

LEGISLATION AND TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE

OCTOBER 15, 2009

MINUTES

PRESENT: Pratt, Schwallenstecker, Bacon, Quarton, Wieseman, John Bresnan, Bruce Pitchford, along with 5 Township Assessors and 7 Township Supervisors

ABSENT: Dragovich and Pomatto

AGENDA:

1. Informational meeting regarding Appraisal Software

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairperson Pratt at 1:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to provide an update on the County's present position regarding appraisal software. While the County is still very interested in obtaining an updated appraisal software program, which interfaces with the tax system software, the search is presently on hold because of budget, staff and time constraints. The County hopes to have a better idea in the Spring of 2010 as to whether or not budget concerns have improved, and the County is in a better position to move forward in the search for appraisal software.

An item mentioned, that was not on the agenda, was how Senate Bill 207 might affect the search for an appraisal software package. This was mentioned simply as an informational point and not one to be discussed at this meeting. Supervisor of Assessments John Bresnan reported that he had a brief discussion with the Illinois Department of Revenue regarding Senate Bill 207 (which has been signed into law), and the Department was hoping to issue an advisory guideline regarding implementation of this bill. A meeting at a later date, when more answers are available, may have been more advantageous. This was the reason why Senate Bill 207 was not on the agenda. The point of mentioning it was to advise people of its existence, with the hope that most were already aware of it and the fact that it may impact the search for appraisal software.

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Char Taylor

Prepared on: October 19, 2009

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

OCTOBER 26, 2009

MINUTES

PRESENT: Manar, Thomas Lux, Coatney, Harding, Pratt, Watson, Zippay, County Clerk Zippay, County Treasurer Boehm, States Attorney Moreth, Judge Deihl, Engineer Reinhart, Wanda Hammann, Donna Fritz and Sherry Ricchiardi

AGENDA:

- 1) Finalize Health Insurance
- 2) States Attorney Longevity Stipend
- 3) State Matching Assistance
- 4) Special Funds Adjustments (Public Health, Vital Record Automation and Traffic Violation Fee Account)
- 5) Deposit of Revenue (receipts)

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Committee Chairman Thomas.

The first item discussed was the finalization of Health Insurance, and this Committee has been given Power-To-Act regarding the matter. Board Chairman Manar and those present held a very lengthy discussion regarding the matter. The Special Committee on Health Insurance previously recommended replacing Blue Cross / Blue Shield Insurance with Principal/Health Link Open Access II. The employees will have an option of choosing HealthLink Open Access II Network or HealthLink Network. Some primary care physicians from the surrounding area are in the HealthLink Network, but not in the HealthLinkOpen Access II Network. Also, some facilities are in the HealthLink Network but not in the HealthLink Open Access II Network. The difference between the two plans is \$48.89 per month. A copy of the Plans is attached which indicates the difference between the two plans for Employee/Spouse, Employee/Children) and Full Family. After many questions were asked and answered, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Motion was made by Harding, seconded by Watson, to accept HealthLink Open Access II Network for the County's Health Insurance and offer the Health Link Network as an enhanced plan for employees as an optional plan. The cost differential of \$48.89 per month, should the employee choose the enhanced plan, would be the responsibility of the employee. This will become effective December 1, 2009. All in favor with the exception of one Nay. **Motion Carried.**

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The Committee Members discussed the matter of reimbursing employees \$30.00 Co-pays for the 2008 calendar year. The co-pay differential began in 2007 when insurance plans were changed within Blue Cross/Blue Shield. The following motion was made:

MOTION: Motion was made by Lux, seconded by Zippay, to recommend to the Full Board a resolution approving the reimbursement of applicable co-pays to the employees for calendar year 2008. All in favor, **Motion Carried.**

States Attorney Moreth made a verbal request as well as a written request to the Finance Committee which reads in part, "The Macoupin County Finance Committee, upon reviewing the recently passed legislation in HB 1202, find that it has the authority to institute a longevity stipend for the current State's Attorney. This legislation was passed so as to stimulate early retirement of State's Attorneys who met the criteria in HB 1202. Further, be it resolved that the MCFC finds that if the current State's Attorney of Macoupin retires in November of 2009 that by appointment of his successor, the county will save over the next 39 months, \$131,742.00 in funds it would have had to pay to IMRF enhanced pension fund. Further, in an effort to stimulate the early retirement of the State's Attorney. The Macoupin County Finance Committee recommends that a longevity stipend be paid in the amount of \$10,000.00 per year at \$833.33 per month to State's Attorney Moreth, thus saving the tax payers of Macoupin County." Attached is a letter received from Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. After a lengthy discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Motion was made by Lux, seconded by Coatney, to recommend to the Full Board the approval of granting State's Attorney Moreth an annual longevity stipend in the amount of \$10,000.00 which is \$833.33 per month. All in favor, **Motion Carried.**

