

ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 12, 2003

The Adjourned meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order Wednesday, November 12, 2003, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were twenty-seven members present and none absent.

PRESENT

Bacon, Judy	Kiel, Bernie	Thomas, David
Bellm, Darrell	Landers, Mearl	Vojas, Robert
Campbell, Tom	Lux, Larry	Watson, Julia
Caveny, John	Malham, Vivian	Wiggins, Tony
Christopher, Margie	Manar, Andrew	Zippay, M. A.
Coatney, Raymond	Nichelson, Glenn	
Denby, Don B.	Novak, Joe	
Fraser, Morrie	Pomatto, Ruth	
Goodman, Frances	Pratt, Vera	
Harding, Bill	Quarton, Robert	
Jubelt, Lance	Quirk, Paul	

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Motion by Nichelson, seconded by Pratt, to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2003 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

GUESTS

Kent Tarro, Administrator, Public Health Department, told the Board they had received all of the flu vaccine for this year and there was enough for all of the scheduled clinics. In addition, Tarro advised the vaccine is also being given to high risk children throughout Macoupin County this year.

Stacy Ballard from the Illinois Department of Agriculture, discussed the new animal control/animal abuse policies that became effective August 1, 2003. It is no longer policy that a veterenarian be in charge of the dog pound facility. There are no specified requirements to hold the position of County Animal Control Administrator. Under the new laws, the County Board Chairman has the power to appoint an Animal Control Administrator. Chairman Denby advised it was a major budget issue. The Fees and Salaries Committee had recommended Buzie Bertagnolli for the original position, but she turned it down due to no increase in salary due to the financial shortfall. Now that the new rules and regulations have been received, the total issue will be returned to the Fees and Salaries Committee for review.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Watson read the minutes of the October 21, 2002, **Economic Development Industrial Committee** meeting. The Committee voted to recommend to the full Board the approval of supporting the airport feasibility study to include unincorporated Macoupin County. The Committee also voted to recommend to the full Board approval of a \$6,000.00 loan from the Macoupin County Revolving Loan Fund to ConneXus Corp. owned by Patty Ambrose. The loan is at 4% interest for a period of four years with the first monthly payment deferred until April 15, 2004. Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Quirk, to approve the minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Pomatto read the minutes of the October 28, 2003, **Regional Superintendent of Schools Committee** meeting. Regional Superintendent Pfeiffer addressed the Committee regarding the Regional Offices of Education Reform Agreement. On or before July 2, 2005, Regional Superintendents in conjunction with the OMB, will agree to a new set of boundaries to reduce the number of regions from 45 to no more than 22 offices, outside of Cook County. The Illinois State Board of Education Budget was cut approximately in half, and Pfeiffer lost six staff members. Pfeiffer also distributed and discussed the budget in the amount of \$83,600.00 which he reported the office could operate on this year, even though the actual cost will be \$105,970.00. He is not certain that he would have the funds to do it the next fiscal year. Motion by Christopher, seconded by Lux, to approve minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Bacon read the minutes of the October 29, 2003, **Planning and Subdivision Committee** meeting. The Committee voted to recommend to the full Board the approval of the Preliminary Plat of Sycamore Ridge Estates in Brighton Township as presented with the following variances: road right-of-way reduced from 60 feet to 50 feet and cul-de-sac right-of-way reduced from a 60 foot radius to a 50 foot radius. Bristow Estates Subdivision in South Otter township was also discussed at length. States Attorney Moreth offered to review the subdivision regulations and submit to Chairman Denby, in writing within ten days, his opinion of what the subdivision regulations say concerning private roads. Motion by Bacon, seconded by Kiel, to approve minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

Watson discussed the minutes of the November 3, 2003, **Fees and Salaries Committee** meeting. The Committee voted to appoint Buzie Bertagnolli to the Animal Control Officer position at no increase in salary. This would be on a trial basis for the current fiscal year and would be reconsidered next September. A monthly report must be submitted to the County Board regarding the time spent and the volume of work to handle these duties and responsibilities. Any termination of Animal Control employees must come before the Fees and Salaries Committee and it would be the decision of the Committee. Hours and procedures will be set for the dog catchers and daily logs must be kept also regarding the number of dogs picked up and the miles traveled. This log must be submitted, along with monthly bills, to Bertagnolli. The Committee also established fees to be charged by the Animal Control Office.

