



**Centre
Crown Mining, LLC**

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Farmersville, IL 62533
USA

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TO: Warren Ribley, Director
IL Dept. of Commerce and
Economic Opportunity
James F. Thompson Center
100 West Randolph
Chicago, IL 60601

John M. Lutz, Mayor
111 West Madison Street
Girard, IL 62640

Andrew Manar
County Board Chairman
Macoupin County Board Office
215 South East Street
Carlinville, IL 62626

Warren Ribley, Director
IL Dept. of Commerce and
Economic Opportunity
620 East Adams
Springfield, IL 62701

Joe Tischkau, Mayor
22 Circle Drive
Farmersville, IL 62533

Mike Plunkett
County Board Chairman
Montgomery County Board Office
2 Yount Drive
Hillsboro, IL 62049

FROM: Centre Crown Mining, LLC

RE: Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification ("WARN") Act
Notice of Employee Terminations at Crown III Mine

DATE: July 17, 2009

Centre Crown Mining, LLC ("Centre Crown") is ceasing operations, and terminating all of its employees, at Crown III Mine, 2 Mine Avenue, Farmersville, IL 62533. The Mine is ceasing operations today, July 17, 2009, and all employees are also being terminated effective today, July 17, 2009. The employment terminations are expected to be permanent. There are no known bumping rights. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is the form of Notice being orally



furnished to each available affected employee on July 17, 2009, and such written notice is also being mailed to each affected employee.

Certain employees of Crown III Mine are represented by the United Mine Workers of America ("UMWA"). Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a listing of UMWA representatives of those employees who are also being provided with written notice.

Attached hereto as Exhibit C is a listing (to the extent the information is immediately available) of the job titles of positions that will be affected, and the number of affected employees in those job categories. More specific information, and particularly the specific positions held by supervisory and salaried personnel, can be made available upon request.

The Federal and Illinois WARN Acts, and specifically the requirements of 60-day advance notice, are not applicable here, due to unforeseen circumstances. Centre Crown has operated Crown III Mine, and employed the affected employees, under a Contract Mining Agreement with the Mine owner, Springfield Coal Company, LLC ("Springfield"). Springfield notified Centre Crown on July 15, 2009 that it is replacing Centre Crown with a new operator of the Mine.

The contact person for additional information concerning this notice is:

Hershiel H. Hayden
Manager, President & COO
P.O. Box 176
Farmersville, IL 62533
Phone #217-303-2647



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EXHIBIT A

TO: [EMPLOYEE NAME AND ADDRESS]
FROM: Centre Crown Mining, LLC
RE: Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification ("WARN") Act
Notice of Employee Terminations at Crown III Mine
DATE: July 17, 2009

Centre Crown Mining, LLC ("Centre Crown") regretfully informs you that it is ceasing operations, and terminating the employees, at Crown III Mine. The Mine will cease operations today, July 17, 2009, and your employment termination is also effective today, July 17, 2009. Your termination is expected to be permanent. There are no known bumping rights.

Both the Federal and Illinois Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification ("WARN") Acts require that under certain circumstances, employers provide employees and government officials with 60-days' advance notice before conducting employee terminations or layoffs. However, the Federal and State WARN Acts are not applicable here, due to unforeseen circumstances. Springfield Coal Company, LLC notified Centre Crown on July 15, 2009 that it is replacing Centre Crown with a new operator of the Mine.

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EXHIBIT B

(List of Employee Representatives)

Cecil Roberts
International President
UMWA
8315 Lee Highway
Fairfax, VA 22031

Steve Earle
International District Vice President
UMWA District Twelve
1285 Island Ford Road
Madisonville, KY 42431

Gary Butler
District Representative
UMWA District Twelve
3695 South Sixth Street
Springfield, IL 62703-4757

Tony Liebscher
President
UMWA Local 12
P.O. Box 304
Hillsboro, IL 62049

Randy Henry
Vice President
UMWA Local 12
502 Nora
Farmersville, IL 62533

Rex Boliard
Chairman of the Safety Committee
UMWA Local 12
422 E. Fillmore Street
Fillmore, IL 62032



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EXHIBIT C

<u>JOB POSITION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES</u>
Supervisory & Other Salaried Personnel	46
Inby	110
Outby	42
Repairmen	35
Examiner	6
Repairman/Mechanic	7
Surface Building Maintenance	3
Ram Cars	3
Central Control Operator	2
Miner Operator	4
Mobile Equipment Operator	3
Trainee	25
Gob Truck	1
Load Point Operator	1
Utilityman	2



MACOUPIN COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

112 South Macoupin Street
Gillespie, Illinois 62033
Phone 217-839-2350
Fax 217-839-3735

805 North Broad Street
Carlinville, Illinois 62626
Phone 217-854-3223
Fax 217-854-3225

202 West Center Street
Girard, Illinois 62640
Phone 217-627-2122
Fax 217-627-2399



July 28, 2009

Mr. Andrew Manar, Chairman
Macoupin County Board of Supervisors
P.O. Box 535
Carlinville, IL 62626

Dear Chairman Manar:

Two Macoupin County Board of Health members' terms end August 31, 2009. These members are Karen Smith and Judy Bates. They have both agreed to serve another three year term. These members have excellent attendance, participate in Board decisions and are very dedicated to improving the health of the citizens of Macoupin County.

Their participation and contribution at our Board of Health meetings is crucial. On behalf of the Macoupin County Board of Health I would like to recommend these two individuals for nomination and confirmation for a 3-year term to the Macoupin County Board of Health.

Should you have any questions concerning this, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your time and consideration!

Sincerely,

Kent Tarro, B.S., M.S.
Administrator

Talking Points

Illinois
county news
& views



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July 2009

Cook County calls for cemetery oversight

Officials in Cook County are planning to increase inspections of cemeteries in light of the recent relocation of bodies and reselling of plots at Burr Oak Cemetery in Chicago. According to County President Todd Stroger it appears that since the cemetery falls under the jurisdiction of the Village of Alsip, no one had responsibility for monitoring graves there. He suggests that tougher regulations statewide could help to reduce incidents like this in the future. The County has voted to sue the cemetery owners to recover the cost of the investigation which has already expended around \$350,000 according to Cook County Sheriff Tom Dart.

52 turbine wind farm permit approved

Navitas Energy Inc. has received a special-use permit from the Woodford County Zoning Board of Appeals on a 52-turbine wind farm in the county. The Roanoke Wind Farm will lie in both Roanoke-Bensen and Fieldcrest districts and according to Navitas development director will produce \$950,000 in property taxes per year. The zoning board also stated that the farm must comply with the Tri-County Planning Commission requirements; contribute \$10,000 to fire protection in the district; and complete construction in 18 months.

McHenry County implements criminal justice software

A newly developed software called the Integrated Criminal Justice Information System in McHenry County was put to use in May and according to Circuit Clerk Katherine Keefe, her employees are loving the system. After all of the bugs are worked out and the system is working perfectly the software will link databases between the circuit clerk, court services, state's attorney, and public defender. The tailor-made software was created by Integrated Software Specialists out of Schaumburg and while costs have been significantly more than expected, the County hopes to strike a licensing deal with ISS if the program is sold to other governments.

Will County students get tobacco law approved

Will County unanimously approved an ordinance requiring a license for retailers in unincorporated parts of the county to sell tobacco. The idea came from a group of students in the Plainfield School District who have been attending meetings for almost four months according to public health and safety committee chairman Don Gould. Brittany Arnald, a student from Joliet, mentions that "studies have shown that when you have licensing, retailers are less likely to sell to minors." 4,000 youths start smoking everyday, over one-million a year, and one-third will die of smoking related illness, according to the ordinance. The license will cost \$25.

Counties look for solutions to levee problem

St. Clair, Madison, and Monroe counties have hit some significant road blocks in efforts to upgrade the flood protection levees in the region. The current state of the economy has cut the January 1 tax by 12.5% that was put in place to help fund the upgrades. In addition, it is possible that the federal government's 65% match for levee repairs might not come until 2044. St. Clair Chairman Mark Kern stated, "...it's clear that we need to at least get to the 100-year level" of flood protection. The counties are hopeful that Les Sterman who is the construction chief of the Southwestern Illinois Flood Protection District Council will have some creative solutions.

FutureGen closer to reality for Illinois

A record of decision has been released from the U.S. Department of Energy stating that the Mattoon site that was chosen for the FutureGen clean coal power plant meets environmental requirements. This decision is an important next step in the development of the plant in that it allows for money to be spent on the Mattoon site itself for things like plant design and infrastructure needs. The project is expected to receive more than \$1 billion in federal stimulus money.

