

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, ILLINOIS JANUARY 3, 2017

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 Sheila Wetzler, Deputy County Clerk Audrey Trembly, along with Press Corps representatives – Joe Leicht of the Monroe County Independent and Alan Dooley of the Republic Times.

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. Mr. Metzger stated that first he would like to say that a week or so ago Louise Kelly passed away. She was a Highway Department employee many years ago. Mr. Metzger explained the Illinois Transportation Legislative Initiative Resolution and a motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Koerber to approve such resolution. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 17-1

Illinois Transportation Legislative Initiative

**Resolution of Support to Benefit the Economy & the Citizens of Illinois
(80% Highways/20% Transit & Highways Portion at 60% IDOT/40% Local
Roads)**

WHEREAS, transportation infrastructure is critical to the safety, quality of life and economic vitality throughout Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the transportation system in Illinois is comprised of a seamless network of state highways, county highways, city streets, and township roads, as well as transit, rail and other alternative forms of transportation; and

WHEREAS, citizens are reliant upon the vast and seamless network of public roads to carry business, products, services, postal delivery, parcel delivery, utilities, school bus, agriculture, emergency services; and,

WHEREAS, the users of this system of public roads in Illinois pay for the upkeep and improvement of those public roads through highway user fees; and

WHEREAS, local government is responsible for over 88% of the public road mileage in Illinois carrying 40% of the traffic in the state, thereby contributing 40% of the highway user fees

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collected by the state, including both motor vehicle revenue paid to the Secretary of State and motor fuel tax paid at the fuel pump; and

WHEREAS, in 2014 only 21.5% of those highway user fees were returned to reinvest in local roads, which was \$577M less than the 40% generated by local roads, which received \$561M in MFT distributions; and

WHEREAS, the continual reinvestment of highway user fees in the basic maintenance that is necessary for every part of the highway network is absolutely essential for those benefits of safety, quality of life and economic vitality to continue; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has not approved a transportation capital program that maintains support of ongoing funding for that continual reinvestment since 1999 and yet local roads in Illinois have experienced costs for basic county highway maintenance in 2014 that were 2.4 times greater than they were in 2000 and those costs continue to climb while local governments are forced to defer and even suspend the most basic maintenance on their local roads; and

WHEREAS, the number of commercial vehicles along with their sizes and weights continue to grow due to the competitive world market requiring improvements to the local road system to safely accommodate such increase in the number, sizes and weights of commercial vehicles in relation with all other highway users; and

WHEREAS, it is critical for every local government to improve their local roads in order to continue to be an effective part of the seamless highway network that allows Illinois to supply its produce, products and services to the world market competitively; and

WHEREAS, the state's economy continues to face pressures that would be mitigated by a public infrastructure capital construction initiative to provide workers throughout Illinois, from highly urbanized to rural areas, with employment, along with jobs associated with capital infrastructure improvement, such as equipment and material suppliers; and

WHEREAS, it is important to focus on the entire transportation system, including local and state roads, interstate highways, bridges, public transit, airports, waterways and freight rail because no partial component operates without other systematic elements of the transportation network; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby notify the Governor, Legislators and the IDOT Secretary that we request the adoption and implementation of the *Illinois Transportation Legislative Initiative* to Benefit the Economy and the Citizens of the State of Illinois; and this *Illinois Transportation Legislative Initiative* specifically requests:

1. The Illinois DOT Secretary will seek input from and collaborate with County Engineers, Municipal Street Officials, Township Highway Commissioners and Transit Officials to develop an *Illinois Transportation Plan* to immediately begin to address the needs of our Illinois transportation system using the funding distribution of 80% Highways/20% Transit with the highway funding sub split of 60% IDOT/40% Local Roads, distributing the Local Road share through existing MFT distribution formula; and

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2. The Governor and General Assembly will adopt and ensure implementation of an *Illinois Transportation Bill* that requires the distribution of all highway user fees and additional transportation investment at the same funding distribution through the existing MFT distribution formula as identified above.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon adoption, signed copies shall be forwarded to:

- The Honorable Bruce Rauner, Governor of the State of Illinois
- The Honorable John Cullerton, President of the Illinois Senate
- The Honorable Michael Madigan, Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives
- The Honorable Christine Radogno, Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate
- The Honorable James Durkin, Minority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives
- The Honorable David Luechtefeld, State Senator
- The Honorable Jerry Costello II, State Representative
- Mr. Paul Schimpf, State Senator - Elect
- Randy Blankenhorn, Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo, this 3rd day of January, 2017.