Due to the fact that all of the rules and regulations are different now, as presented by Stacy Ballard earlier in the meeting, these minutes were not approved. There was a motion by Pomatto, seconded by Novak, to send all new information back to the Fees and Salaries Committee. All in favor, motion carried.

Bellm read the minutes of the November 7, 2003, **Road and Bridge Committee** meeting. Claims were approved for payment. A sign for the Highway Department and Economic Development Department was discussed. It was agreed Reinhart would contact Shari Albrecht regarding contributing to the price of the sign. It was also agreed Reinhart would have final decision on the sign. Reinhart will research chip spreader manufacturers and begin to put bid specs together. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Caveny, to approve minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Malham, seconded by Quarton, to reappoint Sterling A. Allen as Commissioner of the South Otter Drainage District #1 for a period of three years beginning the first Tuesday of September 2003. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Harding, seconded by Coatney, to reappoint Ilene Winters to the Macoupin County Housing Authority Board of Trustees for another five-year term retroactive to August 16, 2003. All in favor, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Motion by Malham, seconded by Harding, to place on file in the County Clerk's office correspondence from the Illinois Association of County Board Members and Commissioners. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bellm, seconded by Pratt, to approve the rate increase for the Jersey County Rural Water Company, Inc. All in favor, motion carried. County Clerk will forward correspondence to the water district.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

PETITIONS

None.

RESOLUTIONS

- A. Motion by Nickelson, seconded by Pratt, to approve a Resolution granting a loan from the Macoupin County Revolving Loan Fund to ConneXus Corporation in the amount of \$6,000.00 at 4% interest for four years with payments deferred until April 15, 2004. Roll call vote: 26 ayes and 1 present. Motion carried.

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- B. Motion by Jubelt, seconded by Caveny to approve the feasibility study of an airport in unincorporated Macoupin County. There would be no fee to be paid by Macoupin County. Roll call vote: 27 ayes, motion carried.

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- C. Motion by Manar, seconded by Vojas, to approve a Resolution reflecting the Macoupin County Board supporting the inclusion of full funding of the New Mississippi River Bridge and associated projects in the transportation reauthorization bill being considered by the United States Congress. Same roll call vote: motion carried.
- D. Resolution regarding animal control fees was tabled.
- E. Motion by Harding, seconded by Caveny, to approve a Resolution authorizing the expenditure of money for Archives' donations received. Same roll call vote: Motion Carried.
- F. Motion by Jubelt, seconded by Campbell, to approve the Resolution putting the money received from the insurance company for hail damage into the Capitol Improvement fund. Same roll call vote: Motion carried.

ORDINANCE

None.

CLAIMS AND OFFICERS REPORT

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Fraser asked if the money received for hail damage could be ear marked in the Capitol Improvement fund for a new building fund in the future. Fraser has requested before that an administration building be planned so that the County would not have to pay rent for so many additional locations. Chairman Denby stated that would be nice, but usually something else comes up that needs to be repaired. Denby also stated the basement level of the Courthouse needs plaster and paint since the water damage has been repaired.

Pratt requested a copy of the new animal control laws for all members of the Fees and Salaries Committee so they can review prior to the next meeting.

Thomas suggested a formal bid be made in a proactive attempt to get health insurance at better rates in the upcoming year. Thomas also asked about the renewal for the Workman's Compensation rates.

Campbell requested the Board's support in protesting the selling of Illinois Power.

NEW BUSINESS

Circuit Clerk Mathis distributed a packet to Board members regarding fee increases, showing data on surrounding counties in comparison to Macoupin.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

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

ADJOURNMENT

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