

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES

FEBRUARY 13, 2001

The adjourned meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order Tuesday, February 13, 2001, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Board Member Robert Kilduff and William Pratt, late husband of Board Member Vera Pratt.

County Clerk John Saracco administered the Oath of Office to Robert Vojas of Staunton who was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the death of Board Member Robert Kilduff.

There were 22 members present and 5 absent.

PRESENT

Bacon, Judy	Harding, William	Quirk, Paul
Bellm, Darrell	Jubelt, Lance	Vojas, Robert
Bertagnolli, Beverly	Kiel, Bernie	Watson, Julia
Bertagnolli, Don	Landers, Mearl	Wiggins, Tony
Campbell, Tom	Malham, Vivian	
Caveny, John	Masinelli, Ron	
Christopher, Margie	Nichelson, Glen	
Denby, Don B.	Pratt, Vera	
Fraser, Morrie.	Quarton, Robert	

ABSENT

Coatney, Raymond	Pomatto, Ruth Ann
Griffith, William	Zippay, Allan
Mitchell, Raymond	

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Motion by Campbell, seconded by Caveny, to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2001 Board Meeting.

GUESTS

Rhonda Koehne of the Soil and Water Conservation District, thanked the Board members for their financial support. The Department is currently working on a digital format for soil survey; and the County, along with State and Federal agencies, have helped fund the project. Complimentary

tickets for the annual business meeting and dinner, which will be held February 24, 2001, were distributed to the Board members.

Craig Bussmann of the Macoupin County Public Health Department, reported that an IEPA tire pick-up will be held August 3rd and 4th. Bussmann reported that a Food Refresher Course would be held in March and a Food Class will be held in April. Also, 100 building permits were issued in the last 19 months, which means that a new structure is erected every 5 ½ days in the County.

Amy Rahe and Heather Carty discussed their community service with 4-H. Macoupin County 4-h members have exemplified their dedication to community service as long as the program has been in existence. 4-H community service comes in many forms such as recycling, reading to children in public libraries, visiting nursing homes and one that was extremely successful this past year, donating items to food pantries. Within the past year, 4-H Clubs in Macoupin County have donated approximately 1,000 items to the Macoupin County food pantries. The Board gave Ms. Rahe and Ms. Carty a round of applause for their efforts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bellm read the minutes of the January 29, 2001, **Road and Bridge Committee** meeting. A lengthy discussion was held concerning alternates to constructing the Highway Building. The Road and Bridge Committee unanimously agreed to have Board Chairman Denby meet with the Finance Committee and recommend approval, at the February Board meeting, re-bidding of the project as re-designed by architect Schuette and to approved an estimated expenditure of \$984,568.00. Motion was made by Bellm, seconded by Quirk, to approve the minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

Watson read the minutes of the January 30, 2001, **County Clerk Committee** meeting. The meeting was held to discuss the possible purchase of the old Carlinville library for storage of County records, and the Committee agreed to recommend to the full Board the purchase of the building. Further, that the County use the Real Estate Transfer Fund and the Document Storage Fund to accomplish the purchase and that Board Chairman Denby be given the authority to negotiate the purchase price. Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Campbell, to approve the minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

Quirk read the minutes of the January 31, 2001, **Circuit Court, Coroner and States Attorney Committee** meeting. A discussion was held regarding the Sangamon Juvenile Detention Center, and Chief Probation Officer Wanda Hammann explained the cost of housing juveniles. In the last 4 years, Macoupin County has paid \$108,415.00 in fees to house juveniles. Gary Dodge, Trial Court Administrator, explained the programs, policies and costs available to Macoupin County at the Sangamon County Juvenile Center. The Committee agreed to recommend to the Board three 90-day contracts for three consecutive years at \$22,950/year for housing juveniles at the Sangamon Detention Center. Motion was made by Christopher, seconded by Pratt, to approve the minutes and place on file. All in favor, motion carried.

