

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, May 8, 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, ELTON 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:     Osing made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous  
                  meeting as amended. Seconded by Walker. Motion carried.

RESOLUTIONS 2012-29, 30, 31, & 32

County Engineer Mike Pedigo then presented Resolution 2012-29, 30, 31, & 32 recommending approval of these resolutions for the county aid in Pennsylvania and Salt Creek townships for the installation of pipe culverts. (see board file for resolution)

MOTION:     Miller made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-29, 30, 31, & 32.  
                  Seconded by Harris. Motion carried.

APPEARANCE: JEFF MCPHERSON-GREY HUNTER STENN RE: 2011 AUDIT REPORT

The board was then greeted by Jeff McPherson with Grey, Hunter, & Stenn on the 2011 Audit report. McPherson reported that the audit went well and took a little longer due to this being the first year working with our county. He suggested for the board to consider an opt-out unemployment option where government units can elect out of paying into the state unemployment. He also suggested that the County Board review internal control and cross reference duties. He noted that extensive testing of the payroll system was done. He also reported on the work done specifically for the office of the Circuit Clerk and the Health Department. The board took the report under advisement and will consider approval at the next meeting of the county board.

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CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

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REPORTS:

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

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

1. Debra Bitner, Patricia Harris, John Limback - Trustees of Mason City Cemetery District with terms to be determined by lot and bond of \$1000 with bond security waived

**END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

REPORT OF ZONING OFFICE

County Clerk Blessman reported investigations by the Sheriff are still underway related to reports of litter accumulations at various sites.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Garlisch reported for the Licensing Committee that the new owner of the Central Illinois Dragstrip LLC has filed a liquor license application.

RESOLUTION 2012-37 LIQUOR LICENSE APPLICATION FOR DRAG STRIP

It was reported that all appropriate paperwork associated with the application had been filed and that the required background checks had been completed. After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-37 approving the license. Seconded by Harris. Motion carried.

Mr. Garlisch then reported that there will be a meeting on Thursday morning to discuss the start up of the public transportation program for Mason County. The following resolutions are those that are renewed annually.

RESOLUTION 2012-35 ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR MASON COUNTY

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-35. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2012-36 AUTHORIZING APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT

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**MOTION:** Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-36. Seconded by Walker. Motion carried.

Mr. Parsley reported for the Building and Grounds Committee on the need for a second courtroom. The committee has discussed a layout where the treasurer's office will become the courtroom/board room, the current board room along with County Clerk Blessman's office will become the treasurer's office, and County Clerk Blessman's office will be moved to the south end of his records office. It was also reported that the States Attorney's steps need to be investigated because they are beginning to deteriorate.

Mrs. Kreiling reported for the Emergency Services Committee that the new 9-1-1 dispatch system at the Sheriff's office is to be installed soon.

Mr. Osing reported for the Finance Committee that the new auditing firm was performed well during the 2011 audit and the county realized a substantial savings.

County Engineer Pedigo reported for the Road and Bridge Committee that the CH20 safety project just north of Havana is still in progress, with a few weather delays, but road shoulders would be finished next week. He also reported that the annual maintenance meeting was held on April 27 and that county highway prices for maintenance have increased. There is an estimate of \$225,000 to resurface areas across Mason County.

County Clerk Blessman reported that the Energy Aggregation bid letting is today with a conference call that is to take place. There are five companies bidding and a 2 year contract will most likely be entered into today. He also reported the Tri County Regional Planning Commission will be setting up a meeting with the Finance committee to discuss an economic development plan for the region. Mason County has been targeted in this planning due to its high unemployment and poverty rates.

### **RESOLUTION 2012-33 ESTABLISHING SALARIES FOR COUNTY OFFICERS**

The board then considered Resolution 2012-33 establishing salaries for the county officers to be elected in November, 2012. A synopsis was included in the board packets (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION:** Osing made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-33. Seconded by Walker. Motion carried on a unanimous roll call vote.

### **RESOLUTION 2012-34 AMENDING HEALTH CARE PLAN ESTABLISHING MAXI PLAN II**

The Board then considered Resolution 2012-34 authorizing the amendment of the county health care plan and adding the maxi plan II option. It was explained that this provision establishes an additional category of coverage beneficial to those employees with access to other coverage. After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION:** Walker made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-34. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried.

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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: Osing made a motion to approve the list of claims.  
Seconded by Garlisch.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:43 a.m. until June 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.