

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MONROE COUNTY, ILLINOIS MAY 4, 2015

The meeting of the County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois was called to order at 8:00 a.m. Chairman Terry Liefer, Commissioner Delbert Wittenauer, and Commissioner Robert Elmore were present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Others present included Sheila Wetzler, Linda Lehr and County Clerk Dennis Knobloch, along with Press Corps representatives – Joe Leicht of the Monroe County Independent and Alan Dooley of the Republic Times.

There being a quorum present, meeting was called to order by Chairman Liefer.

There were no members of the public present for public comment.

Aaron Metzger came to the meeting to discuss Highway Department business. He said that bids had been received for resurfacing to be done in Eagle Lake Estates in Monroe County Road District No. 5. Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to award this bid to Rooters American Maintenance, Inc., D.B.A. Rooters Asphalt of Beckemeyer, Illinois, in the amount of \$41,509.38. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 15-33**

**EAGLE LAKE ESTATES RESURFACING PHASE III  
CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AWARD  
ROAD DISTRICT NO. 5**

WHEREAS, in the interest of the improved transportation facilities and safety to the motoring public, Monroe County and Road District No. 5 propose to improve the streets within Eagle Lake Estates by resurfacing with a Hot Mix Asphalt Overlay; and

WHEREAS, bids were received on April 23, 2015 for said resurfacing designated as Section 14-05122-02-fp, in accordance with plans prepared by the Monroe County Highway Department and approved by the Commissioner of Road District No. 5 on March 23, 2015 and Illinois Department of Transportation on March 31, 2015.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County of Monroe shall award the construction contract for said Eagle Lake Estates Resurfacing Construction, to the low bidder, Rooters American Maintenance, Inc., D.B.A. Rooters Asphalt, Beckemeyer, IL in the amount of \$41,509.38 and that the County Board Chairman and the County Clerk are hereby authorized to execute said construction contracts upon execution by the contractor; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for said construction shall be appropriated from Road District No. 5 MFT and General Fund per the following:

**CONSTRUCTION:**

Road District No. 5 MFT	\$30,000.00
Road District No. 5 General	\$12,000.00

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Motion: Wittenauer  
Aye: Three  
Absent: None

Second: Elmore  
Nay: None

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Terry Liefer, Chairman

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Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

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Delbert Wittenauer, Member

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Robert Elmore, Member

Bid Summary:	Construction Estimate -	\$52,975.00
	Rooters American Maint. -	\$41,509.38
	Keeley & Sons, Inc. -	\$46,716.58
	Christ Bros. Asphalt -	\$55,218.49

Mr. Metzger said that Harrisonville Telephone Company has requested a permanent utility easement 16.5 feet wide along the south side of Bluff Road on buyout property acquired by Monroe County after the 1993 Flood. Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to award the requested easement to HTC. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 15-34**

CONCURRENCE IN THE GRANTING OF A PERMANENT UTILITY  
EASEMENT TO THE HARRISONVILLE TELEPHONE COMPANY  
ALONG BLUFF ROAD ON PROPERTY ACQUIRED FROM  
HERMAN & BERNICE ZEIGER  
THROUGH THE FLOOD BUYOUT PROGRAM

WHEREASE, the Harrisonville Telephone Company has requested a permanent utility easement 16.5 ft. in width along the south side of the Bluff Road on buyout property acquired by the County of Monroe by deed record Book 190, Page 450-453; and

PARCEL: #15-36-400-001

WHEREAS, said easement is deemed to be for a use beneficial to the public and will not interfere with the County's use of said parcel.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Monroe County Board of Commissioners hereby approves and authorizes the County Board Chairman and County Clerk to sign, on behalf of the County of Monroe, said easement attached hereto as Exhibit A.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

Motion: Wittenauer  
Aye: Three  
Absent: None

Second: Elmore  
Nay: None

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Terry Liefer, Chairman

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Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

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Delbert Wittenauer, Member

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Robert Elmore, Member

There was discussion regarding various resurfacing issues throughout the County.

Mike Fausz and Deb Foster of Helping Strays came to the meeting to discuss the construction of the new Helping Strays facility in the Hanover Industrial park. Mike Schneider, Architect for the building, was also present for this discussion. Mr. Fausz said the original plat said that anyone constructing on the subject lot would have to have access off of Hanover Industrial Drive. The owners (Helping Strays) said they would like to have access off of Hanover Road. Mr. Fausz said they have filed all of the necessary paperwork and met with the Planning Commission and Land Use. It was decided that the entrance will be one-way off of Hanover Road, and exit one-way off of Hanover Industrial Drive. Mr. Fausz said the Planning Commission also asked that this change be designated for the current owner only, and if Helping Strays ever sells the property, the new owner would have to come back to discuss this issue. Motion was made by Commissioner Elmore, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to approve this plat change as presented. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 15-2**