Sangamon County deputies start longer shifts

Sheriff deputies in Sangamon County have started working 12-hour shifts in order to cut down on overtime costs. The new schedule also has the deputies working no more than 3 days in a row with every other weekend off. Sangamon County Sheriff Neil Williamson says "they are excited" about the shift change. This change is part of the Sheriff's plan to cut \$850,000 from the \$17.1 million dollar budget. The change was unanimously approved by the county board.

Southern Illinois counties get SBA assistance

Gov. Pat Quinn announced that the state's request for a U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) disaster declaration has been granted for the following primary counties – Jackson and Williamson – and the contiguous counties of Franklin, Johnson, Perry, Pope, Randolph, Saline and Union. On July 14, Gov. Quinn asked the SBA to make low-interest loans available to homeowners, renters and businesses in those two counties that suffered heavy damage from the May 8 severe storm. The filing deadline to return applications for property damage is September 14. The deadline to return economic injury applications is April 16, 2010. Any individual or business needing additional information or wishing to apply for a loan should contact the SBA Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955.

PTELL resurfaces in Madison County

Property Tax Extension Limitation Law or PTELL states that taxing districts are not able to increase annual tax levies by more than 5% or the rate of inflation without voter approval. A group in Madison County is wanting the voters to revisit the initiative on the next ballot. PTELL was on the ballot in 1999 and was voted down by about 52% to 48%. While PTELL provides some property tax relief, according to Madison County Regional Superintendent of Schools Bob Daiber it will take money away from school districts in a time when budgets in Illinois are already tight.

Effingham County considers larger animal control fines

Having dogs run loose unchained or unleashed is becoming a bigger problem in Effingham County and the county board is considering raising fines for offenders. The current fine is \$35 and the debate is whether or not a heftier fine would deter dog owners from letting their pets run free. Also being considered in the ordinance is mandatory microchipping for dog identification and greater incentives to spay and neuter dogs.

Land Use Plan unveiled in McHenry County

A draft version of the 2030 McHenry County Land Use Plan has been made public after 2 ½ years of being developed. The plan is designed to guide the county's growth for the next 20 years. The county will hold four planning workshops for local governments, public agencies, and county residents to suggest any changes that might enhance the plan. It includes preserving farmland and open space, enhancing water resources, and increasing quality jobs. The plan designers hope to blend the ideas from the workshops and have a final version completed sometime early fall 2009.

Jefferson County lowers sales tax

The Jefferson County Board dropped the rate of the county's public safety sales tax from .50% to .25% becoming the only county in Illinois that is lowering sales tax, according to the Illinois Department of Revenue. The new tax rate is on sales of general merchandise, and excludes medicines and groceries. Sales taxes in 15 other locations across the state increased from .25 percent to 1 percent on July 1.

DuPage creates committee to improve veterans' services

Dupage County has created a special committee to study program and benefit coordination among the veteran organizations. According to committee Chairman Bob Schillerstrom "We owe it to our veterans to ensure they are receiving the services they require." While the commission is funded by the county board, it does not fall under their authority. It has separate guidelines and is overseen by a separate board of directors. The committee will assess the county's Veterans Assistance Commission along with looking into programs for families of servicemen who have been killed in action.

Changes to special use permit a no-go

The NextEra wind farm project in Lee and DeKalb counties has already been granted its special use permit in Lee County and now that DeKalb has added a property value guarantee to their list of permit requirements, Lee County is looking to do the same. Unfortunately according to the county State's Attorney, the county board cannot impose new conditions after a permit has been approved. Lee County does have a community partnership program in place that pays \$1,000 per year to any property owner within 0.75 miles of a wind turbine. Lee County Zoning Officers Chris Henkel stated, "I don't think I could say one's better than the other."

Kane County solicits female inmates

The 64-bed female wing in Kane County jail averages around 19 vacancies per day and officials are looking to fill that void by housing federal inmates while they await trial in Chicago. Jail officials are talking with federal marshals to keep up to 15 inmates a day at \$88 dollars per person. That means approximately \$1,320 per day in revenue that will help stabilize the county budget. A contingency plan is in place in the event more space is needed for local female inmates being made available to federal detainees.

Joliet pitches future downtown concept to Will County

The city manager for Joliet presented a "downtown of the future" concept to the Will County Board that includes a retro county courthouse, a government office campus, and a town square. The city and the county are working together to come up with solutions to space and parking problems for the courthouse. The presentation included both short and long term goals such as a new transportation center for mass transit and a county government office building complex. The purpose of the project is to ensure board members that Joliet can continue to serve as the center for county government operations.

Madison County disputes findings of EPA study

Madison County officials are reassuring residents about the air quality in the county after news reports, citing a 2002 Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) National-Scale Air Toxics Assessment, suggested Madison County ranked among the most at-risk areas in the country for contracting cancer. Alan J. Dunstan, Madison County Chairman, said the EPA study was misleading and overstated the air pollution levels found in the county. "The study was conducted more than seven years ago and does not reflect the current quality of the air in the county," Dunstan said. Since 2002, industrial plants in the county have made substantial changes to reduce the pollutants released into the air. The only area in Madison County that had higher concentrations of air pollutants, according to the 2002 study, was concentrated in a very small portion of the county. The air quality in more than 96 percent of the county is acceptable. Dunstan said it was unfortunate the EPA released the seven-year-old assessment prior to giving the county the opportunity to review it. "EPA scientists made assumptions – which we believe are incorrect – released the information and created a great deal of concern among county residents," Dunstan added.

Inmates released due to overcrowding

Twenty inmates were released at the beginning of July as part of the "Cop Out" program initiated by the Sheriff's Department in St. Clair County. The inmates plead guilty to minor offenses and were released on time served. According to Sheriff Mearl Justus, some inmates were having to sleep on the floor because the jail was out of mattresses. "It's not a good thing, and we don't like it, but there's not a lot we can do about it," Justus said.

Logan County Board awaits State's Attorney opinion

The Logan County Board is awaiting their State's Attorney's opinion on the legality of passing a resolution to eliminate health insurance for future board members. It would mean that some members would continue to receive health insurance benefits and some would not. The board reportedly has been trying to obtain the opinion for over three months, however according to the Lincoln Courier, the State's Attorney issued his opinion on the matter in an April 8th article stating, "...there's nothing illegal about doing that." Some board members don't think that anything can be done until elections in 2012.

Peoria County Mental Health Court one step closer

The Senate Appropriations Sub-Committee has approved \$500,000 in funding to create a mental Health Court in Peoria County. Often individuals with mental health issues who do not necessarily belong in the judicial system find their way into the judicial system. The closure of State operated mental health facilities, including Zeller Mental Health Center in Peoria, has only increased the problem. Peoria County will provide an in-kind match including court support services and space within the courthouse to convene the court.

Courthouse gets help from youth program

As part of the Partners in Job Training and Placement 2009 Summer Youth Program, the Henry County Courthouse has received help maintaining the 100+ year old building. A full-time maintenance assistant began work on July 13 under the supervision of the maintenance manager. The youth, earning minimum wage, will work maintaining the grounds and assisting with odd-jobs in the courthouse until September 30. The program provides jobs for Rock Island, Mercer, and Henry counties and is open to youths ages 14-24.

Wind farm zoning change proposed

Supporters of a Sangamon County zoning regulation that would require any "non-participant" in a wind farm project to be at least one-mile from a wind farm have collected 450 signatures in support of the idea. This zoning change would end the proposed Meridian Wind Farm that would build up to 200 turbines in the county. According to vice president of site establishment Chris Nickells, "Their version of a setback would run us out. If you draw a one-mile radius around everybody's house, it would send up packing." Developers are looking to go before the county board sometime in early 2010.

Winnebago strikes garbage deal

The Winnebago County Board approved giving a price break to a Chicago waste management company to bring about 1,200 tons of trash a day to the county landfill. The resolution gives Groot Industries a \$1 break on the usual \$3.27-per-ton fee the county charges out-of-county users of the landfill. Groot, the largest company of its kind in the state, also looked at sites in Ogle County and Jo Daviess County. Winnebago County will make roughly \$700,000 in fees from the deal.



