

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 12, 2013. 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, RONALD KNOLLENBERG, WILLIAM PARSLEY, ELDON GARLISCH, DOROTHY KREILING, and KENNETH WALKER all being present, none absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Harris 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 corrected. Seconded by Harris. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2013-73 VARIANCE APPLICATION-KIMBERLY FITCH TO ALLOW KEEPING OF HORSES ADJACENT TO DUTCHLAND ESTATES

The board then considered Resolution 2013-73 approving a variance application for Kimberly Fitch to keep two horses on a parcel south of Porter's 3rd addition. The zoning board recommended approval with the restriction of a 30 foot setback from the subdivision for a fenced enclosure and for the west side of such enclosure to be parallel with the west line of the applicant's parcel, and with a 10 ft setback from all remaining property lines. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Harris made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-73. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2013-74 VARIANCE APPLICATION-RICKY SHOWALTER TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF RENTAL STORAGE UNITS

The board then considered Resolution 2013-74 approving a variance application from Ricky Showalter to allow construction of a rental storage unit facility on Block 23 in Kilbourne. It was reported that the zoning board recommended approval with no restrictions. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Walker made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-74. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION 2013-75 VARIANCE APPLICATION-PAUL JOCKISCH TO ALLOW CONSTRUCTION OF A POLE BARN ON RESIDENTIALLY ZONED PARCEL

The board then considered Resolution 2013-75 approving a variance application from Paul Jockisch to construct a pole barn on a residentially zoned parcel in Havana Township designated as 005-102000. The zoning board recommended approval with no restrictions. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Harris made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-75. Seconded by Osing. Motion carried.

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. Gary Mueller-Commissioner-Farmer's Drainage District exp. 9- 2016

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 Walker. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Garlisch reported for the License/Animal Control Committee that a meeting will soon be scheduled to review applications for the code enforcement officer that are now being accepted. Applications close on November 20. The committee will also review a request from Pets with Parents regarding shelter improvements.

Mrs. Kreiling reported for the Emergency Services Committee that there is a Hazard Mitigation meeting being held November 14 from 1 to 2 pm at the Rural Havana Fire Station for those who would like to attend.

County Administrator Blessman then reported that the energy aggregation bid letting has been finalized and new contracts will begin June 2014 with a rate of 4.5 cents/kilowatt per hr. Residents will be given the opportunity to opt out of the program if so desired.

He then reported that county officials are reviewing court fees to determine if any changes should be recommended to the board for its consideration.

County Administrator Blessman briefly reviewed a proposal from Pictometry for GIS services which could be provided to the county.

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RESOLUTION 2013-76 ZONING AMENDMENT CHANGING 18 ACRES IN SHERMAN TOWNSHIP ALONG ROUTE 136 OWNED BY GATHMAN TO COMMERCIAL USE B3

The board then considered Resolution 2013-76 approving a zoning map amendment re-zoning 18 acres in Sherman Township from A-agricultural to B-3 Business. It was reported that a portion of the subject land was previously zoned B-3 but the application would add about 9 acres to the designation. The subject land is owned by joint applicants Terry and Gary Gathman. The Zoning Board of Appeals conducted the required public hearing on the matter and recommended approval. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Osing made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-76. Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2013-77 ADOPTION OF 2014 BUDGET & APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE

The board then considered Resolution 2013-77 approving the adoption of the 2014 budget and appropriation ordinance. County Administrator Blessman provided a brief overview of the budget and noted that few significant changes from the previous year were being incorporated into the budget. He also noted that the tentative budget had been on display per as required by statute. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-77. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried on an unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2013-78 FY 2014 CALENDAR OF COURTHOUSE CLOSING DATES

The board then considered Resolution 2013-78 approving the 2014 calendar of courthouse closing dates. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Walker made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-78. Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2013-79 CASTING BALLOT FOR IMRF EXECUTIVE TRUSTEE

The board then considered Resolution 2013-79 on casting a ballot for an IMRF executive trustee. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Harris made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-79. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2013-80 ADOPTING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The board then considered Resolution 2013-80 approving the adoption of the economic development plan strategy for Mason County. County Administrator Blessman reported on the year long process in which the county has been participating with the Counties of Peoria,

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Tazewell, Logan, and Woodford. An overall regional plan has been developed under the Focus Forward Central Illinois initiative. Each county has then developed a separate plan for that county based on the unique assets existing locally. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Harris made a motion to approve Resolution 2013-80. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

States Attorney Thomson then addressed the board about court fee issues. He is working on a possible resolution that may be brought to the board at the next meeting in order to establish fees at an appropriate level. He is also still assessing possible candidates for his assistant states attorney position.

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 Walker. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:41 a.m. until December 10, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.