

April 27, 2009

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



Dear Chairman:

This is to advise you that AmerenIP will be trimming trees in and around the Staunton and Williamson areas 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

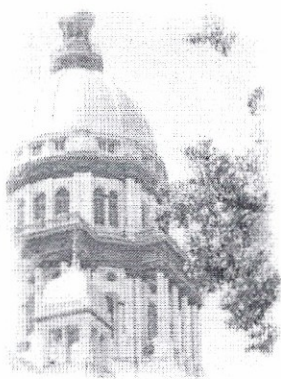
Affected customers and property owners may address their concerns about the proposed work in the manner specified on our website. You may also call the Consumer Services Division of the Illinois Commerce Commission at 1-800-524-0795.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tobie Grover".

Tobie Grover
Regional Manager
AmerenIP - Division V

enclosure



Counties *at the* Capitol

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April 25, 2009



It's time to connect with your legislators!

It's time to act now with thought and energy to advance the IACBMC agenda in the General Assembly. Between now and the end of session, all county board members should establish and maintain contact with their legislators.

Contacting legislators has never been easier. Phone calls, e-mails and letters are all viable options. You may also phone the Clerk of the House at 217-782-8223 or the Secretary of the Senate at 217-782-5715 to leave a message for your legislator. If they are in session, your message will be delivered immediately; otherwise the message will be left on the legislator's desk in the chamber to be retrieved the next legislative day.

The State of Illinois website contains a wealth of information about the legislature. You can even listen to the House and Senate while they debate bills at www.ilga.gov.

Illinois lawmakers headed back to the Capitol this week after a two-week break. They have until May 31st (scheduled adjournment) to consider and pass a budget. A larger capital plan also remains a major unfinished piece of business that state legislators hope to push through before the May deadline.

This report is a summary of the most significant bills we are tracking. Removed from this report are all non-active bills. As usual, we are taking positions on those bills that we believe have the greatest county government implications. If there is a bill that you feel strongly about which is not reported here, please contact the Association office at 217-528-5331 to learn of its status.

We suggest you keep this report, as future reports will be more "issue specific" and may not include a complete description of all the bills we are tracking.

Senate Bills *SUPPORTED* by the IACBMC

SB 49 (Althoff) Ryg **IDOT ROAD SALT GRANTS**

Status: House Executive Committee
Creates a special reimbursement fund to assist northeast Illinois municipalities, counties and road districts which overpaid for their winter road salt.

SB 50 (Althoff) Franks
IDOT ROAD SALT APPROPRIATION
Status: House Executive Committee
Appropriates \$12,900,000 from the Local Government Road Salt Purchase Reimbursement Fund to IDOT for the purpose of providing the road salt grants.

SB 78 (Clayborne) Black
MOBILE HOMES – FOUNDATION
Status: House Revenue Committee
Requires manufactured homes on private property, outside mobile home parks, be placed on a support system as defined by HUD and assessed as real property.

SB 207 (Bond) Sullivan Jr.
PROPERTY TAX APPEALS
Status: House Revenue Committee
Known as the Property Owner Bill of Rights it enhances information to be provided to the public regarding property tax assessments, including appeals. Spells out

information that must be included with mailed notices of changed assessments.

SB 230 (Jones) Reis
OCCUPATION TAX PROCEEDS
Status: House Counties/Township Com.
Allows counties to share public safety tax funds with fire protection districts.

SB 286 (Althoff) Tryon
FARMLAND PRESERVATION
Status: House Counties/Township Com.
Provides that a county with a population of less than 1,000,000 may (by referendum) levy an annual tax for farmland preservation easement purposes.

SB 1414 (Althoff) Sacia
COUNTY COMPETITIVE BIDS
Status: House Counties/Township Com.
Provides certain county contracts in excess of \$50,000 (instead of \$20,000) must be let by competitive bidding.

SB 1451 (Hultgren) Bellock
COUNTY POWERS
Status: House Executive Committee
Authorizes the county board of a county with more than 500,000 residents to use county funds to sell, lease, or exchange property held by the county.

SB 1511 (Koehler) Gordon
COUNTY ORDINANCES

Status: House Counties/Township Com.