Saturday, August 15th
Springfield, Illinois

Please join us!
LOCAL OFFICIALS DAY
at the Illinois State Fair and
DuQuoin State Fair



Saturday, August 29th
DuQuoin, Illinois

Hosted by DCEO

Co-sponsored by the Illinois Association of County Board Members and Commissioners



MEDP NewsFlash

Macoupin Economic Development Partnership

Shari Albrecht, Executive Director

July 28, 2008

MEDP Receives Permission to Move Forward with Grant Application

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity recently approved MEDP's request to submit a Community Development Assistance Program grant application on behalf of the City of Gillespie. If approved, the CDAP funding will be used to demolish a building that was heavily damaged during the early summer storm that hit Gillespie's downtown district.

The 8,000 square foot commercial building has been condemned. The current condition of the building poses a public safety threat and has a detrimental aesthetic effect on Gillespie's downtown area. Under current economic conditions and facing excessive storm clean-up cost, the City of Gillespie was not able to cover the cost of demolition. MEDP was able to work with Senator Demuzio and secure the opportunity to apply for funding.

The Community Development Assistance Program (CDAP) is a federally funded grant program that assists Illinois communities by providing grants to local governments to assist them in financing economic development, public facilities and housing rehabilitation projects. The program is targeted to assist low-to-moderate income persons by creating job opportunities and improving the quality of their living environment. The program is limited to communities with populations under 50,000 that are not located within an entitlement city or one of the eight large urban counties that receive funds directly from the federal government. Funds are targeted toward projects that primarily benefit low-to-moderate income persons.

Carlinsville Entrepreneurship Center Offers Business Start-Up Seminar

STILL TIME TO REGISTER FOR BUSINESS START-UP PROGRAM

There are still a few days left to sign up for the “Starting Your Business in Illinois” seminar to be conducted by Entrepreneurship Center located in Carlinville. The program will be held from 6-8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 4, at the Lewis & Clark Community College Macoupin County Education Center located at 18400 Shipman Road in Carlinville. Pre-registration is required.

The free seminar will cover a wide range of topics that are necessary to starting a successful business, including personal considerations, business feasibility, legal issues, writing a business plan, market research and financial considerations. Participants will also receive a free resource packet that will include a feasibility checklist, a business plan workbook, financial templates, a list of state and federal resources and much more.

“This is a great opportunity for people who want to start a business, but aren’t sure what they need to do and the right sequence of planning activities to get the business started,” said Art Knippel, center director.

The Entrepreneurship Center provides a variety of consulting and training services, including assessment of current or potential business, business plan development, market analysis, and new product/service department assistance.

Seating will be limited for the program and advance registration is required by Monday, August 3. For more information about the “Starting Your Business in Illinois” program or other center services, contact the Entrepreneurship Center at 217/854-9652 or aknippel@millikin.edu

Lewis and Clark Community College Offers Resource Fair for Displaced Workers

REINVENT YOURSELF **Resource Fair for Displaced Workers**

Monday, August 3, 4-7 p.m.
Enrollment Center
Lewis and Clark Community College
Godfrey, Illinois

Gain information on education, training and financial aid.

Talk with personnel from L&C Career Services, Center for Workforce Training, Financial Aid, Enrollment Service, Student Development, and Adult Education. Representatives from Illinois WorkNet will also be available. For information, contact Kim Maynard at kmaynard@lc.edu or 618-468-5500.

Legislation Signed Requiring State-Funded Construction to Meet Green Standards

Governor Quinn signed House Bill 1013, creating the Green Buildings Act. This new act requires all new state-funded building construction and major renovations of existing state-owned facilities to meet certain green building practices. The governor also signed: House Bill 2437, requiring every state-owned building to use only environmentally-sensitive cleaning products; House Bill 1042, which amends the Green Governments Illinois Act; and Senate Bill 1932, requiring all state agencies to use compost materials for all land maintenance.

PROPOSALS REQUESTED FOR SPECIALTY CROP PROJECTS--FEDERAL FUNDS DEADLINE IS AUGUST 3, 2009

The Illinois Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Marketing and Promotion is seeking grant proposals for those interested in accessing nearly \$435,000 being made available by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) to promote the domestic specialty crop industry. In addition to grants to assist in advertising and promotion, the IDOA also will be seeking to distribute "mini-grants" to those interested in streamlining the distribution and handling process.

Advertising-related expenses for entities such as farmers markets are eligible for assistance, as long as program requirements are met. Proposed projects should accomplish one or more of the following industry objectives:

- Increase child and adult nutrition knowledge and consumption of specialty crops;
- Ensure industry participation at meetings of international standard-setting bodies in which the U.S. government participates;
- Improve efficiency and reduce costs of distribution systems;
- Assist all entities in the specialty crop distribution chain in developing "Good Agricultural Practices," "Good Handling Practices," "Good Manufacturing Practices," and in cost-share arrangements for funding audits of such systems for small farmers, packers and processors;
- Invest in specialty crop research, including organic research to focus on conservation and environmental outcomes;
- Enhance food safety;
- Develop new and improved seed varieties and specialty crops;
- Improve pest and disease control; and

· Augment sustainability.

The Illinois Department of Agriculture will accept grant applications until Aug. 3 at 4 p.m. Funds will be awarded early next year. A grant application packet can be obtained [here](#), at the Department's website at www.agr.state.il.us or by contacting Delayne Reeves at 217/524.9129, Delayne.Reeves@illinois.gov

Crown III Mine Will Sees New Contractor

Crown III mine, owned by Springfield Coal was temporarily idled while management worked to change contractors providing miners. The mine, idled on July 17 has now resumed production. Centre Crown Mining recently left the operation forcing management to idle workers during the changeover.

The new contractor is Tricounty Coal, believed to be comprised of Crown III's upper-level management. The new contractor is reported to have agreed to offer employment to all the current workers, and an unspecified number of jobs may be created. Tricounty is also reported to honor the existing union contract. Crown III is the only active UMWA-affiliated mine in Illinois.

Springfield Coal Company purchased the mine from Freeman Energy in 2007. It is estimated that Crown III employs approximately 235 people. It is expected that the new contractor will hire all of the current employees.

According to the Mine Safety and Health Administration, Crown III produced almost 708,000 tons of coal in the first half of 2009 and 1.4 million tons in 2008.

NewWave Communications Joins MEDP Board of Directors

MEDP welcomes NewWave Communications as their newest member. Bill German, Sales and Marketing Manager will represent the company on the MEDP Board of Directors. NewWave is MEDP's newest Bronze Investor.

NewWave Communications is a cable television, high speed internet and digital telephone service provider serving Arkansas, Illinois, Kentucky, Missouri, South Carolina and Tennessee. For more information, contact Bill German at 618/339-1561 or visit www.newwavecom.com

WELCOME NewWave COMMUNICATIONS!

MEDP Executive Director Attends IDC Conference in Lisle

In an ongoing effort to reach out to state and regional economic development organizations, Shari Albrecht, MEDP Executive Director recently attended the annual Illinois Development Conference in Lisle, Illinois.

Shari spent 3 days attending seminars and meeting with various leaders in the economic development industry. Sustainability, EDC organizational structure, regional economic development planning, business recruitment, business retention and retail retention were some of the topics discussed at the conference.

While in Lisle, Albrecht also had the opportunity to visit with DCEO Director Warren Ribley and Deputy Director Gabe Sanders. The group discussed DCEO program funding for 2010.

IDC members are drawn from banking, utilities, railroads, chambers of commerce, real estate, consulting, private development, mortgage brokerage, community development, government, economic planning, education, and other organizations and companies

JOIN NOW! MEDP Memberships are Always Available

Macoupin Economic Development Partnership is a public-private organization devoted to providing Macoupin County with economic growth and assist existing businesses in expansion opportunities. MEDP is a membership based organization.

Investing in our partnership will provide members with the opportunity to access the following benefits:

- Business Retention and Expansion Services
- Site Development
- Financing Assistance
- Networking Opportunities
- Legislative Support
- Business Referrals
- Heightened Business Visibility

We have affordable membership rates at every level. Please contact Shari Albrecht, Executive Director to discuss how you might become involved. Shari can be reached at 217/556-8696 or slalbrecht1979@yahoo.com

Come Grow With Us!



MEDP NewsFlash

Macoupin Economic Development Partnership

Shari Albrecht, Executive Director

July 13, 2008

Frontier Telecommunications, Inc. Joins MEDP Board of Directors

MEDP welcomes Frontier Telecommunications as their newest member. Scott Behn recently presented a check to become MEDP's newest Bronze Investor. Scott will represent Frontier on the organization's board of directors.

Frontier Telecommunications provides residential and commercial communications services to portions of Macoupin County.

WELCOME FRONTIER TELECOMMUNICATIONS!

Governor Quinn Signs \$31 Billion "Illinois Jobs Now!"

