

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES

JUNE 8, 1999

The Regular Meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order Tuesday, June 8, 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.

MINUTES

Motion by Bellm, seconded by Kilduff, to approve the minutes of the May 11, 1999 Monthly Board Meeting and the minutes of the May 21, 1999, Special Board Meeting.

GUESTS

Craig Bussmann, of the Macoupin County Public Health Department discussed the Temporary Food Inspections and Education Classes. The Public Health Department is holding Food Classes which is required by each Certified Food Handler every five years. Personal Hygiene and Food Seminars are completed in Mt. Olive and Palmyra Schools for a total of 120 students. Temporary Food Meetings have been held in Viriden, Benld and Staunton.

Motion by Jubelt, seconded by Quirk, to seat Payne. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Payne read the minutes of the May 25, 1999, Planning and Subdivision Meeting. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend to the full Board the adoption of a Macoupin County Application for a Building Permit. Motion by Payne, seconded by Griffith, to approve the minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Quirk, seconded by Quarton, to seat Caveny. All in favor, motion carried.

Bellm read the minutes of the June 4, 1999, Road and Bridge Committee Meeting. The Committee approved and recommended a proposal from Dennis Schuette Design, in the amount of \$4,000.00, for preliminary site plan and preliminary floor plan for a new highway department facility. Two 50/50 project Petitions were presented and approved by the Committee -- Nilwood #14 in the amount of \$4,500.00 and Nilwood #15 in the amount of \$2,000.00. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Payne, to approve the minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

Jubelt read the minutes of the June 7, 1999, Sheriff, Building and Grounds Committee Meeting. The Committee unanimously agreed to hire Randy Smith, of Girard, to prune the trees on the Courthouse

lawn and the tree west of the old jail in the amount of \$800.00. Sheriff Wheeler was directed to obtain specs and advertise for bids for the new jury chairs in the deliberation room. The display board on the north end of the Courthouse has the names of previous office holders and needs to be brought up-to-date. The Committee unanimously agreed to hire Emery Edwards, of Gillespie, to repaint the display board in the amount of \$400.00. Sheriff Wheeler and the Committee discussed the need for replacement of the concrete in front of the jail. Board Chairman Denby informed the Committee that in September, the County Highway Department is helping to repair the downspouts on the Courthouse. It was decided that perhaps the concrete in front of the jail could be replaced at the same time. Sheriff Wheeler was directed to meet with County Engineer Reinhart to see if the jail project could be done the same time the Highway Department will be doing the job at the Courthouse. The Committee agreed to purchase a floor scrubber in the amount of \$1,500.00. The Committee rejected the one bid that was received for the removal of termites in the jail. The County will advertise for re-bids to all interested bidders -- not restricted to Macoupin County. Motion by Jubelt, seconded by Payne, to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Bacon, seconded by Kilduff, to appoint LaVon Rhodes to the Oak Hill Cemetery Board to fill the unexpired term, of Louis Rhodes, Effective 6-8-99 thru 1-3-2004. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Campbell, seconded by Christopher, to reappoint Rich Mitchell and Ruth Ann Pomatto to the Illinois Valley Economic Development Corporation Governing Board for the period July 1, 1999 thru June 30, 2000. All in favor, motion carried.

Board Chairman Denby establishes a new Courthouse Renovations Committee and appoints the following Board Members to this Committee: Beverly Bertagnolli, Chairperson; Judy Bacon, Member; Bill Griffith, Member; Lance Jubelt, Member; Rich Mitchell, Member; Fred Snodgrass, Member. Motion by Campbell, seconded by Don Bertagnolli to approve the appointment. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Board Chairman Denby read a communication from the Illinois Association of County Board Members and Commissioners regarding Local Government Gift Ban. House Bill 1464 set up a separate Local Government Gift Ban in which the county was the ultimate jurisdictional body as advocated by the Association. The bill was approved by the full Senate but was not considered by the House

prior to adjournment. HB 1464 could very well see action during the Veto Session. Without the passage of this modification, counties must adopt local gift ordinances by the original date of July 1, 1999. Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Zippay, to table the matter.

Board Chairman Denby informed the Board that the Illinois House passed a measure designed to close loopholes in a state law offering boosted pension benefits for elected county officials, but the Senate failed to act on the bill. Sixty-four counties opted to participate in the plan. They include Cass, Christian, Macoupin, Mason, Menard, Montgomery, Morgan, Schuyler and Scott. Sangamon County didn't choose to participate. If eventually signed into law, the new bill would: Allow counties to withdraw from the program; Require ECO benefits to be based on an employee's highest pay over a four-year period, rather than on the salary the employee was getting on his or her last day on the job; Require an elected county official to hold office for at least eight years before qualifying for the higher pension that accompanies that job.

PETITIONS

Motion by Snodgrass, seconded by Coatney, to approve two Petitions -- one for a bridge in Nilwood Township over Shearles Branch Creek near the southeast corner of Section 28 in the amount of \$4,500.00; and a bridge over Shearles Branch Creek near the southwest corner of Section 9 in the amount of \$2,000.00. Roll call taken, motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Don Bertagnolli, seconded by Malham, to adopt a Macoupin County Application for Building Permit which is effective July 1, 1999. Roll call taken: 24 ayes, 2 naves and 1 absent. Motion carried.

Motion by Payne, seconded by Bacon, to adopt the Prevailing Wage Rates for Macoupin County for 1999 - 2000. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Kilduff, seconded by Griffith to approve payment of \$4,000.00 from the General Fund - Capital Improvement Account to Dennis Schuette for preliminary site plan and floor plan for a new garage, maintenance and office building to be located at the county property on Route 4, adjacent to the county fair grounds north of Carlinville. Roll call taken: 24 ayes, 2 naves and 1 absent.

CLAIMS AND OFFICERS REPORT

Motion by Mitchell, seconded by Kilduff, to approve the Claims and Officers Report. All in favor, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board Chairman Denby informed the Board that he has written to several Board Chairmen regarding whether or not a position of an Economic Development Coordinator existed in their County.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Bellm, seconded Mitchell, to adjourn at 2:00 p.m. All in favor, Motion carried.