

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE MACOUPIN COUNTY BOARD

MINUTES

SEPTEMBER 13, 2005

The Annual meeting of the Macoupin County Board was called to order Tuesday, September 13, 2005 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.

PRESENT

Bacon, Judy
Bellm, Darrell
Campbell, Tom
Christopher, Carlos
Coatney, Raymond
Denby, Don B.
Goodman, Frances
Harding, Bill
Jubelt, Lance
Kiel, Bernie

Lux, Larry
Malham, Vivian
Manar, Andrew
Nichelson, Glenn
Pomatto, Ruth Ann
Pratt, Vera
Quarton, Robert
Quirk, Paul
Schwallenstecker, O.
Thomas, David

ABSENT

Vojas, Robert
Watson, Julia
Wieseman, Francis
Wiggins, Tony
Zippay, M. A.
Fraser, Morrie
Novak, Joe

MINUTES

Motion by Vojas, seconded by Coatney, to approve the minutes of the August 10, 2005 meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

GUESTS

Kent Tarro, Administrator, Public Health Department, advised Board members there will most likely be a shortage of the flu vaccine again this year. Initially the vaccine will be reserved for citizens sixty-five years of age and other citizens with chronic disease. Tarro invited all Board members to attend an open house at his office on September 29, 2005, at 3:15 p.m. Dr. Eric Whittaker, Director of the Illinois Department of Public Health, will be present and willing to hear concerns and suggestions on any topic.

Craig Bussmann, Public Health Department, updated the Board on the private sewage requirements which are to be in effect January 1, 2007. There are over 3,000 private sewer systems in Macoupin County and homeowners will be required to comply with these regulations.

Jackie Bartlett, Macoupin County Center for the Developmentally Disabled, thanked the Board for their continued, annual contribution which helps keep the facility open. This year they have twenty-one students and are unable to serve additional students at this time.

The Center does everything possible to become self-sufficient by fundraisers, donations, memorials, etc. A packet was distributed to all Board members presenting information about the Center.

Buzie Bertagnolli thanked Wal-Mart for donating dog and cat food to the Macoupin County Dog Pound. The Belleville Humane Society also donates food to our shelter. The Enquirer was also thanked as they have been coming out each week taking a picture of an animal for the newspaper's "Pet of the Week." Bertagnolli reported that the first week the picture was in the newspaper, five animals were adopted. Bertagnolli will be attending meetings on HB315 and will then meet with Senator Demuzio, Representative Gary Hannig, and Representative Jay Hoffman. Bertagnolli also thanked the Sheriff's Department for their continued help on animal calls when she needs their assistance.

Jim Pitchford, EMA, briefly spoke about Hurricane Katrina and that twelve people have been housed in Macoupin County and all of their needs are being met at this time. Macoupin County has 1,300 beds available in Macoupin County. The Red Cross and Salvation Army have taken care of the needs of these twelve people.

Aaron Bishop, Emergency Telephone Systems Board Coordinator, stated he had been on the job for thirteen days and basically he is getting orientated into all of the systems operations. Bishop has an open door policy and will help anyone who needs his assistance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Watson discussed the minutes of the August 23, 2005, Economic Development Committee meeting. A proposed ordinance for a hotel/motel tax in Macoupin County was presented and recommended for approval by the full Board. Nora Feuquay, Economic Development Coordinator discussed three options for obtaining an intern from Blackburn College and there was a recommendation to pursue this option on the best possible terms for Macoupin County. Feuquay then updated the Committee on projects which are in progress: enterprise zone expansion; wind study; Karmak retention visit; Carlinville Plaza sale; Macoupin County Website; and the Madison Communication project. Motion by Watson, seconded by Nicholson, to approve the minutes a written. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Quarton, seconded by Quirk, to seat Bill Harding and change the attendance count to 25 present and 2 absent. All in favor, motion carried.

