS FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS AND THEIR STAFF/GUESTS.
VENDORS MUST USE THE VENDOR/EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION FORM WHICH CAN
BE FOUND AT WWW.IACONLINE.ORG.**

How to Register:

On-line Registration at www.iacoonline.org is now available. Or, you can mail your registration form with payment. The early-bird registration deadline is April 17th. Payment must accompany registration.

Cancellation Policy: Reservations made and not cancelled will be billed. Cancellations must be on or before April 17 to receive a refund. Refunds will be issued less \$25 processing fee. All refunds will be made via a check mailed to the attendee after the conference. Cancellations should be sent to the Conference Registrar at the address listed below or e-mail to tkcps@comcast.net or fax to (217) 529-7178.

Hotel Reservations:

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS. Reservations can be made by calling the Crowne Plaza at (217) 529-7777 or the Holiday Inn Express at (217) 529-7771. **You must use the IACO GROUP BOOKING CODE IAC at the Crowne when making your reservations. The Code for Holiday Inn Express is COO.** Rates are: Crowne Plaza - \$104.00 plus tax, Holiday Inn Express - \$74.00 plus tax.

Payment Information:

Conference Registration Fee is \$150, but register before April 17th and receive the Early Bird Rate of \$135.

	Early Bird Reg. on or before April 17	Registration After April 17
<input type="checkbox"/> Official	\$135	\$150
<input type="checkbox"/> Spouse	\$40	\$60

Spouse Name: _____

Total enclosed: _____

- ☐ I have enclosed a check for my registration
☐ Please charge my credit card for my registration

Card Type: ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa ☐ AmExpress ☐ Discover

Payment will be debited at time of submission.

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Signature: _____

Questions?

Contact Bobby G. Myers, IACO Executive Director,
at 618-967-9856 or bgy Myers82@hotmail.com.

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Talking Points

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April 2009

Peoria County introduces online crime mapping tool

The Peoria County Sheriff's Office and the Peoria Police Department collaborated to develop an online crime mapping tool for law enforcement agencies and the general public. These agencies, along with Bartonville and Peoria Heights Police Departments, introduced "Crimeview." Crimeview identifies incidence of crime within particular locale and enhances community awareness by offering access to neighborhood mapping details via user-friendly internet queries. Crimeview is now available on the Peoria County Sheriff's website at www.peoriacounty.org/sheriff.

DuPage County considers campaign contribution cap

The DuPage County Board is considering a ban on campaign contributions similar to the one developed at the state level last year. The law would entail that any business contributing to any county campaign would not be able to receive a county contract. County Board Chairman Robert Shillerstrom stated that after the corruption charges brought against former Governor Blagojevich the public has become suspicious of all levels of government and the goal is to make Dupage the most transparent and accessible government in the state. In January, Shillerstrom created a special Ad-Hoc Committee on Government Transparency and Accessibility comprised of a county board member from each district. In addition, new postings on the Auditor's Website will include: a detailed listing of county payments made by each elected office and department; a detailed report of payments grouped by vendor; and a detailed report of contract payments grouped by vendor.

Kendall County debates meeting security

Some Kendall County Board members are concerned that in this recession people attending the county board meetings could start to become violent. The board is considering hiring a sheriff's deputy to watch over the meetings and thwart any violence that may ensue. Currently, the county courthouse and the county jail has security, but the administrative building where the county board meetings are held does not. The deputy could only step in if there was a threat or a weapon involved, not if someone speaks over their allotted time. The board does not have any finite plans to vote on the matter as of yet.

Will County fighting Canadian National purchase

Canadian National purchased 198 miles of railroad track that extends from Waukegan to Joliet to Gary, Indiana for \$300 million in December and Will County Board Chairman Jim Moustis stated a petition of review is before the U.S. Court of Appeals. The fear is that Canadian National will begin to route long trains through the region in order to relieve pressure from the congested Chicago lines. Trains around one-mile in length have already been reported and could potentially become as long as two miles.

