

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 8, 2014. 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: 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 as presented.
 Seconded by Walker. Motion carried.

APPEARANCES

Juston Thompson appeared before the Board to express his concern about residents burning leaves in dangerous conditions, such as high winds. Recently, a neighbor was burning leaves during high winds, and when losing control of the fire, Juston had to assist in putting out the fire. He spoke about issues he had reporting the incident and suggested the board consider some type of regulation. The board agreed to investigate solutions but expressed concern that the statutes may limit the board's authority in this area.

RESOLUTION 2014-18 APPROPRIATING \$311,929 MFT FUNDS FOR MAINTENANCE

County Engineer Mike Pedigo then presented Resolution 2014-18 appropriating \$311,929 in County MFT funds for County maintenance for County Highway 3 to re-grade, seal, and perform other road maintenance work, and he recommended the resolution for approval. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-18. Seconded
 by Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2014-19 PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH HUTCHISON ENGINEERING FOR BRIDGE ON COUNTY HIGHWAY 21

County Engineer Mike Pedigo then presented Resolution 2014-19 approving a preliminary engineering agreement with Hutchison Engineering for design work on a bridge on

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County Highway 21. The work is expected to begin in spring of 2015. County Engineer Pedigo recommended approval (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Harris made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-19. Seconded by Knollenberg. 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. Mark Hackman-Trustee-Havana Rural Fire Protection District-exp. 5/1/2017

RESOLUTIONS

1. Resolution 2014-20 Tax Agent Deed-Parcel 011-551000 to Cheryl Emmer-\$655
2. Resolution 2014-21 Tax Agent Deed-Parcel 011-551001 to Cheryl Emmer-\$655

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 Osing. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Garlisch reported for the License/Animal Control Committee that truck bids are being taken for a new animal control truck and are due by April 25.

Mrs. Kreiling reported for the Emergency Services Committee that there have been discussions regarding the implications of the concealed carry law for emergency responders. They are also working on updating the repeater system for emergency dispatch.

Mr. Osing reported for the Finance Committee that they met and were recommending for approval the county officer salary resolution which is on the meeting agenda.

Mr. Harris reported for the Road & Bridge Committee that their will be a MFT letting meeting this Friday on viaduct repair and will also be a MFT letting on April 25.

County Administrator Blessman reported that the County is working on updating the animal control ordinance. In doing so, the board will need to determine whether there should be a limitation on the number of animals which a single owner can keep. He also reported on a \$20 million project to be undertaken at the Emiquon Refuge to construct 10 weather-break island in the water, and a pumping station. An open house will be held on April 16 to entertain any questions. Lastly, in June the new energy aggregation rates of 4.7 cents per KWH will be taking effect and opt out letters will be sent out to residents.

Sheriff Paul Gann then reported that there are currently 22 federal inmates in the jail and everything else is going well.

RESOLUTION 2014-23 APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE TO FFCI BOARD

The board then considered Resolution 2014-23 appointing William R. Blessman as the Mason County Representative to the FFCI Board (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Harris made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-23. Seconded by Kreiling. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2014-16 ESTABLISHMENT OF SALARIES FOR OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED NOVEMBER, 2014

The board then considered Resolution 2014-16 establishing the salaries for elected officers (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Osing made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-16. Seconded by Parsley. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2014-17 SUPPORTING GENERAL ASSEMBLY REVIEW OF 9-1-1 FUNDING OPTIONS

The board then considered Resolution 2014-17 supporting the General Assembly review of 9-1-1 funding options (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Walker made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-17. Seconded by Knollenberg. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2014-22 AMENDING DELINQUENT TAX PROGRAM AGREEMENT

The board then considered Resolution 2014-22 amending the delinquent tax program agreement assignment of rights from Joseph E Meyer as an individual to his corporation, Joseph E Meyer & Associates. County Administrator Blessman explained that the county has had an agreement with Mr. Meyer since 1996 for the tax program, and that no substantive changes were being made except for the name. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2014-22. Seconded by Walker. Motion carried.

Chairman Griffin encouraged board members to attend the UCCI Abraham Lincoln seminar on April 26.

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. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

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There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m. until May 13, 2014 at 9:00 a.m.