

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
OF MONROE COUNTY, ILLINOIS JULY 5, 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 Jim Lansing, Dan Hannon, Jim Trantham and Vicki Koerber.

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

The following Accounts Payable having been approved for payment, Commissioner Elmore 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 <sup>st</sup> National Bank of Waterloo	1,910.58
Americom Imaging Systems, Inc.	119.00
Americom	831.67
Beneflex	979.00
Carl Wuertz	35.18
Cercis Emergency Physicians	69.25
Charter Communications	54.13
City of Waterloo	12,950.76
Coast to Coast	169.65
Columbia Quarry Company	152.35
Egyptian Stationers Inc.	98.04
Grassman Lawncare Inc.	320.00
GreatAmerica Financial Services	152.49
Human Support Services	562.50
Illinois Judges Associaton	225.00
Illinois State Bar Association	360.00
John Deere Financial	27.99
Leon Uniform Company Inc.	306.46
MAR Graphics	5,500.00
May Pest Control LLC	105.00
Mike's Service Station	591.40
Monroe County Ambulance Service	176.07
Motorola	180.00
Nabers Shop	1,005.95
Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	113.80
Quality Collision, Inc.	184.18
Quill Corporation	274.97
Rahn's Hometown Auto Repair	74.41
Rejis Commission	1,014.50

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Ruth's Deli & Catering	9,739.77
Secure Document Destruction	40.00
Sherwin Williams	297.12
Steve R. Meister	57.38
Traugher & Morris Ltd.	741.67
V "Red" Smith	20.00
Vision Websoft	1,000.00
Walmart Community	514.53
Waterloo Animal Hospital	845.10
Watson's Office City	292.89
Wightman Pharmacy	117.88
William E. Coplin	25.00
Zanders Sporting Goods	794.95

HEALTH TAX FUND

1 <sup>st</sup> National Bank of Waterloo	2,715.02
Coast to Coast Equipment	162.00
Colleen Goessling	41.58
GlaxoSmithKline Pharmaceuticals	659.99
Harres Inc.	95.00
John Wagner	150.12
Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp.	260.42
Sanofi Pasteur Inc.	961.38
Victoria Kehrer	4.32

AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND

1 <sup>st</sup> National Bank of Waterloo	330.84
Harrisonville Telephone Company	135.66
Medpro Waste Disposal LLC	335.00
Memorial Hospital	23.22
Hero's In Style	47.93
Midwest Warehouse & Storage, Inc.	100.00
Phillips 66 Company	576.71
Sam's Club/Synchrony Bank	41.96
Walmart Community/RFSCLLC	177.55
Weir Ford-Mercury LLC	825.12
Wex	453.49

HIGHWAY FUND

Aaron Metzger	30.00
Aramark Uniform Services	1,811.92
Carstar Charlie's Columbia	542.50
Cintas	125.62
Fountain Water District	7.96
G.W. Van Keppel Co.	2,245.21
Harrisonville Telephone Co.	42.85

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John Deere Financial	480.87
Leaf	299.00
Nabers Shop	252.37
Sidebarr Technologies	12.69
Trinity Highway Products	200.00
Williams Office Products Inc.	19.71

G.I.S. FUND

Americom	131.67
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COUNTY MFT

Columbia Quarry Company	1,911.77
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ROAD DISTRICT MFT

JTC Petroleum Co.	11,242.80
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Chairman Liefer called for public comments. Tony Grasso asked to approach the Board with some ideas for Economic Development. He said he has a background in Commercial Real Estate in St. Louis County and also in law. He said he thought about running for the County's Economic Development position, but felt that the County made a good decision with their recent hire for that job. Mr. Grasso said next to the Waterloo Dairy Queen, he felt there should be some type of a fun-town area, with go-karts, miniature golf, bumper cars, etc. He said in the vacant Dollar General store he envisions what he calls the Waterloo 500 with slot car racing, bowling with human pin setters and human foosball. Mr. Grasso said a water park would also be a great addition in Waterloo. He said he felt that Monroe County was also a good candidate for some of the same type of industrial warehousing development that has come to Madison County. Chairman Liefer said that he would pass information along to the Chairman of the Monroe County Economic Development Corporation as well as the new MCEDC Administrator.