McLean County undergoes personnel code change

In a 14-5 vote the McLean County Board adopted the changes in personnel code that includes sexual orientation as a protected class. According to the McLean County Assistant State's Attorney there is good reason for including sexual orientation as a protected class. He cited two U.S. Supreme Court decisions that say employers who don't are "automatically liable for harassing conduct by a supervisor." Board Chairman Matt Sorensen defended the language by saying that if state and federal laws are disregarded, "the taxpayers are who pay the bills."

Vermilion health department awaits state funds

As much as 80% of the Vermilion County Health Department budget can come from state grants and contracts but with the current economic struggles the county is preparing to step in temporarily. The county board is considering a \$300,000 line of credit in order to float the department until state funds arrive. However, if funds do not come by the end of the county's fiscal year the credit turns into a loan at an interest rate of 3.5% that will likely come out of the Health Department's operating budget. If the state does not appropriate enough funds for the department's programs, many could end up being cut altogether.

Adams County comp plan tweaked

The preliminary draft of the "county land-use management policy" that was presented in February to the Adams County Board has received some minor changes based on conversations with community officials. It now contains a system for identifying "character areas" in the large unincorporated areas of Adams County. The comprehensive plan is not zoning, but a guideline to develop future land use and transportation plans. It is expected a draft will be made available for public hearings in July.

County jail population drops

For the first time since March of 2003, the average daily population is expected to drop below 300 at the Sangamon County Jail. A consultant hired last year by the county made the recommendation to use the current jail more efficiently by giving people arrested for minor misdemeanors notices to appear in court instead of hauling them to the jail. According to County Board Chairman Andy Van Meter the changes have saved the county from having to build a new jail that could cost as much as \$64 million dollars. The county is also considering adding double bunks to increase capacity.

Kane County layoffs possible to balance budget

With Kane County finishing \$2.7 million in the red in 2008 and 2009 looking grim, there may not be enough to cut in the budget without dropping some employees. An additional 5.5% budget cut across the board is called for and layoffs will have to be made without some sort of wage freeze or pay cuts negotiated through the union. County Board Chairman Karen McConnaughay does not believe a line by line review of the budget will work as ultimately departments put the cash back in their budgets through amendments. An estimated \$3.8 million will need to be cut in order for the county to recoup their losses.

Macon County to study animal law

Due to public criticism of the new animal control law the Macon County Environmental, Education, Health and Welfare Committee is reviewing the ordinance and plans to send its recommendations to the full board later this month. At issue, the law contains no fees for licensed multiple pet owners and breeders but large fines for not obtaining such a license. Changes may also include the addition of a nuisance animal provision. Macon County's animal control ordinance covers only the unincorporated area of the county.

Kankakee landfill decision sent back to Appellate Court

The Illinois Supreme Court has ordered the Appellate Court to reconsider its ruling of approval for a proposed landfill backed by the City of Kankakee. The Kankakee County Board opposed the proposal on the basis the landfill would be sited on top of a regional aquifer which flows into the Kankakee River. They also opposed the holding of waste from the City of Chicago. If the Appellate Court decision is unsatisfactory to the county board it can appeal to the Supreme Court again.

Wind farm proposal goes back to hearing

The DeKalb Planning and Zoning Committee sent the NextEra Energy Resources wind farm proposal back to public hearing since the company made concessions to its original proposal. NextEra proposes a 151-turbine wind energy plant that stretches into Lee County. One condition added is a property value guarantee program, in which the company will compensate landowners for any decrease in property value. As part of the decommissioning process, the company also agreed to place a letter of credit at the start of the project.

Collar counties agree to money loan

Through an intergovernmental agreement, Kane County will borrow a total of \$6.3 million in federal funds from Lake and Will counties to complete the Stearns Road bridge corridor. Kane is able to borrow from the federal SAFETEA-LU program because neither Lake County or Will County has a project ready for use of the money. Kane County is obligated to pay back about \$600,000 a year to each county through 2014.

Coles County institutes hiring freeze

In order to deal with future financial difficulties, Coles County has put into effect a hiring freeze. Adding any new employee now takes approval of the Coles County Offices and Rules Committee. With the current inflation rate at .01% and the board expecting a rate of 4.1% average for this fiscal year, significantly less property taxes will be collected. The Property Tax Extension Limitation Law caps the increase the county can receive in taxes. The hiring freeze was passed by a 12-0 vote.