Jubelt read the minutes of the February 8, 2001, **Sheriff, Building and Grounds Committee** meeting. The bills were reviewed and approved. The Committee agreed to recommend to the full Board the approval of the proposal from Kufa in the amount of 45,690.00, for the addition of two outside air ducts, including material and labor, to existing heating system in the jail. The Committee discussed the matter of housing juveniles in the Sangamon County Detention Center. This Committee agreed to recommend to the Board three 90-day contracts for three consecutive years at \$22,950/year for housing juveniles at the Sangamon County Juvenile Center. One half of the total cost will be funded from the Probation budget and one-half of the cost will be paid from the Sheriff's budget. A high bid from Asia Motors in the amount of \$12,195.00 for the sale of four used police vehicles was approved by the Committee. The Committee agreed to advertise for the completion of the painting on the second floor of the Courthouse. It was also agreed to advertise for bids (with a trade-in) for a 2000 or 2001 midsize V6 four door car for a detective in the Sheriff's Department. Motion was made by Jubelt, seconded by Bacon, to approve the minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Judge Joseph P. Koval addressed the Board regarding the motion that half of the cost for housing juveniles in the Sangamon County Detention Center, be paid from the Probation budget. Judge Koval stated that it was not the function of the Probation Department to pay for housing juvenile or adult prisoners. He reported that it was inappropriate and unreasonable to charge any office with the cost of paying for someone in jail or in a juvenile detention center. This is the function of the Sheriff's Department.

Bacon read the minutes of the January 31, 2001, **Planning and Subdivision Committee** meeting. The Committee discussed and agreed to recommend to the full Board the approval of Victoria Estates Subdivision in Staunton Township. The Committee made the motion to recommend to the full Board the approval to quit claim a tract of land (20' wide and 336' long), owned by the County, to the City of Virden. Motion was made by Bacon, seconded by Harding, to approve the minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Watson read the minutes of the February 5, 2001, **Economic Development Industrial Commission** meeting. Shari Albrecht brought the Committee up-to-date regarding the Freeman Crown II Mine in Virden. CILCO has announced that as of March 24, 2001, it will refuse to accept any of the coal produced by the miners at the Freeman United Crown II Mine in Virden. This is in direct violation of their contract, which requires them to receive coal until the year 2010. As a result of CILCO's action, Freeman United will be forced to close the mine on March 24 and put 225 employees out of work. This will mean a loss of more than 3 million dollars in annual state sales tax, of which \$500,000 goes directly to Macoupin County. A letter campaign has begun by County Board members to U. S. State Senators Durbin and Fitzgerald and Representative Shimkus as well as State Senator Demuzio and Representatives Hannig and Ryder regarding the issue. A lengthy discussion was held concerning efforts by Freeman Crown II Mine, to have Macoupin County Board lead a group traveling to Washington, D. C., to demonstrate support at the international headquarters of CILCO/AES. The Committee agreed to recommend to the full Board that the extent of participation at this time is to continue the letter writing campaign toward a solution to the problem. Motion was made by Watson, seconded by Fraser, to approve the minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

Jubelt read the minutes of the February 7, 2001, **Finance Committee** meeting. The Committee unanimously agreed to direct Board Chairman Denby to negotiate the price, for the purchase of the old Carlinville library to be used as a County records/archives building, not to exceed \$41,500.00. The Real Estate Stamp Special Fund, the Document Storage Special Fund and any other Special Fund that has funds available for this purchase, will pay for the purchase of the building. This Committee was given the direction, by the full Board, to meet and decide if funds are available to erect the new County Highway Department/Garage building. An opinion from the Attorney General was discussed regarding the posting of county roads. The matter was discussed at the next Road and Bridge Committee meeting. Motion was made by Jubelt, seconded by Beverly Bertagnolli, to approve the minutes as reported and place on file. All in favor, motion carried.

A lengthy discussion was held regarding whether or not to proceed with erecting the new Highway building. Motion was made by Jubelt, seconded by Bellm, to proceed with erecting a new Highway building. Roll call was taken: 19 ayes, 3 nays and 5 absent. Motion carried.