Aaron Metzger came to the meeting to discuss Highway Department business. He said that previous concerns about budget problems related to the State of Illinois have temporarily gone away with the State's temporary budget, so there are no funding concerns at this time.

Chairman Liefer said because of a change of personnel we have to revise the Section 504 Grievance Procedure Policy, and the name of Annmarie Marcuson will be added to that document. Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to approve this policy revision. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Chairman Liefer said we need to discuss the security situation at the County Fair. He said with the Anheuser-Busch Clydesdales coming to the Fair, they are requiring extra security from 11:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m. Sheriff Rohlfing said the City said they don't have the extra manpower for this. The Sheriff said he can use part-time officers for this. Commissioner Wittenauer said he had no problem with paying for this from the Sheriff's Department budget. Waterloo Police Chief Jim Trantham said he had no problem with this arrangement.

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Chairman Liefer said he received word that Paul Ellis is no longer employed by Columbia. He said the County will need to find a replacement to serve on the St. Louis Regional Freightway Board, since Mr. Ellis served in that capacity. Commissioner Elmore said he thought Kevin Hutchinson had someone he wanted in that position. Chairman Liefer said he felt we should wait to see if there is someone who the County feels would fill that position for the benefit of all areas of Monroe County.

Chairman Liefer said bid opening for the Oak Hill rehab unit will be on July 21 at 2:00 p.m. in the old Courtroom, and he figured that would be a 3-hour meeting.

Commissioner Wittenauer said he had nothing new to report on the County computer/IT situation.

A raffle license for St. Patrick's Tipton was approved upon motion by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to reappoint John Conrad to the Monroe County Flood Prevention District Board for a term of three years. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 16-39**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that John Conrad, 9 Eagle Lake Drive, Columbia, Illinois be reappointed to the Monroe County Flood Prevention District for a term of three years with term to commence on July 7, 2016 and term to expire on July 6, 2019 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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 Chairman Liefer to reappoint Delbert W. Wittenauer, Barbara Wagner and Jay Vogt to the Monroe County Board of Health. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

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**RESOLUTION 16-40**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that the following individuals be reappointed to the Monroe County Board of Health for a term of one year with term to commence on July 1, 2016 and term to expire on June 30, 2017 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Delbert W. Wittenauer  
6489 KK Road  
Waterloo IL 62298

Barbara Wagner  
119 Westview Place  
Waterloo IL 62298

Jay Vogt  
6327 Goeddeltown Rd  
Waterloo IL 62298

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo this 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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

A June General Assistance request was approved upon motion by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

The semi-annual General Assistance report was approved upon motion by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Dennis Knobloch provided an update on Bicentennial activities. He said the Tractor Show and Threshing Demonstration went on Sunday, but had to be cut short in the afternoon because of the rain. He said the next three events coming up will be the County Fair, with Monroe County Bicentennial Day on Sunday, July 31 – followed by the Bicentennial Palooza on Saturday, August 6 and the Monroe County Arts Alliance Salute to the Arts on Saturday, August 13.

Jeannine Belt and Chad Goldschmidt came to the meeting to discuss the Monroe County political sign situation. Ms. Belt said she provided a statement regarding her concerns with the current political sign dispute. She said she was concerned that Sheriff Rohlfing said investigating this violation took away time he should have been spending going after drug dealers and sexual predators. Ms. Belt said she thought his budget had been significantly increased so he could add staffing to his Department, so she didn't see why this investigation time should be an issue. She also said she felt this should have been the job of Monroe County's Zoning Officer and not the County Sheriff.

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Mrs. Belt said she had submitted a FOIA request to the Sheriff's Department, but she said all she received was a call log that appears to be an officer generated complaint on June 16<sup>th</sup> regarding an advertisement trailer that's in storage along with a copy of the Zoning Code. No other information was included. She said her conclusion is that the Sheriff didn't have the evidence to support his actions, and this was nothing more than a political stunt by the Sheriff. She said as Chairman of the Monroe County Democratic Party, she wanted the record to show that their candidates nor the party have violated any sign ordinances or any other laws.

