

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, ILLINOIS JULY 2, 2018

The meeting of the County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois was called to order at 8:00 a.m. Chairman Robert Elmore, Commissioner Delbert Wittenauer, and Commissioner Vicki Koerber were present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Others present included County Clerk Dennis Knobloch and Sheila Wetzler, along with Press Corps representatives – Joe Leicht of the Monroe County Independent and Alan Dooley of the Republic Times. Also present were Ron Schultheis and Jason Jones.

There being a quorum present, meeting was called to order by Chairman Elmore.

There were no Public Comments.

Aaron Metzger came to the meeting to discuss Highway Department business. He said there are currently some issues with the deck on the bridge over Carr Creek near Columbia, but it appears the substructure of the bridge is solid. Mr. Metzger said he wanted to contract with Oates Associates to examine the bridge to determine what repairs may be necessary. He said part of the degradation could be from the use of salt to clear ice and snow. Mr. Metzger said any necessary construction would not take place until 2020, and it would be with the use of Federal funding. Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Koerber to contract with Oates Associates in the amount of \$23,000 to provide structural engineering services on the Bluff Road Bridge over Carr Creek. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 18-53

APPROVAL OF AN ENGINEERING AGREEMENT WITH
OATES ASSOCIATES FOR
BRIDGE STRUCTURE DESIGN NECESSARY FOR THE
BLUFF ROAD BRIDGE OVER CARR CREEK

WHEREAS, in the interest of providing improved transportation facilities and the safety of the motoring public the County of Monroe wishes to replace the deck beams of the Bluff Road Bridge over Carr Creek designated as Section 16-00043-01-BR; and

WHEREAS, the Bridge Plans are to be sealed by an Illinois structural engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the firm of Oates Associates of Collinsville, IL be contracted to provide said structural engineering services on a fixed fee basis of \$23,000.00 and that the County Board Chairman and County Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the preliminary engineering service agreement authorizing Oates Associates to proceed with said structural design, upon execution by Oates Associates; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the following funds be appropriated to cover the cost of the design services:

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County Bridge Funds - \$23,000.00

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Motion: Wittenauer
Aye: Three
Absent: None

Second: Koerber
Nay: None

Robert Elmore, Chairman

Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

Delbert Wittenauer, Member

Vicki Koerber, Member

There was discussion regarding the bridge inspection routine for Monroe County bridges, including all bridges in Monroe County, except those on State Highways.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Koerber to approve the regular session minutes and closed session minutes from June 18, 2018. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding the list of County bills with emphasis on the bills payable to Americom for various services and equipment. Chairman Elmore said he had asked Dave Dillenberger to come to the County Board meeting, and Mr. Dillenberger said he would be able to attend the first August meeting of the County Board. Commissioner Wittenauer said he was concerned about the \$350 bill to ship the Highway Department copier back to Americom. Mr. Metzger was called back to the meeting. He said he previously had a 5-year lease agreement with Americom for a copier, and he did not renew the lease for another term. Since the copier had to be shipped back to Americom, the Highway Department received a bill for \$500 for shipping. Mr. Metzger said he was able to negotiate the bill down to \$350, but that amount was still payable to Americom.

Establishing a contract for IT services with another company was discussed. Commissioner Wittenauer said we need to have a plan – not just keep throwing money multiple directions for these services. Dennis Knobloch said if we go with a different IT support firm, he still feels it should be a local firm, so if a support person is needed in-house, you can call someone to come to the Courthouse to help with an issue, rather than having to depend on phone support from someone halfway across the country. Commissioner Wittenauer said he thought it was sad that the Department Heads got together and established a plan of how to solve the County's IT needs, and now we still have serious problems with the way we're handling the County computer issues.

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There was discussion of whether our cyber insurance coverage through CIRMA would cover our expenses on the computer virus issue. Ms. Marcuson said she would contact CIRMA to see if there is any chance of reimbursement. Chairman Elmore said we need to remember that we have a 3-year contract with Americom, and we need to discuss this contract with them before making any changes. Commissioner Koerber said Mr. Ahne had also offered his services for providing IT consultation to the County, and she thought it may be time to take advantage of that. Commissioner Wittenauer agreed. Commissioner Wittenauer said he would not agree to paying the Americom copier shipping fee of \$350 until we see an invoice showing that Americom paid a different shipping company that amount to ship the copier.

There was additional discussion regarding lease agreements. Mr. Knobloch said this has been discussed before, and this is another good reason to get away from lease agreements, and set up a revolving loan fund in the Treasurer's office. That way each Department could make a monthly equipment payment to the Treasurer instead of making it to a leasing company that is going to be charging interest and fees to the County. Mr. Metzger said this new copy machine was purchased outright from Coast to Coast, and the total purchase was much less than what the total of lease payments would have been. Commissioner Koerber said she thinks we need to find out the details of what lease equipment is in each of the County offices and set up a schedule so these can be revised when the terms of the lease expire.

Commissioner Koerber said we were contracted with an IT firm, and she feels that the computer virus would have caused problems no matter what. Commissioner Wittenauer said that may be true, but when there is a problem, we need to make sure they fix the problem so we can move on.

