

PROCEEDINGS OF THE MASON COUNTY BOARD

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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, March 13, 2007. 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, HAROLD BAKER, ELDON GARLISCH, ROBERT HARRIS, GREG IMLAY, DOROTHY KREILING, and DALE OSING, seven present, one absent, that one absent being Matthew Swanson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESOLUTION 2007-28 LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT MANITO BLACKTOP

County Engineer Mike Pedigo then presented Resolution 2007-28, Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation on 5.8 miles on CH20 (Manito Blacktop) 1 mile NW of Buzzville Road. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION:     Harris made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-28. Seconded by Garlisch. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-28 APPROPRIATING MFT FUNDS FOR 2007 MAINTENANCE

County Engineer Mike Pedigo then presented Resolution 2007-27 appropriating \$498,365 in County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the 2007 maintenance program for the county. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION:     Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-27. Seconded by Imlay. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2007-30 ESTABLISHING LOAD LIMITS ON COUNTY HIGHWAYS

The board then considered Resolution 2007-30 establishing load limits on county highways at the 80,000 limit. Representatives of the Mason County Farm Bureau present were Ron Armbrust and Dean Pfeiffer, along with Gary Molid of Del Monte, who thanked the board for their past consideration to establish the higher limits, and requested that the action

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be taken again at this time. They also thanked County Engineer Pedigo for his cooperation and noted that the Farm Bureau has been active in seeking increased funding for county roads from the state. County Engineer Pedigo also thanked the Farm Bureau for their cooperation, and noted that higher load limits would likely increase maintenance costs on the road. (see board file for resolution) After further discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-30. Seconded by Harris. Motion carried.

### RESOLUTION 2007-29 CONDITIONAL USE FOR CELLULAR TOWER AT KILBOURNE

The board then considered Resolution 2007-29, an Conditional Use Permit for construction of a cellular communications tower in Kilbourne by Cellco Partnership representing Verizon Wireless. Stu Harrison of Cellco appeared before the board and told of the construction type and other details of the plan. It was reported that the matter had been approved by the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals without objection, and that a communications tower was an appropriate conditional use in a residentially zoned area. (see board file for resolution and related materials) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Osing made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-29. Seconded by Garlisch. Motion carried.

### APPEARANCE: STEVE JAEGER-EXECUTIVE DIR HEART OF IL PORT AUTHORITY

Mr. Steve Jaeger, Executive Director of the Heart of Illinois Port Authority appeared before the board to report on activities of that organization. He noted that the county had financially supported the port authority, and that it would be working closely with local leaders in economic development. He reported that the authority encompasses 6 counties along 95 miles of the Illinois River, and that they were actively engaged in bringing a port facility to the former Mapleton Foundry Caterpillar facility. He also reported they had worked with Sunrise Ag and the City of Havana in development of that port facility.

### APPEARANCE: BILL WHEAT RE: AMBULANCE SERVICE

Mr. Bill Wheat of Topeka appeared before the board to express concerns regarding ambulances of the Mason County Ambulance Service related to maintenance and replacement schedule. He compared the Mason County services to those in Fulton and Logan Counties. Chairman Griffin thanked him for his report but suggested that these matters must be handled by the management and board of Mason District Hospital as the county contracts with the hospital for ambulance service.

### CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

#### REPORTS:

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

#### APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

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### RESOLUTIONS:

1. Resolution 2007-33 Tax Agent Deed for Jim Carter Parcel 005-3289000 in Havana Township

### **END OF CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

### **REPORT OF ZONING OFFICE**

An written report of zoning activity during the month of February was heard by the Board, reflecting no permits issued during the month. (see board file) County Clerk Blessman also reported on a request from the City of Havana for use of certain GIS data for law enforcement purposes. It was agreed that local units of government in Mason County could have use of GIS data for selected purposes provided they sign an agreement limiting the use to the specific purpose.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Mr. Garlisch reported for the License Committee that electrical service in the storage building recently located at the animal shelter was in process.

Mr. Imlay reported for the Building & Grounds Committee that security improvements planned for the states attorney's office were underway. Also that the facade on the highway department building had been removed, and would be replaced with an awning through the city's facade program. He also reported on sewer problems at the courthouse and that a contractor was scheduled to replace or line the sewer pipe from the building to the street. He also reported that the chairs in the jury box and jury room were to be replaced.

Mr. Harris reported for the Road & Bridge Committee that Engineer Pedigo will be meeting with county highway commissioners.

Chairman Griffin reported that he is up for re-election to the executive board of the Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust, the insurance pool in which the county participates. The board thanked him for his service and concurred in his re-election plans.

### **RESOLUTION 2007-26 AMENDING PETS WITHOUT PARENTS AGREEMENT**

County Clerk Blessman reported that the board had passed an agreement with Pets without Parents at the previous meeting leasing the animal shelter to the organization. PWP has requested that the original lease be established at five years rather than three as previously passed in order to make the group eligible for additional grant funding. (see board file for amended agreement) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

**MOTION:** Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-26. Seconded by Harris. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION 2007-31 VACANCY IN OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS**

The board then considered Resolution 2007-31 declaring a vacancy in the Office of Supervisor of Assessments, and accepting the resignation of incumbent Sue Poler from the

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position. (see board file for resolution) It was noted that the vacancy would be filled pursuant to law and that Chief Deputy Assessor Kristy Poler would manage the office on a day to day basis for this time.

MOTION: Osing made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-31. Seconded by Harris. Motion carried.

### RESOLUTION 2007-32 FY 2006 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The board then considered Resolution 2007-32 approving the 2006 financial statements for the county as audited by Clifton, Gunderson, and presented at the February meeting of the board. (for statements see Misc. Record Book \_\_\_\_, Page \_\_\_\_). After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2007-32 the 2006 financial statements. Seconded by Kreiling. 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.  
Seconded by Imlay. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 9:53 a.m. until April 10 at 9:00 a.m.