

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, ILLINOIS JANUARY 19, 2016

The meeting of the County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois was called to order at 9:00 a.m. Chairman Terry Liefer, Commissioner Delbert Wittenauer, and Commissioner Robert Elmore were present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Others present included Linda Lehr, Sheila Wetzler and County Clerk Dennis Knobloch, along with Press Corps representatives – Joe Leicht of the Monroe County Independent and Alan Dooley of the Republic Times. Also present were Mark Altadonna and Vicki Koerber.

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

Commissioner Wittenauer said he would like to amend the agenda to allow review of a proposed revision to the Interoperable Radio TIC Plan.

Aaron Metzger came to the meeting to review Highway Department business. He presented a Resolution from IDOT reappointing Mr. Metzger as the Monroe County Engineer for a term to begin on March 1, 2016 and continue through February 29, 2022. Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to approve the proposed reappointment.

RESOLUTION 16-2

WHEREAS, a vacancy will exist on March 1, 2016 in the office of County Engineer in Monroe County, Illinois due to the expiration of the six-year term of the incumbent County Engineer Aaron W. Metzger and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board by resolution dated December 7, 2015 requested the consent of the Department of Transportation to reappoint Aaron W. Metzger and

WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation, has on January 13, 2016 given its consent to the reappointment of Aaron W. Metzger.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Monroe County Board that Aaron W. Metzger is hereby appointed County Engineer for Monroe County for a term of six years effective March 1, 2016, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, by the Monroe County Board that the salary of the County Engineer be fixed as follows:

from March 1, 2016 to November 30, 2016 – 100% State 2016 Recommended C.E.
Salary Prorated

from December 1, 2016 to November 30, 2017 – 100% State 2017 Recommended C.E.
Salary

from December 1, 2017 to November 30, 2018 – 100% State 2018 Recommended C.E.
Salary

from December 1, 2018 to November 30, 2019 – 100% State 2019 Recommended C.E.
Salary

from December 1, 2019 to November 30, 2020 – 100% State 2020 Recommended C.E.
Salary

from December 1, 2020 to November 30, 2021 – 100% State 2021 Recommended C.E.
Salary

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from December 1, 2021 to February 28, 2022 – 100% State 2022 Recommended C.E.
Salary Prorated

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit two (2) certified originals of this resolution to the Department of Transportation, through its Regional Engineer's office at Collinsville, Illinois.

STATE OF ILLINOIS

COUNTY OF MONROE

I, Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, and keeper of the records and files thereof, as provided by statute, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true perfect and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the Monroe County Board at its Regular meeting held at Monroe County on January 19, 2016.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the County at my office in Waterloo, Illinois in said County this 19th day of January.

Mr. Metzger said the County Highway Department is assisting the Road Districts and small towns in the County to upgrade their traffic signs to meet the most recent regulations. After receiving bids, he recommended the award of the bid for Signs and Stickers to Newman Signs, Inc of Jamestown, North Dakota, and the award of the bid for Posts and Hardware to Decker Supply Co., Inc. of Madison, Wisconsin. Motion to approve those bid awards was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 16-3

WHEREAS, bids were received on January 7, 2016 for furnishing materials to be installed by various Road Districts, Village of Hecker and the Village of Maeystown in Monroe County, Illinois for the Rural Local Agency Traffic Sign Upgrade Program; and

WHEREAS, the below listed bids, listed by group, were received for the furnishing of sign material, ID stickers, sign post and sign hardware.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the above listed material be awarded to:

Group A, Signs and Stickers – Newman Signs, Inc., Jamestown, North Dakota
and

Group B, Post & Hardware – Decker Supply Co. Inc., Madison, Wisconsin

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo, this 19th day of January, 2016.

Motion: Wittenauer
Aye: Three
Absent: None

Second: Elmore
Nay: None

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	<u>GROUP A</u>	<u>GROUP B</u>
Bid Summary: Estimate	14,208.00	11,027.00
Hall Signs	6,083.83	13,522.60
Decker Supply	6,386.24	9,307.15
Lightle Enterprises	5,933.81	10,053.96
MD Solutions	5,997.07	10,729.48
Newman Signs	5,653.09	10,440.99
TAPCO	8,411.27	13,928.74
Warning Lites	5,851.28	9,502.55
Traffic Safety Services	17,166.40	25,674.40

Mr. Metzger explained the details of the Monroe County Highway Department Improvement Program for the years 2016-2020. There was also discussion regarding the Summer workers for the Highway Department.

Kim Keckritz was present for the monthly Oak Hill report. She said November was not a good month, and the Census and Financial figures reflected that as well. She also presented a report showing that most of the admissions for the current year were from the Waterloo area, with a decline in the number of residents coming from Columbia. The same report showed St. Anthony's Hospital as the number one referral source for Oak Hill. Ms. Keckritz said that another factor contributing to the lagging financials for November was the write-off of some non-pay Medicare situations. She said the way the regulations are written regarding these residents, there is really nothing that can be done to alleviate this problem.

