

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MASON COUNTY BOARD

State of IL)
)s.s.
County of Mason)

Proceedings of a meeting of the County Board of Mason County, a meeting begun and held at the courthouse in Havana on Tuesday, April 12, 2011. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. by Chairman James Griffin. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited. Roll call was taken with the following members present: ELDON GARLISCH, JAMES GRIFFIN, ROBERT HARRIS, DOROTHY KREILING, JAMES MILLER, DALE OSING, WILLIAM PARSLEY, and KENNETH WALKER, all present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.
 Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Osing made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Walker. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-15 APPROPRIATING MFT FUNDS FOR 2011 MAINTENANCE

The board then considered Resolution 2011-15 appropriating \$452,354 in County Motor Fuel Tax funds for the 2011 maintenance program of the county. County Engineer Mike Pedigo presented the resolution and briefly described some of the planned maintenance. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Harris made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-15. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2011-16 LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT CH19 FEDERAL FUNDS USE

County Engineer Mike Pedigo then presented Resolution 2011-16, a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation on County Highway 19 to replace a structure over Sleepy Hollow Ditch 4 miles southwest of Mason City. There was brief discussion regarding the scheduling of the project and the need to close the road for a period of time. The following motion was then made:

MOTION: Walker made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-16. Seconded By Kreiling. Motion carried.

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APPEARANCE: JEFF BONICK OF CLIFTON, GUNDERSON RE: 2010 AUDIT

Jeff Bonick of Clifton, Gunderson then appeared before the board and presented information regarding the 2010 financial statements and the audit. Mr. Bonick reviewed a summary of the revenue and expenses for the year and reported that the firm had issued an unqualified or clean opinion on the financial statements. He also reviewed a new accounting standard in place regarding retiree health care expenses. There was general discussion of the financial statements. It was noted that members would retain their draft copy of the audit for review and consider approval of the statements at the May meeting of the board. (financial statements on file in the Office of the County Clerk)

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

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REPORTS:

1. March report of County Clerk
2. March report of Treasurer

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

(see board file for matters pertaining to the consent agenda)

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve the consent agenda.
Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

REPORT OF ZONING OFFICE

A written report of zoning activity during the month of March was reviewed by the Board. County Clerk Blessman also reported on a number of ongoing clean up efforts in various portions of the county.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Parsley reported for the Building and Grounds Committee that the committee would be touring county facilities later in the month to become more familiar with county assets and review the need for any repairs or improvements.

Mrs. Kreiling reported for the Emergency Services Committee that correctional officers will be taking emergency medical training to assist them in handling emergencies, and that ETSB would pay for the training.

Mr. Miller reported for the Planning Committee that he remains in contact with representatives of wind farm companies and that interest in Mason County remains.

Mr. Osing reported for the Finance Committee that the 2010 audit had been completed and he thanked representatives of Clifton, Gunderson and county personnel for their efforts.

Mr. Walker reported for the Legislative Committee on a meeting he attended with regard to reapportionment and noted the difficulties encountered by some jurisdictions. He also reported on Worker's Comp reform legislation which is pending in the General Assembly.

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County Engineer Pedigo reported for the Road and Bridge Committee on emergency funding which may be available to the county and local jurisdictions for reimbursement of certain costs in dealing with the heavy snowstorm. He also reported that the letting for township maintenance would be held in April.

RESOLUTION 2011-17 ESTABLISHING FEES FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

The board then considered Resolution 2011-17, ordinance establishing new fees for the sheriff's department for the serving of processes. Chief Deputy Paul Gann appeared and presented a cost study prepared by the department to justify the increase in fees. Deputy Gann noted that with the new fees, the county would bring fees in line with other similar jurisdictions, and that the current fee structure had been in place for more than 20 years. (see board file for ordinance and cost study). After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-17. Seconded by Harris. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-18 COUNTY REAPPORTIONMENT PLAN

The board then considered Resolution 2011-18, the reapportionment plan for the county board districts. It was explained that after each decennial census, the county is required to adopt a reapportionment plan addressing a number of issues related to county board size and structure. (see board file for plan) It was noted that the proposed plan would keep county board districts as they currently exist and that a population disparity of less than .4% is maintained. The only change in the plan is that two members from each district will be elected every two years instead of the current manner in which all four members of a district are elected at the same time. After further discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Osing made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-18. Seconded by Walker. Motion carried.

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR RAMSAR DESIGNATION FOR EMIQUON

The board then considered endorsement of a letter from the Chairman of the Board supporting designation of the Emiquon and Chautauqua preserves as a wetland of international importance under the Ramsar Convention. It was explained that such a designation does not add any regulatory issues but assists with funding requests and raises the prominence of the area for tourism and research. (see board file for letter and related materials) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Parsley made a motion to endorse the letter of support for The Ramsar designation. Seconded by Osing. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF CLAIMS

The following motion was then made concerning a list of claims paid in vacation presented to the board for review and approval:

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MOTION: Osing made a motion to approve the list of claims.
Seconded by Miller. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.
until May 10 at 9:00 a.m.