Ms. Belt said the first she heard of complaints regarding the candidates' advertising came following the Waterloo City Council meeting when it was discussed, but no action was taken. She said at no time was she contacted by the Sheriff's Department or the Zoning Office regarding this investigation. She also said that to her knowledge, no one ever threatened a lawsuit.

She closed by saying that she has no interest in a sign war – we have observed the ordinance in the past and we will continue to do so – we don't plan on placing yard signs until 30 days before the November Election.

Commissioner Wittenauer said are you saying you want people not to place yard signs prior to the 30 day period? Ms. Belt said even though she feels this is a free speech issue, there is so much aggravation during that 30-day period, that she doesn't want to see yard signs until then.

Chad Golschmidt said he has heard a lot of rumors about a lawsuit, and they have never contemplated a Federal civil rights lawsuit in any way. He said the "Gentlemen's Agreement" regarding sign placement, that has been previously discussed, he has never heard of before. Commissioner Wittenauer said the County Chairmen of each party would get together and discuss working together and playing by the same rules when it came to political signs.

Mr. Goldschmidt said Sheriff Rohlffing did not comply with sign regulations when he ran in 2014. He also said that he felt it was unethical and unlikely that Sheriff Rohlffing communicated with Supreme Court Judge Lloyd Karmeier. Mr. Goldschmidt also said that Sheriff Rohlffing said he contacted surrounding Counties regarding political signs. Mr. Goldschmidt said he contacted both the Randolph and St. Clair County Sheriffs, and both said they had not talked with Sheriff Rohlffing.

Chairman Liefer said he would be happy to sit down with both parties to discuss this issue and come to a resolution, and he suggested that all parties stay around after the meeting to discuss this.

Kevin Koenigstein came to the meeting to discuss the upcoming real estate tax cycle. He said that the County Board has already discussed reducing the Extension Council Levy from \$188,216 to \$163,200. That extra amount needs to be moved to a different line item, and Mr. Koenigstein suggested the Tort and Immunity line. There was also discussion regarding the Nursing Home Salary line item. Last year it was reduced from \$675,000 to \$475,000. Chairman Liefer said he would like to wait until the bids are opened for the new Rehab Unit before establishing that amount. There was a lot of discussion on this issue. Commissioner Wittenauer said if the Rehab Unit bids come in at a higher amount than anticipated, he felt it made more sense to collect more tax revenue rather than paying interest on borrowed money. The consensus was to pencil in \$675,000 for that line. Following discussion it was also decided to abate the 2009-A Self-Insurance Bonds. Mr. Koenigstein said there would be one more full year of payments and then the ICIT Bond will be paid in full. It was decided to perform a final polish on these numbers at the August 1 regular Board meeting.

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Brian Hooten and Sheriff Rohlfing came to the meeting to discuss Courthouse Security upgrades. Sheriff Rohlfing said that the Security Committee has met on multiple occasions, and they have determined that even though the monitoring equipment/metal detector outside the Courtroom has improved security in that area, there is also extra security needed throughout the building. There was discussion about adding cameras to the Courthouse and upgrading the camera system at the Jail. Mr. Hooten said the estimated cost for the cameras at the Courthouse would be \$40,000 and the camera upgrade at the Jail would be \$32,000. He said a major portion of this expense could be covered from the Project Budget for the current fiscal year.

There was also discussion regarding the door access to the building. The Security Committee is suggesting that the public only be able to access the building through one established door/entrance with an officer and metal detectors. The employees would be allowed to enter and exit the building through all the other doors with a chip card. Currently the north door is the one being considered for the single public entrance point. There was discussion of how this would affect the handicap accessibility to the building. Mr. Hooten said all you have to do is provide handicap access to the building, and since there is parking on the south side of the building and the sidewalk from the street to the building is of the proper grade, that satisfies those requirements. Commissioner Wittenauer said that was fine, but he didn't think someone should have to park on the south side of the building and then go all the way around to the north side of the building for the one public entrance.