Pratt read the minutes of the August 23, 2005, Legislative and Technology Committee meeting. Larry McDaniel, Supervisor of Assessments, advised the Committee of the need for a new server and upgraded software for the server at a cost of \$2,500.00. The Committee voted to purchase the server and software from the GIS fund. McDaniel also addressed the issue of disposal of the old computers. The Committee voted to give McDaniel approval to research disposal of old computers. The GIS program was discussed at length along with the Macoupin County Website. Reinhart stated he would like to see meeting notices and minutes on the website. Larry Pfeiffer stated his office has the capability to provide computer training

for the County Board and employees and would like to implement a “Lunch and a Laptop” program prior to County Board meetings and lunch would be provided. Committee members thought it was a great idea. Regional Office of Education has the capability of hosting the website in-house. Chairman Pratt felt they should move forward and scheduled a meeting for Thursday, September 8, 2005, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Board Room. Motion by Pratt, seconded by Kiel, to approve the minutes as read. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Manar requested to waiver from the regular order of the agenda and move to #9 under Resolutions. Manar introduced Senator Deanna Demuzio. The Senator requested the Boards’ support in adopting a Resolution prohibiting the removal of the “old bridge” on Route #66 between Gillespie and Carlinville. She explained she had spoken to the Illinois Department of Transportation and explained the sentimental and historical value of this bridge to Macoupin County residents as it is part of the “mother road”, the original Route #66.

IDOT is willing to change their plans and work with the Senator to preserve this property along with support of County residents. Oliver Schwallenstecker has worked with the Route #66 group for years and he feels their “road trips” are important statewide. There are tourism dollars for Macoupin County from the three motor tours and other events throughout the year.

Illinois Route #66 is a “crown jewel” in Macoupin County’s history along with the Coliseum Ballroom, Soulsby Station and many other historical sites on Route #66. The Senator will advise IDOT of the results of the Resolution vote after the meeting. Chairman Manar thanked Senator Demuzio for her continued support of preservation of Macoupin County History.

Bacon discussed the minutes of the August 24, 2005 and August 31, 2005, Planning and Subdivision Committee meetings. The Subdivision Ordinance was reviewed page by page and County Clerk Zippay was to update and mail to Committee members and the States Attorney prior to August 31, 2005 meeting. Committee members and others attending the August 31, 2005 meeting reviewed the Ordinance. County Clerk Zippay will make additional corrections and bring the updated copies to the meeting on September 7, 2005. Motion by Bacon, seconded by Lux, to approve minutes as submitted.

Thomas discussed the minutes of the September 1, 2005, Finance Committee meeting. The Committee voted to recommend to the full Board adoption of the General Fund Revenues and Budget at \$6,981,000.00 for fiscal year 2005-2006. Several items discussed to help support the fiscal year 2005-2006 Budget are: medical rates for inmates; booking fee at the county jail; website advertising, highway department expenses, special task force on county revenue and County Emergency Management Grant Fund. The Committee voted to recommend to the full Board approval of changing Board committees, and reducing the number of County Board meetings from twelve to eleven. The Committee voted to have a regularly scheduled Planning and Subdivision Committee meeting to be held on the fourth Wednesday of the month. In addition, the Committee voted to recommend to the full Board to extend the stipend for the Animal Control Assistant Administrator, Buzie Bertagnolli, for fiscal year 2005-06. Motion by Thomas, seconded by Pratt, to approve the minutes as presented. All in favor, motion carried.

Bacon discussed the minutes of the September 7, 2005, Planning and Subdivision Committee meeting. The Committee discussed and reviewed the Subdivision Ordinance at

length. The Committee voted to recommend to the full Board “if a request for a meeting other than the regularly scheduled meeting, the applicant shall reimburse the County for the expenses of the Committee meeting. The meeting must comply with the Open Meetings Act. Motion by Bacon, seconded by Pomatto, to approve the minutes as reported. All in favor, motion carried.

Goodman discussed the minutes of the September 6, 2005 Road and Bridge Committee meeting. Bills were approved for payment and six 50/50 Petitions were approved for passage by the full Board. The Committee discussed the progress of the Farmersville Road and Shipman Road construction projects. Motion by Goodman, seconded by Bellm, to approve the minutes as written. All in favor, motion carried.

REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE

Chairman Manar advised the Committee met last Thursday and at this time the health insurance premium is not expected to increase as it did last year. We are waiting to hear from other vendors by September 21, 2005, and then the Finance Committee will meet and make a recommendation to bring to full Board in October, 2005.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Manar invited Board members to a reception at the Sagamo Club in Springfield for the West Central Development Council. In addition, he advised Board members to let him know if they wanted to attend the United County Councils meeting in October.

APPOINTMENTS

Motion by Schwallenstecker, seconded by Wieseman, to approve the reappointment of Don L. Ray and Ralph Gerdt to six-year terms on the Bunker Hill Cemetery Association Board of Directors. The term is from 3/1/05 – 2/28/11. All in favor, motion carried.

Chairman Manar distributed new County Board Committee appointments.

