

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, ILLINOIS APRIL 20, 2015

The meeting of the County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Terry Liefer, Commissioner Delbert Wittenauer and Commissioner Robert Elmore were present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

With Chairman Liefer presiding, it was declared that a quorum was present, and the meeting was ready for business.

Others present included Sheila Wetzler, Linda Lehr and County Clerk Dennis Knobloch, along with press corps representatives Alan Dooley of the Waterloo Republic-Times and Joe Leicht of the Monroe County Independent.

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

Aaron Metzger was present to discuss various Highway Department issues. He said that recently the Federal and State government have enacted new standards for the size and reflectivity of road signage. He said the County has been replacing these signs as they needed to be replaced because of structural reasons, so most of the County signs are now in compliance. Mr. Metzger said there is now a program that would reimburse the local governments for the cost of replacing the existing signage that does not meet the new requirements. He said he will assist the Road Districts, Maestown and Hecker, while Fults and Valmeyer have opted not to work through this program. The program will pay for everything except installation labor, and the project will be bid and paid for up front. He said the County Highway Department will now act as the Lead Agency, and the requests for reimbursement will be handled by that office. Mr. Metzger said this will only apply to warning and regulatory signs – it does not include signs like “No Parking” or recreational signage.

Motion was made by Commissioner Elmore, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to approve having the Monroe County Highway Department act as the lead agency to assist other Monroe County Road Districts and municipalities with the signage upgrades. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 15-28

FEDERAL PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT AND APPROPRIATION FOR THE
RURAL LOCAL AGENCY TRAFFIC SIGN UPGRADE PROGRAM

WHEREAS, the Federal Government, in the interest of improved safety to the motoring public, has increased its standards for traffic control signs by raising the reflectivity levels and increasing sign size; and

WHEREAS, in order to help Local Agencies pay for these new sign standards, the Rural Local Agency Traffic Sign Upgrade Program has been established; and

WHEREAS, per said Program the County shall be the Lead Agency with all paperwork, programming, initial funding and bidding passing through the County Highway Department.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Engineer be authorized to sign the Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation and that the following funds be appropriated, as a Pass Thru Fund, for the proposed project:

County Highway Fund	<u>Material</u>
(Contingent)	<u>\$30,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$30,000

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon contract award and payment to supplier, the County Engineer shall invoice the Central Bureau of Local Roads and Streets for reimbursement.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo, this 20th day of April, 2015.

Motion: Elmore
Aye: Three
Absent: None

Second: Wittenauer
Nay: None

Terry Liefer, Chairman

Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

Delbert Wittenauer, Member

Robert Elmore, Member

Mike Fausz came to the meeting to discuss several issues. He said that the bid on the previous Ford Truck for the Maintenance Department has expired, and he has looked into the new bid for that type of vehicle. The replacement for that bid is a Chevrolet C-1500 with the base bid of \$19,404. There will be additional cost for installation of a Tommy Gate on that truck. This purchase was approved by the Board at a previous meeting.

Mr. Fausz also brought information to the Board regarding the telephone system bids. The bids were as follows:

Harrisonville Telephone Company – Waterloo, IL
Avaya IP Office 500V2 \$23,395.16

AT&T – Geneva, IL
Avaya IP Office 500V2 \$40,784.47
Avaya IPO R9 Digital \$39,173.99

Fulton Communication – St. Louis, MO
Vertical IP 2500 \$24,913.80

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Mr. Fausz said the apparent low bidder is Harrisonville Telephone Company. All of the phone system equipment bids were for comparable equipment. Mr. Fausz said he also checked with HTC, and this is all new equipment. Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to accept the low bid of Harrisonville Telephone Company for a replacement phone system. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried. Mr. Fausz said they have also discussed the location of the main hub for the phone system. He said it was previously located in the main Courthouse building, but years ago was moved to the jail, because they have a generator in case the power goes out. Now that there is a generator at the Courthouse, it may make more sense to bring the phone equipment back here. Mr. Fausz said it was important to have the phone system in a location with a generator, so we don't lose phone service during a power outage. Mr. Fausz said he will discuss this issue with HTC, as well as whether there is any kind of salvage value for the current telephone system. He will also handle the installation schedule for the new system.

