

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, ILLINOIS JULY 18, 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 Kevin Hirsch, Jimmy Morani, Emily Fultz, Columbia Police Chief Jerry Paul, Tony Grasso and Vicki Koerber.

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

Thelma Watson, the Executive Director of the Monroe County House of Neighborly Service and her husband, James Watson, Senior Pastor of St. Paul UCC – Waterloo, were present to discuss the operation of the Violence Prevention office in Monroe County. Ms. Watson said she has worked with similar offices in other areas of the country, and she said if this service is discontinued, it will definitely result in the loss of human life. Chairman Liefer reported that Liz Mudd is once again operating from her office in the County Courthouse, and the County has agreed to temporarily provide the funding to keep that office open. The County is currently paying the Violence Prevention Center office in Belleville, who in turn provides the operational funds – including Liz Mudd’s salary – to keep the Monroe County office open. Commissioner Wittenauer said there are still a lot of unanswered questions as to the best way to set this up. Commissioner Elmore said the current situation allows Liz Mudd to use the office fixtures and also gives her access to the Violence Prevention database. Chairman Liefer said the 708 Mental Health Board will continue to provide the same amount of funding to the office, and above and beyond that, it takes about \$3,500 per month to keep the office open and providing the same level of services. There was some discussion regarding possible future changes in this funding setup, and what was best overall for Monroe County residents. Jimmy Morani and Chief Jerry Paul expressed concern about continuing with reliable service if the office bounces back and forth between County control and funding, as opposed to total funding by the Violence Prevention office, and whether or not that type of situation would pull the necessary services away from Monroe County.

Chairman Liefer asked whether the House of Neighborly Service would take the lead in trying to find private source funding for the Violence Prevention office. Thelma Watson said she would take this proposal back to the House of Neighborly Service Board for their discussion. James Watson said he would also support HNS taking the lead in helping to keep the office open to provide the necessary services.

Kevin Hirsch, Tony Grasso and Chief Jerry Paul left the meeting.

Motion was made by Commissioner Elmore, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to appoint Emily Fultz, the current Director of Community Development for the City of Columbia, to the St. Louis Regional Freightway Council, to replace Paul Ellis. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION 16-43

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that Emily Fultz, Columbia City Hall, 208 S. Rapp Avenue, P.O. Box 467, Columbia, Illinois be appointed to the St. Louis Regional Freightway Council, replacing Paul Ellis, with term to commence on July 18, 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 18th day of July, 2016.

Motion: Elmore
Aye: Three
Absent: None

Second: Wittenauer
Nay: None

Terry Liefer, Chairman

Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

Delbert Wittenauer, Member

Robert Elmore, Member

Kim Keckritz came to the meeting to present the monthly Oak Hill report. She said the home is currently doing well with Census and revenue. She said that IDPH recently conducted their annual inspection, and despite finding some minor problems around the facility, there were no violations related to the Nursing staff. It was reported that the construction bids for the proposed Rehab Unit will be opened on Thursday, July 21 at 3:00 p.m. Ms. Keckritz said new Employee Handbooks had been distributed, and an "Active Shooter" policy has been discussed at the facility. She said the recently purchased Camel – inflatable lift device – has been used and has worked well. Using Oak Hill to provide drug test services for employees was discussed, and Ms. Keckritz said they would be happy to assist with this process. She also said the Corporate Compliance Policy is complete and working well.

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.

Emily Fultz left the meeting.

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.

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GENERAL FUND

A T & T Mobility	2,107.27
Ally Wolf	316.82
American Institute of Toxicology	500.00
Americom	1,317.67
Charter Communications	54.13
Coast to Coast Equipment	68.53
Columbia Quarry Company	440.94
Conrad Press Ltd	927.50
Culligan-Schaefer Water Centers	74.74
Dobbs Tire & Auto Centers	807.59
Ed Roehr Auto Radio Co. Inc.	45.00
Gateway FS	2,541.56
Goodin Associates Ltd.	90.00
Harrisonville Telephone Company	364.98
IL Dept of Central Mgmt Services	498.55
IL County Treasurers Assoc	75.00
Jason Ettling	173.35
Kone Inc.	612.50
Lawson Products	360.92
Leaf	250.03
Locks A2Z	41.20
Matthew Bender & Co. Inc.	245.10
Monroe County Electric Coop Inc.	437.50
Monroe County General Fund	3,600.00
Nabers Shop	113.42
P F Pettibone & Co.	445.90
Platinum Technology Resource, LLC	14,760.75
Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	227.60
Quill Corporation	120.82
Reliable Sanitation Service Inc.	2,518.05
Republic-Times LLC	85.16
Russell Brafford	130.00
Sidebarr Technologies	300.00
Sonnenberg Landscaping	120.00
St. Clair/Monroe County CASA	1,200.00
Stanley Convergent Security Sol	885.00
The Lowenbaum Partnership LLC	5,070.00
The Training Room	30.60
Thomson Reuters-West Publishing Corp.	765.96
U S Bank Equipment Finance	256.82
U S Postmaster	94.00
United Health Care	9,734.48
Universal Inc.	714.66
Violence Protection Ctr of SW Illinois	3,500.00
Waterloo Lumber Company, Inc.	228.17

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Watson's Office City	150.88
Wightman Pharmacy	144.34

AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND

Airgas Mid America	409.61
Andres Medical Billing, LTD.	3,557.19
Bound Tree Medical LLC	475.83
Mertz Ford	1,634.88
Midwest Warehouse & Storage Inc.	100.00
Weir Ford-Mercury LLC	1,124.72

