

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, February 14, 2012. 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, and WILLIAM PARSLEY, six being present, two absent, those absent being Dale Osing and Kenneth Walker.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLUTION 2012-19 AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION ON CH5 BRIDGE

The board then considered Resolution 2012-19, a resolution on repairing the CH5 bridge over Duff Armstrong Creek southwest of Easton. County Engineer Pedigo informed the board about the project and estimated the cost to be around \$275,000 (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Harris made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-19.
 Seconded by Parsley.

APPEARANCE: TERRY SVOB RE: PORT AUTHORITY

Terry Svob, Mason County's representative on the Heart of Illinois Port Authority, appeared before the board and provided a brief summary of the activities. He then introduced Executive Director Steve Jaeger who presented a report for the authority. Duties were clarified and three local interests were discussed; those including moving coal fines from Fulton County to China, dealing with the Asian carp issue, and acknowledgment of the Sunrise Ag public dock being successful and operating at almost full capacity. The Port Authority made the board aware they are considering setting up marine terminals along the river.

APPEARANCE: CARL FISHER OF AMEREN RE: ENERGY AGGREGATION

Ameren representative, Carl Fisher, then spoke to the board about the energy aggregation referendum that will be included on the March 20, 2012 primary ballot. He made it

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clear that it is important to educate Mason County's population about this service, and that Ameren would remain responsible for the supply infrastructure and that their company had no concerns regarding aggregation. He briefly explained that energy aggregation is a process through which municipalities may conduct a referendum to receive authority to negotiate electrical rates for their residential and small business customers.

APPEARANCE: STATES ATTORNEY MILLER RE: CHILDRENS ADVOCACY CENTER

States Attorney Kristen Miller then reported to the board about the CAC (Children's Advocacy Center) which was established to provide a safe and non-threatening environment for the interview of children who are the alleged victims of abuse. She presented how beneficial it is for this to be located in Havana, and told of the agreement between Tazewell and Mason Counties to provide the service. They will continue on with this program as long as CAC assists.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

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REPORTS:

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

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

1. Mike Worner-Commissioner-9-1-1 ETSB filing term of Bob Worner

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.

REPORT OF ZONING OFFICE

One verbal application for 20X20 portable buildings with no plumbing/utilities proposed as weekend retreats in Quiver Township was reviewed, and it was the consensus of the board that the matter not move forward. There was no other business to report on from the zoning office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Garlisch reported for the Licensing Committee that there was no new business to discuss.

Mr. Parsley reported that there was no new business for the Buildings/Ground Committee.

Mrs. Kreiling reported for the Emergency Services Committee that the 911 board will meet with the Amerifax Group at the jail on Thursday, February 16 at 7 pm for a disaster telephone tree presentation. Greg Griffin reported that this system would give residents who register notice of current events, such as boil orders, disasters, etc. An annual payment to the

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company would need to be established.

She also reported that they will begin discussion of obtaining storage building space in cooperation with the City of Havana, and they will be in contact with Fire Chief John Kachanuk regarding this space. ESDA wants the Building/Grounds committee to be included.

County Clerk Blessman reported for the Finance Committee that the audit report will be available next month.

Mr. Miller reported for the Planning Committee that he attended the wind farm meeting held last week and that there were many positive reactions from those who have attained wind farms.

Mr. Harris reported for the Road and Bridge Committee that he had no new business to discuss. County Engineer Pedigo reported that the workers will start on the CH20 safety project just north of Havana as soon as the weather breaks. He will also be meeting next week with the road commissioners to set up motor fuel tax program for 2012.

County Clerk Blessman reported that the newly constructed addition to the health department building is almost completely finished and their move is underway. He also stated that the Crane Creek Golf Course is being auctioned next week. Also reported that Enbrige Energy Company has been in contact with the county and they will be installing a pipeline along the existing pipeline that runs through Mason County.

County Clerk Blessman also reported on the new state law prohibiting disposal of most electrical equipment in landfills. He reported that there was no mandate for the county to provide disposal services for such items, and that the county has been in contact with a waste company about the possibility of such a service coming to the county.

RESOLUTION 2012-20 DEVELOPMENT OF A NATURAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

The board then considered Resolution 2012-20 authorizing a grant application to the Federal Emergency Management Agency for funding to develop a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for the county as required under federal law. The resolution authorizes the chairman to take such actions as may be necessary to initiate the process. ESDA coordinator explained that a consultant could be secured who would write for a grant to pay the cost of the plan. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-20. Seconded by Garlisch. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2012-21 AUTHORIZING AGREEMENT FOR GIS PHOTOGRAPHY

The Board then considered Resolution 2012-21 authorizing the Chairman to enter into an agreement for Geographic Information System services, including new digital aerial mapping of the county. The cost for the project will be approximately \$54,000 and sufficient funds are on hand to cover the cost. It was noted that the current photography is eight years old and is in need of replacement. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-21. Seconded by

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Kreiling.

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 Harris.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m. until March 13, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.