

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MONROE COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUNE 15, 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.

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

Aaron Metzger was present for discussion of Highway Department business. He said that recently the Clerk of Monroe County Road District #2, John Poetker, passed away after having served in that capacity for 40 years. Mr. Metzger said that Kevin Poetker has agreed to take over that position. Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to approve the appointment of Mr. Poetker. All voting Aye, none Nay, and none Absent. Motion carried. County Clerk Dennis Knobloch administered the Oath of Office to Kevin Poetker.

**RESOLUTION 15-43**

APPOINTMENT OF AN INTERIM CLERK FOR  
MONROE COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 2

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists for the office of Clerk for Monroe County Road District No. 2,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Kevin L. Poetker, 1060 Gilmore Lake Road, Waterloo, IL be appointed to fill said vacancy under provision of 605 ILCS 5/6-121.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

Motion: Wittenauer  
Aye: Three  
Absent: None

Second: Elmore  
Nay: None

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Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

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Terry Liefer, Chairman

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Mr. Metzger presented the semi-annual report of activities for the Monroe County Highway Department.

Mr. Metzger said that the state has finally billed Monroe County for the work that was done on the Bluff Road repaving project several years ago. Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to approve the payment of \$610,000 from the County Construction Fund for payment to the State of Illinois on that project. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried. Payment of \$257,148.95 will also be paid from the County MFT Fund to pay the balance of the amount due to the State of Illinois. That amount is included in the Board Order listing for this meeting.

Mr. Metzger said that storm sewer work is underway on the Lakeview Drive Sidewalk/Curb and Gutter project.

The following Accounts Payable having been approved for payment, Commissioner Elmore 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 Wittenauer, and so declared all voting Aye, none Nay, and none Absent. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

Byers Printing Co.	1,100.70
Linnemann Lawn Care & landscaping	375.00
Wightman Pharmacy	193.90
Conrad Press Ltd.	30.00
DataTronics	598.00
Gateway FS	6,739.52
IL Assn. County Clerks & Recordors	20.00
Harrisonville Telephone Co.	932.38
Monroe County Electric Coop Inc.	437.50
Monroe County General Fund	3,600.00
Quill Corporation	145.54
Wheat's Auto Body Inc.	48.41
Huebner Concrete Contracting Inc.	23,335.00
St. Clair County Treasurer	15,331.25
Reliable Sanitation Service	165.40
Reeb's Wholesale	232.62
Leaf	227.30
Speedlube	157.95
Daniel J. Cuneo, Ph.D.	750.00
D & A Builders	863.79
Nabers Shop	118.51
Bob Barker Company Inc.	184.22
Americom Imaging Systems, Inc.	198.00
IL Dept of Central Mgmt Services	498.55
The Lowenbaum Partnership, LLC	11,850.00
Richland Pet Cremation & Memorials	20.50
Monroe County Independent	28.00

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Leon Uniform Company Inc.	685.17
U S Bank Equipment Finance	109.00
Wireless USA	245.00
Republic-Times/The Shopper	256.00
Neal Rohlfing	445.19
Actions Graphics & Signs, Inc.	34.00
CivicPlus	968.53
Weir Chev-Olds-Buick Pontiac-GMC	43.23
Locks A 2 Z Inc.	852.00
Dobbs Auto Centers	414.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	19.79
Coast to Coast Computer Products	365.95
Stanley Convergent Security Sol	950.00
Rahn's Hometown Auto Repair	223.21
Charter Communications	38.56
Motorola	1,925.00
Reliable Office Supplies	208.73
D E Signs	158.00
James A Petterchak, MD	1,703.00
Culligan-Schaefer Water Centers	28.97
Norfleet Forensics, LLC	1,500.00
Clinical Radiologists S.C.	67.00
Stresscrete	450.00
Southern Illinois Video Systems Inc.	250.00
Sidebarr	300.00
1 <sup>st</sup> National Bank of Waterloo	1,546.41
Schneider Quality Meats	416.00
Linda Lehr	15.00
Coast to Coast Equipment	68.53
Columbia Quarry Company	1,178.48
Memorial Hospital	351.02