Capital Construction/Economic Recovery Plan Means Over 439,000 Jobs

CHICAGO - July 13, 2009. — Governor Pat Quinn today signed into law bills that create the \$31 billion *Illinois Jobs Now!* plan, which will revive the state's ailing economy by creating and retaining over 439,000 jobs over the next six years. At a bill signing ceremony, Governor Quinn stressed this is the first statewide capital construction effort to become law in over a decade.

"This is a crucial economic recovery initiative that will generate what's needed most in Illinois: jobs, jobs, jobs," said Governor Quinn. "*Illinois Jobs Now!* provides many long-awaited improvements to our bridges and roads, transportation networks, schools and communities."

Governor Quinn added that *Illinois Jobs Now!* will create many new "green" weatherization jobs, protect and improve the state's fresh water supplies, and advance



high-speed rail from Chicago to St. Louis, which will cut down on auto traffic and emissions.

“With *Illinois Jobs Now!*, our state rises to the challenge of building a viable green economy for the 21st Century that serves our people and strengthens our businesses,” said Governor Quinn.

For more information, please visit jobsnow.illinois.gov.

Illinois Capital Bill Includes Macoupin County Projects

Illinois Jobs Now includes a variety of community development projects for Macoupin County....

COMMUNITY	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	GRANT AMOUNT
Macoupin County	Courthouse Renovation	\$100,000
We Care Recycling	Facility Rehab & Expansion	\$50,000
Village of Royal Lakes	Capital Improvements	\$70,000
City of Virden	Capital Improvements	\$30,000
Village of Modesto	Fire Hydrant Replacement & Gate Valves	\$50,000
Blackburn College	Parking Lot & Resident Hall Upgrades	\$165,000
City of Girard	Capital Improvements	\$100,000
City of Bunker Hill	Capital Improvements	\$100,000
Village of Royal Lakes	Community Center Improvements	\$25,000
City of Bunker Hill	Bunker Hill Medical Center	\$100,000
City of Virden	Infrastructure Improvements	\$100,000
City of Benld	Reimbursement for Previous Expenses	\$300,000
City of Staunton	Infrastructure Improvements	\$200,000
Bunker Hill Library District	Construction Project	\$100,000
City of Mt. Olive	Infrastructure Improvements	\$100,000
City of Gillespie	Infrastructure Improvements	\$200,000

The State’s Capital Bill also includes many IDOT projects for Macoupin County....

PROJECT LOCATION	GRANT AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION
I55: Madison Co. Line to 1.1 mi. S of Rt. 138	\$8,000,000	Resurface
I55: 1.1 mi. S of Rt. 138 to .8 mi. N of Rt. 16	\$15,300,000	Resurface
Rt. 4: George St. (Virden) to .3 mi. S	\$800,000	Resurface
Rt. 4: .3 mi. S of George St. to Madison St. (Girard)	\$2,085,000	Resurface
Rt. 4: Ditch S of Mound St (Girard)	\$425,000	Culvert Replacement
Rt. 4: Ditch 3.8 mi. S of Sangamon Co. Line	\$375,000	Culvert Replacement
Rt. 4: Bunker Hill Rd. N of Staunton	\$1,650,000	Resurface
Rt. 16: Jersey Co. Line to Rt. 159	\$3,550,000	Resurface
Rt. 16: Ditch, 1.1 mi W of Shipman	\$1,150,000	Culvert Replacement
Rt. 16: Coop Branch, 1 mi E of Shipman	\$1,375,000	Bridge Replacement
Rt. 108: Hodges Creek, 2.6 mi E of Greene Co. Line	\$5,100,000	Bridge Replacement
Rt. 108: Hodges Creek, 2.6 mi E. of Green Co. Line	\$50,000	Land Acquisition
Rt. 108: Rt. 111 to WCL of Carlinville	\$2,800,000	Resurface
Rt. 111: Otter Creek, 2.3 mi N of Rt. 108	\$1,600,000	Bridge Replacement
Rt. 111: .1 mi N of Rt. 108 to .1 mi S of Rt. 108	\$400,000	Resurface
Rt. 111: Piasa Creek, 2 mi S of Rt 16	\$1,975,000	Bridge Replacement
Rt. 111: Piasa Creek, 2 mi S of Rt. 16	\$50,000	Land Acquisition

Rt. 16: Little Piasa Creek, 3.7 mi S of Rt. 16	\$1,325,000	Bridge Replacement
Rt. 16: Little Piasa Creek, 3.7 mi S of Rt. 16	\$50,000	Land Acquisition
Rt. 111: Little Piasa Creek, 4 mi S of Rt. 16	\$1,375,000	Bridge Replacement
Rt. 111: Little Piasa Creek, 4 mi S of Rt. 16	\$50,000	Land Acquisition
Old Rt. 4: Shearless Branch Trib, 1.6 mi S of Girard	\$475,000	Bridge Replacement
2 nd Rd: May Branch, 2 mi E of Plainview	\$600,000	Bridge Replacement
Litchfield Rd: IL 4 to Cottonwood Rd	\$2,000,000	Reconstruction
Litchfield Rd: IL 4 to Cottonwood Rd	\$96,000	Construction Engineering
Main Street: Rt. 4 to NF& S RR (City unknown)	\$870,000	Resurface
Nine Mile Rd: Sugar Creek, 4 mi W of Virden	\$1,300,000	Culvert Replacement
Palmyra Rd: Hicks Creek to Joe's Creek,(Palmyra)	\$2,100,000	Culvert Replacement
Solomon Br Rd: Massa Creek to 3 mi E of Modesto	\$1,500,000	Bridge Replacement
Solomon Br Rd: Massa Creek to 3 mi E of Modesto	\$72,000	Construction Engineering

Changes to SBA 504 Loan Program Will Allow Businesses to Refinance Existing Debt, Expand, Create New Jobs

Small Businesses seeking to expand will be able to refinance existing loans used to purchase real estate and other fixed assets as a result of permanent changes to the SBA's 504 Certified Development Company loan program. The changes were authorized in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The permanent changes will allow small businesses to restructure eligible debt to help improve their cash flow which, in turn, will enhance their viability and support growth and job creation. The 504 loan program can be used to purchase business real estate or fixed assets, such as heavy equipment or machinery, and expand current development projects.

Debt Refinancing: Legislation allows 504 program projects to include a limited amount of debt refinancing if there is a business expansion and the debt refinanced does not exceed 50 percent of the projected cost of the expansion. "Expansion" includes any project that involves the acquisition, construction or improvement of land, building or equipment for use by the small business. The following are some of the conditions under which borrowers will be eligible for refinancing:

- The debt being refinanced was incurred to acquire land, to construct a building or to purchase equipment. The assets acquired must be eligible for financing under the 504 program.
- The existing debt is collateralized by fixed assets.
- The existing debt was incurred for the benefit of the small business.
- The new financing provides a substantial benefit to the borrower when prepayment penalties, financing fees, and other financing costs are taken into account.
- The borrower has been current on all payments of existing debt for one year prior to the date of refinancing.

For more information on the 504 loan program and eligibility requirements, go to www.recovery.gov or www.sba.gov/recovery or contact your Illinois Small Business Development Center.

Staunton Bike Trail to be Dedicated

The dedication of the Quercus Grove Trail from Hamel to Staunton was held on Friday, July 10, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at South Water Tower Park in Staunton. Madison County Transit officials joined with Macoupin County officials as they celebrated the support that has made this trail a reality.

This new segment now links residents of southern Macoupin County to the entire 100-mile MCT Trails system, providing access to communities, parks, historic sites, schools and other destinations. In addition, this trail opens the Metro-East community to Macoupin County!

This is the latest segment in the ongoing effort to construct one of Illinois' longest continuous rails-to-trails projects, which will wander some 95 miles through the countryside of Madison, Macoupin, and Sangamon counties and will connect St. Louis, MO. with our state capital, Springfield. From the St. Louis Arch, the trail will travel north via the McKinley Bridge over the Mississippi River, and through the municipalities of Venice, Madison, Granite City, Pontoon Beach, Collinsville, Maryville, Glen Carbon, Edwardsville, Hamel, Worden, Staunton, Sawyerville, Benld, Gillespie, Carlinville, Girard, Virden, Auburn, Chatham and Springfield. Seen along the way are beautiful lakes, wetlands, streams, forest, farmland, and a horizon filled with bluffs, prairies and wildlife.

For more information, contact ITS Trail Committee Executive Director Jarid Ott at www.its-trail.org.