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Land Use Committee recommended to approve the Amended Plat of Part Lot 10 of Hanover Road Tracts; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Regional Planning Commission recommended to approve the Amended Plat of Part Lot 10 of Hanover Road Tracts; and

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WHEREAS, this plat is located within 1 ½ miles of the City of Waterloo and they have recommended to approve the Amended Plat of part Lot 10 of Hanover Road Tracts;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois to approve the Amended Plat of Part Lot 10 of Hanover Road Tracts:

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015

Motion: Elmore  
Aye: Three  
Absent: None

Second: Wittenauer  
Nay: None

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Terry Liefer, Chairman

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Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

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Delbert Wittenauer, Member

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Robert Elmore, Member

Ms. Foster also asked if the County Board would be willing to waive the building permit fees, since this group has saved the County a lot of money by taking care of the stray animals. Following some discussion, the Board decided to table this matter, and that Mike Fausz should bring details to the County Board as to the dollar amount of the permit and inspections involved with this building. It was agreed that the permit could be issued, and work could begin on the structure, even though no permit fees will be paid pending further discussion by the Board.

The following Accounts Payable having been approved for payment, Commissioner Wittenauer moved that the same be allowed and that vouchers be issued against their respective funds of the County Treasurer for payment. Motion seconded by Commissioner Elmore, and so declared all voting Aye, none Nay, and none Absent. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

Monroe County Bicentennial Committee	2,000.00
Ruth's Deli & Catering	5,012.66
John Deere Financial	100.87
Rejis Commission	164.00
K&D Printing	575.00
Wightman Pharmacy	74.08
Traughber & Morris	741.67
Waterloo Lumber Company Inc.	157.16
Gateway Industrial Power Inc.	450.00
Harrisonville Telephone Co.	3,148.22

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West Group	504.00
SILEC	4,016.00
Quill Corporation	191.37
Reeb's Wholesale	177.97
Leaf	227.30
Coast to Coast	354.18
Warner Communications corp.	2,370.00
Americom Imaging Systems, Inc.	925.00
West Group	2,120.00
Leon Uniform Company, Inc.	1,154.86
Metro Lock & Security Inc.	90.00
International Code Council	125.00
U S Bank Equipment Finance	109.00
Universal Inc.	2,257.94
Ed Roehr Auto Radio Co Inc.	521.84
Platinum Technology Resource LLC	1,018.23
Wireless USA	392.00
Thomson West	904.00
Notary Public Assoc. of Illinois	49.00
Zobrio	170.00
Rahn's Hometown Auto Repair	45.32
Williams Office Products	301.91
Secure Document Destruction	40.00
MPS Industries	774.00
Red Bud Illinois Hospital Company	250.00
Bruce Electric	5,069.00
Toshiba Financial Services	256.00
All-Pro	2,936.00
Americom	119.00
Trost Plastics	2,653.10
Sidebarr	374.99
St. Clair County Coroner	100.00
1 <sup>st</sup> National Bank of Waterloo	7,839.87
Chris Howell	36.80
Carla Heise	15.00

HEALTH TAX FUND

Egyptian Stationers Inc.	151.09
GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals	675.75
Harrisonville Telephone Co.	583.14
Jan Turley	250.00
1 <sup>st</sup> National Bank of Waterloo	196.95

AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND

1 <sup>st</sup> National Bank of Waterloo	90.00
Memorial Hospital	268.18
Medstar Ambulance, Inc.	450.00

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Harrisonville Telephone Co.	153.79
Airgas Mid America	85.53
Midwest Warehouse Storage, Inc.	100.00
Fact Canada Consulting Ltd	299.70
G E Capital	115.99

HIGHWAY FUND

John Deere Financial	593.84
Harrisonville Telephone Co.	42.70
Columbia Quarry Company	164.17
Construction Supply	84.50
Asphalt Sales & Products Inc.	1,239.60
Quill	62.38
Schaeffer Mfg. Co.	1,378.30
Shelby's Automotive Repair, Inc.	496.00
Tapco, Inc.	344.09
V "Red" Smith	25.00
Dave Schmidt Truck Service	1,615.56
R.M. Webster & Associates, Inc.	275.00
Aramark Uniform Services	1,310.24
Williams Office Products, Inc.	12.30

COUNTY MOTOR FUEL

Columbia Quarry Company	386.88
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ROAD DISTRICT MOTOR FUEL TAX

Columbia Quarry Company	2,303.43
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There was some discussion regarding lightning damage to equipment at the Jail. Linda Lehr said that Brian Hooten had the paperwork that needed to be filled out to make sure we get reimbursement from the Insurance Company. Chairman Liefer told Ms. Lehr to make sure she stays after Brian to make sure he completes the paperwork for submission.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to approve the minutes of the regular County Board meeting held on April 20, 2015. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to approve use of the Courtyard and Bandstand by the Waterloo Optimist Club for their Annual Car show to be held on June 7. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Sandy Sauget came to the meeting to discuss an upcoming legislative change with the County Board. She said currently jurors are paid \$7.50 per day. Beginning June 1, jurors will be compensated \$25 for their first day (even those who show up and are not chosen), and \$50 for each subsequent day of duty to the Court. She wanted to let the Board know this could have a

major impact on that budget line item, and it appears there is nothing the County can do to change this

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situation. The Board thanked Ms. Sauget for her update, even though this could have a major negative economic impact on the County.