Linda Lehr said she has talked with Action Graphics, and they will be establishing a cost proposal regarding several options for the new County website. Ms. Lehr said she has prepared the application for use of the Baum-Salem site, and that has been reviewed and accepted by the Board there. She said the Miles Cemetery Board has also shown interest in using this form. Motion was made by Commissioner Elmore, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to adopt this revised form, including the requirement for \$1 million in liability protection, to be used for the Reservation of the Courtyard and Bandstand. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried. There was also discussion regarding the formal appointment of Board members for the Baum-Salem Cemetery Board.

Kim Keckritz came to the meeting to present the monthly Oak Hill report. She said they have finished with the necessary compliance security policies and trained on them, regarding all of the stored electronic data, and she said that will be a fluid policy as changes become necessary. As far as the census, Ms. Keckritz said the March numbers are good, as is the Medicare census for the year. She said as for the combined financial situation, the revenue exceeds budget at this point, and net income is up 45% over last year.

Ms. Keckritz said one problem they are having is finding and retaining CNA's. She said one of the problems is that CCSI – the former Beck Center – does not currently have a CNA program. Other Nursing Homes in the area are also having problems getting CNA's. She has talked to the Director there, and they will once again be offering the 6-week class at a fee of \$1,100. Ms. Keckritz said she is considering some scholarship and tuition assistance to entice more people to take the program. She said the Union is also fine with this arrangement.

Ms. Keckritz said there will be a special meeting held April 28 to interview several Construction Management firms regarding a proposed rehabilitation addition to Oak Hill. She said they also received a visit by a rep from the Alzheimer's Association, and this person had a lot of good ideas that will be discussed and implemented in the future. Ms. Keckritz was also happy to report that there have been only 3 Safety incidents so far this year.

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The following Accounts Payable having been approved **with the addition of a City of Waterloo utility payment of \$260.85** 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

City of Columbia – Ambulance	248.72
Special O.P.S. K-9 Academy	675.95
John Deere Financial	56.05
John Deere Financial	101.98
Rejis Commission	1,480.00
Wayne's One Stop	1,930.87
K&D Printing	410.50
Fidlar Technologies	172.66
Wightman Pharmacy	209.59
Kelton Davis	21,946.50
DataTronics	598.00
Da Com Corporation	69.97
City of Waterloo	14,286.57
Gateway FS	2,352.33
Harrisonville Telephone Co.	17.43
West Group	554.99
Haines & Company	311.50
Monroe County Electric Coop Inc.	437.50
Quill Corporation	17.68
Reliable Sanitation Service	2,599.22
Butler Supply Inc.	269.85
Reeb's Wholesale	85.97
Sure Shine Auto Wash	454.64
Coast to Coast	335.46
V "Red" Smith	20.00
Warner Communications Corp.	5,567.84
The Lowenbaum Partnership, LLC	9,300.00
Charles Suarez, Treasurer	560.00
Leon Uniform Company Inc.	1,026.70
St Clair/Monroe County CASA	1,200.00
GreatAmerica Leasing Corp.	152.49
Sherwin Williams	107.58
Dennis M. Knobloch	159.35
Republic-Times/The Shopper	2,768.30
Kone, Inc.	603.10
St. Elizabeth's Hospital	792.60
U-Haul	704.94
Zobrio	34.47
Chris Campo	288.00
Logo's 'N Stitches, Inc.	42.60

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Code Enforcement Officials	185.00
Charter Communications	33.92
AT&T Mobility	1,980.52
Motorola	1,068.00
Harrisonville Telephone Co.	680.93
Williams Office Products	53.89
Mike Fausz	77.14
Culligan-Schaefer Water Centers	42.42
Ann Thorburg	13.80
Cepamercia Illinois LLP	69.25
De Signs	500.00
Bruce Electric	170.00
Americom	290.40
Judy L. Tiemann	13.50
Sidebarr	606.98
Schneider Quality Meats	416.00
Coast to Coast Equipment	68.53
Election Judge/Set Up/Night Workers/Poll Rentals	47,091.77