Workers Laid-off From Small Businesses Get Health Insurance Break

A law recently went into effect that will make health insurance more affordable for laid-off workers of small businesses and their families. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act gave a break to former employees of companies with 20 or more employees by providing a subsidy that cuts the cost of COBRA health-care coverage by 65 percent. Illinois is extending the same break to workers laid off from smaller companies.

The bill provides a 65 percent health insurance payment subsidy to those who worked for companies with fewer than 20 employees. The bill gives employees of small businesses who lost their jobs after Sept. 1, 2008, and who declined COBRA because of its high costs, a second chance to enter the program. Under this plan, those former workers can continue their health insurance coverage and receive a 65 percent premium reduction. The law also provides up to an additional three months of coverage for many former employees.

FACTA Red Flags Rules Will Impact Small Businesses

Starting August 1, 2009, millions of small businesses that extend credit or defer payments for goods and services will be subject to a new set of rules under the Fair and Accurate Transaction Act aimed at helping curb identity theft. The new rules-- known as the FACTA Red Flags Rules-- are federally mandated precautions certain businesses must take to protect customers from identity theft crimes.

Many small businesses are unaware of this regulatory issue. The upcoming FACTA Red Flags Rules require covered businesses to create a process for detecting so-called "Red Flags" in identity verification, such as:

- discrepancies in address history
- fraud alerts on credit reports
- suspicious use of SSN
- inactive accounts that suddenly become active
- credit-freeze notifications
- credit reports with suspicious activity patterns
- notices from identify theft victims or law agencies, among others.

For more information on the FTC's "Red Flags Rules", go to the [FTC website](#) and read more about the new requirement starting August 1st.

JOIN NOW! MEDP Memberships are Always Available

Macoupin Economic Development Partnership is a public-private organization devoted to providing Macoupin County with economic growth and assist existing businesses in expansion opportunities. MEDP is a membership based organization.

Investing in our partnership will provide members with the opportunity to access the following benefits:

Business Retention and Expansion Services
Site Development
Financing Assistance
Networking Opportunities
Legislative Support
Business Referrals
Heightened Business Visibility

We have affordable membership rates at every level. Please contact Shari Albrecht, Executive Director to discuss how you might become involved. Shari can be reached at 217/556-8696 or slalbrecht1979@yahoo.com

Come Grow With Us!

Illinois Does Not Produce a Budget

On July 1st, Gov. Pat Quinn vetoed the 50% budget passed by lawmakers last month, but lawmakers will be returning to Springfield later this month to possibly overturn the governor's actions.

Senate President John Cullerton and House Speaker Mike Madigan issued a proclamation for a special session of the General Assembly for 2 p.m., Tuesday, July 14.

The proclamation calls for lawmakers to act on the governor's veto of the FY 2010 state budget and to consider any legislation related to the 2010 budget, including any "additional revenue sources." In his veto message, Quinn said he vetoed the budget because passing a balanced budget is "a fight worth fighting for."

Feds Announce \$3B for Renewable Energy Projects

As part of an innovative partnership aimed at increasing economic development in urban and rural areas while setting our nation on the path to energy independence, the U.S. Department of the Treasury and the U.S. Department of Energy today announced an estimated \$3 billion for the development of renewable energy projects around the country and made available the guidance businesses will need to submit a successful application. Funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, the program will provide direct payments in lieu of tax credits in support of an estimated 5,000 biomass, solar, wind, and other types of renewable energy production facilities.

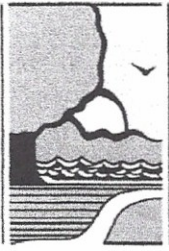
"The renewable energy program provides another important avenue for the Recovery Act to contribute to economic development in communities around the country," said Treasury Secretary Tim Geithner. "It will provide additional stimulus to economies in urban and rural America by helping to develop domestic sources of clean energy. This partnership between Treasury and Energy will enable both large companies and small businesses to invest in our long-term energy needs, protect our environment, and revitalize our nation's economy."

The Recovery Act authorized Treasury to make direct payments to companies that create and place in service renewable energy facilities beginning January 1, 2009. Previously, these companies could file for a tax credit to cover a portion of the renewable energy project's cost; under the new program, applicants would agree to forgo tax credits down the line in favor of an immediate reimbursement of a portion of the property expense. This direct payment program allows for an immediate stimulus in local economies.

In previous years, the tax credit has been widely used. It is considered a successful incentive for encouraging the development of renewable energy. In 2006, approximately

\$550 million in tax credits were provided to 450 businesses. The rate of new renewable energy installations has fallen since the economic and financial downturns began, as projects had a harder time obtaining financing. The departments of treasury and energy expect a fast acceleration of businesses applying for the energy funds in lieu of the tax credit.

To expedite implementation of the program, Treasury and Energy are today making available the terms and conditions, guidance, and a sample application on the Treasury Department Web site, so that companies can prepare successful applications in advance of the launch of the Web-based application in the coming weeks-yet another tool designed to facilitate the timely flow of program funds to eligible businesses.



Illinois Department of Natural Resources

One Natural Resources Way Springfield, Illinois 62702-1271
<http://dnr.state.il.us>

Pat Quinn, Governor
Marc Miller, Director

July 30, 2009

Chairman of the Board
Macoupin County Board of Supervisors
c/o County Clerk of Macoupin County
P.O. Box 107
Carlinville, Illinois 62626

Via Certified Mail

Re: Springfield Coal Company, LLC, Crown III Mine
Surface Coal Mining and Reclamation Operations
Permit No. 5, Renewal No. 5

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1774.15, enclosed is a copy of the Department's written findings and decision approving the above renewal application.

Pursuant to 62 Ill. Adm. Code 1773.19(a)(3), the issuance document for renewal No. 5 to permit No. 5 is enclosed for inclusion in the public record.

62 Ill. Adm. Code 1847.3 allows any person who has or may have an adversely affected interest to request a hearing to contest the decision. The request must be received in writing by the Department within 30 days of the date the applicant is notified of the Department's final decision by the Department's written finding date.

Please contact the Land Reclamation Division at (217) 782-4970 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Scott K. Fowler, Supervisor
Land Reclamation Division

SKF:EA

cc: C. Johnson

July 28, 2009

Chairman of the Board
Macoupin County
21480B Route 4
Carlinville, IL 62626

Dear Chairman:



This is to advise you that AmerenIP will be trimming trees in and around the Brighton area in the near future. Enclosed are maps and common addresses of the areas affected. AmerenIP is mailing a notice to customers affected by the tree trimming work. We are also providing a public notice in the newspapers covering your area.

Our qualified line clearance trimmers will trim trees that could interfere with electric lines that run from pole to pole. This free service is necessary to minimize the likelihood of power outages and safety hazards.

If you have any questions about the tree trimming work to be done, please call **1-800-755-5000**, or visit our website at:

http://www.ameren.com/environment/adc_ev_VegetationHome.asp

Affected customers and property owners may address their concerns about the proposed work in the manner specified on our website. You may also call the Consumer Services Division of the Illinois Commerce Commission at 1-800-524-0795.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tobie Grover".

Tobie Grover
Regional Manager
AmerenIP - Division V

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Illinois Department of Transportation

Division of Highways / District 6
126 East Ash Street / Springfield, Illinois / 62704-4792
Telephone 217/782-7301

July 30, 2009

Michele A. Zippay, County Clerk
Macoupin County - Road Districts
200 E. Main Street
Carlinville, Illinois 62626

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Michele A. Zippay
MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK

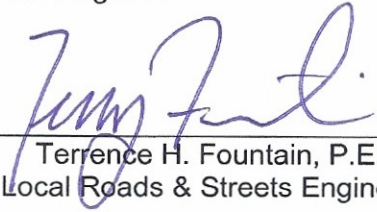
Dear Ms. Zippay:

Enclosed is a copy of Audit Report Number 28 covering the receipt and disbursement of Township Bridge Program funds by Macoupin County - Road Districts for the period beginning January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2007.

This report should be presented to the County Board at its first regular meeting after receipt of this letter, and then filed as a permanent record in your office.