Ms. Keckritz said the turnover rate at the Nursing Home has been higher than normal, with many of those being the CNA's. She also said that during a recent contest, the name suggested for the proposed rehab unit is "Evergreen Pointe". The Commissioners said they felt that name fit in well with the other names at the facility.

The monthly Nursing Home bills were approved upon motion by Commissioner Elmore, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Ms. Keckritz was joined by Dan Borisuk and Dan Sternau for additional Oak Hill discussion. There was discussion as to the possible revision of the HVAC plans for the proposed rehab unit, and that may cause some delays in the time schedule for the construction of the new facility. Mr. Borisuk said the PTAC units carry a lower initial cost, but the long range maintenance is more

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expensive, and he said he has already replaced some of the units that were installed at Oak Hill ten years ago. Mr. Sternau said the two-pipe system would be better suited to the needs of the new construction, but this will add from \$90,000 to \$150,000 to the construction cost of the new addition. The Commissioners decided that they wanted to proceed with the two-pipe system. Mr. Sternau said that as a part of this revision in the plans, his firm will conduct an energy audit to determine if there are any other areas that could save dollars for the County. Chairman Liefer said that both Micro-Grid and Johnson Controls have offered to do energy audits of the Nursing Home at no cost to the County, and he felt if we have three different views on this issue, there should be some benefits to the County from one or all of these studies. It was also suggested that as a part of these studies, there is some review of the facility lighting.

The following Accounts Payable having been approved for payment, Commissioner Wittenauer 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 Elmore, and so declared all voting Aye, none Nay, and none Absent. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

AT&T Mobility	2,111.55
Americom	2,810.65
Bob Barker Company Inc.	407.83
C.I.A.O.	80.00
Charter Communications	39.36
Coast to Coast Equipment	68.53
Coast to Coast	77.96
Culligan-Schaefer Water Centers	7.00
Da Com Corporation	214.47
Daniel J. Cuneo Ph.D.	600.00
DataTronics	598.00
Dobbs Tire & Auto Centers	751.40
Ed Roehr Auto Radio Co. Inc.	40.00
Gall's Inc.	111.15
Gateway FS	3,528.46
GreatAmerica Financial Services	152.49
Harrisonville Telephone Company	408.70
IL Assoc. of Circuit Court Clerks	325.00
IL Prosecutor Services LLC	185.00
Illinois Sheriff's Assn	687.00
Kone Inc.	612.50
Leon Uniform Company Inc.	1,629.83
Logo's 'N Stitches, Inc.	215.00
Lynden Prange	772.33
Main Street Florist	150.00
Major Case Squad	250.00
Mid-States Organized Crime Info Ctr	150.00
Mike's Service Station	137.71
Monroe County Electric Coop Inc.	437.50
Monroe County General Fund	1,200.00

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Motorola	1,926.24
Nabers Shop	217.54
Otto Faulbaum	162.50
Petri Insurance Agency, Inc.	60.00
Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	261.74
Quality Collision, Inc.	38.16
Quill Corporation	207.80
Red Bud Regional Hospital	186.07
Reliable Sanitation Service Inc.	2,599.12
Republic-Times LLC	232.40
Richland Pet Cremation & Memorials	21.00
Secure Document Destruction	40.00
Sidebarr Technologies	751.25
Speedlube	74.97
Sure Shine Auto Wash	766.76
The Lowenbaum Partnership LLC	2,355.00
Thomson Reuters-West Publishing Corp.	593.84
Toshiba Financial Services	256.00
Traughber & Morris Ltd	741.66
U S Bank Equipment Finance	256.82
Warner Communications Corp.	179.00
Wayne's One Stop	109.15
Wightman Pharmacy	209.01
Williams Office Products, Inc.	675.37

HEALTH TAX FUND

Andrea Kohring	125.82
Colleen Goessling	12.42
Harrisonville Telephone Company	594.38
John Wagner	127.44
Republic Times LLC	77.00
Sanofi Pasteur Inc.	2200.88
Stericycle Inc.	262.74
Victoria Kehrler	459.25
Wightman Pharmacy	980.00

AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND

Airgas Mid America	175.58
Al's Auto Waterloo	18.38
Arrow International, Inc.	1,110.53
Carla Heise	42.08
Medpro Waste Disposal LLC	260.00
Mertz Ford	66.00

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Midwest Warehouse & Storage Inc.	100.00
Sunset Ford	11.36
Weir Ford-Mercury LLC	2,479.70
WEX	2,014.83