Iroquois ends night meetings

By a 15-6 vote last month, the Iroquois County Board decided to go back to morning meetings. For the last three months the board has experimented with holding meetings at night to better accommodate public participation. Attendance was up slightly at the night meetings to about 40-50 individuals each month.

Kankakee County approves permit for wind farm

In a unanimous vote the Kankakee County Board approved a special use permit for Vision Energy Corp. of Cincinnati to construct 88 wind turbines in the area. The project will span across Kankakee, Ford, Livingston and Iroquois counties for a total of 309 wind turbines. Each turbine will net property owners about \$8,000 to \$10,000 a year in lease payments. The project will also generate an estimated \$19 to \$32 million for local governments and school districts over the 25 year-period. The company plans to start building access roads and erecting turbines by Fall 2009.

Henry County drops Ameren

The Henry County Board voted to switch energy providers from Ameren IP to MidAmerican Energy. The contract is for \$.0609 per kilowatt hour compared to the average price from Ameren last year of \$.07314. The MidAmerican agreement is for 24-months and has a renegotiation option if market prices fall during the contract period.

Crawford County loans money for pipe plant

A \$250,000 loan has been approved by the Crawford County Board for BJRH Inc. to convert the Robinson Transformer building into a pipe fabricating plant. The plant will fabricate pipe for the Marathon refinery located just north of the plant. It is expected to employ up to 30 people. In other news, Crawford County Buildings and Grounds Chairman Dave Fulling informed the county board that the Commercial is in need of a new roof which could cost an estimated \$88,000. A roof leak is believed to have caused damage to one of the exterior walls of the structure.

Jefferson County refinances jail bonds

The Jefferson County Board will refinance the term of the jail bonds in order to keep from making a change to property taxes. The Public Safety Tax was approved by voters in 2005 at a 1/2 percent rate. The tax was supposed to decrease 1/4 percent at the beginning of the year, but due to an error in filing paper work with the Illinois Revenue Service the tax rate of a 1/2 percent will continue until July 1, 2009.

Fate of courthouse still undecided

A recurring message at a public meeting held by the Effingham County Board was "save the courthouse". The old courthouse has been vacant since the new Effingham County Government Center courts building was completed in 2007. While county officials have looked for ways to preserve the historic structure, the cost is proving prohibitive. Converting the building to a museum or other use could cost anywhere from \$3 million to \$4 million.

Second Amendment resolution passes in Knox County

Sending a message to proponents of gun restrictions, the Knox County Board passed a resolution reaffirming support for the second amendment. The resolution is in response to legislation proposed at the state level which could ban possession of some firearms which are currently legal. Some members voted against the measure claiming it was too broad. The motion states that it was the citizens of Knox County's "inalienable right" to "derive economic benefit" using "all types of firearms allowed."

Edgar County faces expensive courthouse repairs

An estimate to repair the clock tower at the Edgar County Courthouse came in at a stunning \$1.7 million dollars from a Northbrook engineering and architectural firm. The estimate is significantly higher than the \$80,000 allocated for maintenance in the county budget and leaves board members considering a referendum to approve a special tax to complete the tower work. Temporary repairs were made in 2006 that were only intended to last two years. Delaying the work could cost the county more money in the end.

Richland County to join flood program

The Richland County Board has begun the process of joining the National Flood Insurance Program by obtaining a model ordinance and resolution. It will cover unincorporated areas of the county, public works construction and private construction. The board approved making the intent to adopt the ordinance which is the first step. A public meeting about the National Flood Insurance Program and what it may mean for the county will be held later this month at the Richland County Courthouse.

Governor Quinn vows to fund LaSalle Veterans Home

Governor Quinn reaffirmed that state funding will finally be provided to expand operations at the LaSalle Veterans Home. The state's obligation will allow the hiring of needed staff to fill 49 vacancies and fund the operation of an Alzheimer's and dementia program at the 206-bed facility. In 1992, the LaSalle facility was filled to capacity and after many years of requests to the state for an expansion a new wing was finally completed in 2008. It is still uncertain how long it will take to bring the facility up to 100% capacity. Some local officials feel that once that happens staff will need to be increased to handle resident needs.