Provides that a county board may by resolution or ordinance require that an occupancy permit be obtained for each newly constructed residential dwelling located outside the limits of cities, villages, and incorporated towns. The county board may not require more than one occupancy permit per newly constructed residential dwelling and may not impose a fee on a permit.

SB 1750 (Noland) Tryon
PTELL MENTAL HEALTH

Status: House Revenue Committee

Provides that the term "aggregate extension" does not include special purpose extensions made for community mental health purposes. Provides that, if a governmental unit levies a tax for community mental health purposes at a rate of less than 0.15%, that levy may be increased to not more than 0.15% by submitting the question to the voters.

SB 2012 (Demuzio) Flider
MULTI-TOWNSHIP ASSESSORS

Status: House Revenue Committee

Provides that, beginning Jan. 1, 2010, townships with less than 2,000 (instead of 1,000) inhabitants shall elect one multi-township assessor with one or more contiguous townships.

SB 2024 (Schoenberg) Phelps
COURT CLERK FEE DISBURSEMENT

Status: House Judiciary II Committee

Among other provisions, provides that a county with a drug court may adopt a mandatory fee of \$5 to fund the drug court, less a 5% clerk processing charge, assessed against any defendant found guilty in a traffic case or who is ordered to pay a fine under the Unified Code of Corrections.

SB 2095 (Bivins) Sacia
COUNTY JAIL DEDUCTION

Status: House Counties/Township Com.

Allows a sheriff to deduct from a county jail prisoner's commissary fund an amount up to the prisoner's outstanding balance on a fine, restitution or court costs. The Sheriff must receive notification from the Circuit Clerk of any outstanding fine of the prisoner and must provide the prisoner with written notice of any amount deducted.

Senate Bills OPPOSED by the IACBMC

Counties asked to oppose expansion of prevailing wage

The passage of **Senate Bill 43** would result in the expansion of the Prevailing Wage Act to include not only public works projects, but also projects in Enterprise Zones and TIF Districts, even when public funds are **NOT** utilized in the construction project.

Senate Bill 43 is likely to substantially increase the construction costs of private projects. Economic development professionals estimate that, if enacted, **Senate Bill 43** would result in increases of 10 to 20 percent in cost per project. It could end up being the death knell for many enterprise zones.

It is believed that the passage of this bill may be just the first step of an expanded prevailing wage requirement for any project which receives funding or assistance from state of Illinois grants, loans or other programs and may eventually encompass not only the construction of but also operations of these facilities. The result of such action would greatly diminish the ability of Illinois to attract private sector investment to the state. **The bill is on 2nd Reading in the House. Please contact your legislators today and ask for a "NO" vote on Senate Bill 43.**



SB 1265 (Harmon) Hamos
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

Status: House State Govt. Committee

Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Provides that "public records" includes all settlement agreements entered into by or on behalf of a public body, provided that information exempt from disclosure under the Act may be redacted.

SB 1333 (Holmes) Zalewski
MILITARY LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Status: House 3rd Reading

Requires that a full-time employee of the State, a unit of local government, or a school district who is a member of a reserve component of the U.S. Armed Forces or the Illinois State Militia must be given a leave of absence for any training or duty required by the U.S. Armed Forces not otherwise covered by the Act. If the employee's military pay for that training or duty is less than his or her compensation from the public employer, requires that during the leave the employee receive his or her public employment compensation, minus the amount of the military pay.

SB 1648 (DeLeo) Brady
CORONERS SLEP

Status: House Executive Committee

Amends the IMRF Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Provides that an elected or appointed coroner may elect to participate in the Fund as a sheriff's law enforcement employee (SLEP). Allows conversion of prior service. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

IACBMC now NEUTRAL!

SB 138 (Link) Verschoore
LOCAL BUILDING CODES

Status: House Infrastructure Comm.

A compromise has been reached on SB 138. The bill now requires the Capitol Development Board to adopt a commercial building code for areas of the state that do not have a current building code. Counties will not be required to adopt, administer and enforce building codes. Also, it does not affect those counties that have existing building codes.

