

**ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD**

**MINUTES**

**MARCH 9, 2004**

The Adjourned meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order Tuesday, March 9, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. There were twenty-five members present and two absent.

**PRESENT**

Bacon, Judy  
Bellm, Darrell  
Campbell, Tom  
Caveny, John  
Christopher, Margie  
Denby, Don B.  
Fraser, Morrie  
Goodman, Frances  
Harding, Bill  
Kiel, Bernie  
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**

Coatney, Ray  
Jubelt, Lance

**MINUTES**

Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Quarton, to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2004 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

**GUESTS**

Erin Boester, Macoupin County Health Department, reported there are 2,446 active Macoupin County med cards; 1,257 prescriptions were filled in the month of December, 2003; and on an average 18.8% was saved per prescription.

Jim Mathenia, Veterans Assistance Commission, presented a brief overview of what has taken place in his office during the last six months. Several Veterans have been assisted with rent, groceries, and locating employment. They also keep an updated list of available jobs for Veterans. One Vietnam Veteran was assisted with a VA pension and another spouse of a Veteran was able to qualify for a disabled VA widows pension. The Commission will also present an annual report each year.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Quirk read the minutes of the February 23, 2004, **Circuit Court, Coroner and States**

**Attorney Committee** meeting. Chief Probation Officer Wanda Hammann gave a very informative presentation regarding the programs and services offered by the Probation Department. Some of the programs discussed that are provided by the Department are: Deferred Prosecution Program; the Victim Impact Panel held the fourth Tuesday of every other month for DUI and alcohol offenders; DNA indexing of all felony cases in the County; Sex Offender and Domestic Violence Offender programs and the Treatment Alternative for Safe Communities. Motion by Caveny, seconded by Quarton, to approve minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

Bacon discussed the minutes of the February 27, 2004, **Planning and Subdivision Committee** meeting. The Committee voted to recommend to the full Board amendments to the Macoupin County Subdivision Ordinance regarding a Performance Bond and Letter of Credit. A lengthy discussion was held regarding the lack of cooperation in receiving Building Permits on a timely basis from the Supervisor of Assessments Office to the Department of Public Health. Several other matters regarding the proper procedure to be followed before a subdivision can be approved by the full Board were discussed. The Committee discussed a letter received from Craig Bussmann, regarding the Heritage Trails Subdivision in Brighton. It was unanimously agreed that Chairman Denby contact the Recorder's Office to determine if additional deeds have been recorded for this subdivision. Motion by Bacon, seconded by Pratt, to approve minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried. Chairman Denby advised the Planning and Subdivision Committee meeting minutes of March 3, 2004, would explain what he found out from the Recorder's Office.

Bacon discussed the minutes of the March 3, 2004, **Planning and Subdivision Committee** meeting. Craig Bussmann reported that on February 19, 2004, forty-one permits were received from the Supervisor of Assessments Office for the time period of January 1 through December 31, 2003. The Public Health Department issued 131 Sewage Permits for new structures (126 homes and 5 commercial buildings) in the same time period. McDaniel states that the figure may not be a true figure since some of the permits may have been issued by cities or towns. Tarro offered to develop a communication to notify the public, media, officials etc. explaining the necessity of obtaining a Building Permit prior to a Sewage Permit. Another problem discussed was the failure of getting properties on the tax rolls. Supervisor of Assessments McDaniel was directed by the Committee to discuss with the Township Assessors at their annual meeting the importance of getting all property on the tax rolls. Motion by Bacon, seconded by Pratt, to approve the minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

Thomas stated a good mechanism was needed to get properties on the tax rolls as it benefits all tax payers. Bellm stated it's not fair to people paying taxes and the County is missing out on revenue. Bussmann stated since 1999 through 2003, 236 building permits had been issued and 628 new homes had been built, leaving 392 houses without Building Permits.