HEALTH TAX FUND

McKesson Medical Surgical	3,070.17
Sanofi Pasteur Inc.	2,156.23
Stericycle, Inc.	234.28

RECORDER'S DOCUMENT STORAGE

Fidlar Technologies	1,936.80
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AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND

Mertz Ford	1,034.11
Dobbs Auto Centers	141.20
Harrisonville Telephone Co.	147.75

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Coast to Coast	406.79
Foster Coach Sales, Inc.	74.36
Airgas Mid America	146.72
Weir Ford-Mercury LLC	456.17
UPS	1.29
WEX Inc.	1,949.11
Tri Zetto Provider Solutions	89.70
HHH	7,554.18
Arrow International	1,110.53
Nabers Shop	1,451.69

COURT AUTOMATION FUND

Goodin Associates Ltd.	290.00
Sidebarr	49.50

HIGHWAY FUND

DataTronics	188.00
Al's Auto Supply	125.09
Roger's Redi-Mix Inc.	1,250.00
Waterloo Lumber Co.	234.69
Ameren Illinois	42.74
Monroe County Electric Cooperative	742.78
Asphalt Sales and Products Inc.	1,659.27
Tiemann Industrial Supply Inc.	26.27
Reliable Sanitation Service, Inc.	50.65
Fountain Water District	60.34
Leaf	299.00
Metal Culverts, Inc.	11,480.95
Lochmuller Group	7,382.94
Select Propane	4,620.00
Paving Maintenance Supply, Inc.	4,500.00
Trinity Highway Products	1,415.00
Nu-Deal Oil Co.	15.00
Aramark Uniform Services	376.84
Rodney Eckart	83.25
O'Reilly Auto Parts	13.96

FEDERAL AID MATCHING

Monroe County Highway Fund	5,258.53
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COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND

Columbia Quarry Company	82.91
Monroe County Highway Fund	14,834.75
Treasurer, State of Illinois	257,148.95

ROAD DISTRICT MOTOR FUEL TAX

Columbia Quarry Company	2,435.48
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The minutes of the June 1, 2015 regular meeting were approved upon motion by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Linda Lehr said she is in the process of collecting information to forward to CIRMA for the annual insurance renewal quote.

Mike Fausz came to the meeting to present several Floodplain Variance requests. He said Bob and Luke Edler of BJ Grain and Livestock requested a variance to place a grain bin on their property near Chalfin Bridge. Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Fausz said that Glenn Stumpf requested a variance for construction of a grain bin and grain leg on his property near Warnock. Motion for approval was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Fausz said that Will Wuertz requested permission to construct a hay storage shed on the property of his father, Carl Wuertz at 2501 Steffen Road – Fults. Motion for approval was made 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 Don Gergen and Kevin Koenigstein as Trustees for Palmier Hill Cemetery. All voting aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 15-44**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that the following individuals be reappointed as a **Trustees for Palmier Hill Cemetery**, with term to commence on July 2, 2015 and term to expire on July 1, 2018 or when a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Don Gergen  
710 Amherst Place  
Edwardsville IL 62025

Kevin Koenigstein  
606 Rockhampton Drive  
Columbia IL 62236

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Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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 reappoint Mike Schneider, John Dammrich, Chuck Pittman, Joe Koppeis and Gene Ebersohl to the Monroe County Economic Development Council. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 15-45**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that the following individuals be reappointed to the **Monroe County Economic Development Council**, with term to commence on July 2, 2015 and term to expire on July 1, 2018 or when a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Mike Schneider  
135 S. Main Street  
Waterloo IL 62298

John Dammrich  
308 Armin Circle  
Columbia IL 62236

Chuck Pittman  
111 N. Market Street  
Waterloo IL 62298

Joe Koppeis  
1000 Columbia Ctr  
Columbia IL 62236

Gene Ebersohl  
208 S. Rapp Avenue  
Columbia IL 62236

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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 reappoint Dennis Rodenberg to the Monroe County Board of Appeals. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 15-46**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that Dennis Rodenberg, 3211 Kaskaskia Road, Fufts, Illinois be reappointed to the **Monroe County Board of Appeals**, with term to commence on July 2, 2015 and term to expire on July 1, 2020 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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 appoint Lyle Hoffmann, Steve Wheat and Kaye Eschmann to the Salem-Baum Cemetery Association Board. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION 15-47**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that the following individuals be appointed as to the **Salem-Baum Cemetery Association Board**, with term to commence on July 1, 2015 and term to expire on June 30, 2018 or when a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Lyle Hoffmann  
1254 Gall Road  
Waterloo IL 62298

