

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MASON COUNTY BOARD

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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, September 13, 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: JAMES GRIFFIN, ELDON GARLISCH, ROBERT HARRIS, DOROTHY KREILING, JAMES MILLER, DALE OSING, WILLIAM PARSLEY, and KENNETH WALKER, all present, none absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLUTION 2011-42 VARIANCE-MEINER-OVERAGE MOBILE HOME AT EDGEWOOD

The board then considered Resolution 2011-42, an application for a zoning variance from Don Meiner to allow placement of an overage mobile home on Lot 23 at Edgewood Terrace Subdivision. It was reported that Mr. Meiner is seeking permission to place a 1977 unit to replace an existing, older unit which would be removed and disposed of. It was noted that the matter was considered by the Zoning Board of Appeals at a public hearing and recommended for approval by that body without objections. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION:     Harris made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-42. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

APPEARANCE: KATHLEEN BROWN OF EXTENSION SERVICE

Kathleen Brown, Extension Community and Economic Development Educator appeared before the board and reported on areas of responsibility which she has undertaken within the newly comprised four-county Extension region comprised of Peoria, Tazewell, Mason and Fulton Counties. Also present was Extension Leader Earl Allen who reported on progress and activities within the new region.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

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### CONSENT AGENDA

#### REPORTS:

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

#### APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

1. Richard Atwater-Trustee-Mason District Hospital-exp. 9/30/14
2. Randy Fornoff-Trustee-Mason District Hospital-exp. 9/30/14
3. Jerry Hurley-Trustee-Mason District Hospital-exp. 9/30/14
4. Rusty D. Thomas-Commissioner-Fairview Drainage-exp 09/14

### END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

MOTION: Osing made a motion to approve the consent agenda.  
Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

### REPORT OF ZONING OFFICE

A written report of zoning activity during the month of August was reviewed by the Board. County Clerk Blessman also reported on clean up enforcement efforts which have been undertaken in the Maple Crest Subdivision; on a new agreement for electrical service which has been signed with Ameren; and tentative financial settlement with the insurance provider on the 2009 fire loss of the highway department.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Garlisch reported that the efforts for public transportation in the county continue to move forward.

Mr. Osing reported for the Finance Committee that the committee would meet the following week to review proposals to provide audit services for the county.

Mrs. Kreiling reported that the ETSB was undertaking plans to upgrade the communication equipment which dispatch fire districts.

Mr. Miller reported for the Planning Committee on the public hearing at which the Zoning Board recommended the committee's proposed changes to the zoning ordinance.

Mr. Parsley reported for the Building and Grounds Committee that a large, dead tree had been removed from the courtyard.

County Engineer Pedigo reported for the Road and Bridge Committee that bids had been received for the CH20 curve just north of Havana to provide for safety improvements with a school bus turnout.

Mr. Walker reported for the Legislative Committee on a proposal from the governor to reduce or eliminate reimbursement currently provided to counties for states attorney's salaries.

County Engineer Pedigo reported for the Road and Bridge Committee that the County Highway 19 bridge replacement would soon be underway and that the road would be closed for approximately 30 days. He also noted that mowing of county roadways was underway.

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APPEARANCE: CIRCUIT CLERK BRENDA MILLER RE; RETIREMENT

Circuit Clerk Brenda Miller then appeared before the board and announced that she would not be seeking reelection at the end of her current term in 2012 and would be retiring at that time. She thanked the board for their support and cooperation during her tenure.

RESOLUTION 2011-40 AUTHORIZING GRANT APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC TRANSIT

The board then considered Resolution 2011-40 authorizing the application for grant funding for the public transportation system which is proposed for the county. It was explained that Community Action would be making application on behalf of Mason and Logan Counties to the Illinois Department of Transportation. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-40. Seconded by Harris. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-41 ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The board then considered Resolution 2011-41, an ordinance approving the provision of public transportation in Mason County. It was noted that this ordinance formally exercises the authority to establish a public transportation system within the county. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-41. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-43 MAKING TEXT AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE

The board then considered Resolution 2011-43 which makes several text amendments to the Mason County Zoning Ordinance in the areas of: 1) accessory building parameters; 2) residential fencing; 3) removes requirement for permanent foundations for mobile homes. It was reported that the Zoning Board of Appeals had conducted the required public hearing on the proposed amendments and was recommending adoption of the same to the county board. It was noted with regard to mobile homes that a recent change in state law had removed the requirement for a permanent foundation on a mobile home for it to be considered real estate for legal purposes, thus removing the need for such requirement in the zoning ordinance. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Walker made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-43. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-44 PROPOSED TOXIC WASTE DUMPING IN DEWITT COUNTY

The board then considered Resolution 2011-44 which would have set forth a position of the Mason County Board related to a proposal being considered in Dewitt County to allow dumping of toxic waste in a landfill. Some concern had been expressed about effects such dumping might have on the underground aquifer which is situated under both Dewitt and Mason Counties. The consensus of the board was that not enough information had been

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reviewed to take a position on the matter, and considered referring the matter to the Finance Committee with authority to act on the matter. After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to refer the matter of a position on the proposed dumping of toxic waste in Dewitt County to the Finance Committee with authority to act. Seconded by Osing. Motion carried.

(NOTE: The Finance Committee met on September 20 and decided not to take a position on the matter)

### 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:

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

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:36 a.m. until October 11, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.