Bellm read the minutes of the March 5, 2004, **Road and Bridge Committee** meeting. Claims were approved for payment. Bids were opened for the self-propelled chip spreader. Only one bid was received from E. D. Etnyre & Company, Oregon, IL in the amount of \$113,985.00. It was the only bid received as they are only a couple companies that manufacture chip spreaders. The Committee voted to award the Contract to E. D. Etnyre & Co. The Committee reviewed applications for the vacant highway maintenance position and after a lengthy discussion, eight applicants were

chosen to be interviewed on March 19, 2004. Motion by Bellm, seconded by Quirk, to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bellm, seconded by Thomas, to give the County Highway Department the **power-to-act** on the acceptance of the bid for the chip spreader, as the Resolution did not arrive in the County Clerk's office in time for the March Agenda. It will be on the April agenda. All in favor, motion carried.

Denby discussed the minutes of the March 2, 2004, **Sheriff, Building and Grounds Committee** meeting. Bills were approved for payment. The Committee also voted to recommend to the full Board approval of payment to Heneghan and Associates in the amount of \$15,407.10 from the Capitol Improvement Line Item of the General Fund. Sheriff Wheeler was directed to investigate the cost of installing dehumidifiers in the offices of the ground floor of the Courthouse as well as the pit. Buzie Bertagnolli gave a report on the Animal Control Department and will speak to a future Fees and Salaries Committee to discuss an increase in fees. Sheriff Wheeler requested three of his employees receive the \$250 medical reimbursement. The Committee voted to transfer \$16,993.68 from the Court Security Special Fund to the Overtime Line Item of the Sheriff's budget. Motion by Novak, seconded by Harding, to approve the minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

### **APPOINTMENTS**

Motion by Christopher, seconded by Campbell, to reappoint J. Richard Johnson, Trustee for the Fosterburg Water District effective May 3, 2004 through the first Monday in May, 2009. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Vojas, seconded by Zippay, to appoint Ronald Hemann, Treasurer of the New Douglas Community Fire Protection District, due to the recent death of Fred Ernst, effective March 9, 2004. All in favor, motion carried.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

Motion by Pratt, seconded by Lux, to place on file in the Macoupin County Clerk's office the audit report for the Calhoun/Greene/Jersey/Macoupin Counties Regional Office of Education #40 for the year ended June 30, 2003. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Nichelson, seconded by Kiel, to place on file in the Macoupin County Clerk's office the annual report of the Projects and Accomplishments of the Otter Lake Water Commission. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Denby read a memo from Wilma Cox, Macoupin County Treasurer, regarding IMRF meetings.

Motion by Nichelson, seconded by Kiel, to approve the Application for Surface Coal Mining, Freeman United Coal Mining Company, Crown 3 Mine, Renewal #4 to Permit #5 for a term of five years. All in favor, motion carried.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

## **PETITIONS**

None.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

- a. Motion by Christopher, seconded by Landers, to approve a Resolution paying \$15,407.10 to Heneghan and Associates for improving the Courthouse Drainage system to be paid from the Capitol Improvement Fund. Roll call vote: 25 ayes and 2 absent. Motion carried.

### **AYES**

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Denby, Don B.  
Fraser, Morrie  
Goodman, Frances  
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### **ABSENT**

Coatney, Ray  
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- b. Motion by Harding, seconded by Pratt, to hold over the Resolution transferring funds until the April, 2004 Board meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

## **ORDINANCE**

Motion by Bacon, seconded by Malham, to approve the Amendments to the Macoupin County Subdivision Ordinance. Same Roll Call Vote: motion carried.

## **CLAIMS AND OFFICERS REPORT**

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

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Malham advised Board members she had spoken to Kevin Walker at Integrated Media

about the Macoupin County Website. She was informed that anyone could call Kevin at 854-6260 regarding adding additional items to the website. Malham stated it was a great and informative site.

Fraser questioned the Building Permit system, as he was aware of residents who were not on the tax rolls. Denby explained that he hoped the Health Department would not issue Sewage Permits until Building Permits were received from Larry McDaniel, Supervisor of Assessments. Discussion also included the fact that the local assessors should be adding these parcels onto the tax rolls.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Bellm questioned the E-911 dispatch system and Kiel stated he would check it out and report back at the next Board meeting.

### **MILEAGE AND PER DIEM**

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

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by Bacon, seconded by Nicholson, to adjourn at 2:04 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.