

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 10, 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, DALE OSING, KENNETH WALKER, JAMES MILLER, DOROTHY KREILING, and WILLIAM PARSLEY, all being present, none being absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLUTION 2012-24 RESURFACING PORTION OF MANITO BLACKTOP

County Engineer Mike Pedigo then presented Resolution 2012-24 for the resurfacing of a portion of the Manito Blacktop north of Havana. He reported that the project will cost \$803,032 and detailed the breakdown of monies in recycling the surface. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Harris made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-24. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2012-25 2012 MAINTENANCE PROGRAM OF HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

County Engineer Mike Pedigo then presented Resolution 2012-25 detailing the 2012 highway maintenance program. Pedigo explained the payment of \$479,591 for the program for county highways to be paid for from the motor fuel tax allotment. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-25. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

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:

1. Richard Walker - Trustee - Havana Rural Fire District - exp 05/2015

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

REPORT OF ZONING OFFICE

County Clerk Blessman reported that building permit activity has increased with the warmer weather, and several investigations are underway related to reports of litter accumulations.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Garlisch reported for the Licensing Committee that progress with the Community Action transportation program is continuing to take place.

Mrs. Kreiling reported for the Emergency Services Committee that the 911 equipment needs to be updated. The jail telephone system had failed and been down for twelve hours due to the lack of circulation in the room where the equipment is housed. ETSB chairman Greg Griffin spoke that monies have been budgeted for the update of equipment and that all equipment should be moved to a place with more circulation. Mrs. Kreiling reported that due to the recent equipment failure, the ETSB was requesting that the county board declare an emergency situation to allow for the expedited purchase of the necessary equipment by the ETSB, and recommended adoption of Resolution 2012-28 declaring the emergency. (see board file for resolution) After further discussion, the following motion was made:

RESOLUTION 2012-28 DECLARING EMERGENCY RELATED TO JAIL PHONE SYSTEM

MOTION: Walker made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-28. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

County Clerk Blessman reported for the Finance Committee that the audit report will be available next month. It has taken a bit longer for the company to finish due to the fact that we are in the first year of business with them and additional preliminary work was necessary.

Mr. Harris reported for the Road and Bridge Committee that there was no news to report. County Engineer Pedigo reported the CH20 safety project just north of Havana has began and asphalt should be applied next week.

County Clerk Blessman reported contact with FEMA and Congressman Schock's office in regards to the Matanza Beach flood plain and the inclusion of some of that area in the flood plain on the new maps is still underway.

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County Clerk Blessman discussed that an insurance conference will be held in Petersburg on the 11th of May for any board members that would like to attend. He also discussed that there would be a public meeting and walk through display on April 24 at the VFW from 5 to 8 pm on the construction of an underground pipeline through Mason County adjacent to an existing line. One hour prior to the public meeting, a special meeting will be held for any government entity who would like to attend.

County Clerk Blessman also reported that a program has been developed to make Mason County property information available online to the public. Blessman reported on the Energy Aggregation referendum which passed March 20 and that work is proceeding to conduct a bid for the supply of residential electricity to most county residents. There was also discussion on the possible establishment of a county-wide revolving loan fund for economic development purposes. It was also reported that the Chairman had signed an agreement for a grant application for development of a county emergency response plan.

County Clerk Blessman reported that Judge Alan Tucker has addressed the County Board with a letter on the need for a second courtroom, and the matter was referred to the Building and Grounds committee.

RESOLUTION 2012-26 PLAN OF OPERATION & GOVERNANCE-ENERGY AGGREGATION

The board then considered Resolution 2012-26 which approves the Plan of Operation and Governance for the Energy Aggregation Program. It was explained that each municipality, with the exception of Bath, and also the unincorporated area of the county had passed the referendum allowing the respective governing boards to solicit bids from energy suppliers to provide residential electrical service within each community at a set price. The proposed plan would set forth rules and procedures for operation of the plan in the unincorporated area of the county. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Harris made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-26. Seconded by Garlisch. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2012-27 DESIGNATING AUTHORITY FOR ENERGY CONTRACT BID

The Board then considered Resolution 2012-27 authorizing the Chairman of the County Board, or his designee to accept an energy bid on behalf of the county under the Energy Aggregation Program and to enter into a contract for such electrical service. After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-27. 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:

MOTION: Osing made a motion to approve the list of claims.

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Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:37 a.m. until May 8, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.