

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 13, 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, ROBERT HARRIS, DALE OSING, KENNETH WALKER, JAMES MILLER, WILLIAM PARSLEY, ELDON GARLISCH, and DOROTHY KREILING, 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. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2012-82 RECOGNIZING CIRCUIT CLERK BRENDA MILLER'S RETIREMENT

The board then considered Resolution 2012-82 recognizing Brenda Miller's retirement and for her 20 years of service as the Circuit Clerk. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-82. Seconded by Osing. Motion carried.

Circuit Clerk Miller then expressed her appreciation to the County Board for their cooperation over the years and that she greatly enjoyed her years of service.

APPEARANCES:

Jean Anderson, Superintendent of the Regional Office of Education for Logan, Mason and Menard Counties, addressed the Board about the reorganization of the regional offices being mandated by recent legislation requiring certain population thresholds. She informed the board that representatives of Tazewell, Mason, and Logan Counties have met and discussed a possible consolidation of districts. However, the rules of consolidation are vague, leaving questions unanswered. They have contacted the Attorney Generals office and are still awaiting feedback. The county boards of the affected offices need to come to an agreement of their alliance and then prepare a joint and uniform resolution. It will be up to the Boards on whether they want to keep the satellite offices in individual counties.

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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:

1. Jeff Smith - Trustee - Imperial Valley Water Authority - exp. 12/2015

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

REPORT OF ZONING OFFICE

County Clerk Blessman reported that there was nothing to report for the zoning office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Osing reported for the Finance Committee that the budgeting process was complete and the finalized budget was on the agenda for the meeting.

Mr. Harris reported for the Road & Bridge Committee that the bridge repair south of Easton will be finished within a few weeks and that the Teamsters contract will be completed today.

County Clerk Blessman reported that Mason County's efforts as part of a four-county economic development district continue on November 13 with a planning meeting to be held at the Mason City First State Bank. The goal of this meeting is to identify unique assets of Mason County which can be included in the development planning.

RESOLUTION 2012-76 CONTRACT WITH JERRY HOOKER AS PUBLIC DEFENDER

The board then considered Resolution 2012-76 authorizing the chairman to execute a contract with Attorney Jerry J. Hooker of Mt. Sterling in the amount of \$72,000 annually as the Mason County Public Defender. It was noted that the contract provides that Mr. Hooker will be an independent contractor and not an employee of Mason County. Mr. Hooker currently serves as Public Defender for Brown and Schuyler Counties and was recently appointed by Circuit Judge Alan Tucker as the Public Defender for Mason County. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Osing made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-76. Seconded by Harris. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2012-77 CASTING BALLOT FOR IMRF EXECUTIVE TRUSTEE

The board then considered Resolution 2012-77 casting a ballot for Tom Kinney as IMRF Executive Trustee. It was noted that the county board has the authority to cast the ballot for

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the executive board of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. (see board file for resolution)
After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Walker made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-77. Seconded by Garlisch. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2012-78 2013 CALENDAR OF COURTHOUSE CLOSING DATES

The board then considered Resolution 2012-78 approving the 2013 calendar of courthouse closing dates. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-78. Seconded by Osing. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2012-79 APPROVING F.O.P. COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

The board then considered Resolution 2012-79 approving a 3-year collective bargaining agreement with the F.O.P. County Clerk Blessman reported that negotiations were recently concluded and that the contract remained largely unchanged other than the granting of a 2% increase to the salary scale following a .10 hourly adjustment. He also reported that the shift differential had been increased. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Kreiling made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-79. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2012-80 TEAMSTERS COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT

The board then considered Resolution 2012-80 approving a 3-year collective bargaining agreement with the Teamsters. County Clerk Blessman reported that negotiations were recently concluded and that the contract remained largely unchanged other than the granting of a 2% increase to the salary scale and some adjustment to the vacation allowance granting a 5th week of vacation after 25 years. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Harris made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-80. Seconded by Garlisch. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2012-81 APPROVING 2013 BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

The board then considered Resolution 2012-81 approving the 2013 Budget and Appropriation Ordinance. (see board file for resolution) County Clerk Blessman noted that the budget included sufficient appropriations to cover the collective bargaining agreements which had been approved. He also noted that not significant capital projects were included in the general fund budget. There was also discussion that projected the general fund deficit was less than in previous years and that it was likely that the 2012 fiscal year would finish with a

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slight surplus in the general fund. Mr. Blessman noted that the county's general financial condition was satisfactory, particularly given the financial difficulties being faced at other levels of government. After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Osing made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-81. Seconded by Walker. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2012-83 RECOGNIZING JERALD SARNES FOR ATTAINING OFFICE OF GENERAL COMMANDING

The board then considered Resolution 2012-83 recognizing Jerald Sarnes for attaining office of General Commanding in the Independent Order of Odd Fellows and for other contributions made to the community. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Walker made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-83. Seconded by Garlisch. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2012-84 AMENDED LANGUAGE MASON COUNTY HEALTH CARE PLAN

The board then considered Resolution 2012-84 adopting amended plan language for the Mason County Health Care Plan. County Clerk Blessman reported that the changes were made primarily to keep the plan in compliance with new federal requirement under the Affordable Care Act. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2012-84. Seconded by Harris. Motion carried.

APPEARANCE: BOARD MEMBER JIM MILLER

County Board Member Jim Miller stated that with this being his final meeting as a member of the board, he wished to express his appreciation to the members of the board, the chairman, and the county clerk for working with him during his time on the board.

APPEARANCE: STATES ATTORNEY KRISTEN MILLER

States Attorney Kristen Miller then made an announcement that as it was her last County Board meeting as well, she wanted to express the importance of the programs she has been involved with such as the insufficient checks program, children's advocacy center, and the grant for the victims advocate contact person, Candy Gann, that Mason County has continually received over the years. States Attorney Miller also thanked the Board as well as her staff for their support and said that it had been an honor to serve Mason County.

APPEARANCE: EXTENSION LEADER EARL ALLEN

Earl Allen, U of I Extension Unit Leader, then addressed the board with news that Matt Montgomery would be leaving their office to venture in another career. A farewell party will be held in his honor at the Farm Bureau in Lewistown.

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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 Harris. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:46 a.m. until December 11, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.