HEALTH TAX FUND

The Lowenbaum Partnership, LLC	1,805.00
Glaxosmithkline Pharmaceuticals	1,692.19
PSS – Heartland	327.05
Culligan-Schaefer Water Centers	63.92
Clarke Mosquito Control Products	562.42
Stericycle, Inc.	234.28

RECORDER’S DOCUMENT STORAGE

Fidlar Technologies	1,753.15
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AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND

Rejis	41.50
Kussmaul Electronics Co. Inc.	144.79
Foster Coach Sales, Inc.	75.49
Airgas Mid America	269.11
Aetna	79.39
Wex Inc.	1,989.37
Moore Medical Corp.	279.87
Tritech Emergency Medical Sys Inc.	6,052.93
Motorola	396.00

HIGHWAY FUND

John Deere Financial	26.41
DataTronics	188.00
Al’s Auto Supply	298.11

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Ameren Illinois	48.28
Monroe County Electric Cooperative	1,109.70
Asphalt Sales and Products Inc.	1,403.43
Reliable Sanitation Service, Inc.	50.65
O'Reilly Auto Parts	305.63
Shane Stechmesser	86.50

FEDERAL AID MATCHING

Monroe County Highway Fund	6,216.00
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COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND

Monroe County Highway Fund	40,246.57
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ROAD DISTRICT MOTOR FUEL TAX

Columbia Quarry Company	243.44
JTC Petroleum Co.	15,822.40

The minutes of the April 6, 2015 meeting were approved with minor corrections upon motion by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to reappoint Brian Coats to the Maeystown Fire Protection District. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 15-29

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois, that Brian Coats, 1317 Mill Street, Maeystown, Illinois be reappointed to the **Maeystown Fire Protection District** 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 20th day of April, 2015.

Motion: Wittenauer
Aye: Three
Absent: None

Second: Elmore
Nay: None

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Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to reappoint Matthew Schmitz and Russell J. Amann to the Fountain Water District Board. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 15-30

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that the following individuals be reappointed to the Fountain Water District Board with term to commence on May 2, 2015 and term to expire on May 1, 2020 or when a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Matthew Schmitz
5425 Bluff Road
Valmeyer, IL 62295

Russell J. Amann
1644 G Road
Prairie du Rocher, IL 62277

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Motion: Wittenauer
Aye: Three
Absent: None

Second: Elmore
Nay: None

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Motion was made by Commissioner Elmore, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to approve a Raffle License for the Waterloo Sportsman's Club. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Kelton Davis came to the meeting to present the Quarterly Report of the Regional Office of Education. He said he wanted the minutes to reflect that he was not asking for money today. Mr. Davis said at this time the State is providing only 87% of the required funding to the local Schools for the current year budget. Shortfalls to each School will be as follows:

Valmeyer School	\$26,000
Waterloo School	\$103,000
Columbia School	\$76,000

He said some of the Schools in the area are already talking about using Tax Anticipation Warrants so they have sufficient funds to operate.

Mr. Davis said he is excited about getting the local Schools involved in the upcoming Monroe County Bicentennial celebration, beginning with a meeting later this week. He also explained the CEO program, where High School Juniors and Seniors will work with local business professionals to start their own businesses. He said his office is also very busy with the Supporting Autism Reality program, including a Grizzlies baseball game that will be upcoming. Mr. Davis said the Testing Center is very successful at this point, and his office has completed the required Life-Safety Inspections at all the local Schools.

Commissioner Wittenauer said the new Kaskaskia-Cahokia Trail brochure is complete, and he distributed copies to all in attendance.

Dennis Knobloch provided a brief update on planned Bicentennial activities.

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