HIGHWAY FUND

Al's Auto Waterloo	24.22
Ameren Illinois	60.55
Aramark Uniform Services	1,147.45
Chris Howell	61.56
DataTronics	188.00
Decker Supply Co. Inc.	1,932.00
Fountain Water District	28.55
Leaf	299.00
Metal Culverts Inc.	8,077.89
Midwest Occupational Medicine Ltd	530.00
Monroe County Electric Cooperative	931.35
Nu-Deal Oil Company	128.34
O'Reilly Auto Parts	229.25
Reliable Sanitation Service Inc.	50.60
Roger's Redi-Mix Inc.	790.84
Select Propane	2,593.27
Sidebarr Technologies	4.74
Tapco Inc.	2,042.50
Warning Lites Of Southern Illinois	2,430.36
Williams Office Products Inc.	188.18

ROAD DISTRICT MOTOR FUEL

Columbia Quarry Company	480.76
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The minutes from the January 4, 2016 Regular Meeting were approved upon motion by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Kevin Koenigstein came to the meeting to present the Semi-Annual Report of the Monroe County Collector. Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to approve that report. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried. Mr. Koenigstein also presented a report for review showing the revised Ambulance Service Fund financials that reflected the recent problem with some Health Dept. funds being credited to the Ambulance Service in error. He said all of those corrections have now been made, and the current report reflects those revisions.

Mr. Koenigstein presented the annual report of activities for the Palmier Cemetery Board.

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Mr. Koenigstein said he wanted to discuss the County Economic Development Committee. He said that currently three loans that were initiated by the group are still in repayment, and with the recent untimely death of County Economic Development Director Nora Feuquay, he was concerned about the continued monitoring of these loan situations. Chairman Liefer said there has been some discussion regarding the Director position, and several different possibilities were reviewed including continuing with the same situation where the position is under the control of the University of Illinois Extension Service, with salary and benefits paid by that entity, or to possibly bring the position back as a full-time County employee. Chairman Liefer said the County does not have the funds to support that position, so if it is designated as a County position, there would need to be some financial support from the local Cities. Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to have Mr. Koenigstein monitor these outstanding Economic Development loans until a decision is made regarding the Economic Development Director. All voting Aye, none nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

There was some discussion of the PACE financing program as it relates to energy conservation improvements to commercial or industrial properties.

Linda Lehr reported that John Wagner is ready to proceed with employee name badges. His suggestion was to have each Department Head take a photo of their employees with a cell phone, and forward those photos by email to the Health Department so they could make up the name badges. Ms. Lehr said that work continues on the website with a proposed completion date of June or July.

Dennis Knobloch reported that the Bicentennial Birthday Bash held at the Hecker Community Center was a sellout and a tremendous success. He said that the Eagle Bus Tour planned for Saturday, January 23 has been revised to an Eagle presentation on the same day to be held at the Valmeyer American Legion Home from 10:00 a.m. to Noon on that day.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to reappoint Jeannine Belt to the Community Mental Health 708 Funding Board. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 16-4

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that Jeannine Belt, 237 Oak Tree Drive, Columbia, Illinois be reappointed as a member of the Community Mental Health 708 Funding Board, for term to commence on January 17, 2016 and term to expire on January 16, 2020 or when a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo, this 19th day of January, 2016.

Motion: Wittenauer
Aye: Three
Absent: None

Second: Elmore
Nay: None

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Commissioner Wittenauer reported that next week there will be a meeting of all of the Levee District Commissioners from Monroe and Randolph Counties, and that meeting will be held at Lisa's in Prairie du Rocher. He also said that there has now been a Federal Disaster Declaration for the recent flooding events in Illinois, and that may help Monroe County to qualify. Commissioner Wittenauer said that there are problems with one of the pumps at the Long Slash Pumping Station, and hopefully some of that expense could be covered.

Chairman Liefer said he has heard nothing from the Monroe-Randolph Transit District.

Motion was made by Commissioner Elmore, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to approve a Courtyard Permit for Helping Strays of Monroe County (the Humane Society of Monroe County) on October 1, 2016 for a 5K run and walk event. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

There was some discussion regarding the possible purchase of automatic sandbagging equipment. Ryan Weber will be contacted to make a recommendation to the County Board regarding the type and size of equipment to purchase.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to approve revisions to the Interoperable Radio TIC plan as proposed by Paul Tipton. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Commissioner Elmore reported that Western Egyptian is having management problems, and they can't even come up with enough members for a meeting quorum.

Commissioner Wittenauer said he was contacted by FEMA regarding discussions about the County floodplain area. He said he would talk with them to see what kind of information they need.

Commissioner Elmore said he has been fielding complaints about the Monroe County Welcome Center in Columbia never being open.

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Commissioner Wittenauer said we need to make sure that these companies that have volunteered to perform energy audits at Oak Hill are really completing that work at no cost to the County – we don't need any surprise bills in the future.

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