The Committee then discussed the attached letter and Resolution from the Illinois Department of Transportation concerning County Federal-Aid Matching Tax Fund, and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Motion was made by Harding, seconded by Pratt, to recommend to the Full Board the approval of transferring \$5,748.26 from the Farm Account Special Fund to the County Federal-Aid Matching Fund to bring the County's rate to .045%. All in favor, **Motion Carried.**

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County Clerk Zippay requested to increase the anticipated revenues and expenditures for the following Special Funds:

Public Health – increase anticipated revenue from \$1,699,604.00 to \$1,995,118.00 and increase anticipated expenditures from \$1,823,971.00 to \$2,014,075.00.

Vital Records Automation - increase anticipated revenue to \$9,000.00 and increase anticipated expenditures to \$13,000.00.

Traffic Violation Fees has a balance of \$1,200.00.

MOTION: Motion was made by Lux, seconded by Coatney, to recommend to the Full Board the approval of increasing the appropriation for each fund as listed above. All in favor, **Motion Carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Prepared by: Char Taylor
Prepared on: October 28, 2009

Group Health Insurance with Principal

<u>BCBS renewal rates</u>	<u>Rates</u>	<u>HealthLink Open Access II Network</u>	<u>HealthLink Network</u>	<u>Difference between HealthLink and HealthLink Open Access II</u>
\$417	Employee	\$389.74	\$438.63	\$48.89
\$826	Employee/Spouse	\$979.69	\$1102.58	\$122.89
\$777	Employee/Child(ren)	\$640.67	\$721.03	\$80.36
\$1225	Full Family	\$1230.62	\$1384.98	\$154.36

VERY IMPORTANT:

Your physician(s) must be in the correct PPO network in order for your medical services to be covered as “in-network”. If your physician(s) is not in the correct network, then “out-of-network” or “non-PPO” coverage applies.

Example:

	<u>PPO in-network</u>	<u>Non-PPO out-of-network</u>
Calendar Year Deductible	\$1500 (but the County reimburses the employee for the deductible over \$500)	\$3000 and the County does <u>not</u> reimburse any of this deductible
Coinsurance	Insurance company pays 80% after the deductible	Insurance company only pays 60% after the higher deductible.
Copays	\$30	Employee pays 100% until higher Deductible is met

Some primary care physicians from the surrounding area who are in the Healthlink Network, but not in the Healthlink Open Access II Network:

Drs. Brian Quarton, Chris Poirot and Bruce Weber; Drs. Jerome Epplin, Amy Fisher, Timothy Ishmael, Phillip Wayne Johnson, Daniel Wujek and Roger Wujek; Dr. Calixto Aquino and Dr. Padma Talcherkar.

Also the following facilities are in the Healthlink Network but not in the Healthlink Open Access II Network:

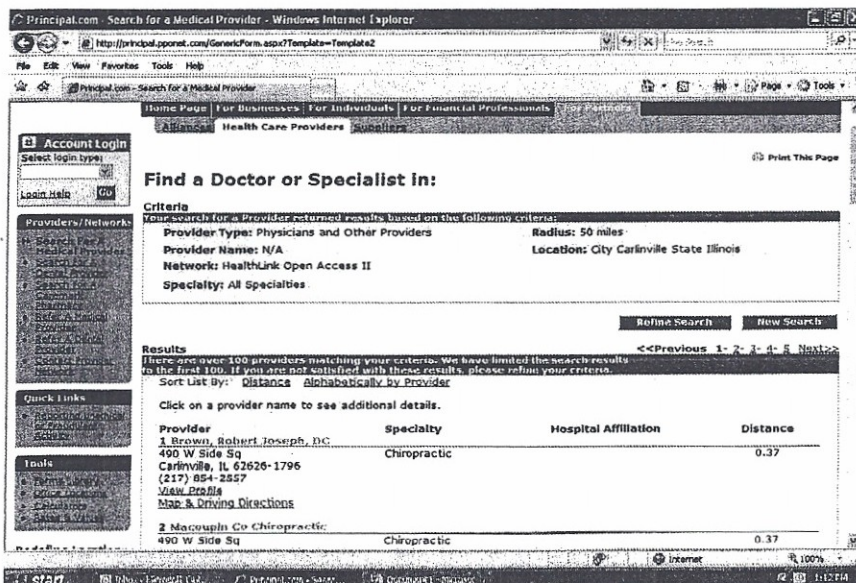
Locust St. Resource Center in Carlinsville, St. Francis Hospital in Litchfield, Pana Community Hospital and Passavant Area Hospital in Jacksonville.