Steve Wheat  
5767 Old Baum Church Road  
Waterloo IL 62298

Kaye Eschmann  
12 Kopp Road  
Waterloo IL 62298

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo, this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 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

Kelton Davis, Monroe-Randolph Regional Superintendent of Schools came to the meeting to present his regular report. There was considerable discussion regarding the Safe School program for at risk students. He said the State is looking to cut the budget for that program, and his office is trying to find ways to continue to provide those programs to students in need. He presented his Quarterly Report and asked if the Board approved of the new format. The Commissioners said the report looked fine as presented. Mr. Davis also said he would like to change the presentation of these reports to coincide with the fiscal year observed by his office. The Commissioners said they would have no problem with that change either. Mr. Davis said he is very excited to see that 50 educators have reserved space on the Monroe County Bicentennial Educational Tour, and they also have some teachers on a waiting list.

Kim Keckritz was present for the monthly Oak Hill report. She said that during May the census remained strong, and that is also reflected in the year-to-date financials. She was happy to report that 8 new CNA's had been hired, and 2 more are enrolled in the educational program at this time. Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to



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approve the monthly Nursing Home bills. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Dan Sternau of Holland Construction came to the meeting to discuss the proposed construction of the Transitional Care Unit at Oak Hill. He said that as the County had requested, Holland Construction sent out Request for Qualifications for the Architectural Services on the proposed Nursing Home project. Mr. Sternau said that three firms were interviewed, and those included Grubbs and Associates, Farnsworth Group and Quadrant Design. Holland gave the following rankings to the interviews with the firms:

Grubbs and Associates – 98 points out of 100

Farnsworth Group – 94 points out of 100

Quadrant Design – 91 points out of 100

Mike Schneider came to the meeting.

Mr. Sternau said he felt that Grubbs and Associates scored higher because of their extensive experience with skilled living facilities, and Holland recommends hiring that firm for the work on this project. Chairman Liefer said he would like to allow time for the Commissioners to review this information, and suggested that a decision be made at the first County Board meeting in July.

Mr. Sternau said that he felt the budget for the project would be about \$2,250,000 with \$250,000 in contingency for a total project cost of \$2.5 million. He said the conceptual plan as presented does not fit well onto the building site, so some revisions would be necessary to make that work. Mr. Sternau said that the amount of square footage would remain the same, but some dimensions may need to be changed to allow the building to fit the site. There was considerable discussion regarding wet vs. dry fire suppression systems. Mrs. Sternau said the new construction would include a wet system, and he felt the original building should have had the same type system.

Regarding the cost of the project, Ms. Keckritz said to remember that the Endowment Association was also going to make a contribution toward the cost of construction. Mr. Sternau said approximately \$2 million of the cost is for new construction, and \$250,000 is for renovation of some of the existing rooms.

Commissioner Elmore asked how long it would take for final approval if the project was submitted to IDPH in September. Mr. Sternau said he felt 6-8 weeks was a realistic time frame for approval of the project. Chairman Liefer said that would still allow for the start of construction in the Spring of 2016.

Chairman Liefer said the Franklin County Detention Center is looking to cover some funding shortfalls following proposed State cutbacks. He said he would like for Kris Reitz, Judge Doyle and Sheriff Rohlfing to review this situation and make a recommendation to the County Board.

There was nothing new to report on Courthouse security, and some work has been done on the new phone system, so that should be operational soon.

Chairman Liefer said he was pleased to see that representatives of the Extension Service and the Regional Supt. of School offices had gotten together to discuss ways they can work together.