House Bills SUPPORTED by the IACBMC

HB 61 (Holbrook) Clayborne
PUBLIC BUILDING COMMISSION
Status: Senate Local Govt. Committee
Provides that a Public Building Commission has the power to employ and discharge without regard to any Civil Services Act "design-build" experts to carry out the purposes of this Act.

HB 146 (Colvin) Trotter
COUNTY LAW LIBRARY FEE
Status: Senate Executive Committee
Provides a county board may authorize a county law library fee of not to exceed \$18 in 2009, \$19 in 2010, and \$21 in 2011 and thereafter (instead of \$13).

HB 237 (Tracy) Demuzio
STATE PROMPT PAYMENT ACT
Status: Senate State Govt. Committee
Provides that any bill submitted under Article V of the Illinois Public Aid Code approved for payment must be paid or the payment issued to the payee within 30 days (now, 60 days) after receipt of a proper bill or invoice. If payment is not issued to the payee within this 30-day period, an interest penalty of 2.0% (now, 1.0%) of any amount approved and unpaid shall be added for each month or fraction thereof after the end of this 30-day period, until final payment is made.

HB 242 (Nekritz) Harmon
PTELL – DEBT SERVICE EXTENSION
Status: Senate Revenue Committee
Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law. Provides that the debt service extension base must be increased by the lesser of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index during the 12-month calendar year preceding the levy year (instead of the percentage increase of the Consumer Price Index for the previous calendar year).

HB 347 (Holbrook) Clayborne
COUNTY DETENTION HOMES
Status: Senate Local Govt. Committee
Provides that, if the county board of any county has levied a tax for a detention home and cannot adequately support the facility, the county board may expend the tax receipts for detention services purchased through agreements with other governmental units.

HB 442 (Jefferson) Link
AUTOMATED TRAFFIC LAW
Status: Senate Commerce Committee
Provides that the counties of DeKalb, Macon, McLean and Winnebago may establish an automated traffic law enforcement system.

HB 460 (Sullivan) Bond
BUILD ILLINOIS BOND ACT
Status: Senate Local Govt. Comm.
Provides that certain bonds that may currently be used for loans or grants to units of local government for wastewater facilities may also be used for grants to serve unincorporated areas.

HB 466 (Jakobsson) Frerichs
MUNICIPAL ANNEXATION
Status: Senate Local Govt. Comm.
Provides that property in Champaign County that is subject of an annexation agreement is subject to the jurisdiction of the annexing municipality if the property is located within 1.5 miles of the corporate boundaries of the municipality or more than 1.5 miles from the corporate boundaries of the municipality unless the county board retains jurisdiction.

HB 585 (Sacia) Althoff
COUNTY COMPETITIVE BIDS
Status: Senate Local Govt. Comm.
Provides that in a county with fewer than 2,000,000 inhabitants that certain contracts in excess of \$30,000 (instead of \$20,000) must be let by competitive bidding.

HB 641 (Mautino) Wilhelmi
BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION
Status: Senate Transportation Com.
In provisions of the Highway Code changes the amount of time funds apportioned for allocation to road districts to be used for bridge construction will lapse if the funds remain uncommitted from 24 months to 48 months.

HB 722 (Fortner) Koehler
ILLINOIS POWER AGENCY ACT
Status: Senate 2nd Reading
Provides that the corporate authorities of a municipality or county board of a county may adopt an ordinance under which it may aggregate in accordance

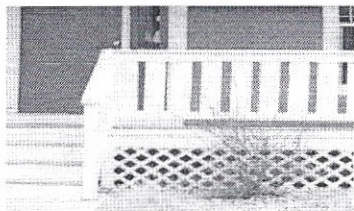
with specified provisions residential and small commercial retail electrical loads located within the municipality or the unincorporated areas of the county.

HB 798 (Wait) Cullerton
ECONOMIC DEVELOP. GRANTS
Status: Senate Executive Committee
Requires the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity to develop a program to make grants to local development organizations. Provides that under this program, a county or municipality may apply to the Department for a grant to be awarded to a local development organization in that county or municipality for the purpose of fostering local or regional economic development.

HB 883 (Connelly) Cullerton
COUNTIES CODE – SPEC. MEETINGS
Status: Senate Local Govt. Committee
Concerning counties under township organization, provides that public notice of a special meeting of a county board must be given as prescribed in the Open Meetings Act (now, publication in a specified newspaper).