To be able to check both networks to see if your physician is in both networks or only in the Healthlink Network, you can go online to check on this. Attached is the website information.

How to find a provider in the network with Principal Health Insurance:



1. Go to www.principal.com
2. On the opening page, on the left side under "Quick Links" box, click on "Provider Directory"
3. On the next page, click on "Search for Medical Provider"
4. The next page will have **"Find a Doctor or Specialist in:"** near the top
5. In the first section "Select Your Network" drop-down box, choose either **Healthlink** or **Healthlink Open Access II**
6. Then proceed to choose type of provider and you can choose a specialty
7. If you know the name of the provider, enter it in the next fields
8. And in the last section, you may search by location. You can also search for all providers within a radius from a certain city. Just enter the desired miles (default is always 25).
9. Click on "Show Results" button at the bottom
10. On the next screen click on "Continue"



11. Your results will appear. If you would like to change your selections, click on the "Refine Search" button and simply change the data or click on "New Search" to start over.



Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund

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October 22, 2009

MACOUPIN COUNTY
ANNE L. BOEHM, COUNTY TREASURER
PO BOX 20
E 1ST SOUTH ST
CARLINVILLE IL 62626

Employer Number: 03733

Dear Ms. Boehm:

This letter is in reference to your inquiry regarding the county's employer cost after the approval of the \$10,000 salary increase in the last month of service for Vincent Moreth (SS#MOV-7302R).

Please be aware that the following is only an estimate. The actual cost may be less than or greater than this estimate depending on the actual termination date, actual retirement date, future salary increases, changes in actuarial assumptions and/or benefit improvements. The estimate is based on the following information. The estimate assumes that the employee retires December 1, 2009 (age 61) with a spouse.

Vincent Moreth	
Termination Date	11/30/2009
Retirement Date	12/01/2009
Final rate of earnings (monthly)	\$13,875
Final rate of earnings with increase	\$14,709
Estimated monthly pension without increase	\$11,100
Estimated monthly pension with increase	\$11,767
Total Service	21.583
Estimated employer cost without increase	\$1,592,429
Estimated employer cost with increase	\$1,708,428
Employer cost difference due to increase	\$115,999

For example, if the increase had been approved in 2008, the effect of this increase would have increased the county's 2010 ECO employer rate from 32.88% to 34.33%. If approved in 2009, the cost would be reflected in the 2011 employer rate. There is a two-year lag between the valuation and affected contribution rate. The difference shown above would be spread over the county's remaining amortization period which is a 30 year amortization period for overfunded pension obligations and for unfunded pension obligations.

I hope the foregoing satisfactorily explains the estimated cost increase, but should you have any further questions, please call me at (630) 706-4226.

Sincerely,

Corey Lockwood
Employer Account Associate Analyst



Illinois Department of Transportation

2300 South Dirksen Parkway / Springfield, Illinois / 62764

October 7, 2009

Michelle Zippay
County Clerk
Macoupin County
PO Box 107
201 E. Main
Carlinville, IL 62626



Dear Ms. Zippay:

In preparation for the distribution of the FY 2011 State Matching Assistance funds to the counties, each county's Federal-Aid Matching Tax was reviewed with the 2007 Illinois Department of Revenue Property Tax Tables. Macoupin County's Federal-Aid Matching Tax rate for 2007 was below the 0.045 percent minimum for eligibility to receive State Matching Assistance funds.

In order for your county to continue receiving State Matching Assistance funds, a transfer will need to be approved by the County Board.

Please return the attached resolution to the Illinois Department of Transportation, Bureau of Local Roads and Streets, Room 205, 2300 South Dirksen Pkwy, Springfield, IL 62764, Attn: Patty Marr by November 20, 2009.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darrell Lewis".