The following Accounts Payable having been approved for payment, Commissioner Koerber moved that the same be allowed and that vouchers be issued against their respective funds of the County Treasurer for payment, *with the payment to Americom for shipping the copy machine being contingent on receipt of a copy of the bill from the freight company in the amount that was billed to the County by Americom.* Motion seconded by Commissioner Wittenauer, and so declared all voting Aye, none Nay, and none Absent. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

1 st National Bank of Waterloo	6,851.30
ADP, LLC	1,382.00
Americom Imaging Systems, Inc.	178.18
Americom	10,030.00
Annmarie Marcuson	100.00
Axis Forensic Technology, Inc.	275.00
Beneflex	1,277.00
Bob Barker Company Inc.	466.07
City of Waterloo	10,318.37
CMS Shared Services Ctr	44.27
Coast to Coast	415.35
Ed Roehr Auto Radio Co Inc.	3,140.26
GreatAmerica Financial Services	152.49
Harrisonville Telephone	3,626.70
IL Assn of Court Clerks	150.00

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Information Technologies Inc.	1,711.50
John Deere Financial	79.94
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McCarthy, Leonard & Kaemmerer, L.C.	882.50
Monroe County Independent	28.00
Motorola	690.53
Nabers Shop	244.87
Oak Hill	10,484.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	19.99
Pamela Monroe	35.97
Platinum Technology Resource, LLC	28,011.75
Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	440.00
Quality Collision	310.03
Quill Corporation	306.92
Rejis Commission	266.00
Ron Whiteside Communications	3,444.00
Schlemmer Automotive Inc.	57.13
Sidebarr Technologies	218.00
Sonneberg Landscaping	279.00
Southern Illinois Video	375.00
St. Clair County Treasurer	74,052.00
Toshiba Financial Services	246.00
V "Red" Smith	20.00
Walmart Community	157.29
Warner Communications Corp.	262.50
Waterloo Animal Hospital	887.87
Watson's Office City	177.81
Wayne's One Stop	39.18
Zanders Sporting Goods	409.25

HEALTH TAX FUND

1 st National Bank of Waterloo	1,654.80
City of Waterloo	158.92
Coast to Coast Equipment	162.00
Harrisonville Telephone Company	330.64
Sanofi Pasteur Inc.	2,153.19
Stericycle Inc.	345.70

AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND

1 st National Bank of Waterloo	377.00
Bound Tree Medical LLC	278.54
Carla Heise	12.00
Harrisonville Telephone Company	143.49
Shirleen Schaefer	489.50
Stryker Sales Corporation	470.04
Walmart Community/RFCSLLC	90.10
Wells Fargo Vendor Financial Service	115.99
Wex	2,311.19

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HIGHWAY FUND

Asphalt Sales and Products Inc.	1,191.25
Beelman Logistics LLC	2,107.61
Columbia Quarry Company	404.00
Harrisonville Telephone Co.	39.59
John Deere Financial	844.28
Quill Corporation	84.25
R. P. Lumber	4.48
R.M. Wester & Associates Inc.	45.00
Reliable Sanitation Service Inc.	838.35
St. Louis Safety Inc.	732.70
Surveyors Materials Inc.	266.00
V “Red” Smith Pest Control Inc.	25.00
Williams Office Products Inc.	45.03
Woody’s Municipal Supply Company	1,448.76

COUNTY MFT

Columbia Quarry Company	7,919.98
Mississippi Lime Company	2,078.61

RECORDER’S DOCUMENT FUND

Fidlar Technologies	852.45
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Dennis Knobloch explained that MASC will be doing a production of “The Flood” in September to commemorate the 25th Anniversary of the 1993 Flood. MASC is hoping to get endorsement from the Illinois Bicentennial Commission to make this an official event of the IBC. Motion was made by Commissioner Koerber, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to provide a letter of support for the Illinois Bicentennial Commission endorsement. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding various organizations that use the Courtyard for events that use tents. Commissioner Koerber said Brian Hooten has had to repair numerous lines that were damaged by tent stakes being driven into the Courthouse lawn. She suggested that the contract be revised to reflect that the organization causing the damage be responsible for covering the cost of any repairs necessary to the Courtyard infrastructure system, including the sprinkler distribution lines.

Motion was made by Commissioner Koerber, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to reappoint Lyle Hoffmann, Steve Wheat and Kay Eschmann to the Salem-Baum Cemetery Association Board. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 18-54

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that the following individuals be reappointed to the Salem-Baum Cemetery Association Board for

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a term of three years with term to commence on July 1, 2018 and term to expire on June 30, 2021 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Lyle Hoffmann
1254 Gall Road
Waterloo, IL 62298

Steve Wheat
5767 Old Baum Church Road
Waterloo, IL 62298

Kay Eschmann
12 Kopp Road
Waterloo, IL 62298

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Motion: Koerber
Aye: Three
Absent: None

Second: Wittenauer
Nay: None

Robert Elmore, Chairman

Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

Delbert Wittenauer, Member

Vicki Koerber, Member

Motion was made by Commissioner Koerber, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to reappoint Kevin Koenigstein as Trustee to the Palmier Hill Cemetery Board. All voting aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 18-55

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that Kevin Koenigstein, 606 Rockhampton Drive, Columbia, Illinois be reappointed as Trustee to the Palmier Cemetery Board for a term of three years with term to commence on July 2, 2018 and term to expire on July 1, 2021 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo this 2nd day of July, 2018.