Sincerely,

Roger L. Driskell, P.E.
Deputy Director of Highways
Region Four Engineer

BY: 
Terrence H. Fountain, P.E.
Local Roads & Streets Engineer

THF:GLR:bat

Enclosure

cc: Thomas A. Reinhart – Macoupin County Engineer
District Six - Bureau of Local Roads & Streets

Audit

Agency Macoupin County - Road Districts	
Audit for: <input type="checkbox"/> Motor Fuel Tax <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Township Bridge <input type="checkbox"/> Special Assessment <input type="checkbox"/> G.O. Bond Issue <input type="checkbox"/> MFT Fund Bond Issue	Audit Year : 2007
	Audit Number : 28
	Date: July 30, 2009

cc: Thomas A. Reinhart – Macoupin County Engineer
 District Six - Bureau of Local Roads & Streets



Illinois Department of Transportation

Auditors' Certificate

City _____

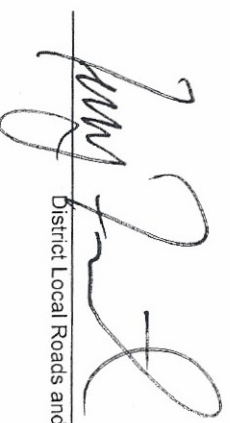
Village _____

County _____ Macoupin Township Bridge Program

Audit Report Number 28

We hereby certify that we have audited the books and records insofar as they pertain to the receipt and disbursement of _____ Township Bridge Program funds of the _____ County of Macoupin _____ and that the entries for receipts in these books and records are true and correct and are in agreement with the records and ending 12/31/07 _____ for the period beginning 1/1/07 _____ maintained by the Department of Transportation and that entries for disbursements are supported by cancelled warrants or checks with exceptions noted in the audit findings.

We further certify that we have verified entries in the claim registers with the original claims and cancelled warrants, that we have examined and checked the records of the _____ County _____ Clerk and _____ County _____ Treasurer, have compared the expenditures listed in the warrant registers of those offices against the minutes of the _____ County _____ Board maintained by the _____ County _____ Clerk and have found them to be in accordance therewith with exceptions noted in the audit findings.


District Local Roads and Streets Engineer



**Illinois Department
of Transportation**

Auditor's Comments

City

Audit Report No. 28

Village

County

Macoupin Township Bridge Program

Audit Period January 1, 2007 thru December 31, 2007.

Purpose of Audit To determine the status of the Township Bridge Program thru December 31, 2007.

Funds were received from the State of Illinois under the Township Bridge Program.

Various other receipts and disbursements were checked and found to be in accordance with the State of Illinois Township Bridge Program laws.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

Fund Balance and Bank Reconciliation

Audit Report No 28

TBP Macoupin		Audit Period Jan.1, 2007.-Dec.31, 2007			
Fund Balance	Unobligated	Obligated	Total	Outstanding Warrants	
Balance Previous Audit			577,699.67		
Allotments & Cert.			229,002.04		
Total MFT Funds			806,701.71		
Approved Authorizations			XXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Other Receipts			29,291.52		
Total			1,149,604.68		
Disbursements			285,628.64		
Surplus			XXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Unexpended Balance			550,364.59		
Bank Reconciliation					
Balance in Fund per Bank Certificate Dec.31, 2007			150,364.59		
Deduct Outstanding Warrants					
Add Outstanding Investments			400,000.00		
Additions:					
Subtractions					
Net Balance in Account Dec. 31, 2007			550,364.59		

SUMMARY OF TOWNSHIP BRIDGE PROGRAM FUND TRANSACTIONS BY SECTIONS AND CATEGORIES

TBP	Macoupin	Audit Period Jan.1,2007 - Dec. 31, 2007				Audit Report No 28				
SECTION	Balance Prev. Audit	Total Amount Authorized	Adjustments	Other Receipts	Total Funds Available	Total Dis- bursements	Surplus to Unobligated Balance	Unexpended Balance	Prev. Accumu- lated Dis- bursements	Total Accumu- lated Dis- bursements
Bird					0.00			0.00		0.00
98-02110-00-BR-Con	54,296.55				54,296.55			54,296.55		67,150.59
"	7,280.00				7,280.00			7,280.00		0.00
	0.00				0.00			0.00		0.00
Brushy Mound					0.00			0.00		0.00
04-04108-00-BR-Con	4,336.99				4,336.99	44,735.21		(40,398.22)		188,480.94
"	10,156.32				10,156.32			10,156.32		18,728.64
	0.00				0.00			0.00		0.00
Bunker Hill					0.00			0.00		0.00
04-05111-00-BR-Con		216,734.07	(12,267.97)		204,466.10	206,719.17		(2,253.07)		206,719.17
"	(733.57)	12,267.97			11,534.40			11,534.40		20,733.57
	0.00				0.00			0.00		0.00
Cahokia					0.00			0.00		0.00
96-06111-00-BR-Eng	3,809.36				3,809.36			3,809.36		26,190.64
	0.00				0.00			0.00		0.00
Chesterfield					0.00			0.00		0.00
04-08109-00-BR-Eng	(13,636.68)				(13,636.68)	627.63		(14,264.31)		34,264.31
	0.00				0.00			0.00		0.00
Dorchester					0.00			0.00		0.00
98-09109-00-BR-Con	142,389.53				142,389.53			142,389.53		0.00
04-09110-00-BR-Eng	(2,040.88)				(2,040.88)			(2,040.88)		22,040.88
	0.00				0.00			0.00		0.00
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX					0.00			0.00		0.00

SUMMARY OF TOWNSHIP BRIDGE PROGRAM FUND TRANSACTIONS BY SECTIONS AND CATEGORIES

Audit Report No 28

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SUMMARY OF TOWNSHIP BRIDGE PROGRAM FUND TRANSACTIONS BY SECTIONS AND CATEGORIES

TBP	Macoupin	Audit Period Jan.1, 2007 - Dec. 31, 2007				Audit Report No 28				
SECTION	Balance Prev. Audit	Total Amount Authorized	Adjustments	Other Receipts	Total Funds Available	Total Dis- bursements	Surplus to Unobligated Balance	Unexpended Balance	Prev. Accumu- lated Dis- bursements	Total Accumu- lated Dis- bursements
01-20116-00-BR-Con "	169,326.95 Eng				169,326.95 10,159.62			169,326.95 10,159.62		0.00 0.00
Virden 03-25105-00-BR-Con "	270.00 Eng				0.00 270.00 14,516.63			0.00 270.00 14,516.63		0.00 26,935.27 832.23
Western Mound 92-26116-00-BR-Con "	(16,409.82) Eng				0.00 (16,409.82) 22,633.62			0.00 (16,409.82) 22,633.62		0.00 80,405.26 12,566.98
Erroneous Disb.	(11,828.99)				0.00 (11,828.99)			0.00 (11,828.99)		0.00 0.00
Interest Account	73,951.50		12,267.97	29,291.52	115,510.99			115,510.99		0.00
					0.00			0.00		0.00
					0.00			0.00		0.00
					0.00			0.00		0.00
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					0.00			0.00		0.00
					0.00			0.00		0.00
					0.00			0.00		0.00
					0.00			0.00		0.00
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	577,699.67	229,002.04	0.00	29,291.52	835,993.23	285,628.64	0.00	550,364.59	0.00	0.00



Illinois Department of Transportation

Division of Highways / District 6
126 East Ash Street / Springfield, Illinois / 62704-4792
Telephone 217/782-7301

July 30, 2009

Michele A. Zippay, County Clerk
Macoupin County - Road Districts
200 E. Main Street
Carlinville, Illinois 62626

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AUG 05 2009

Michele A. Zippay
MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK

Dear Ms. Zippay:

Enclosed is a copy of Audit Report Number 56 covering the receipt and disbursement of Road Districts Motor Fuel Tax funds by Macoupin County - Road Districts for the period beginning January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2007.

This report should be presented to the County Board at its first regular meeting after receipt of this letter, and then filed as a permanent record in your office.

Sincerely,

Roger L. Driskell, P.E.
Deputy Director of Highways
Region Four Engineer

BY: _____

Terrence H. Fountain, P.E.
Local Roads & Streets Engineer

THF:GLR:bat

Enclosure

cc: Thomas A. Reinhart – Macoupin County Engineer
District Six - Bureau of Local Roads & Streets

Audit

Agency Macoupin County - Road Districts	
Audit for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motor Fuel Tax <input type="checkbox"/> Township Bridge <input type="checkbox"/> Special Assessment <input type="checkbox"/> G.O. Bond Issue <input type="checkbox"/> MFT Fund Bond Issue	Audit Year : 2007
	Audit Number : 56
	Date: July 30, 2009

cc: Thomas A. Reinhart – Macoupin County Engineer
 District Six - Bureau of Local Roads & Streets



**Illinois Department
of Transportation**

Auditors' Certificate

City _____

Village _____

County Macoupin Road District

Audit Report Number 56

We hereby certify that we have audited the books and records insofar as they pertain to the receipt and disbursement of Motor Fuel Tax funds of the Macoupin County Road Districts and that the entries for receipts in these books and records are true and correct and are in agreement with the records and ending 12/31/07 maintained by the Department of Transportation and that entries for disbursements are supported by cancelled warrants or checks with exceptions noted in the audit findings.