HB 1003 (Poe) Frerichs
MUNICIPAL CODE – ANNEXATION
Status: Senate Local Govt. Committee
Provides that, except for property located in certain counties, if property that is the subject of an annexation agreement is located more than 1.5 miles from the corporate boundaries of the annexing municipality, that property is subject to the ordinances, control, and jurisdiction of the annexing municipality unless the county board retains jurisdiction by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of its members (now, the county board may retain jurisdiction in Boone, DeKalb, Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall, LaSalle, Ogle, or Winnebago County).

HB 1055 (Dugan) Hutchinson
TAX RECOVERY – WILL AIRPORT
Status: Senate Revenue Committee
Extends provisions concerning tax recovery for taxing districts because of the lease of land for development of an airport in Will County for an additional 10 years (from December 31, 2010 to December 31, 2020).



**Contact your
state representative
and ask for a "YES"
vote on SB 78**

Senate Bill 78, an initiative of the IACBMC, seeks to bring fairness and equity in how property is treated outside mobile home parks. The bill requires that manufactured homes on private property be placed on a support system defined by HUD and approved by IDPH and assessed as "real property".

**HB 1597 (Phelps) Forby
CORONERS FEES**

Status: Senate Local Govt. Comm.

Concerning coroner's fees, increases the fee for autopsy reports, cremation permits, transcripts, toxicology reports, and miscellaneous reports. Allows a coroner to waive the permit fee to cremate a dead human body if the coroner determines that the person is indigent and unable to pay the permit fee or under other special circumstances.

**HB 2400 (Lang) Schoenberg
STATE PROMPT PAYMENT ACT**
Status: Senate State Govt. Comm.

In provisions including services and supports for persons with developmental disabilities, mental health services, alcohol and substance abuse services, rehabilitation services, and early intervention services within the definition of "goods or services furnished to the State", removes the exclusion of hospitals licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act, units of local government, and universities from the definition of a "vendor".

**HB 3630 (Gordon) Koehler
COUNTY CARE**

Status: Senate Local Govt. Comm.

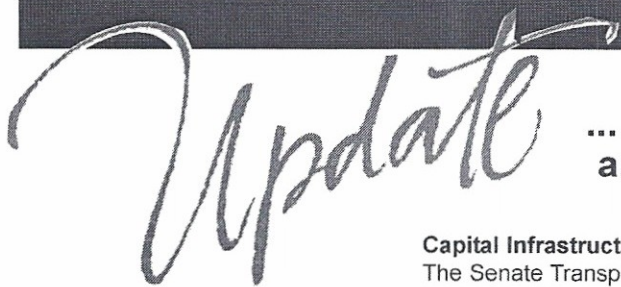
Allows the county board of any county with a 3-member county board for care and treatment of persons with a developmental disability to increase the board to 5 members.

**HB 3718 (Kosel) Harmon
COUNTIES CODE – ZONE TOWERS**
Status: Senate Telecom. Committee

In provisions concerning specified telecommunication facilities in any county with a population of 180,000 or more, adds that a county board may grant variations after one public hearing held at a zoning or other appropriate committee meeting with proper notice.

**HB 3779 (Flider) Rutherford
HOME SERVICES AGENCY**
Status: Senate 2nd Reading

Provides that the Dept. of Public Health may not charge any fee to a certified local health department in connection with the licensure of a home services agency or home nursing agency.



**... on the capital infrastructure program
and FOIA rewrite**

Capital Infrastructure Program

The Senate Transportation Committee met earlier this week for a subject matter hearing on the topic of transportation capital investments. It now looks as though a more complex follow-up capital program will be negotiated and approved before the session ends in May. Two major funding concepts – an income tax hike and increased gas tax – are still on the table as possible revenue sources for a capital infrastructure program. Regardless of the funding source, it is critical that local governments receive their fair share and are treated equitably in any capital bill. IACBMC staff are meeting with lawmakers to ensure the distribution of funds reflect the traditional distribution between downstate Illinois and the Chicago region.

