

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MONROE COUNTY, ILLINOIS JUNE 20, 2016

The meeting of the County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois was called to order at 8:00 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 Sheila Wetzler, 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 Vicki Koerber and Ed McLean.

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

Chairman Liefer called for public comments. Monroe County Republican Chairman Ed McLean was present to discuss concerns with the County's political sign regulations, but he said he would wait until later in the meeting when that topic was on the agenda.

Aaron Metzger came to the meeting to discuss Highway Department business. Mr. Metzger presented the semi-annual report of the Highway Department, and the report was accepted and approved upon motion by Commissioner Wittenauer with a second by Commissioner Elmore. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Mr. Metzger said he is suggesting that the Kaskaskia Road / Route 3 intersection project be tabled for now since there is not a consensus regarding the placement of a stoplight at this proposed intersection – the County Planning Commission would like a stoplight to be included in the project, and IDOT refused to consider that. Commissioner Wittenauer asked if that project is being delayed, can we still think about the addition of a stoplight at the YMCA intersection off Route 3 south of Columbia. Mr. Metzger said we can possibly look at the possibility of a stoplight installation there. He said he thinks IDOT did a study, and asked for additional information, but no extra information was provided, so nothing further has been done there. Mr. Metzger said he is still considering some improvements to the Kaskaskia Road intersection, including some revisions to the Quarry / heavy truck entrance that may improve the safety there. Various improvement options for the YMCA entrance were also discussed.

Mr. Metzger said final payment has been made on the restorative seal contracts for Bluff and Maeystown Roads. Mr. Metzger said he has also been working with one of the Road Districts regarding damage done to District roads as a result of the Flood Prevention District activity in that area. He said damage estimates are in the area of \$25,000. Mr. Metzger said Road District #5 is being asked to make the repairs, and then ask for reimbursement from the FPD contractor. The cost of the repairs is inflated because of the repair method being requested by the Corps of Engineers. Commissioner Wittenauer said the other option to prevent further damage would be to put a load restriction on the road and keep the contractor from using that road. Mr. Metzger said that has always been an option, but they didn't want to hinder the progress being made by the Flood Prevention District. Mr. Metzger said the project engineer saw the damage being done to the road, but failed to report it to those in charge.

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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

A T & T Mobility	1,970.42
Americom Imaging Systems, Inc.	264.00
Americom	1,694.72
Bob Barker Company Inc.	429.68
CivicPlus	332.53
Coast to Coast Equipment	68.53
Court Services & Probation Dept.	15,331.25
Culligan-Schaefer Water Centers	60.59
DataTronics	41.00
Dobbs Tire & Auto Centers	384.91
Ed Roehr Auto Radio Co. Inc.	335.37
Egyptian Stationers Inc.	441.87
Gateway FS	2,432.30
Goodin Associates Ltd.	190.00
GreatAmerica Financial Services	152.49
Harrisonville Telephone Company	693.60
Illinois South Tourism	4,000.00
J & J Septic & Sewer Cleaning LLC	575.00
Jason Ettlting	619.82
John Deere Financial	63.96
K & D Printing	170.00
Kelton Davis	11,429.00
Leaf	454.60
Leon Uniform Company Inc.	838.99
Linnemann Lawn Care & Landscaping	85.00
Monroe County Electric Coop Inc.	437.50
Monroe County Independent	28.00
Motorola	2,019.12
Nabers Shop	51.80
O'Reilly Auto Parts	121.95
Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	315.88
Quality Collision, Inc.	1,418.53
Quill Corporation	416.93
Randy Rudloff	4,100.00
Ray O'Herron Co Inc	132.35
Reliable Sanitation Service Inc.	2,725.58
Republic-Times LLC	15,583.60
Richland Pet Cremation & Memorials	23.13
Ronald M Mueller	211.58
Schneider Quality Meats	2,912.00
Sidebarr Technologies	300.00