We further certify that we have verified entries in the claim registers with the original claims and cancelled warrants, that we have examined and checked the records of the County Clerk and County Treasurer, have compared the expenditures listed in the warrant registers of those offices against the minutes of the County Board maintained by the County Clerk and have found them to be in accordance therewith with exceptions noted in the audit findings.

[Signature]
District Local Roads and Streets Engineer



Illinois Department of Transportation

Auditor's Comments

City

Audit Report No. 56

Village

County Macoupin Road District

Audit Period January 1, 2007 thru December 31, 2007.

Purpose of Audit To determine the status of the Motor Fuel Tax fund thru December 31, 2007.

This audit prepared on a selective sampling basis.

The Maintenance Expenditure Statements are on file and agree with this audit report.

Other receipts in the amount of \$47,980.81 represents funds received from earned interest on investments.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

Fund Balance and Bank Reconciliation

Audit Report No 56

ROAD DIST. Macoupin		Audit Period Jan. 1, 2007,-Dec.31, 2007			
Fund Balance	Unobligated	Obligated	Total	Outstanding Warrants	
Balance Previous Audit	(1,615,168.18)	2,478,200.07	863,031.89		
Allotments & Cert.	1,673,678.51		1,673,678.51		
Total MFT Funds	58,510.33	2,478,200.07	2,536,710.40		
Approved Authorizations	(1,829,122.41)	1,829,122.41	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Other Receipts	47,980.81	342.44	48,323.25		
Total	(1,722,631.27)	4,307,664.92	2,585,033.65		
Disbursements		1,904,935.29	1,904,935.29		
Surplus	326,145.64	(326,145.64)	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Unexpended Balance	(1,396,485.63)	2,076,583.99	680,098.36		
Bank Reconciliation					
Balance in Fund per Bank Certificate Dec.31, 2007			179,642.90		
Deduct Outstanding Warrents					
Add Outstanding Investments			500,000.00		
Additions:			455.46		
Subtractions					
Net Balance in Account Dec. 31, 2007			680,098.36		

STATE OF ILLINOIS

CERTIFICATION OF BANK BALANCE

Name of Bank: **Carlinville National Bank**

Located at: **P. O. Box 350 Carlinville, Illinois 62626**

To the Illinois Department of Transportation
District 6 – Local Roads & Streets
126 East Ash Street
Springfield, Illinois 62704-4792

This is to certify that at the close of business on December 31, 2007,
that a total of \$ 183,134.88 stood to the credit of the
Macoupin County Road Districts' Motor Fuel Tax Funds, as follows:

ACCOUNT #	TYPE OF ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	INTEREST PAID CALENDAR YEAR '07
191737	Bus. Acct.		\$14,783.76

Yours Very Truly,

Shelly Washow (Signed By)

Adam West Proof
Official Position

Dated 1-16-08, 2008

State of Illinois
Department of Transportation

Audit #56

ROAD DISTRICT UNOBLIGATED BALANCES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2007

COUNTY	Macoupin	Audit Period Jan. 1, 2007	Dec. 31, 2007		
Road District	Balance Prev. Audit	Allotments	Other Receipts	Surplus to Unobligated Balance	Amount Authorized
Barr	-65501.84	79793.74	2084.55	2936.12	81998.29
Bird	-97651.16	88423.46	2367.95	27810.44	102998.6
Brighton	-40648.64	53323.97	1688.52	1813.58	52999.24
Brushy Mound	-43571.18	47129.85	1495.77	9832.89	47998.81
Bunker Hill	-61736.36	72367.4	2295.16	7716.08	81999.35
Cahokia	-89068.16	75834.93	2263.11	30530.1	82998.17
Carlinville	-91418.39	69028.58	2190.77	39948.4	74999.95
Chesterfield	-53742.53	43737.54	1271.88	21853.67	72999.67
Dorchester	-51953.21	52940.59	1491.19	11798.16	52998.19
Gillespie	-58824.65	56896.3	1805.72	17190.81	57999.94
Girard	-29784.35	38503.1	1221.98	2722.21	42998.37
Hillyard	-66920.85	64285.43	1727.43	9460.97	60999.05
Honey Point	-118450.24	91325.28	2406.41	46069.21	113999.08
Mt. Olive	-21910.46	29732.06	989.39	2560.14	33971
Niilwood	-78086.77	78129.68	2168.33	18090.1	81998.82
North Otter	-63046.25	82070.01	2401.83	1626.93	87124.15
North Palmyra	-63448.81	79498.06	2237.47	15078.52	85999.91
Polk	-64852.78	64171.91	1746.21	8251.7	63998.67
Scottville	-70488.55	79640.24	2124.84	30586.17	91998.64
Shaws Point	-85557.12	71748.47	1977.87	2498.36	85999.38
Shipman	-52588.82	66536.62	1930.72	222.01	67999.76
South Otter	-62000.84	79093.49	2157.35	6233.48	86998.47
South Palmyra	-62289.56	72033.99	1937.58	1382.68	74998.63
Staunton	-28377.56	40475.68	1281.95	9932.91	41049.97
Viriden	-22609.69	31924.82	1013.2		33998.96
Western Mound	-70639.41	65033.31	1703.63		64999.34
	(\$1,615,168.18)	\$1,673,678.51	\$47,980.81	\$326,145.64	\$1,829,122.41
					\$0.00
					(\$1,396,485.63)

SUMMARY OF MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND TRANSACTIONS BY SECTIONS AND CATEGORIES

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SUMMARY OF MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND TRANSACTIONS BY SECTIONS AND CATEGORIES

ROAD DISTRICT		Maconquin		Audit Period Jan.1,2007 - Dec. 31, 2007					Audit Report No 56		
SECTION	Balance Prev. Audit	Total Amount Authorized	Adjustments	Other Receipts	Total Funds Available	Total Dis- bursements	Surplus to Unobligated Balance	Unexpended Balance	Prev. Accumu- lated Dis- bursements	Total Accumu- lated Dis- bursements	
Dorchester 06-09000-00-GM	1,183.09				0.00		11,183.09	0.00		0.00	
"	2,893.33				2,893.33	2,278.26	615.07	0.00		41,422.91	
07-09000-00-GM	63,506.75				63,506.75	63,221.80		284.95		2,278.26	
"	3,492.87				3,492.87			3,492.87		63,221.80	
Gillespie 06-10000-00-GM	16,294.61				0.00			0.00		0.00	
"	3,023.68				16,294.61	2,127.48	16,294.61	0.00		38,681.39	
07-10000-00-GM	72,036.25				72,036.25	71,982.27	896.20	0.00		2,127.48	
"	3,961.99				3,961.99			3,961.99		71,982.27	
Girard 06-11000-00-GM	2,580.30				0.00			0.00		0.00	
"	2,085.24				2,580.30	1,943.33	2,580.30	0.00		35,333.20	
07-11000-00-GM	40,757.50				40,757.50	40,511.97	141.91	0.00		1,943.33	
"	2,241.66				2,241.66			2,241.66		40,511.97	
Hilliyard 06-12000-00-GM	8,967.74				0.00			0.00		0.00	
"	3,597.14				8,967.74	3,103.91	8,967.74	0.00		56,434.76	
07-12000-00-GM	79,619.75				79,619.75	76,173.14	493.23	0.00		3,103.91	
"	4,379.09				4,379.09			3,446.61		76,173.14	
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX								4,379.09		0.00	

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SUMMARY OF MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND TRANSACTIONS
BY SECTIONS AND CATEGORIES