Freedom of Information Act Revisions

We continue to monitor Attorney General Lisa Madigan's proposed pieces of legislation to reform the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Officials from the attorney general's office, the Illinois Press Association and several other open-government groups drafted the proposed rewrite of the FOIA. Their work has taken form in the General Assembly as **House Bill 1370** and **House Bill 4165**. Amendments to both bills are expected.

Historic Sites Reopen

Communities throughout the state received some good news over the spring break, when the reopening of over a dozen state historic sites was announced. In early April, the General Assembly approved the \$1.6 million appropriation necessary to reopen the sites. Several sites reopened on April 22, with other facilities opening later due to required maintenance.



House Bills *OPPOSED* by the IACBMC

HB 547 (Pihos) Radogno

IDENTITY PROTECTION ACT

Status: Senate Executive Committee

Creates the Identity Protection Act. Defines "identity protection policy". In provisions concerning the public inspection and copying of information and documents, provides that a person or State or local government agency must redact social security numbers from information or documents containing all or any portion of an individual's social security number. Requires each State or local government agency to develop and approve an identity-protection policy within 12 months after the effective date of the Act.

HB 952 (Beiser) Haine

PREVAILING WAGE – DEMOLITION

Status: Senate Labor Committee

Provides that the Prevailing Wage Act applies to the demolition of public works.

HB 2332 (Gordon) Cullerton

LOCAL GOVT. – MISSING PERSONS

Status: Senate Criminal Law Comm.

Amends the Missing Persons Identification Act. Revises the list of persons who are considered a "high-risk missing person". Requires law enforcement agencies to actively search for high-risk missing persons that may be in the area. Provides that law enforcement agencies must comply with the requirements of the Act. Limits the exercise of concurrent home rule powers. Provides that the Act is exempt from the reimbursement requirements of the State Mandates Act.

HB 3664 (Jackson) Sullivan

CERTIFICATE OF ERROR

Status: Senate 2nd Reading

Amends the Property Tax Code. In counties of less than 3,000,000, provides that if an owner fails to file an application for any homestead exemption (instead of only the senior assessment freeze), a certificate of error may be issued.

HB 3746 (Leitch) Koehler

WIND TOWERS

Status: Senate Local Govt. Comm.

Amends the Counties Code and the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that a county or municipality may not require a

Equal pay record keeping bill advances to the Senate

House Bill 3634 sponsored by Rep. Barbara Currie (D-Chicago) and Sen. Kimberly Lightford (D-Maywood) amends the Equal Pay Act.

It increases the time frame in which employers must keep certain pay records from the current three years to five years. Currently, a legal action for an alleged violation of the Equal Pay Act may be brought within three years from the date the employee learned of any underpayment. This bill now gives them five years from the date of underpayment.



Under **House Bill 3634**, an employee or former employee may file a signed complaint with the Illinois Department of Labor alleging a violation of the Act. All complaints must be filed with the Department within one year from the date of alleged underpayment. **House Bill 3634** passed the House on a vote of 89-26 and awaits consideration by the Senate Labor Committee.

Please contact your Senator today and ask for a "NO" vote on House Bill 3634.

wind tower or other renewable energy system that is used exclusively by an end user to be setback more than 1.1 times the height of the renewable energy system from the end user's property line.

HB 4120 (Walker) Kotowski

PROPERTY TAX – VACANT FACILITY

Status: Senate Revenue Committee

Amends the Property Tax Code.

Provides that any taxing district may order the county clerk to abate its taxes on any property if (i) a new business first occupies a facility located on the property during the taxable year, and (ii) the facility was vacant for a period of at least 24 continuous months prior to being occupied by the business. Provides that the abatement requires a majority vote of the governing authority of the taxing district. Provides that the taxing district may abate all or a portion of its taxes on the qualified property. Provides that the abatement shall not exceed a period of 5 years and the aggregate amount of abated taxes for all taxing districts combined shall not exceed \$4,000,000.

HB 4122 (Chapa Lavia) Holmes

PEACE OFFICER FORCE

Status: Senate Criminal Law Comm.

Amends the Criminal Code of 1961.

