

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, November 8, 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, WILLIAM PARSLEY, and KENNETH WALKER, seven present, one absent, DALE OSING being that one 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 Parsley. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

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REPORTS:

- 1. October report of County Clerk
- 2. October 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 Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-51 ZONING VARIANCE-BARTELLS-MOBILE HOME IN LYNCHBURG

The board then considered Resolution 2011-51, a zoning variance being requested by Steven Bartells, owner, and Angela Neteler, tenant, to allow placement of a 1993 mobile home, which exceeds the 15 year age limitation, and also to allow such unit closer than 1000 feet to the nearest dwelling. County Clerk Blessman reviewed a plat map with the board of the area in which Angela Neteler proposes placement of the 12X60 mobile home. A zoning variance was requested since the mobile home was slightly older than the ordinance's rule. It

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was noted that there were no objections from neighboring parcels and that the zoning board had recommended the variance for approval. The applicant was informed that it would be necessary to have an approved well and septic system operational prior to occupancy. After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-51. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried.

REPORT OF ZONING OFFICE

A written report of zoning activity during the month of October was reviewed by the Board. County Clerk Blessman also reported on clean up enforcement efforts which have been undertaken in the Maple Crest Subdivision. Progress is being made so there was discussion of other areas to pursue clean up efforts in the spring. The Sheriff's department is helping with this area and is making arrangements to remove vehicles at no cost.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Garlisch reported for the Licensing Committee that there was no new business to discuss and that there would be a meeting held sometime in December.

Mrs. Kreiling reported for the Emergency Services Committee that the ETSB was currently having a meeting on the new telephone system being considered for the dispatch center and she would have more to report at the next meeting.

Mr. Miller reported for the Planning Committee that there have been additional contacts with representatives considering wind farm development in the county but no final plans are in place.

Mr. Parsley reported for the Building and Grounds Committee that Griffin Electric will be fixing the portico lights on the courthouse. Also, next month the Building and Grounds Committee will have a information on the new zone furnaces for the courthouse to be considered.

County Engineer Pedigo reported for the Road and Bridge Committee that the bridge on CHI9 project is underway. There are about five more days of work left, contingent upon the weather.

County Clerk Blessman then reported that the payoff on the highway building would be paid on prior to the end of the fiscal year to Havana National Bank; introduced the energy aggregation referendum to allow the county to negotiate rates for electrical service for the rural county residents and he said there would be further discussion on this matter at the December county board meeting; reported that the courthouse phone system would be installed within the next few months; reported that it may be necessary to assist Matanza Beach residents in gaining a letter of map amendment from the Federal Emergency Management Agency to allow removal of some areas which have recently been added to the flood plain; reported that the Illinois General Assembly is considering a proposal to reallocate some of the Personal Property Replacement Tax revenues for payment of Regional Education Office expenses. He noted that County Boards oppose this measure as it would divert local funds to pay state expenses.

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RESOLUTION 2011-48 COURTHOUSE CALENDAR CLOSING

The board then considered Resolution 2011-48 regarding the courthouse calendar days. It was discussed that the General Election date of November 6 needed to be added to this calendar. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-48 with the inclusion of election day. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2011-49 AMENDMENTS TO MASON COUNTY HEALTH CARE PLAN

The board then discussed Resolution 2011-49 setting forth the amendments to be considered for addition to the Mason County Health Care Plan. County Clerk Blessman reported that the changes were made primarily to keep the plan in compliance with federal law, and that no substantive changes affecting benefits were being made. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Harris made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-49. Seconded by Walker.

RESOLUTION 2011-50 2012 BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

The board then discussed the adoption of the 2012 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. County Clerk Blessman reported that the Finance Committee had reviewed the proposed ordinance and had also met with department heads in development of the budget. He reviewed significant points of the budget which provides for a slight spending increase in the general fund but lower appropriations for the total budget compared to 2011. He reported that despite difficult economic times, the county would see a balanced budget for 2011 and that 2012 was likely to have a positive balance as well. He reviewed several cost savings measures incorporated in the budget, including significantly lower costs for audit services due to competitive bidding and reductions in staffing through attrition. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Harris made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-50. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2011-52 BALLOT FOR IMRF EXECUTIVE TRUSTEE

The board then considered Resolution 2011-52 casting a vote for Executive Trustee of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. County Clerk Blessman described the make-up of the IMRF board and reviewed the profiles of the three candidates. It was the consensus fo the board to cast the county's vote for candidate Mark Nannini. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2011-52. Seconded by Walker.

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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: Garlisch 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 9:34 a.m. until December 13, 2011 at 9:00 a.m.