

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**APRIL 14, 2009**

The adjourned meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order at 1:00 p.m., April 14, 2009. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were twenty-six members present and one member absent.

**PRESENT**

Bacon, Judy  
Dragovich, Mark  
Harding, William  
Long, Frank  
Nichelson, Glenn  
Pratt, Vera  
Reiher, Veryl  
Watson, Julia  
Zippay, M.A.

Bellm, Darrell  
Fraser, Morrie  
Herschelman, L.  
Lux, Larry  
Novak, Joe  
Quarton, Robert  
Schwallenstecker O.  
Wieseman, Francis  
Zirkelbach, Jim

Coatney, Raymond  
Goodman, Frances  
Kiel, Bernard  
Manar, Andrew  
Pomatto, Ruth Ann  
Quirk, Paul  
Vojas, Robert  
Wiggins, Tony

**ABSENT**

Thomas, David

**MINUTES**

Motion by Nichelson, seconded by Quirk, to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2009, meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

The **Animal Control Committee** met on March 17, 2009. The Committee met to tour the Springfield Animal Control Facility. Motion by Novak, seconded by Harding to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Legislation and Technology Committee** met on March 17, 2009. The Committee met to interview three applicants for the Supervisor of Assessments. The Committee interviewed John Bresnan, Bob Vercoglio, and Dana Wagner. Upon completing the interviews, the Committee recommended that John Bresnan be hired for the position pending a background check. Motion by Bacon, seconded by Pratt to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Legislation and Technology Committee** met on March 30, 2009. The Committee met to interview for the position of Supervisor of Assessments, discuss the position of Supervisor of Assessments and other business. The Committee interviewed Cindy Shaw, the Chief Assessment Officer from Pike County. The Committee recommended to direct Board Chairman Manar to interview and negotiate salaries with the candidates for the Supervisor of Assessments position. The

Committee recommended for approval to the Full Board the approval of paying the Plat Officer a stipend retroactive as of January 1, 2009. Motion by Pratt, seconded by Bacon, that the minutes be approved as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Executive Committee** met on April 6, 2009. The Committee met to review and approve the agenda for the April 2009 County Board meeting and review employee timesheets. The Committee approved all items for the April 2009 Agenda in addition to any items from outstanding committee meetings. The Committee directed Chairman Manar to send a letter to Mik Arnett regarding the appointment of Daniel Bates. Mr. Bates was appointed to the Job Center Board at the May 13, 2008 County Board meeting. The Committee review and accept timesheets as submitted for February and March 2009 for the non-union employees. Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Long approved the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Road and Bridge Committee** met on April 7, 2009. The Committee met to approve March claims, 50/50 Petitions, additional help and other business. Claims in the amount of \$82,984.31 were approved by the Committee. The Committee recommended for approval by the full Board 50/50 projects Barr, Brushy Mound, Dorchester, Hilyard, Honey Point, North Otter, North Palmyra, Polk and South Palmyra Townships. The Committee recommended for approval by the full Board to award the MFT oil and patch letting to the low bidders. An agreement with Hutson and Associates for right-of-way consulting services was recommended for approval by the full Board. Reinhart gave an update regarding the inspection of a culvert in the Village of Sawyerville. The Committee decided that there will be no seasonal help. The Committee recommended for approval by the Full Board authorization to proceed with an appraisal for the 220 North Oak Street property. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) allotment of \$598,281 was discussed at length. The Committee approved a resolution directing the County Engineer to work with the Illinois Department of Transportation on ways to make the funds more available to municipalities with a population under 5,000. Discussion was held regarding increasing the number of employees in the Department with a possible increase in the MFT funds. Motion by Goodman, seconded by Herschelman to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Emergency Management Committee** met on April 7, 2009, to discuss the Mt. Olive Area Ambulance Service and the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Litchfield and Gillespie/Benld Area Ambulance Service. Jim Pitchford introduced Stanly Krushas of IEMA Regional Office. Mr. Krushas reported on a process to find assistance for the Benld School System. The Committee recommended to the full Board for approval two agreements, one with the City of Litchfield and the other with the Gillespie-Benld Area Ambulance for service with the Macoupin County Special Service Area #1. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Lux to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

The **Legislative and Technology Committee** met on April 10, 2009, to discuss candidates and salaries for the Supervisor of Assessments position. The Committee recommended for approval by the Board hiring John Bresnan at an annual salary of \$49,000, \$200 per month for mileage and four (4) weeks vacation per year (the vacation must be taken no more than two (2) weeks at a time. Motion by Pratt, seconded by Wieseman to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

## **REPORTS FROM SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

None.