ROAD DISTRICT	Macoupin	Audit Period Jan. 1, 2007 - Dec. 31, 2007					Audit Report No 56			
SECTION	Balance Prev. Audit	Total Amount Authorized	Adjustments	Other Receipts	Total Funds Available	Total Dis- bursements	Surplus to Unobligated Balance	Unexpended Balance	Prev. Accumu- lated Dis- bursements	Total Accumu- lated Dis- bursements
Varden					0.00			0.00		0.00
06-25000-00-GM	1,310.60				1,310.60		1,310.60	0.00		34,707.40
"	1,980.99				1,980.99		72.08	0.00		1,908.91
07-25000-00-GM	28,435.25				28,435.25	27,430.31		1,004.94		27,430.31
"	1,563.94				1,563.94			1,563.94		0.00
Western Mound					0.00			0.00		0.00
96-26116-00-BR-Con	10,000.00				10,000.00			10,000.00		71,066.90
06-26000-00-GM	9,415.08				9,415.08		9,415.08	0.00		55,038.92
"	3,544.97				3,544.97	3,027.14	517.83	0.00		3,027.14
07-26000-00-GM	72,985.00				72,985.00	71,806.44		1,178.56		71,806.44
"	4,014.18				4,014.18			4,014.18		0.00
2008 Main. & M. E.		1,828,944.58			1,828,944.58			1,828,944.58		0.00
					0.00			0.00		0.00
					0.00			0.00		0.00
					0.00			0.00		0.00
					0.00			0.00		0.00
					0.00			0.00		0.00
					0.00			0.00		0.00
					0.00			0.00		0.00
					0.00			0.00		0.00
XXXXXXXXXXXXXXX	2,478,200.07	1,829,122.41	0.00	342.44	4,307,664.92	1,904,935.29	326,145.64	2,076,583.99	0.00	0.00



Illinois Department of Transportation

Division of Highways / District 6
126 East Ash Street / Springfield, Illinois / 62704-4792
Telephone 217/782-7301

July 27, 2009

Michele A. Zippay, County Clerk
Macoupin County
200 E. Main Street
Carlinville, Illinois 62626

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JUL 31 2009

Michele A. Zippay
MACOUPIN COUNTY CLERK

Dear Ms. Zippay:

Enclosed is a copy of Audit Report Number 77 and 78 covering the receipt and disbursement of Motor Fuel Tax funds by Macoupin County for the period beginning January 1, 2007 and ending December 31, 2008.

This report should be presented to the County Board at its first regular meeting after receipt of this letter, and then filed as a permanent record in your office.

Sincerely,

Roger L. Driskell, P.E.
Deputy Director of Highways
Region Four Engineer

BY:

Terrence H. Fountain
Terrence H. Fountain, P.E.
Local Roads & Streets Engineer

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Enclosure

cc: Thomas A. Reinhart – Macoupin County Engineer
District Six - Bureau of Local Roads & Streets

Audit

Agency Macoupin County	
Audit for: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Motor Fuel Tax <input type="checkbox"/> Township Bridge <input type="checkbox"/> Special Assessment <input type="checkbox"/> G.O. Bond Issue <input type="checkbox"/> MFT Fund Bond Issue	Audit Year : 2007 and 2008
	Audit Number : 77 and 78
	Date: July 27, 2009

cc: Thomas A. Reinhart – Macoupin County Engineer
 District Six - Bureau of Local Roads & Streets



**Illinois Department
of Transportation**

Auditors' Certificate

City _____

Village _____

County Macoupin

Audit Report Number 77,78

We hereby certify that we have audited the books and records insofar as they pertain to the receipt and disbursement of Motor Fuel Tax funds of the County of Macoupin and that the entries for receipts in these books and records are true and correct and are in agreement with the records and ending 12/31/08 maintained by the Department of Transportation and that entries for disbursements are supported by cancelled warrants or checks with exceptions noted in the audit findings.

We further certify that we have verified entries in the claim registers with the original claims and cancelled warrants, that we have examined and checked the records of the County Clerk and County Treasurer, have compared the expenditures listed in the warrant registers of those offices against the minutes of the County Board maintained by the County Clerk and have found them to be in accordance therewith with exceptions noted in the audit findings.

[Signature]
District Local Roads and Streets Engineer



Auditor's Comments

City

Audit Report No. 77,78

Village

County Macoupin

Audit Period January 1, 2007 thru December 31, 2008.

Purpose of Audit To determine the status of the Motor Fuel Tax fund thru December 31, 2008.

This audit prepared on a selective sampling basis.

The Maintenance Expenditure Statements are on file and agree with this audit report.

Other receipts in the amount of \$246,787.98 represents funds received from earned interest on investments.

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

Fund Balance and Bank Reconciliation

Audit Report No 77,78

COUNTY Macoupin		Audit Period Jan. 1, 2007,-Dec.31, 2008			
Fund Balance	Unobligated	Obligated	Total	Outstanding Warrants	
Balance Previous Audit	886,341.27	2,216,059.80	3,102,401.07		
Allotments & Cert.	2,710,247.56		2,710,247.56		
Total MFT Funds	3,596,588.83	2,216,059.80	5,812,648.63		
Approved Authorizations	(3,724,084.70)	3,724,084.70	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Other Receipts	246,787.98	199,085.74	445,873.72		
Total	119,292.11	6,139,230.24	6,258,522.35		
Disbursements		3,242,725.91	3,242,725.91		
Surplus	346,173.17	(346,173.17)	XXXXXXXXXXXXXX		
Unexpended Balance	465,465.28	2,550,331.16	3,015,796.44		
Bank Reconciliation					
Balance in Fund per Bank Certificate Dec.31, 2008					
			2,115,796.44		
Deduct Outstanding Warrants					
Add Outstanding Investments					
			900,000.00		
Additions: CD Interest					
Subtractions					
Net Balance in Account Dec. 31, 2008					
			3,015,796.44		

STATE OF ILLINOIS
CERTIFICATION OF BANK BALANCE

Name of Bank: **Carlinville National Bank**

Located at: **Carlinville, Illinois 62626**

To the Illinois Department of Transportation
District 6 – Local Roads & Streets
126 East Ash Street
Springfield, Illinois 62704-4792

This is to certify that at the close of business on December 31, 2008,
that a total of \$ _____ stood to the credit of the
Macoupin County Motor Fuel Tax Funds, as follows:

ACCOUNT #	TYPE OF ACCOUNT	AMOUNT	INTEREST PAID CALENDAR YEAR '08
191729	Bus. Acct.	1766231.53	\$ 6679.85

Yours Very Truly,

Shelly Washou (Signed By)

Adm Asst Proof
Official Position

Dated 1-16, 2009

ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT
OF TRANSPORTATION

SUMMARY OF MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND TRANSACTIONS
BY SECTIONS AND CATEGORIES

COUNTY	Macoupin	Audit Period Jan. 1, 2007 - Dec. 31, 2008				Audit Report No 77,78				
SECTION	Balance Prev. Audit	Total Amount Authorized	Adjustments	Other Receipts	Total Funds Available	Total Dis- bursements	Surplus to Unobligated Balance	Unexpended Balance	Prev. Accumu- lated Dis- bursements	Total Accumu- lated Dis- bursements
Maintenance					0.00			0.00		0.00
06-00000-00-GM	310,353.92				310,353.92	202,056.51	108,297.41	0.00		1,212,667.59
07-00000-00-GM	1,436,050.00			198,816.62	1,634,866.62	1,396,990.86	237,875.76	0.00		1,198,174.24
08-00000-00-GM		1,531,100.00			1,531,100.00	674,373.42		856,726.58		674,373.42
09-00000-00-GM		1,519,850.00			1,519,850.00			1,519,850.00		0.00
					0.00			0.00		0.00
County Eng. Sal.					0.00			0.00		0.00
06-00000-00-CS	(0.12)	0.12			0.00			0.00		88,635.12
07-00000-00-CS		90,060.03			90,060.03	90,060.03		0.00		90,060.03
08-00000-00-CS		92,340.00			92,340.00	92,340.00		0.00		92,340.00
Construction					0.00			0.00		0.00
06-00916-00-SP		16,449.42			16,449.42	16,449.42		0.00		16,449.42
07-00089-00-BR		107,195.13			107,195.13	96,609.01		10,586.12		96,609.01
Engineering					0.00			0.00		0.00
01-00079-00-FP		105,070.00			105,070.00	89,751.82		15,318.18		89,751.82
01-00080-00-BR	150,000.00				150,000.00	20,897.18		129,102.82		20,897.18
01-00080-00-FP		150,000.00			150,000.00	177,724.44		(27,724.44)		177,724.44
01-00081-00-BR	85,000.00				85,000.00	85,000.00		0.00		85,000.00
06-00086-00-PV	172,300.00				172,300.00	115,242.16		57,057.84		115,242.16
07-00089-00-BR					0.00	10,586.12		(10,586.12)		10,586.12
Other Cat.					0.00			0.00		0.00
06-00000-00-MS	62,356.00			269.12	62,625.12	62,625.12		0.00		62,356.00
08-00000-00-MS		112,020.00			112,020.00	112,019.82		0.18		112,019.82
XXXXXXXXXXXXXX	2,216,059.80	3,724,084.70	0.00	199,085.74	6,139,230.24	3,242,725.91	346,173.17	2,550,331.16	0.00	0.00