Motion: Koerber
Aye: Three
Absent: None

Second: Wittenauer
Nay: None

Robert Elmore, Chairman

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Motion was made by Commissioner Koerber, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to reappoint Don Gergen as a Trustee to the Palmier Hill Cemetery Board. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 18-56

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that Don Gergen, 710 Amherst Place, Edwardsville, Illinois be reappointed as Trustee to the Palmier Hill Cemetery Board for a term of three years with term to commence on July 2, 2018 and term to expire on July 1, 2021 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

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Motion: Koerber
Aye: Three
Absent: None

Second: Wittenauer
Nay: None

Robert Elmore, Chairman

Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

Delbert Wittenauer, Member

Vicki Koerber, Member

Motion was made by Commissioner Koerber, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to reappoint Lori R. Trost to the Monroe County Board of Health. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 18-57

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that Lori R. Trost, D.M.D., 915 Main Street, Columbia, Illinois be reappointed to the Monroe County Board of Health, for a three-year term with term to commence on July 1, 2018 and term to expire on June 30, 2021 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

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Motion: Koerber
Aye: Three
Absent: None

Second: Wittenauer
Nay: None

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Motion was made by Commissioner Koerber, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to reappoint Jay Vogt to the Monroe County Board of Health. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 18-58

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that Jay Vogt, 6327 Goeddeltown Road, Waterloo, Illinois be reappointed to the Monroe County Board of Health, for a one-year term with term to commence on July 1, 2018 and term to expire on June 30, 2019 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo this 2nd day of July, 2018.

Motion: Koerber
Aye: Three
Absent: None

Second: Wittenauer
Nay: None

Robert Elmore, Chairman

Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

Delbert Wittenauer, Member

Vicki Koerber, Member

Motion was made by Commissioner Koerber, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to appoint Polly Muehlberg to the Monroe County Board of Health, replacing Rachel Giffhorn who has resigned. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 18-59

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that Polly Muehlberg, 525 Mary Drive, Waterloo, Illinois be appointed to the Monroe County Board of Health, replacing Rachel C. Giffhorn, who has resigned, with term to commence on July 1, 2018 and term to expire on June 30, 2021 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

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Motion: Koerber
Aye: Three
Absent: None

Second: Wittenauer
Nay: None

Robert Elmore, Chairman

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Delbert Wittenauer, Member

Vicki Koerber, Member

Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Koerber to retain all closed session minutes as closed session minutes until further review. Mr. Knobloch said he is currently reviewing the closed session minutes and would be bringing a list to the County Board with a recommendation for release of some of the closed session minutes. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Commissioner Koerber said she just found out that Linnemann Lawncare has discontinued their porch planter program, so she has taken it upon herself to plant new flowers in the planters outside the Courthouse. She said she also will be purchasing several new planters to be placed outside the public entrance on the north side of the building.

Chairman Elmore said the 4-lane highway group is rewriting the bill for this proposed improvement, and that will be submitted to the legislature for review. He said IDOT has still not jumped on board to support this effort, so that has not helped this committee's battle to find funding for this project. Commissioner Wittenauer said if East-West Gateway and IDOT are not interested in helping with this project, that is probably a good indication that there will be little if any State support for this highway extension.

Chairman Elmore said he talked with the St. Clair County Board Chairman and the Madison County Board Chairman, and neither of them showed much interest in coming up with additional funding for the University of Illinois Extension Service. Chairman Elmore said he was doubtful that either of those Counties would send a representative to the upcoming meeting that will be discussing support for the Extension Service.

Chairman Elmore said an invitation has been received from the Illinois Counties Council of Illinois for the Illinois County Leader's Conference sponsored by the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs to be held at the White House on Thursday, September 13.

Chairman Elmore said there was a meeting in Red Bud last week with parties interested in establishing a new Enterprise Zone in Monroe and Randolph County. He said the parties participating are Columbia, Waterloo, Valmeyer and Monroe County, and Randolph County, Red

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Bud and Sparta. Chester has been included in discussions, but they have not made a final decision on participation. Chairman Elmore said it is estimated that each participating governmental entity will have to invest about \$6,000. The submittal application would be a combined effort between Monroe and Randolph Counties.

There will be a meeting later this week to discuss the arbitration of the FOP contract.

Chairman Elmore said the U.S. Supreme Court made a ruling last week saying that employees could not be forced to participate in union agreements. Mr. Knobloch said the next day we received notification from several of the participating unions, and some employees of the Ambulance Service and the Circuit Clerk's office have now decided not to pay dues to the unions in their Departments.

Commissioner Koerber said a Dedication Ceremony was held last weekend to recognize the completion of the landscaping project at the Bison statue, and those who participated in this project, both physically and financially.

There being no further business to come before the Board, motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Koerber, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.