Morgan County drafts new wind ordinance

Morgan County planner Dusty Douglas has drafted an ordinance to regulate siting for wind turbine structures in response to interest by New York based Global Wind Harvest. The regulations are modeled after the Illinois Clean Energy Foundation prototype that many northern Illinois counties have adopted. It calls for "secure financial assurance" from a company to repair any roads damaged during construction, a thorough decommissioning plan, and liability insurance. The project is still in the development stage.

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March 20, 2009

Mr. Andrew Manar
215 S. East Street
Carlinville, IL 62626

RE: South Palmyra Rural Water District – Corporate
Our File No. BW-9515/001

Dear Mr. Manar:

I am writing on behalf of the South Palmyra Rural Water District. Enclosed please find a copy of the Order issued by Judge Kenneth R. Deihl on March 19, 2009 reducing the number of trustees on the Board of Trustees of the South Palmyra Rural Water District from seven to five.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our office.

Sincerely,

RAMMELKAMP BRADNEY, P.C.

By Bradley W. Wilson
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Enclosure

cc: David McWard, Kelly Weller

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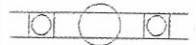
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
MACOUPIN COUNTY ILLINOIS

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OF THE)	NO. 99 - MC - 2
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SOUTH PALMYRA RURAL WATER DISTRICT)	

ORDER OF REDUCTION OF NUMBER OF TRUSTEES

Upon Motion of Petitioner, it is hereby ordered that the number of Trustees on the Board of Trustees of South Palmyra Rural Water District be reduced seven to five. Further, it is ordered that no term for a currently-serving Trustee shall be shortened. It is hereby ordered the reduction in number of Trustees shall be accomplished by making the reduction effective at the same time that the next two Trustee terms expire. It is further hereby ordered once the number of Trustees has been reduced to five, the remaining Trustees shall draw lots to allocate their terms of office in the same manner as required under the Water District Act for an initial board with five members, so that no more than one member shall have a term that expires in any one year.

Entered this 19th day of March, 2009.

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Macoupin County, Illinois

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March 20, 2009

Mr. Andrew Manar, Chairman
Macoupin County Courthouse
P. O. Box 107
Carlinville, IL 62626

Dear Chairman Manar:

I am writing this letter to ask that as stimulus funds are being spent, please make sure that you recommend purchasing products that are "Made in Illinois". One of the influencing factors in determining which company's products are specified should be getting the citizens of Illinois back to work. I am employed by Carlisle SynTec, which has a manufacturing facility in Greenville, IL. Our sister division, Hunter Panels, manufactures energy-efficient polyisocyanurate insulation in Franklin Park, IL. If you are planning on spending stimulus funds on energy saving products or roofing products, we would like to be considered.

The Greenville, IL plant has already laid off 71 employees, as sales of commercial roofing products have slowed considerably. Additionally, we have had to shut down operations for at least one week out of each month in 2009 to match production with the slower market. The 260 employees still working are looking for you to make choices that help get them back to full employment, while the 71 on layoff are also looking for business to improve to the level that will allow us to recall them. The Hunter Panels plant in Franklin Park has also laid off 42 employees and reduced the hours of work for those still working.

Carlisle SynTec is the leading producer of single-ply commercial roofing. Both EPDM and TPO products are made in Greenville, along with Skylights and many other roofing accessories. The Hunter Panels plant in Franklin Park manufactures a full line of polyiso roof insulating products. One of our primary competitors is Firestone Building products, a foreign-owned firm with employees in Indiana and Arkansas, not Illinois.

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March 12, 2009

The Honorable Phil Hare
428 Cannon HOB
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Hare:

I wanted to personally thank you for all your hard work and efforts in helping the Macoupin County Public Health Department receive \$238,000 for the Macoupin County Maple Street Clinic development. Since we have opened in the beginning of October, we have served hundreds of new patients, who had personally gone without care for years.

