

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 9, 1999

The Adjourned Meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order Tuesday, February 9, 1999, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were twenty-four members present and three absent.

Chairman Denby asked Board members to observe a moment of silence to observe the death of county employee Robert Fritz.

MINUTES

Motion by Payne, seconded by Snodgrass, to approve the minutes of the January 12, 1999 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

GUESTS

Dean Dixon, Macoupin County's insurance broker, spoke to the Board regarding the situation with the Blue Cross Health Insurance cards and fielded questions from Board members. He explained the delay in paying claims was due to a software problem at Blue Cross. Dixon has been informed by Blue Cross that we should have our cards this week and as soon as the software problem is remedied, Blue Cross will pay claims expediently.

Jim Pitchford, ESDA Coordinator, advised the Board that Macoupin County was not included in the State grant to help defray costs of the January 1-3, 1999 snow and ice storms because Macoupin County had a total of 12 inches of snow and 1 inch of ice in a 48 hour period, which was not our largest snowfall ever and other counties exceeded these totals.

Kent Tarro, Administrator, Public Health Department, thanked the Board for their financial support at the January, 1999 meeting. Tarro explained how the Macoupin County Public Health Department is aggressively working to identify people with diabetes. The Department is also acting as a consultant for the entire state in training and serving as a resource to bring other counties up to speed in diabetes prevention.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Denby discussed the minutes of the January 19, 1999, **Fees and Salaries Committee** meeting. The Committee voted to recommend to the full Board that Buzie Bertagnolli's title remain as Chief Deputy and the additional \$70.00 per month be funded from the General Fund with the source to be decided by the County Clerk. Motion by Zippay, seconded by Quirk, to approve minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Denby read the minutes of the February 1, 1999, **Human Resources Committee** meeting. The Committee discussed the grievance filed by Guss Wardle. The Committee made an offer to the F.O.P. union representative of a two-month pay settlement. Their response was acceptable with the addition of three days paid vacation. The Committee agreed to recommend to the full Board a settlement in the amount of \$5,846.92 with an agreement that the County and Sheriff's Department would be released of any all claims against them. Motion by Payne, seconded by Mitchell, to accept minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

Jubelt discussed the minutes of the February 2, 1999, **Sheriff, Building and Grounds Committee** meeting. The Committee agreed to recommend to the full Board that the Merit Commission remain in existence until the end of 1999 and that a re-evaluation be done at that time. Sheriff Wheeler informed the Committee that \$21,105.00 was received from the sale of five used squad cars. Sheriff Wheeler also reported he had purchased a 1998 Bonneville with 14,000 miles from Bates in Carlinville at a cost of \$16,500, leaving a balance of \$4,600.00. One of the jail squad cars had been wrecked and Wheeler would like to replace the car with the settlement from the insurance company along with the \$4,600.00. The Committee recommended to postpone making a decision on the replacement of the squad car until insurance settlement has been received. Motion by Payne, seconded by Jubelt to approve minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Bellm discussed the minutes of the February 5, 1999, **Road and Bridge Committee** meeting. Claims were approved for payment. Reinhart reported on costs for demolition of the Schoenherr house. The Committee also discussed and agreed that preliminary engineering and cost estimates should be done for a new highway maintenance facility located at the old nursing home site. Reinhart will meet with Dennis Schuette. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Landers to approve minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Payne, seconded by Malham, to appoint Robert Malham to complete the unexpired four-year term of Ted Dworzynski on the Macoupin County Rural Water District effective February 9, 1999 - May 30, 1999. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Mitchell, to appoint James Alderson to complete the unexpired term of Charles Schmidt on the Gillespie Cemetery Board effective February 9, 1999 - February 18, 2001. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Kilduff, seconded by Christopher, to reappoint Betty Sternickle to the Macoupin County Emergency Telephone System Board to a three-year term effective the first Monday in March, 1999 - February 28, 2002. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Snodgrass, seconded by Payne, to reappoint Roger A. Smith to the Virden Cemetery Association Board of Trustees for a six-year term effective February 9, 1999 - February 8, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Don Bertagnolli, seconded by Mitchell, to adjourn to Executive Session at 1:40 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Fraser, seconded by Don Bertagnolli, to return to Regular Session at 2:00 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

No action taken during Executive Session.

PETITIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Landers, seconded by Don Bertagnolli, that Buzie Bertagnolli remain as Chief Deputy and the additional \$70.00 salary to be funded from the General Fund. Roll call vote: 23 ayes, 1 nay, 3 absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Fraser, seconded by Coatney, to adopt a Resolution settling a grievance filed by Guss Wardle in the amount of \$5,846.92 accompanied by a signed agreement releasing any and all claims against the Sheriff and Macoupin County. Roll call vote: 22 ayes, 2 nays, and 3 absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Jubelt, seconded by Payne, to adopt a Resolution increasing the County Clerk Expenditure Budget by \$10,986.00 for the purpose of allowing enough additional money in the budget for the remainder of the fiscal year to hire one additional full-time employee. Roll call vote: 24 ayes, 3 absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Payne, seconded by Don Bertagnolli, to approve a Resolution authorizing transfer of \$10,000.00 from the Macoupin County Animal Control Fund (dog tags) into the Animal Control Fund. The purpose of the transfer is to allow the Animal Control Fund to pay operating expenses of Animal Control. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

ORDINANCES

None

CLAIMS AND OFFICERS REPORT

Motion was made by Caveny, seconded by Malham, to approve the Claims and Officers Report. All in favor, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Fraser felt it was not necessary to tar and chip the parking lot where the Schoenherr house was since a new building will be constructed in the future.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

Motion by Caveny, seconded by Bellm, to allow Mileage and Per Diem. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Snodgrass, seconded by Caveny, to adjourn at 2:15 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.