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St. Clair County Coroner	100.00
St. Elizabeth's Hospital	225.00
Thomson Reuters-West Publishing Corp.	593.84
Toshiba Financial Services	246.00
Traughber & Morris LTD	741.67
Universal Inc.	734.67
Vicki Koerber	11.34
Warner Communications Corp.	90.00
Waterloo Chamber of Commerce	175.00
Watson's Office City	104.18
Wayne's One Stop	3,620.95
Weir Chev-Olds-Buick-Pontiac	43.23
Wightman Pharmacy	348.82

AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND

Airgas Mid America	470.80
Andres Medical Billing, LTD.	4,621.63
Ann Goessling	198.93
Bound Tree Medical LLC	203.50
Elsejean Roscow	124.05
Hero's in Style	443.43
Medpro Waste Disposal LLC	195.00
Mertz Ford	445.00
Motorola Solutions	705.12
Roger's Service & Towing LLC	140.00
Wells Fargo Vendor Fin Service	115.99
Zoll Medical Corporation	443.60

HEALTH TAX FUND

Motorola	34.00
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HIGHWAY FUND

Al's Auto Waterloo	355.97
Ameren Illinois	48.75
Columbia Quarry Company	305.25
DataTronics	188.00
Energy Petroleum Co.	3,912.01
John Fabick Tractor Company	94.83
Midwest Occupational Medicine LTD	557.50
Monroe County Electric Cooperative	782.58
Nu-Deal Oil Company	257.28
O'Reilly Auto Parts	370.31
Reliable Sanitation Service Inc.	50.60
Republic Times LLC	41.60
V "Red" Smith Pest Control Inc	25.00

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Warning Lites of Southern Illinois	657.30
Watson's Office City	86.18
Williams Office Products Inc.	35.99
Woody's Municipal Supply Company	517.00

ROAD MOTOR FUEL

Mike A. Maedge Trucking Inc	8,882.43
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ROAD DISTRICT BRIDGE FUND

Road District No. 4	5,789.85
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FEDERAL AID MATCHING FUND

America's Parking Remarketing, Inc.	3,844.86
Corrective Asphalt Mtl	4,154.78

COUNTY MOTOR FUEL

Columbia Quarry Company	1,313.00
JTC Petroleum Co.	13,612.50
Monroe County Highway Fund	47,454.05

RECORDER'S DOCUMENT FUND

Fidlar Technologies	2,616.72
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The minutes of the June 6, 2016 Regular Meeting and the June 9, 2016 Special 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 County Treasurer's mid-year revenue report. He discussed the amount of sales and income tax being collected by the County for the current fiscal year. There was also discussion of real estate tax bills. Mr. Koenigstein said he felt the best case scenario is that the tax bills will go out by the end of August. Mr. Koenigstein said the Board needs to think about the tax levy amounts for the Insurance Bonds. If any of those amounts are to be abated, that needs to be decided by the next meeting. Mr. Knobloch said the cost of living percentage for the 2015 tax extensions will be .08%, and the Department of Revenue has already announced that we will be using .07% for the 2016 tax year. Mr. Koenigstein also presented his semi-annual Collector's Report ending May 31, 2016. Motion to approve the report was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Commissioner Elmore, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to approve a change order from Holland Construction Services so they can move \$54,637.98 from construction to engineering within the contract for the Nursing Home Rehab Unit. . All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to approve a Raffle Permit for the Maeystown Sportsmen’s Club, Inc. to hold monthly raffles during the next 12-month period.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to reappoint Mike Conrad and Russell Gregson to the Board of Appeals. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 16-34**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that the following individuals be reappointed to the Board of Appeals for a term of five years with term to commence on July 2, 2016 and term to expire on July 1, 2021 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Mike Conrad  
218 Goodhaven Street  
Columbia, IL 62236

Russell Gregson  
818 Morrison Avenue  
Waterloo, IL 62298

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

Motion: Wittenauer  
Aye: Three  
Absent: None

Second: Elmore  
Nay: None

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Terry Liefer, Chairman

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Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