Because of your assistance, the tremendous financial pressure we were under for payment of the building construction is greatly relieved and we are now able to concentrate our efforts on development of our health service operations. As I had discussed with you at Chairman Manar's event this fall, we are currently working on our Federally Qualified Health Center application. We will keep you informed on progress toward that goal and look toward a successful application that will help us expand our Health Center operations and serve thousands of people a year. This Health Center will be vital to the health of citizens of Macoupin County and surrounding areas for years to come.

Please feel free to contact me at anytime should you need any further assistance. I extend to you an open invitation for the official Administrator's tour of the Macoupin County Maple Street Clinic the next time you are in the area.

With Gratitude,

Kent Tarro, M.S., R.D.
Administrator

Cc: Andy Rowe, Economic Development Director
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March 30, 2009

Larry McCulley, Chief Operating Officer
Southern Illinois Healthcare Foundation
2041 Goose Lake Road
Sauget, Illinois 62206

Dear Mr. McCulley,

I appreciate your time to visit with us at the Maple Street Clinic in Gillespie. I am very glad to know that you are willing to begin to take steps to partner with the Maple Street Clinic to expand the services we have been providing on a smaller scale for the past decade.

As Director of the Public Health Department I have been working for years to develop a comprehensive primary care system. The vision I have had for the past 15 years (since the first 5 year community health plan – IPLAN) was to realize the efficiencies that can be produced from maximizing the coordination of services in a team effort between comprehensive primary health care services and public health services: all working together to achieve optimal health for each person we serve. I believe this will be more easily accomplished with the same director providing oversight to both the public health system and the primary care system.

What we want to provide in our partnership at the Maple Street Clinic includes the retaining of our management team that began the first steps in both the development of comprehensive health care at the clinic and integrating and coordinating public health services and primary care at the clinic and in the community. This includes myself as Director, Jennifer Byots as Clinic Manager and Peggy Garrison as Chief Financial Officer.

Our first priority in the development of our partnership is the expansion of our dental clinic services by providing one more dentist at the clinic. We currently have a small Illinois Children's Healthcare Foundation Grant that is paying for a dental hygienist 2 days a week and a dentist 2 days a week. We had a dentist hired but the references were just awful and it fell through! We can pay for a dentist for 2 days a week for a year and would need support for the other 3 days. We also need your support to hire another dental assistant to support the new dentist. What we need to work out is how we share the revenue produced and the development of the Maple Street Clinic dental services as an expansion service for SIHF.

The second priority is to begin to maximize the primary care services of the facility by hiring a full-time mid-level provider for the clinic along with a full time nurse to support the provider. At this point we are using every dollar we have available for the primary care staff we have. We would need your support to hire the new staff and begin to make plans to write for Maple Street Clinic as an SIHF primary care expansion site.

Simultaneous with primary care development I would like to begin discussions with our local pharmacist, Maurice Sullivan to make plans for a pharmacy expansion site at his open facility in Gillespie, the site our medical clinic just left. He likes the concept of a 340B pharmacy assistance program partnership and has already signed a letter of agreement to work together to accomplish this goal.

Finally, I would like to work on a mental health expansion with a midlevel psychiatric practitioner and telehealth support. I would like to move on this as soon as possible so I can move my local community mental health provider out of Maple Street and begin working with a mental health practitioner that will coordinate with us to provide a quality level of interdisciplinary care with our dental and primary care staff, along with our public health prevention staff.

One area I neglected to discuss with you is the current presentations and bids we have received regarding electronic medical records. One company our staff looked at was eDoc Synergy. Gary Hilligos, their district sales manager said his company was meeting with Dr. Thomas Mikkelson of SIHF the day we met in Gillespie. I believe we need to move together in the same direction with EMR in our partnership.

We have estimated that Maple Street has the capacity to serve 5000 patients with comprehensive, interdisciplinary care. With our partnership I know that goal can be realized, if not exceeded.

I fully believe that we can develop a sustainable plan that enhances both of our financial positions without jeopardizing any service availability through either of our organizations.

Sincerely,


Kent Tarro

Maple Street Clinic Director & Public Health Administrator
Macoupin County Public Health Department

cc: Ralph March, President
Macoupin County Board of Health

Andrew Manar, Chairman
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