## **GUESTS**

Kent Tarro, Administrator of the Macoupin County Public Health Department, updated the Board on the Smoke Free law pursuant to a training seminar he had attended. Tarro advised the Board of the upcoming Health Fair in Staunton on Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Motion by Vojas, seconded by Lux to re-appoint William E. Knop to the Staunton Fire Protection District Board of Trustees for a three year term beginning May 4, 2009. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Wieseman, seconded by Schwallenstecker to re-appoint J. Richard Johnson as Trustee to the Fosterburg Water District for a five year term beginning May 4, 2009. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Herschelman, seconded by Pratt to re-appoint Williard Wayne Wilson to the Virden Fire Protection District for a three year term beginning May 4, 2009. Motion carried.

Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Harding to appoint Lyndal Herschelman as the County Board Interagency Liaison effective April 14, 2009 through December 31, 2010. All in favor, motion carried.

## **PETITIONS**

Motion by Goodman, seconded by Wieseman, to approve the following 50/50 Petitions Barr #32 \$2,500; Brushy Mound #16 \$35,000; Dorchester #29 \$7,500; Dorchester #30 \$11,000; Hilyard #48 \$3,000; Hilyard #49 #1,500; Honey Point #33 \$5,000; North Otter #43 \$3,000; North Palmyra #21 \$22,000; Polk #33 \$12,000 and South Palmyra #29 \$4,000. Roll call vote: 26 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**AYE**

**NAY**

Bacon, Judy	Bellm, Darrell	Coatney, Raymond
Dragovich, Mark	Fraser, Morrie	Goodman, Frances
Harding, William	Herschelman, L.	Kiel, Bernard
Long, Frank	Lux, Larry	Manar, Andrew
Nichelson, Glenn	Novak, Joe	Pomatto, Ruth Ann
Pratt, Vera	Quarton, Robert	Quirk, Paul
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**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

1:17 p.m. Motion by Bacon, seconded by Pratt to resolve into executive session to discuss personnel.

1:30 p.m. Motion by Kiel, seconded by Coatney to arise from Executive Session.

Motion by Schwallenstecker, seconded by Wieseman to appoint John Bresnan, as the Supervisor of Assessments beginning April 16, 2009 at an annual salary of \$49,000, \$200 per month for mileage and four (4) weeks vacation per year, with no more than two (2) taken at one time. Roll call vote: 26 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTIONS**

Motion by Vojas, seconded by Novak to approve a resolution directing the County Highway Engineer to work with the Illinois Department of Transportation to explore ways to make a portion of the County’s ARRA allotment more available to municipalities with population under 5,000 who did not qualify for the stimulus funds. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Herschelman, seconded by Goodman to approve a resolution accepting bids and awarding contracts to the low bidders for the MFT Oil Letting. All in favor, motion carried.

**ORDINANCE**

None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Motion by Quirk, seconded by Long to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Litchfield to provide emergency response services to Special Service Area No. 1 in Macoupin and enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Gillespie/Benld Area Ambulance to provide emergency response services to Special Service Area No. 1 in Macoupin County. Roll call vote: 26 ayes, 0 nays. Motion carried.

**AYE**

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**NEW BUSINESS**

Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Pratt to grant the Finance Committee the power-to-act regarding the preliminary phase in notice from the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. All in favor, motion carried.

Manar informed the Board of a disaster Proclamation for the Superior Coal Company mine subsidence in Benld.

Motion by Goodman, seconded by Wiggins to approve an order for an appraisal of the property on 220 North Oak Street in Carlinville. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schwallenstecker, seconded by Pomatto to approve an agreement with Hutson and Associates for right-of-way services for the County Highway Department. All in favor, motion carried.

Board Member Dragovich reported to the Board on a meeting he attended with the Department of Community and Economic Opportunity regarding federal stimulus funds available. Motion by Nicholson, seconded by Harding to approve the report. All in favor, motion carried.

Manar expressed concerns to the Board regarding the appointment of Mr. Daniel Bates to the Job Center Board. Mr. Bates has never been invited to a meeting by Amy "Mik" Arnett, Executive Director of West Central Planning.

Manar thanked Paula Robinson, U of I Extension Office, for the new Plat Books.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion by Kiel, seconded by Wiggins to approve the Mileage and Per Diem; Claims and Officers Report; and to place the Letter from the Macoupin County Developmentally Disabled; IACBMC Counties at the Capitol; IACO Spring Conference April 27 – 29, 2009; IACBMC Talking Points; 7<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Order regarding the South Palmyra Rural Water District; Letter from Carlisle Construction Materials re: Federal Stimulus; Letter from Kent Tarro to Congressman Phil Hare and Invitation from the Macoupin County Housing Authority to celebrate Supportive Living Week Correspondence on file in the County Clerk's Office. All in favor, motion carried.

### **MATTERS OF RECOGNITION**

Motion by Quirk, second by Wieseman to approve a resolution opposing using imported steel on the Keystone Pipeline being constructed south of Macoupin County. All in favor, motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Prepared by: Michele Zippay