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Delbert Wittenauer, Member

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Robert Elmore, Member

Motion was made by Commissioner Elmore, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to appoint Sheriff Neal Rohlfing to STARRS, St. Louis Regional Communications Core Group, to replace Joe Edwards. All voting aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION 16-35**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that Neal Rohlfig, Monroe County Sheriff Department, 225 E. Third Street, Waterloo, Illinois be appointed to the STARRS, St. Louis Regional Communications Core Group, replacing Joe Edwards, with term to commence on June 20, 2016 and expire on or when a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

Motion: Elmore  
Aye: Three  
Absent: None

Second: Wittenauer  
Nay: None

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Terry Liefer, Chairman

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Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

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Delbert Wittenauer, Member

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Robert Elmore, Member

Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to reappoint Tim Wild, Lance West and Michael J. Hardin to the Monroe County Economic Development Committee. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 16-36**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that the following individuals be reappointed to the Economic Development Committee for a term of three years with term to commence on July 2, 2016 and term to expire on July 1, 2019 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Tim Wild	Lance West	Michael J. Hardin
3366 KK Road	227c S. Main Street	2616 Deercreek Ct.
Waterloo, IL 62298	Waterloo, IL 62298	Columbia, IL 62236

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

Motion: Wittenauer  
Aye: Three  
Absent: None

Second: Elmore  
Nay: None

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Terry Liefer, Chairman

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Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

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Delbert Wittenauer, Member

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Robert Elmore, Member

Kim Keckritz was present to discuss the monthly Oak Hill report. There was discussion regarding changes in Medicare and Medicaid. Ms. Keckritz said she found out last Friday that IDPH approval has been received for the construction of the Rehab Center at Oak Hill. She said she is also going to a facility to look at fixtures so firm prices can be determined on the new addition.

Ms. Keckritz said a new Director of Nursing has been hired, and they also now have to submit their staffing hours electronically to Medicare, etc. This information will have to be submitted after payroll is processed. She also said that the butterfly garden has been completed at Oak Hill.

Ms. Keckritz explained problems with the call light system. She said the company that installed the original system went out of business. She said she had gathered bids from various companies that range from \$137,000 to \$218,000. Ms. Keckritz said this system will have to be replaced soon, because some of the existing equipment is starting to malfunction. She said they have also talked to HTC, and the entire phone system will have to be upgraded because of the construction of the new facility. Ms. Keckritz said there currently are not enough lines available to service the new Rehab Unit, and the new system will cost about \$35,000. The monthly Nursing Home bills were approved upon motion by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Dennis Knobloch reported on the Wheat Cutting demonstration completed as part of the Monroe County Bicentennial. He said four wagonloads of wheat bundles were gathered to be run through the steam operated – threshing machine on Sunday, July 3 in Valmeyer. He said the wheat will be bagged in commemorative bags and sold at the event. Mr. Knobloch said there has also been a lot of interest in the Farm Equipment and Tractor Show that same day. He also reminded the Commissioners to be in attendance at the Plaque Dedication to take place during the Porta Westaflica Fest on June 21.

Chairman Liefer said Monroe-Randolph Transit District has submitted current financial reports, the District has been turned around, and things are now heading in a positive direction.

Chairman Liefer said the Farmland Assessment Committee met, and assessments are up about 10%. Commissioner Wittenauer said that some of his farmland went up 50%. Chairman Liefer said this is all mandated by the State, depending on the productivity of the land.

