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, February 10, 2009. 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, JAMES MILLER and DALE OSING, all present, none absent.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board then considered the consent agenda as follows:

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REPORTS:

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

APPOINTMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

1. Daryl Fornoff-Commissioner-Hurd Lake Drainage-exp. Sept, 2010

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 Miller. Motion carried.

REPORT OF ZONING OFFICE

A written report of zoning activity during the month of January was reviewed by the

Board.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Imlay reported for the Building & Grounds Committee that work is continuing on the HVAC installation at the jail and is nearing completion. He also reported that county personnel installed a new doorway into the small conference room formerly occupied by probation. He reported that the committee would be meeting on February 17 to review specs for the courthouse roof, consider storage upgrades for the circuit clerk and review policy on conference room use.

Mr. Miller reported for the Planning Committee on two workshops attended by board members related to wind farms. He noted the committee would be calling a meeting for early March to work on a local wind farm ordinance.

Mrs. Kreiling reported for the Emergency Services Committee that 9-1-1 was working on improved response to wireless calls, and doing some re-addressing in some areas.

Mr. Garlisch reported for the Licensing Committee that the committee met with Pets without Parents regarding that organization's request for additional funding for operation of the animal shelter, and that he committee was recommending an increase to the annual funding from $17,500 to $30,000.

RESOLUTION 2009-18 PETS WITHOUT PARENTS SHELTER AGREEMENT-$30,000

The board then considered Resolution 2009-18 which would amend agreement for Animal Shelter operation with Pets without Parents to provide for the annual payment by the county to be increased from $17,500 to $30,000 through the remainder of the agreement. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-18. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried on unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION 2009-17 AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION CH15

County Engineer Mike Pedigo then presented Resolution 2009-17, a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation on CH15, the Jake Wolf Fish Hatchery Road which is slated for repairs. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Harris made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-17. Seconded by Garlisch. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2009-19 COURTHOUSE LIGHTING PROJECT

The board then considered Resolution 2009-19 approving the proposed energy-savings lighting project for the courthouse as proposed by BLI Lighting of Normal, IL. It was

reported that the county was eligible for grant funding to cover a portion of the cost of the project which provides for the replacement of all lights and some fixtures in the courthouse with high efficiency equipment at a cost not to exceed $12,817 after the grant rebate. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-19. Seconded By Imlay. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2009-20 JAIL LIGHTING PROJECT

The board then considered Resolution 2009-20 approving the proposed energy-savings lighting project for the jail as proposed by BLI Lighting of Normal, IL. It was reported that the county was eligible for grant funding to cover a portion of the cost of the project which provides for the replacement of all lights and some fixtures in the jail with high efficiency equipment at a cost not to exceed $2,164.80 after the grant rebate. (see board file for resolution) After brief discussion, the following motion was made:

MOTION: Imlay made a motion to approve Resolution 2009-20. Seconded By Harris. Motion carried.

STATEMENT OF COUNTY BOARD POSITION ON 9-1-1 TOWER AT THE JAIL

The board then discussed the communications tower proposed to be built by the 9-1-1 Emergency Telephone Systems Board on county property adjacent to the jail, and the need to reiterate the county board's position on the matter in light of litigation filed by the ETSB against the City of Havana in an effort to obtain a building permit for the project. The clerk was asked to read the proposed position statement as follows:
The county board:

Strongly supports reliable emergency communications for all areas of the county.

Recognizes the interests of local government and citizens regarding safety, esthetics, and property values related to construction of a communication structure in a municipal neighborhood.

Believes there are viable communication alternatives to construction of a multi-leg structure adjacent to the jail facility which should be thoroughly investigated and considered.

Urges that public officials work together outside the judicial system to reach a solution which provides reliable, high quality emergency communications to all areas of Mason County which, to the greatest extent possible, preserves and protects the property rights all citizens.

The position of the county board has been and remains to allow construction of a communication structure on county property provided all federal, state, and local regulatory requirements are voluntarily met.

It was reiterated that this statement reflects that the county board would not permit construction of the tower if approval from the city was obtained via litigation. After further discussion, the follow motion was made:

MOTION: Garlisch made a motion to adopt the position statement as presented. Seconded by Miller. Motion carried without dissent.

ICRMT EXECUTIVE BOARD BALLOT

Chairman Griffin then reported that two seats would be up for election on the executive board of the Illinois Counties Risk Management Trust (ICRMT), a board upon which Mr. Griffin serves as chairman, and that he was requesting consent to cast Mason County's vote for the incumbent members whose terms were expiring, Mr. Jim Eccher of Henry County, and Anne Vickery of Kendall County.

MOTION: Osing made a motion authorizing Chairman Griffin to cast the ballot of Mason County for the ICRMT executive board. Seconded by Harris. 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 9:31 a.m. until March 10 at 9:00 a.m.