

REGULAR MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 9, 2003

Prior to the start of the meeting, County Clerk Zippay administered the Oath of Office to Andrew Manar, the newly appointed Board member replacing Beverly Bertagnolli from District #2.

The Regular meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order Tuesday, September 9, 2003, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were twenty-six members present and one absent.

PRESENT

Bacon, Judy
Bellm, Darrell
Campbell, Tom
Caveny, John
Christopher, Margie
Coatney, Raymond
Denby, Don B.
Fraser, Morrie
Goodman, Frances
Harding, Bill
Jubelt, Lance
Landers, Mearl
Lux, Larry

Malham, Vivian
Manar, Andrew
Nichelson, Glenn
Novak, Joe
Pomatto, Ruth
Pratt, Vera
Quarton, Robert
Quirk, Paul
Thomas, David
Vojas, Robert
Watson, Julia
Wiggins, Tony
Zippay, M. A.

ABSENT

Kiel, Bernie

Chairman Denby requested nominations to fill the position of Vice Chairman. Motion by Zippay, seconded by Thomas, nominating Lance Jubelt for the position. Motion by Caveny, seconded by Quarton, to nominate Darrell Bellm for the position. Motion by Campbell, seconded by Pratt, closing nominations. Roll call vote taken: 20 votes for Jubelt, 5 votes for Bellm, 1 abstention and 1 absent. Jubelt is the Vice Chairman of the Macoupin County Board.

JUBELT

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ABSENT

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BELLM

Bellm, Darrell
Caveny, John
Goodman, Frances
Malham, Vivian
Quarton, Robert

ABSTENTION

Manar, Andrew

MINUTES

Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Pratt, to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2003 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

GUESTS

Kent Tarro, Administrator, Public Health Department, introduced Phil Whitler, who addressed the west Nile virus situation. The Department has been collecting mosquito samples and testing for the virus, most recently in Shipman and Benld. To help avoid this virus, do not have any stagnant water in your yard.

Mary Ellen Ribble made a presentation and distributed handouts on breast cancer awareness. Thirteen doctors in Macoupin County participate in this program in an effort to educate and make sure all women over forty have an annual mammogram.

Tarro advised he had distributed the Flu Shot schedule for 2003, which starts October 23, 2003. Tarro made a request for use of Courtroom A for the lunch time vigil for Domestic Violence. He also discussed an additional statue located next to the one that is now on the Courthouse grounds. Denby said he would refer it to Sheriff, Building and Grounds Committee.

Dan Fisher, Mayor of Gillespie, discussed an expansion of the Macoupin County Enterprise Zone to include the property in Gillespie on which the new United Community Banking Center is going to be built. In addition, the United Community Bank will be building a Mortgage Processing Center in front of the old Dura Craft site. These additional sites will bring additional jobs to Macoupin County. The construction company would like to get the footings in before winter and open the Banking Center in April. Time is of the essence, so Gillespie needs to have the Intergovernmental Agreement and Ordinance approved on this particular property as soon as necessary paperwork is completed. At present, no information has been provided to the Macoupin County Economic Development Coordinator. Denby explained that appropriate paperwork should be provided to Sheri Albrecht before any action can be taken. Albrecht explained the State of Illinois also has to approve the package, which usually takes about seven days. Motion by Fraser, seconded by Coatney, to give the Economic Development Industrial Commission Committee the power-to-act prior to the next Board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Bacon read the minutes of the August 20, 2003, **Planning and Subdivision Committee** meeting. The Committee voted to approve the Final Plat of the Mother Jones Addition in Mt. Olive Township. The Committee also agreed to recommend to the full Board approval of the Preliminary Plat of the Byrd Family Homestead Subdivision in Hilyard Township. Denby was directed to send a letter stating that the Preliminary Plat meets the requirements of the Planning and Subdivision Ordinance. Motion by Bacon, seconded by Pratt, to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Denby read the minutes of the August 29, 2003, **Fees and Salaries Committee** meeting. The Committee discussed the salary increases for "professional" employees who are non union. States

Attorney Moreth, Will Hebron, and Judge Koval submitted correspondence regarding salary increases for their employees. Chairman Denby read a letter from Judge Diane Brunton, regretting that she had previously made plans to be out of town and she was requesting the opportunity to address the Committee. She stated that during the past four years, she has made observations and has data which specifically impacts the salary increases on several of the “professionals” under consideration. She will make herself available at their convenience. The Committee decided to not take any action until Judge Brunton has the opportunity to address the Committee. Motion by Novak, seconded by Christopher, to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Bellm read the minutes of the September 5, 2003, **Road and Bridge Committee** meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to approve claims. A thank you letter was received from Adrienne Valerio thanking the Committee for the opportunity to work at the highway department this summer. The Committee agreed to change the October meeting to Tuesday, October 7, 2003. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Quirk, to approve minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Denby read a letter from Alice Drury, Macoupin County Fair and Agricultural Association, providing additional information on county fairs in Illinois. The Macoupin County Fair is the oldest in Illinois and was organized January 1, 1852. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Jubelt, to place on file in the County Clerk’s office. All in favor, motion carried.

Denby read a letter from the Illinois Department of Resources regarding Freeman United Coal Mining Company – Crown 2 Mine. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Pratt, to place on file in the County Clerk’s office. All in favor, motion carried.

Denby discussed letter from Monterey Coal Company regarding the closing of Litchfield Road. Motion by Coatney, seconded by Vojas, to place on file in the County Clerk’s office. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Denby briefly discussed correspondence from Deputy William Bort of the Sheriff’s Department. Since August 7, 2003, 8,455 have passed through the metal detector in the Courthouse and 253 weapons have been held at the check station and returned to the person upon leaving the building, or returned to the person’s car before entry into the building is allowed. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Nickelson, to place on file in the County Clerk’s office. All in favor, motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

PETITIONS

None

RESOLUTIONS

- a. Motion by Novak, seconded by Pratt, to approve the 2003-2004 Macoupin County Budget and the Macoupin County Special Funds Budget for 2003-2004. Roll call vote: 26 ayes and 1 absent.

AYES

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- b. Motion by Zippay, seconded by Thomas, to approve a Resolution the Final Plat of the Mother Jones Addition in Mt. Olive Township. Same roll call vote: motion carried.
- c. Motion by Zippay, seconded by Campbell, to adopt a Resolution establishing a fund for payment of interest on Court Ordered Tax Sales in Error. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

ORDINANCE

None.

CLAIMS AND OFFICERS REPORT

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Harding, seconded by Caveny, to adjourn at 1:56 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.