

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, December 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 being present, none absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

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REPORTS:

- 1. November report of County Clerk
- 2. November report of Treasurer
- 3. Semi-annual report of the Sheriff

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

- 1. Dale Osing to the Board of Health term ending 11-30-12
- 2. Steve Turner-Commissioner-Saidora Drainage-exp. Sept. 2014
- 3. Jasen Schumm-Commissioner-Farmer's Drainage--exp. Sept. 2014
- 4. Robert Harris-Commissioner-Public Building Commission-exp. Dec. 2015
- 5. Dale Osing-Commissioner-Public Building Commission-exp. Dec. 2016
- 6. Thomas Brownfield-Commissioner-Public Building Commissioner-exp. Dec. 2013
- 7. Randy Fornoff-Commissioner-Public Building Commissioner-exp. Dec. 2014

RESOLUTIONS:

- 1. 2012-3 Salary of Chief Probation Officer
- 2. 2012-4 Salary of Assistant Probation Officers
- 3. 2012-5 Office of Public Defender Compensation
- 4. 2012-6 Approve Participation in the States Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor Program
- 5. 2012-13 Emergency Appropriation-Ambulance Fund-\$2010
- 6. 2012-14 Emergency Appropriation-Court Systems Fund-\$16,300

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

REPORT OF ZONING OFFICE

There was no written zoning report this month due to the transitioning of the office to the County Clerk's office.

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 December 27 at 9 a.m. to consider license renewals.

Mrs. Kreiling reported for the Emergency Services Committee that the 911 board met and has agreed to pay \$6000 toward the new telephone system installation at the jail. The maintenance agreement is not being purchased at this time, but can be purchased at a later date. A tour of the county facilities for equipment storage was also taken and efforts will be made to consolidate equipment into buildings.

Mr. Osing reported for the Finance Committee that the Hartford 457 deferred compensation plan will be presented during the business portion of the meeting.

Mr. Miller reported for the Planning Committee that Mason County remains under consideration for development of a wind farm.

Mr. Parsley reported for the Building and Grounds Committee that the new portico lights on the courthouse have been installed. Also, Parsley has received estimates from Griffin Electric on repairs to zone furnaces for the courthouse to be considered.

Mr. Harris reported for the Road and Bridge Committee that the final lease payment has been made to the Havana National Bank on the highway department office building which was constructed after the 2009 fire.

RESOLUTION 2012-1 TAX LEVY ORDINANCE

The board then considered Resolution 2012-1 regarding the tax levy ordinance. County Clerk Blessman reported that the overall levy would be approximately a 3% increase over the prior year. He also reported that a portion of the levy requests were transferred from the IMRF Fund to the General Fund to allow better flexibility in the use of funds. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-1. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2012-2 ESTABLISHING REGULAR MEETING DATES FOR FISCAL 2012

The board then discussed the meeting dates for fiscal 2012. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Osing made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-2. Seconded by Miller.

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RESOLUTION 2012-7 JAIL LEASE AGREEMENT FOR JAIL WITH BUILDING COMMISSION

The Board then considered Resolution 2012-7, a new lease agreement for the county jail between the county and the Mason County Public Building Commission. County Clerk Blessman briefly explained that the jail is owned by the Building Commission and leased to the county, and that the county is subsequently reimbursed by the commission for the cost of operating and maintaining the jail. He reported that the lease with the Public Building Committee expires at the end of 2012, therefore a new agreement has been drawn up and put in place with similar terms as the previous agreement. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Osing made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-7. Seconded by Parsley.

RESOLUTION 2012-8 NEW PLAN DOCUMENT FOR 457 DEFERRED COMP PLAN

The board then considered Resolution 2012-8 in regards to the adoption of the new plan document for the Hartford 457 Deferred Compensation Program. County Clerk Blessman described the plan which allows employees to contribute to a personal savings account through tax deferred payroll deduction. He explained that the new plan contained language required by federal regulation and would provide no substantive changes for employees.(see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Osing made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-8. Seconded by Miller.

RESOLUTION 2012-9 ADOPTION OF UPDATED FLOOD PLAIN ORDINANCE

The board then considered Resolution 2012-9 for the adoption of an updated County Flood Plain Ordinance. County Clerk Blessman explained that the Federal Emergency Management Agency was requiring all jurisdictions participating in the National Flood Insurance Program to adopt an updated ordinance, including adoption of the new digital flood plain maps of the county. He reported that there were no substantive changes in the regulation of development within the flood plain included in the ordinance. The digitized maps have added some areas of Matanza Beach into the flood plain which had previously been removed through a Letter of Map Revision issued by FEMA. It was stated that the county intends to pursue removal of these areas from the flood plain in the coming months. (see board file for ordinance) After further discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-9. Seconded by Walker.

RESOLUTION 2012-10 QUESTION OF ENERGY AGGREGATION ON BALLOT

The board then considered Resolution 2012-10, an ordinance which would place the question of energy aggregation on the ballot for the March, 2012 Primary Election. It was explained that energy aggregation allows counties and municipalities to conduct a referendum

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which would authorize the unit of government to solicit bids for the provision of electricity to residential and small business consumers as an opt-out program, meaning any customer would have the right to not participate in the program and remain with their current utility provider. It was explained that this program is made available under state law due to the deregulation of the energy industry. (see board file for resolution) After further discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Osing made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-10. Seconded by Garlisch.

RESOLUTION 2012-11 AGREEMENT WITH GOOD ENERGY FOR AGGREGATION

The board then considered Resolution 2012-11, approving the Professional Services Agreement with Good Energy, LLC, a consulting firm from New York which would market the energy aggregation program, and solicit bids on the county's behalf if the referendum is successful. It was noted that there is no cost to the county for these services, and that Good Energy is compensated through an arrangement with the utility as part of the bid. (see board file for agreement) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Walker made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-11. Seconded by Parsley.

RESOLUTION 2012-15 PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION GRANT AGREEMENT WITH IDOT

The board then considered Resolution 2012-15 approving an agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation for a grant to provide partial funding for a public transportation program in Mason County. It was noted that this funding would be in addition to federal funds which has been secured by Community Action to operate the transportation program in Logan and Mason Counties. It was also stated that no Mason County funds would be spent on the program, and that Community Action would operate and manage the program. (see board file for agreement) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-15. Seconded by Harris. 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:

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

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m. until January 10, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.