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Pratt, Vera
Quarton, Robert
Quirk, Paul
Vojas, Robert
Watson, Julia
Wiggins, Tony

NAYS

Fraser, Morrie
Harding, William
Kiel, Bernard

ABSENT

Coatney, Raymond
Griffith, William
Mitchell, Raymond

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Zippay, Allan

Motion was made by Quirk, seconded by Caveny, to re-bid the original plans for a new Highway building. Roll call was taken: 17 ayes, 5 nays and 5 absent. Motion carried.

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Quarton, Robert
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NAYS

Bertagnolli, Don
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Wiggins, Tony

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Bellm read the minutes of the February 9, 2001, **Road and Bridge Committee** meeting. The Committee approved and recommended Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement with Allen Henderson and Associates, Inc. for bridge replacement in North Otter Road District and a bridge replacement in Shaws Point Road District. The Committee discussed the outcome of the Finance Committee meeting regarding whether or not funds are available to build a new Highway building. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Caveny, to place on file. All in favor, motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion was made by Don Bertagnolli, seconded by Bacon, to appoint Dean Monke as Trustee to Mt. Olive Fire Protection District for a three-year term April, 2001 through March, 2004. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by Beverly Bertagnolli, seconded by Campbell, to appoint William Sigman, Carole Scheller, Wilma Melchert, Betty Sandretto and James Alderson as Trustees to the Gillespie Cemetery Board for a 6-year term effective February 18, 2001. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion was made by Masinelli, seconded by Beverly Bertagnolli, to appoint Robert L. Vojas, Staunton, IL, to fill the vacancy on the County Board created by the death of Robert Kilduff. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Christopher, seconded by Pratt, to appoint Ken Clark, Marvin Payne and Jerry Loveless as members to the Emergency Telephone System Board for a term of three years effective February 1, 2001. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Motion by Jubelt, seconded by Bacon, to place on file the Annual Report of Projects and Accomplishments of the Otter Lake Water Commission. All in favor, motion carried.

Board Chairman Denby read a letter from Walter A. Gregory President of Freeman United Coal Mining Company, thanking the Board for their concern and support regarding a resolution to the situation.

An opinion from the Attorney General regarding posting of County road weight limits was discussed. The matter was referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

PETITIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

Motion by Kiel, seconded by Pratt, to approve an Easement to Virden Sanitary District in Walton Subdivision, for installation and maintenance of sanitary sewer lines. Roll call vote: motion carried unanimously.

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Motion by Watson, seconded by Kiel, to approve Amendment to Road Subsidence Agreement with Monterey Coal Company passed in November 1999, to add one half mile of County Road 3, Honey Point Township. Same roll call, motion carried.

Motion by Pratt, seconded by Watson, to purchase the vacant Carlinville library building for County to use as Storage/Archive Building in the amount of \$41,500.00. Same roll call, motion carried.

Motion by Beverly Bertagnolli, seconded by Pratt, to encourage a successful Resolution to Crown II Coal Mine Closing. Same roll call, motion carried.

Motion by Quirk, seconded by Caveny, to approve three 90-day contracts for three consecutive years at \$22,950.00 for Housing Juveniles at the Sangamon Juvenile Center in Springfield. Same roll call, motion carried.

Motion by Fraser, seconded by Pratt, to approve the Victoria Estates Subdivision in Staunton. Same roll call, motion carried.

Motion by Quirk, seconded by Caveny, to approve preliminary engineering services agreements to replace bridges over Macoupin Creek in Shaws Point Township and also over East Fork Otter Creek in South Otter township. Same roll call, motion carried.

ORDINANCES

None.

CLAIMS AND OFFICERS REPORT

Motion by Bacon, seconded by Caveny, to approve the Claims and Officers report. All in favor, motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

County Clerk Saracco reminded the Board members that the reapportionment must be completed by July, 2001.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

Motion by Malham, seconded by Don Bertagnolli, to allow Mileage and Per Diem. All in favor, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Nickelson, seconded by Caveny, to adjourn at 2:45 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.