Darrell W. Lewis, P.E.
Acting Engineer of Local Roads and Streets

cc-
Thomas Reinhart, County Engineer

RESOLUTION

COUNTY FEDERAL-AID MATCHING TAX FUND

Each county in the state receives an STR allotment which may be used to fund up to 80% of eligible project costs. Some counties do not have a sufficient tax base to generate the local funds needed for the match. The State Matching Assistance Fund was established to address this problem.

In order to qualify for State Matching funds, counties must levy at a minimum rate of .045%. However, a transfer of funds from a non-highway fund to the County Federal-Aid Matching Fund can be made to meet the requirement of the .045%. This must be a permanent transfer.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board approve a transfer in the amount of \$_____ from _____(non-highway) fund into the County Federal-Aid Matching Fund to bring the county's rate to .045%

Passed by the _____ County Board at its meeting on ____ day of _____, 2009.

Seal:

County Clerk

County Board Chairman

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

NOVEMBER 2, 2009

MINUTES

PRESENT: Manar, Thomas, Coatney, Goodman, Lux, Pomatto, Watson and County Clerk Zippay

ABSENT: Bacon, Novak and Pratt

AGENDA:

1. Review, Discuss and Approve November 2009 Macoupin County Board Agenda
2. Review, Discuss and Approve October Time Sheets for Non-union Personnel

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Committee Chairman Thomas.

Board Chairman Manar and the Committee Members reviewed and discussed all items for the November 2009 Board Meeting.

MOTION: Motion was made by Coatney, seconded by Goodman, to approve all items, with additions, for the November 2009 Macoupin County Board Meeting Agenda. All in favor, **Motion Carried.**

Board Chairman Manar gave a Health Insurance update.

The Committee Members then reviewed the October Time Sheets for Non-union Personnel, and the following motion was made:

MOTION: Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Pomatto, to accept and place on file the October Time Sheets for Non-union Personnel. All in favor, **Motion Carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Prepared by: Char Taylor

Prepared on : November 2, 2009

REPORT OF ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE MEETING – NOVEMBER 3, 2009

PRESENT: Goodman, Nicholson, Novak, Pomatto, Schwallenstecker, Vojas, Wieseman, and Reinhart.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING: Audit October claims and other business.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m..

Claims 6723 through 6758 totaling \$ 80,449.92 were read and approved.

PETITIONS:

The following 50/50 project petitions were presented:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>County Share</u>
Bunker Hill #20	\$ 6,432.87	\$ 3,216.44
Scottville #35	6,000.00	3,000.00
Shipman #31	15,000.00	7,500.00
North Otter #44	18,000.00	9,000.00

The County's obligation for each project will be the "County Share" only.

MOTION: Made by Wieseman, seconded by Nicholson to approve the petitions and recommend passage by the full board. All in favor. Motion Carried.

DISCUSSION:

The Committee discussed a letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) concerning the programming of the Brighton-Bunker Hill Road. The project cannot be included in IDOT federal program until more funding is identified or the project is split into smaller less expensive phases. Reinhart reported that he contacted Congressman Hare's office last Friday, October 30th. The Congressman's office indicated that the Congressman is still working to get at least partial funding of the project in the next federal transportation bill. However, the bill will probably not be signed into law until early 2010. The Committee agreed to table any decision about phasing the construction of the Brighton-Bunker Hill road until after the new federal transportation bill passes.

The Committee discussed the equipment needs of the Highway Department. The current Highway Department budget has \$ 210,000 in the equipment line item. Reinhart proposed purchasing a new pickup truck off state bid, a used loader and a trackhoe. The pickup would replace a 1986 diesel pickup with approximately 335,000 miles. The loader would replace the 1984 W-20C Case Loader. This loader has become unsafe and is in need thousands of dollars of repairs to keep it in service. The cost of repairs would likely exceed the value of the loader. The trackhoe would be a piece of

equipment new to the Highway Department inventory. Maintenance projects in recent years indicate that a trackhoe would be a very versatile tool to aid the installation of large culverts and maintenance of ditches and improvement of drainage.

MOTION: Made by Pomatto, seconded by Wieseman to approve the purchase of the equipment as presented provided the total cost does not exceed the amount in the equipment purchase line item of the budget. All in favor. Motion Carried.

The committee also discussed the sale of the 220 North Oak St. property. The sale was approved by the County Board. Chairman Goodman said that the property would have to be put out for bids. The committee agreed to proceed with the sale. The Committee also briefly discussed the pending sale of the Central Equipment building across the road from the Highway Department.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Prepared by: Tom Reinhart