Provides that it is unlawful for any governing body, State agency, county government, local municipality, or institute of higher learning that employs peace officers to prohibit a peace officer from carrying a firearm in the performance of his or her duties, unless the peace officer fails to qualify with the firearm, is declared unfit for duty, and is unable to be armed. **Note: House Amendment No. 1 limits the scope of the bill to institutes of higher learning.**

May 8: Deadline for substantive House bills and Senate bills out of Committee.

May 22: Deadline Third Reading of House bills and Senate bills.

May 31: Session Adjournment

Request for Support of a Resolution for a Comprehensive State Capital Infrastructure Program



Dear County Board Members:

The General Assembly is likely to vote on a State Capital Infrastructure Program prior to adjournment in May. The Illinois Association of County Board Members believes it is important for our voices to be heard in Springfield. Therefore, we have drafted a sample resolution for your consideration. We would appreciate your serious consideration of our request. If your county chooses to adopt this or a similar resolution, please email a copy to iacbm@msn.com and mail copies to the following people:

The Honorable Pat Quinn, Governor
State of Illinois
Room 207 State House
Springfield, Illinois 62706

The Honorable Michael J. Madigan
Speaker of the House
Room 300 State House
Springfield, Illinois 62706

The Honorable John Cullerton
President of the Senate
Room 327 State House
Springfield, Illinois 62706

The Honorable Tom Cross
House Republican Leader
Room 316 State House
Springfield, Illinois 62706

The Honorable Christine Radogno
Senate Republican Leader
Room 309A State House
Springfield, Illinois 62706

**Also, send a copy to your State Senator
and State Representative.**

RESOLUTION URGING PASSAGE OF A COMPREHENSIVE CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, passing a comprehensive Capital Infrastructure Program in the 2009 Legislative Session is critical to Illinois; and

WHEREAS, ten years have passed since the Illinois General Assembly and Governor last passed and signed into law a comprehensive Capital Infrastructure Program; and

WHEREAS, local communities are facing the problem of maintaining their roadways, bridges, water systems and sewer systems to meet growing needs; and

WHEREAS, units of local government have responsibility for over 88% of the public roads; and

WHEREAS, Motor Fuel Tax Allocations for municipal, county and township roads and bridges are only 10% higher than they were eight years ago, yet the cost of construction on local roads is 90% higher during that same timeframe; and

WHEREAS, the Motor Fuel Tax has not been changed since it was raised to 19 cents a gallon in 1990; and after expenses are removed the balance of the 19 cent Motor Fuel Tax is distributed as follows: 45.6% to the state, 26.7 % to municipalities; 19.1% to counties; and 8.6% to townships; and

WHEREAS, it is extremely important that the dollars are divided by formula and that the current formula is kept intact; and that units of local government have the opportunity to control what projects will be funded in their respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS, regardless of the funding source (a Motor Fuel Tax or income tax increase), it is critical that local governments receive their fair share and are treated equitably in any capital bill; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Illinois Association of County Board Members and Commissioners and all units of local government believe it is imperative that a comprehensive capital infrastructure bill be passed in 2009; and that local governments receive an equitable share of such capital infrastructure program to be delivered through existing formula.

Add your closing

ROBERT SCHWAB
Mayor

RAYMOND RHODES
Treasurer

WILL HEBRON
City Attorney

MARY BETH BELLM
Director of Public Works

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Pursuant to State of Illinois statutory requirements (Section 11-74.4 - 4.1) this letter is to inform you that the City of Carlinville is initiating planning studies to be conducted by its tax increment financing (TIF) consultant, Development & Municipal Initiatives, LLC, (DMi) to determine the feasibility of establishing a TIF district in a study area of the community. The study area being considered for use of TIF is an area which includes, generally, portions of the business district area of Carlinville, which lies in Macoupin County.

In the next few months, we will be performing the planning studies and finalizing potential boundaries for the TIF program. We will inform you at a later date as to the outcome of these planning studies.