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Mike Fausz came to the meeting to discuss Electrical Inspections, and a gray area regarding GFCI's in commercial construction. He said this was a result of the construction of the Helping Strays with unfinished concrete floors. It was decided by the County Electrical Review Board that GFCI's should be required anytime there is a concrete floor in contact with grade. Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to approve this change to the County's Electrical Code. All voting Aye, none Nay, none Absent. Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 16-4**

WHEREAS, the issue arose as to whether ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) are required on unfinished concrete in commercial buildings; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Electrical Review Board ruled that they should be ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) protected;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that the Electrical guidelines be amended to the following;

6. All receptacles in kitchen and baths, outside, garages, unfinished areas of basements, and all concrete floors in contact with grade shall have ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCI) for personal protection. This includes all whirlpool tubs and hot tubs.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois, at Waterloo, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

Motion: Wittenauer  
Aye: Three  
Absent: None

Second: Elmore  
Nay: None

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Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

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Terry Liefer, Chairman

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Delbert Wittenauer, Member

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Robert Elmore, Member

Mr. Fausz said he has a meeting scheduled with the rep from AT&T to discuss the County cell phone plan. There was discussion regarding possibly donating the leftover County cell phones to soldiers. Mr. Fausz said he would check on that. He said he had also reviewed the franchise agreement with HTC regarding offering cable TV service throughout the County. Mr. Fausz said it allows HTC to put lines on our right-of-ways, and they already have that authority. He said this



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would also provide some revenue return for the County for each service installed, as well as a free service installed for a County building. Mike Fausz will have Craig Hern attend the next meeting to discuss details of the franchise.

Commissioner Wittenauer said he had done some research on computer-related expenses in the County. He said he came up with a total of \$21,540 in estimated annual computer-related expenses.

Carla Heise came to the meeting for the monthly Ambulance Service report. There was some discussion regarding problems with the Ambulances. She provided details of the mileage and repair costs from each of the current units. Ms. Heise also presented a report detailing the annual calls per month. She said that it also appears that the financial condition of the Department is improving. Ms. Heise said a survey has also been prepared that will be given to those who use the Ambulance Service to determine their level of satisfaction with the service provided. Ms. Heise said it also looks positive that the Service will be receiving a grant to purchase a monitor, and that will be an item that can be removed from the budget. Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to accept the semi-annual report of the Ambulance Service. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Elmore, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to go into closed session to discuss personnel. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 16-37**

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 Discussion.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

Motion: Elmore  
Aye: Three  
Absent: None

Second: Wittenauer  
Nay: None

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Terry Liefer, Chairman

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Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

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Delbert Wittenauer, Member

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Robert Elmore, Member

Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to end closed session and return to open session. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION 16-38**

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 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016.

Motion: Wittenauer  
Aye: Three  
Absent: None

Second: Elmore  
Nay: None

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Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

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Terry Liefer, Chairman

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Delbert Wittenauer, Member

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Robert Elmore, Member

Motion was made by Commissioner Elmore, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to hire Edie Koch as the Director of the Monroe County Economic Development Corporation. All voting Aye, none Nay, none Absent. Motion carried.

A large contingent of representatives of the local Republican and Democrat parties was on hand to discuss their concerns with the County's political sign regulations. Sheriff Rohlring discussed the current situation. He asked if anyone had talked to the County Board during the past six months regarding concerns with political signage. The Commissioners said there has been no discussion during that time period. Sheriff Rohlring said he was concerned because he had been backed into a corner regarding the political signs. He said he is also disappointed, because he has had to spend a lot of time researching this issue when he should be working on more important issues. Sheriff Rohlring said he also feels it is a disgrace that local political candidates have made the decision to go against the current Monroe County political sign regulations despite contacts they have received from the Sheriff's Office and the Monroe County Zoning Office.

Sheriff Rohlring said these regulations were put in place in 1999, and both local political parties have abided by those regulations since that time. He said in recent years many Counties have found that political sign ordinances have been ruled unconstitutional. Sheriff Rohlring said because of this, he would recommend that the County keep the regulations on the books, but do not enforce them, because of possible Federal lawsuits that could prove to be very costly for the County.

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Sheriff Rohlring said that most County residents do not want to see political signs up all year, and appreciate having this regulation on the books. He also said that as long as he is Sheriff, he will make sure that no Republican candidates put up signs that do not adhere to the Monroe County political sign regulations. Sheriff Rohlring said it will be up to the County Board to make the final decision as to how they want to handle this.