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Carla Heise came to the meeting to discuss various Ambulance Service issues. Kevin Koenigstein was also in attendance. Chairman Liefer said that HIH will end their contract for billing services on June 30. Ms. Heise said that any aged and open accounts will come back to the Ambulance Service office at that time, and the office staff there will be responsible for follow-up. Chairman Liefer said that he and Ms. Heise had met with another billing service that works with several other Ambulance Services in the area. Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to contract with Andres Medical Billing, Ltd. of Arlington Heights, Illinois. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried. It was decided to let HIH handle any billing from now until June 30.

Commissioner Wittenauer said he thinks we are providing too many free services. He said that if we are called to do a lift assist, we are not charging anything, and at the same time we have the potential for a work comp claim if someone gets hurt. Ms. Heise said she would check around to see what the going rate is for that type of service, and see if we can start charging for that. Commissioner Wittenauer said he just felt there should be some type of charge for any service that is rendered. Ms. Heise said one example is Legacy Place, that calls the Ambulance Service for lift assists, since Legacy Place has no one on staff who is qualified to do this type of work. Commissioner Wittenauer said he felt that especially in a case like that, we should be charging for that service.

Chairman Liefer said at the meeting attended by all of the Ambulance Service staff members, mention was made that they had all kinds of ideas of how to save money. He asked if any ideas had been presented to Ms. Heise. She said no, she had not received anything, and she said she would talk to the members of the staff to see if they had come up with any good ideas. Chairman Liefer said that he, along with Ms. Heise and Mr. Koenigstein had met with VMG, a company that will provide some type of appraisal of the County service that will also include ideas on things that could be improved.

Chairman Liefer asked Mr. Koenigstein for a financial update on the Ambulance Service. Mr. Koenigstein said that the Service is up to date on paying bills and meeting the payrolls to date, but no progress has been made on making payments on the new Ambulance or making rental payments on the Annex Building facilities.

Kevin Koenigstein presented the semi-annual Collector's Report. Motion to approve the report was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Koenigstein said interest has been expressed in purchasing a delinquent tax lot at Lake Mildred. Motion was made by Commissioner Elmore, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to accept the bid of \$636 from James Milburn for purchase of PPN 18-05-368-007-000. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 15-48**

WHEREAS, The County of Monroe, as Trustee for the Taxing Districts, has undertaken a program to collect delinquent taxes and to perfect titles to real property in cases in which the taxes on such real property have not been paid, pursuant to 35ILCS 200/21-90, and

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WHEREAS, Pursuant to this program, the County of Monroe, as Trustee for the Taxing Districts, has acquired an interest in the following described real estate:

T5S-R9W TOWNSHIP

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER; 18-05-368-007-000

As described in certificates(s): 201000313 sold December 2011

And it appearing to the County Board that it would be to the best interest of the County to dispose of its interest in said property.

WHEREAS, James H Milburn, has bid \$636.00 for the County's interest, such bid having been presented to the County Board at the same time it having been determined by the County Board and the Agent for the County, that the County shall receive from such bid \$250.00 as a return for its certificate(s) of purchase. The County Clerk shall receive \$0.00 for cancellation of Certificate(s) and to reimburse the revolving account the charges advanced from this account, the auctioneer shall receive \$0.00 for his services and the Recorder of Deeds shall receive \$36.00 for recording. The remainder is the amount due the Agent under this contract for services. The total paid by purchaser is \$636.00

THEREFORE, your County Board recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF MONROE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, that the Chairman of the Board of Monroe County, Illinois, be authorized to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest or authorize the cancellation of the appropriate Certificate(s) of Purchase, as the case may be, on the above described real estate for the sum of \$250.00 to be paid to the Treasurer of Monroe County Illinois, to be disbursed according to law. This resolution to be effective for sixty (60) days from this date and any transaction between the above parties not occurring within this period shall be null and void.

ADOPTED by roll call vote this 15<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015

ATTEST:

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CLERK

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COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN

Dennis Knobloch reported that plans continue for the 2016 Bicentennial activities. On June 26, a bus full of Monroe County teachers will be taken on an educational tour for the County, so hopefully that will generate some new ideas for projects that can be used in the Schools during the coming year.

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.