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

Sincerely,

Mayor Robert Schwab
City of Carlinville, Illinois

City of Carlinville, Illinois

Resolution No. _____

**A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE
DESIGNATION OF AREAS AS REDEVELOPMENT PROJECT AREAS**

WHEREAS, the City of Carlinville (City) is a political subdivision, body politic, and municipal corporation of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the City, in order to promote and protect the health, safety, morals and welfare of the public, must identify those areas which are blighted, as well as those areas which contain conditions precedent to blight; and;

WHEREAS, the City, in order to determine if such conditions exist, and to determine whether such conditions can be eradicated or ameliorated, may elect to study such areas which may contain such conditions and;

WHEREAS, the City has determined to study such areas, as specifically provided under 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4, et. seq.;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the City of Carlinville, on this
~~20th~~ Day of April, 2009, that:

1. The City hereby authorizes Development & Municipal Initiatives, LLC to undertake a feasibility study on the designation of a redevelopment project area, generally to include the City in and around.
2. The purpose of the proposed redevelopment plan and project within the City of Carlinville is to provide incentives for commercial and residential development in an area where development would not occur but for the use of tax increment financing.
3. A general description of tax increment financing follows:

Tax increment financing was created by the Tax Increment Allocation
Redevelopment Act (the "Act"), found at 65 ILCS 5/11-74.4-1 et. seq.

Tax increment financing is a technique intended to be used by municipalities to address and eradicate problems which cause areas to qualify, generally, as "conservation" or "blighted" areas, and to carry out redevelopment projects which serve this end.

The concept behind the tax increment law is relatively straightforward and allows a municipality to carry out redevelopment activities on a locally controlled basis. Redevelopment, which occurs in a designated Redevelopment Project Area, will increase the equalized assessed valuation of the property and, thus, generate increased property tax revenues. This increase or "increment" can be used to finance "redevelopment project costs" such as land acquisition, site clearance, building rehabilitation, interest subsidy and the construction of public infrastructure within that same Redevelopment Project Area.

4. Submit all comments and suggestions regarding the redevelopment of the areas to be studied to:

Mayor Robert Schwab
City of Carlinville
550 N. Broad St.
Carlinville, IL 62626

SIGNED:



Mayor

ATTEST:



STAUNTON COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6

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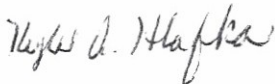
Dear Chairman Manar and Macoupin County Board Members:

Enclosed please find a resolution passed by the Staunton CUSD #6 Board of Education Monday, April 6, 2009 in reference to the April 7, 2009 Municipal (School Board) Election. This year, the publicized ballots for our School Board election were in error. Ms. Zippay, County Clerk, at our request, did initiate several precautionary steps to offset this error.

The Board of Education also passed a motion directing me to express concerns regarding our School District being shortchanged taxes for the last two consecutive years. The errors were corrected and the amounts were adjusted the following years.

The Staunton CUSD #6 Board of Education wants you to be aware of these issues.

Sincerely,



Kyle A. Hlafka
Superintendent of Schools

The mission of the Staunton Community Unit School District #6 is to provide a superior learning environment for all students so that they may acquire the knowledge, skills, and behavior to be productive members of society.

**RESOLUTION REGARDING THE APRIL 7, 2009, STAUNTON COMMUNITY UNIT
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6, SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION**

WHEREAS, the Staunton School Board Election Ballot for 2009 as published by the
Macoupin County Clerk was in error, and,

WHEREAS, two (2) of the candidates for the Staunton School Board have formally
protested this error, and,

WHEREAS, our School Board along with the County Clerk have initiated several
precautionary actions to try to offset these errors.

THEREFORE, We the School Board of Staunton Community Unit School District
No. 6 do hereby protest the publication of these errors, and further state that despite the outcome,
will, upon the advice of the candidates affected by these errors, may request a new election be held
by the County of Macoupin, Illinois, on behalf of our School District.

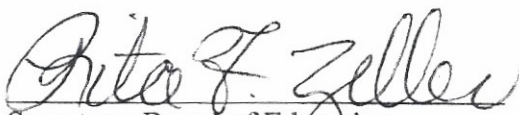
ADOPTED this 6 day of April, 2009, by the following vote:

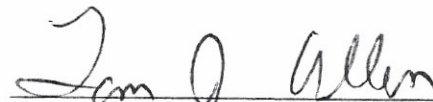
AYES: Bohlen, Legendre, Tingle, Zeller, Allen

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Karl, Peterson

ATTEST:


Secretary, Board of Education


President, Board of Education