Mr. Hooten said he would also be talking to the Energy Audit team to see if they have any suggestions for the proposed camera system.

Brian Hooten left the meeting.

Sheriff Rohlfing said regarding the sign issue, he wanted to make sure the Board didn't have a problem with the way things were handled regarding the political signs. Commissioner Wittenauer said he just wanted to see both parties get together and come to a resolution so there could be peace on earth. Commissioner Wittenauer said he felt the 30-day rule was great, because he gets sick of seeing all of the political signs. He said he also felt the political parties should take care of these issues themselves, and it should be a County Zoning issue. Sheriff Rohlfing said he also wanted to make it known that he will not release the names of informants on any issues, no matter how petty some people feel the issue may be.

Liz Mudd came to the meeting to discuss the Violence Prevention Services for the county. She said that she was laid off last Thursday, and already there have been several individuals looking for assistance since then. She said that one of her concerns is that if Monroe County and the County municipalities provide funding for her office, she may still be required to go to Randolph County on occasion for emergency cases. She said Randolph County isn't providing any funding, so if the Monroe County funds go to the Violence Prevention Center, there is a definite possibility that she may be sent to Randolph County occasionally to help. Ms. Mudd also said the Violence Prevention Center cannot apply for the funding grant for another two years. She said there was also some misinformation presented by the Violence Prevention supervisory staff – in most cases, Monroe County folks cannot go to St. Clair County to access these services. Ms. Mudd said the Violence Prevention Center now plans to have a person in Monroe County one day a week – on Wednesdays.

Ms. Mudd said all of the equipment in the office is owned by the Violence Prevention Center, so if she would start providing services in that office under the umbrella of the County, she may have to

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purchase new equipment. Chairman Liefer said there also has to be some discussion about how to handle employment if the county wants Ms. Mudd to continue these services.

Chairman Liefer said he wanted to know how the municipalities felt about these services. Jimmy Morani, Columbia City Administrator, said right now the city of Columbia wants to gather more information about the requested amount of support, and how many Columbia residents are being served by this office. He said he felt this would determine their level of financial support for the program. Mr. Morani said they feel that if they provide funding, these services should be exclusive to Monroe County, and the funding should not be used to provide this same service to Randolph County. Ms. Mudd said if she is in Monroe County full-time, there are a lot more services she could provide, and she could also apply for more grant funding to help make those services available.

Chairman Liefer asked about Waterloo's feelings on this issue. Police Chief Jim Trantham said currently they are also looking at the numbers, but they definitely would like to see her continue making these services available within Monroe County. Commissioner Wittenauer said there should probably be some type of agreement so all the municipalities are happy with whatever arrangement is set up.

Commissioner Wittenauer asked what do we do until we get to the point where we know if the municipalities will agree to help with the funding? Chairman Liefer said it may make sense to bring her on as a County employee until it is determined whether the Cities can help with funding. Jimmy Morani said he felt that the City of Columbia was willing to help with funding – their only question is to what extent.

Ms. Mudd said she was previously limited as to the services she could provide, and if she is a County employee, she could increase the amount of services available. Dennis Knobloch asked if any kind of court fees could be assessed to help with funding for this position. Ms. Mudd said she thought that would be possible.

Chairman Liefer said he would like to enter closed session to discuss the possibility of adding this as a new County position.

Motion was made by Commissioner Elmore, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to go into closed session to discuss personnel.

**RESOLUTION 16-41**

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 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2016

Motion:	Elmore	Second:	Wittenauer
Aye:	Three	Nay:	None
Absent:	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 end closed session and return to open session.

**RESOLUTION 16-42**

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo, 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 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 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 bring Liz Mudd on as a Monroe County employee to provide domestic violence services to Monroe County residents, on a temporary basis until it is determined how much funding will be provided by the other municipalities in Monroe County. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

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.