There was discussion regarding when signs can be erected and size limitations. Sheriff Rohlring said according to some of these lawsuits signs can be put up any time, but there have been some Counties who have been able to institute size regulations. The Commissioner asked about the current regulation, and Mike Fausz said right now the County rules only on the unincorporated areas, and signs cannot be placed more than 30 days prior to each Election, and political signs are limited to be no more than 16 square feet, and no more than 4 feet in one direction, so a 4 foot by 4 foot sign is the largest that could be erected in Monroe County.

Chairman Liefer said many citizens have told him they appreciate the County ordinance limiting the amount of time that political signs can be erected. Commissioner Wittenauer said he thought it would be great if the Chairman of each of the County's political parties can get together and talk this issue to a resolution. Commissioner Wittenauer said the Sheriff and Zoning Officer should not be placed in the middle of this argument – it should be handled by the County Political Party Chairmen.

Chairman Liefer said the County Board has always worked hard to keep politics out of the Courthouse, and this situation is unfortunate. Sheriff Rohlring said he once again wanted to caution the County Board on attempting to enforce these sign regulations, and to seek legal advice from the Monroe County State's Attorney.

Chad Goldschmidt asked to address the Board. He asked what ordinance this was violating. Mike Fausz said it is the County Zoning Ordinance #99-15. Mr. Goldschmidt said he owns the signs, and he said he went by the regulations of Street Graphics in the County Zoning Code, and he feels he is in compliance with that regulation. Mr. Fausz said in the Street Graphics section it specifically addresses political signs, and that is the section that would apply to the current situation. Mr. Fausz said you have to follow the entire Ordinance, and not one individual section.

Heather Dabler, candidate for States Attorney, said she would assume that the signs that some of the Republican candidates have on their cars also apply to Street Graphics, and their cars are frequently parked in various parking lots around the County. She said she feels her party is trying to comply with the law, and they have made sure that no residents have placed permanent signs in their yards at this time. Ms. Dabler said Mr. Schimpf has signs in the window of his office in the strip mall in front of Rural King. Mr. Fausz said that is in the Waterloo City limits, and the County has no jurisdiction over that area. Commissioner Wittenauer asked why the Ordinances were different. Mr. Fausz said every municipality can have their own Ordinances, and they all don't have to match those put in place by the County.

Chairman Liefer said apparently the way the County has handled their political sign regulations for the last 17 years is no longer acceptable, so the County will have to review the situation to determine if changes need to be made. He said this has always been a "gentlemen's agreement" during the past years that signs would not go up until 30 days before the Election. The

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Commissioners said they would compose a letter to go to the local papers regarding compliance with this regulation.

Darlene Jones, the Executive Director of the Violence Prevention Center and Liz Mudd with the Monroe County Violence Prevention Center came to the Board meeting to discuss funding concerns. Also in attendance were Judge Doyle, Sandy Sauget, and several representatives of the local Police Departments and clergy. Ms. Jones said that funding has been cut to Monroe and Randolph counties, and the only area south of Springfield that will receive funding is Cairo. She said she would be seeking some other grant funding from the Attorney General's office, but she doesn't know if she will be successful. Ms. Jones said the other thing she is going to do is appeal this decision, and she is trying to get letters of support from all the local government jurisdictions.

Ms. Jones provided paperwork showing what it would take to fund the office for a full-time position and what it would take for a part-time position. She said with the number of victims of domestic violence being served, Monroe County definitely needs a full-time person in this office.

The Commissioners agreed that they would provide a letter of support regarding the financing problems for this office. Chairman Liefer said he wanted everyone to know that the County is in support of this office – it is the State that decided to pull the plug on financing. There was a question as to whether the other County municipalities would be willing to provide some funding.

Judge Doyle said it makes economic sense, because if the money is not spent on the budget for the office, that amount and more will be spent in the Courts after problems have occurred.

The Commissioners agreed that they would provide funding up to \$14,000 annually if necessary, with additional funding assistance coming from the other County municipalities.

There being no additional business to come before the County 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.