Motion by Pratt, seconded by Harding, to reappoint Ralph March, Lorraine Hart, Vivian Malham and Ruth Ann Pomatto to the Macoupin County Board of Health for another three-year term effective September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2008. All in favor, motion carried.

PETITIONS

Motion by Harding, seconded by Quarton, to approve three 50/50 Petitions:

Bird Township #23	\$1,500.00
Scottville Township #33	\$3,000.00

Shipman Township #28	\$6,000.00
Shipman Township #29	\$8,000.00
South Otter Township #17	\$2,000.00
South Otter Township #18	\$4,500.00

Roll call vote: 25 ayes and 2 absent. Motion carried.

AYES

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 Kiel, Bernie

Lux, Larry
 Malham, Vivian
 Manar, Andrew
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 Pratt, Vera
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 Schwallenstecker, O.
 Thomas, David

ABSENT

Fraser, Morrie
 Novak, Joe

EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

RESOLUTIONS

After a very lengthy discussion and several presentations, there was a motion by Denby, seconded by Thomas, to approve the Macoupin County General Fund Budget and Revenue Expenditures for fiscal year 2005-2006. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

Motion by Bellm, seconded by Lux, to establish the Macoupin County Emergency Management Fund as a Special County Fund. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Harding, seconded by Vojas, to adopt a Resolution identifying the expenses to be paid by the Macoupin County Highway Department from their funds: expenses of auditing, employees' health insurance, employees' life insurance, workers' compensation insurance and any vehicle and commercial insurance from funds under the control of the Highway Department. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Jubelt, seconded by Pratt, to establish a Special Task Force on Assessments in Macoupin County. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Malham, seconded by Wiggins, to give the Economic Development Coordinator authority to establish a contract for private advertising on the Macoupin County Website. All in favor, motion carried.

It was agreed to table items F. and G. regarding the Sheriff's Department, and refer them to the Sheriff's Committee. These topics will be addressed at the October, 2005 Board meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Pomatto, seconded by Kiel, to continue the \$350.00 stipend to the Animal Control Deputy Administrator, Buzie Bertagnolli, from September 1, 2005 through August 31, 2006. Same roll call vote: motion carried.

Motion by Schwallenstecker, seconded by Wieseman, to adopt a Resolution opposing the removal of the Route #66 bridge between Gillespie and Carlinville. The bridge shall remain intact for pedestrian passage but closed for vehicle passage. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Bellm, seconded by Quirk, to change the name of West Central Illinois Valley Regional Planning Commission to West Central Development Council. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Wiggins, seconded by Coatney, to adopt a Resolution in support of a Pilot Project to get affordable housing in Macoupin County. The County Board must pass this Resolution for the Housing Authority to issue bonds for this project. Same roll call vote: motion carried

Motion by Pratt, seconded by Harding, to adopt a Resolution amending Resolution 2003.61 changing the fee amount to be imposed to each person purchasing property at a tax sale held under the Illinois Property Tax Code, prior to the issuance of any Certificate of Purchase. All in favor, motion carried.

Resolution regarding HAVA grant will return to the Finance Committee and then on the Board agenda in the future.

ORDINANCES

Copies of the Hotel Operator's Occupation Tax Ordinance and the Macoupin County Subdivision Ordinance will be mailed to Board members for review and put on the Agenda in October, 2005.

CLAIMS AND OFFICERS REPORT

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Schwallenstecker, seconded by Kiel, to get additional information on Rule Change #1 regarding elimination of the regularly scheduled January meeting, and the topic will return to the Board for vote in October, 2005. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Schwallenstecker, seconded by Kiel, to approve New Rule #9 – establishing a regular meeting date of the Planning and Subdivision Committee which will be the fourth Wednesday of the month. Same roll call vote, motion carried.

Motion by Malham, seconded by Pomatto, to approve change to Board Rule #20, combining committees: County Clerk and Elections; and EMA and Ambulance. All in favor, motion carried.

Motion by Pratt, seconded by Wiggins, to refer the following to the Finance Committee:

- a. Travel policy for County employees.**
- b. Policy for buying back earned time.**
- c. Discuss ECO for future Countywide elected officials.**
- d. Plan for cost savings in copy room.**
- e. Countywide purchasing agent for office supplies.**
- f. Contract with credit card firm for exclusivity in County offices.**
- g. Regional Superintendent of Schools to discuss Macoupin County's proportional share of costs.**

All in favor, motion carried.

MILEAGE AND PER DIEM

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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Harding, seconded by Wieseman, to adjourn at 3:15 p.m. All in favor, motion carried.

PREPARED BY LINDA VALERIO