Pam Jacobs came to the meeting to update the Board on Extension Service activities. She also brought along the current proposed budget that required the signature of the County Board Chairman. Ms. Jacobs said contributions from the three member Counties are now as follows –

Madison County – \$50,000  
St. Clair County - \$40,100  
Monroe County - \$188,000

Ms. Jacobs said that the St. Clair County contribution was originally \$44,100, then was dropped to \$20,100 last year, and is now up to \$40,100.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to go into Closed Session to discuss personnel and union negotiations. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 15-35**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that the Board is going into closed session for the purpose of Personnel and Union Negotiations.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo, this 4th day of May, 2015.

Motion: Wittenauer  
Aye: Three  
Absent: None

Second: Elmore  
Nay: None

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Terry Liefer, Chairman

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Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

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Delbert Wittenauer, Member

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Robert Elmore, Member

Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to end Closed Session and return to Open Session. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION 15-36**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that the Board is ending its closed session and is returning to open session.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo, this 4th day of May, 2015.

Motion: Wittenauer  
Aye: Three  
Absent: None

Second: Elmore  
Nay: None

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Terry Liefer, Chairman

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Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

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Delbert Wittenauer, Member

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Robert Elmore, Member

Linda Lehr gave her regular report. There was discussion regarding the various options regarding Health Insurance. She said she is still waiting for a website proposal from Action Graphics.

There was discussion regarding the installation of the new County phone system. Mike Schneider said the County may want to consider the seismic integrity of the jail and Courthouse building before making a decision on the location of the “brains” of the new telephone system.

Kim Keckritz came to the meeting to discuss the plans for the Rehab Addition to Oak Hill. Also in attendance for this discussion was Mike Schneider of Quadrant Design. Ms. Keckritz said she had talked to the folks at Holland Construction, and they said the County has two options. Holland can provide a rough project estimate using the preliminary building plans currently available, and then the County can decide if the project is financially feasible, or an Architect could be hired now, and a more detailed plan developed that would create a more exact cost estimate. Following discussion, motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to contract with Holland Construction for design/build services on this proposed addition, and to ask Holland to provide a rough project estimate without hiring an Architect at this time. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried. The Commissioners felt that if the project proceeds, it will be Holland’s responsibility to hire a Project Architect that can provide the necessary services and meet all of the required IDPH mandates. Commissioner Wittenauer said he felt the main concern of the County right now is that future Medicaid reimbursement is questionable due to the State of Illinois budget situation.



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Motion was made by Commissioner Elmore, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to approve use of the Courtyard and Bandstand by the Waterloo Optimists, Waterloo Lions and

Waterloo VFW for the Waterloo Homecoming to be held on August 28 and 29. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to approve the appointment of Randy Scheibe to the Valmeyer Fire Protection District replacing Robert Scheibe who has resigned. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 15-37**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois, that Randy Scheibe, 621 KK Road, Valmeyer, Illinois be appointed to the Valmeyer Fire Protection District replacing Robert Scheibe, who has resigned, with term to commence on May 1, 2015 and term to expire April 30, 2018 or when a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo, this 4<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2015.

Motion: Wittenauer  
Aye: Three  
Absent: None

Second: Elmore  
Nay: None

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Terry Liefer, Chairman

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Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

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Delbert Wittenauer, Member

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Robert Elmore, Member

Motion was made by Commissioner Elmore, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to approve a Raffle License for Fountain Inn. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Sheila Wetzler presented paperwork for review by the Board of the proof of insurance coverage for an upcoming wedding to be held on the Bandstand.

Dennis Knobloch reported that plans are progressing for the 2016 Monroe County Bicentennial, and the Committee is accepting any and all contributions at this time.

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Commissioner Wittenauer reported that “A Day In The Country” is being planned in the New Hanover area for children with cancer. He said many activities are being planned for these children.

Commissioner Wittenauer said he wondered why recycle items can be commingled when they are picked up by trucks in the various municipalities, but at the Recycling Center it is required that all of those items be turned in separately. Dennis Knobloch said the items picked up along the street are normally taken to a processing center where employees are paid to separate the items into the various categories of materials.

Chairman Liefer reported on his attendance at the most recent CIRMA meeting.

Commissioner Wittenauer said he would like for the County Board to meet with a representative of the solar power industry to see if there are any savings available for County buildings by using that type of energy.

Commissioner Wittenauer said that the East-West Gateway Coordinating Council is now seeking a new Executive Director.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.