Motion:
Aye:
Absent:

Second:
Nay:

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Robert Elmore, Chairman

Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

Delbert Wittenauer, Member

Vicki Koerber, Member

No other Highway business was conducted and Mr. Metzger left the meeting.

Kevin Koenigstein came to the meeting to present the annual Palmier Cemetery financial report. Mr. Koenigstein stated that the officers will remain the same, however Vernon Ritter plans to retire, so there will be a need for a new officer.

Commissioner Wittenauer asked about the acreage and graves available. Mr. Koenigstein said that there are 25 graves still available. Commissioner Koerber asked if these graves were available to anyone. Mr. Koenigstein said they were.

Mr. Koenigstein announced the date of the next tax sale to be January 13, 2017. Mr. Koenigstein also noted that the State of Illinois has no budget.

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Sheriff Rohlfing came to the meeting. Lisa Fallon came to the meeting.

The minutes of the December 19, 2016 meeting were approved after some discussion and questions regarding a name spelling and the lot sale costs on page 282. Mr. Koenigstein explained how the lot sales are done and upon that explanation, motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Koerber to approve said minutes. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

There was a discussion regarding Accounts Payable for the Circuit Clerk AT&T invoice, the CIRMA payment and Cyber insurance. Also discussed was ID Networks invoice which Sheriff Rohlfing was present to explain. Circuit Clerk Lisa Fallon also explained the AT&T invoice.

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. 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	2,596.50
Americom Imaging Systems, Inc.	119.00
Americom	1,342.50
Andrew Kersting	114.45
Axis Forensic Technology, Inc.	500.00
Beneflex	988.00
Best Group LLC	209.00
Braun Computer Repair	60.00
Cara Strotheide	11.95
Cercis Emergency Physicians	44.00
City of Waterloo	13,369.06
CPR Plus	350.00
CTS Group	173,984.00
Dawn M. Kreher	46.44
Dobbs Tire & Auto Centers	526.94
Ed Roehr Auto Radio Co Inc.	240.00
First National Bank	81.90
GreatAmerica Financial Services	152.49
Harrisonville Telephone Company	3,616.50
ID Networks	9,561.00
IL Coroner & Med Examiers Assoc	300.00
IL Dept of Central Mgmt Services	498.55
Information Technologies Inc.	1,663.50
Jennifer Kujawski	43.96
John Deere Financial	83.05
John Deere Financial	12.45
Kelton Davis	23,154.32
Lauren Bivins	87.60
Laurie Wilde	12.78

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Leon Uniform Company Inc.	387.94
Locks A2Z	11,767.00
May Pest Control LLC	105.00
Melissa A. Hunter	18.10
Melissa Unterseh-Schreder	11.95
Mike's Service Station	211.72
Motorola	1,301.67
National District Attorneys Assoc.	252.00
Neal Rohlring	384.27
Oak Hill	7,052.00
Pamela Monroe	35.64
Petri Insurance Agency, Inc.	50.00
Platinum Technology Resource	9,362.04
Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	147.94
Quality Collision, Inc.	966.36
Quill Corporation	93.99
Rejis Commission	1,043.00
Road District 6	6,500.00
Robert A. Hayes	730.00
Sausha Alderman	98.45
Sherwin Williams	1,274.85
Sidebarr Technologies	396.00
St. Elizabeth's Hospital	450.00
Tessco	41.70
The Maidez Center	500.00
Thomson Reuters-West Publishing Corp.	176.38
U.S. Postmaster	94.00
ULine	706.68
Vicki Karban	11.95
Walmart Lumber Company Inc.	38.47
Watson's Office City	1,002.35
Wightman Pharmacy	81.09

HEALTH TAX FUND

1 st National Bank of Waterloo	2,349.42
Andrea Kohring	176.02
Coast to Coast Equipment	214.00
Harrisonville Telephone Company	583.37
John C. Wagner	64.74
Motorola	34.00
Victoria Kehrler	77.58
Warren Sign Co., Inc.	19,676.09

AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND

Airgas Mid America	120.41
Ambulance Call Refund to Patient	1,230.00
Harrisonville Telephone Company	138.99

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Ambulance Call Refund to Patient	50.00
Ambulance Call Refund to Patient	19.80
Motorola Solutions	396.00
Nabers Shop	47.50
Phillips 66 Company	95.44
Savvik Buying Group	19.99
Wells Fargo Vendor Fin Serv	115.99
Ambulance Call Refund to Patient	112.02

HIGHWAY FUND

Aramark Uniform Services	1,848.82
Dave Schmidt Truck Service	41.30
Equipment Service Co. Inc.	1,279.92
Harrisonville Telephone Co.	43.77
Huebner Concrete Contracting Inc.	20,827.00
Illinois Assoc. of County Engineers	762.64
John Deere Financial	1,039.78
Metal Culverts Inc.	3,610.50
Rhomar Industries, Inc.	530.85
Schaeffer Mfg. Co.	23.77
Shelby's Automotive Repair Inc.	656.40
Warning Lites of Southern Illinois	127.50
Watson's Office City	37.10
Weir Ford LLC	66.00
Woody's Municipal Supply Company	155.37

ROAD MOTOR FUEL

Columbia Quarry Company	1,800.75
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RECORDERS DOCUMENT STORAGE

Fidlar Technologies	500.00
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TORT & IMMUNITY FUND

Counties of IL Risk Mgmt Agency	5,988.00
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Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Koerber to reappoint Joseph L. Berry, 217 Heritage Street, Columbia, Illinois to the Monroe County nursing Home Memorial Endowment Association for a term of four years with term to commence on January 2, 2017 and term to expire on January 1, 2021 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 17-2

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that Joseph L. Berry, 217 Heritage Street, Columbia, Illinois be reappointed to the Monroe

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County Nursing Home Memorial Endowment Association for a term of four years with term to commence on January 2, 2017 and term to expire on January 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 3rd day of January, 2017

Motion: Wittenauer
Aye: Three
Absent: None

Second: Koerber
Nay: None

Robert Elmore, Chairman

Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

Delbert Wittenauer, Member

Vicki Koerber, Member

Mrs. Wetzler reported that she has another appointment, but was told by Aaron Metzger that the Areawide Management Board no longer exists. After some discussion it was decided to ask Mr. Metzger to return to the meeting to clarify.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Koerber to enter into closed session for the purpose of Personnel. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 17-3

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that the Board is going into closed session for the purpose of Personnel.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo, this 3rd day of January, 2017.

Motion: Wittenauer
Aye: Three
Absent: None

Second: Koerber
Nay: None

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Delbert Wittenauer, Member

Vicki Koerber, Member

Motion was made by Commissioner Koerber, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to come out of closed session. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 17-4

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that the Board is ending its closed session and returning to open session.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo, this 3rd day of January, 2017.

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 Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Koerber to keep closed sessions minutes closed at this time. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

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Commissioner Wittenauer stated that he would attend the Monroe Randolph Transit meeting on January 17, 2017. Also, the regular Health Department meeting will be held on January 18, 2017.

Aaron Metzger returned to the meeting and clarified the committee known as Areawide Management Board no longer exists. Commissioner Wittenauer instructed Mrs. Wetzler to call the gentleman who agreed to be reappointed to the Board that no longer exists.

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.