HEALTH TAX FUND

Andrea Kohring	181.44
Culligan-Schaefer Water Centers	36.67
John Wagner	135.00
Kimberly VonDerHaar	42.12
McKesson Medical Surgical	302.47
Penny Dietz	10.80
Ryan Castello	487.50
Sanofi Pasteur Inc.	1,195.01
Stericycle Inc.	262.74
Victoria Kehrer	91.26

HIGHWAY FUND

Al's Auto Waterloo	28.82
Ameren Illinois	46.75
Cintas	70.67
DataTronics	188.00
Gateway FS, Inc.	3,638.99
Maclair Asphalt Co. Inc.	646.80
Monroe County Electric Cooperative	835.20
Nabers Shop	150.28
Reliable Sanitation Service Inc.	50.60
Roger's Redi-Mix Inc.	3,339.26
Waterloo Lumber Co.	49.66

BRIDGE FUND

Henke Excavating, Inc.	28,147.52
Monroe County Highway Fund	3,771.28

COUNTY MOTOR FUEL

Columbia Quarry Company	13,390.40
Mike A. Maedge Trucking Inc.	13,612.50

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Monroe County Highway Fund 7,563.50

ROAD MOTOR FUEL

Columbia Quarry Company 96.22
Mike A. Maedge Trucking Inc. 45,662.69

RECORDER'S DOCUMENT FUND

Fidlar Technologies 2,130.45

TORT & IMMUNITY

Counties of IL Risk Mgmt Agency 3,521.00

The minutes of the June 9, 2016 Special Closed Session, the June 20, 2016 Regular Meeting, the June 20, 2016 Closed Session, July 5, 2016 Regular Meeting, and July 5, 2016 Closed Session meetings were 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 approve the request from the Waterloo Optimist Club, the Waterloo Lions Club and the Waterloo VFW Post 6504 to use the Courtyard and Bandstand for the Waterloo Homecoming on August 26 and 27. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION 16-44

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that Susy Schweigert, 317 Bradington Drive, Columbia, Illinois be reappointed to the Community Mental Health 708 Funding Board for a term of four years with term to commence on July 16, 2016 and term to expires on July 15, 2020 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo this 18th day of July, 2016.

Motion:	Wittenauer	Second:	Elmore
Aye:	Three	Nay:	None
Absent:	None		

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Robert Elmore, Member

Mike Fausz came to the meeting to discuss a rezoning request from Kevin and Terri Timmermann to rezone their property from A-1 to A-2 to allow him to develop a 5-lot subdivision. Mr. Fausz said both the Monroe County Regional Planning Commission and the Monroe County Zoning Board of Appeals reviewed the request and recommended approval by the County Board. Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to approve this rezoning request. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 16-5

WHEREAS, Kevin & Terri Timmerman have filed for their parcels 05-31-400-005, 05-31-400-006 and 05-31-400-007 to be rezoned from A-1 to A-2 for the purpose of developing a five lot subdivision; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Regional Planning Commission recommended to approve the Rezoning of Parcels 05-31-400-005, 05-31-400-006 and 05-31-400-007 from A-1 to A-2; and

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Zoning Board of appeals recommended to approve the Rezoning of Parcels 05-31-400-005, 05-31-400-006 and 05-31-400-007 from A-1 to A-2; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois accepts the recommendation of the Monroe County Regional Planning Commission, and the Monroe County Zoning Board of Appeals, and that the above described property be rezoned.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo, Illinois at Waterloo, this 18th day of July, 2016.

Motion: Wittenauer
Aye: Three
Absent: None

Second: Elmore
Nay: None

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Dennis Knobloch gave an update on Monroe County Bicentennial activities. He said the Committee is gearing up for the County Fair next week, and will have a booth set up there each evening. He said the last day of the Fair, Sunday, July 31, has been designated as Monroe County Bicentennial Day, and there will be several different activities related to that. Mr. Knobloch also reported that Saturday, August 6th will be the Bicentennial-Palooza on the Courthouse Square, and that is shaping up to be one of the biggest Bicentennial events of the year.

Chairman Liefer asked if any progress is being made with the County's Financial accounting software. Dennis Knobloch said some progress is being made, but we are still a long way from having all of the problems solved with this financial computer program.

Commissioner Wittenauer reminded everyone that a meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 20 at the Tavern in Maecystown for Levee District officials from Monroe and Randolph Counties. He said he tried to get a representative from FEMA to attend the meeting, because of the problems being encountered by Prairie du Rocher, but no one has agreed to attend.

Commissioner Elmore reported on the most recent meeting of the County Safety Committee regarding Driver's Licenses and Drug Testing. He said Sheriff Rohlfing will provide a Security Committee update at the next Safety Committee meeting.

Kevin Koenigstein came to the meeting. Chairman Liefer asked if Mr. Koenigstein would like to vary the dates for the Budget Hearing since the tax bills will be late this year. Mr. Koenigstein said he would like to stay on the same September schedule for the Budget Hearings.

Chairman Liefer said information is being gathered so a new bid can be provided for the County's annual insurance costs.

Commissioner Wittenauer said he had nothing new to report regarding the County's IT needs.

Commissioner Elmore and Kevin Koenigstein discussed the newly formed Monroe County Economic Development Corporation. Mr. Koenigstein said the former Economic Development Council voted to donate \$1,000 to the cost of a Memorial Bench for Nora Feuquay. Commissioner Wittenauer said he was taking charge of that project, is working on a location for the bench in the Courtyard and appreciated the donation from the group. He asked Mr. Koenigstein to hold that money in the group's account until he needs it to pay for the bench. Mr.

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Koenigstein said after that amount is set aside, there is a balance of \$6,875 in the Economic Development Council account, and his suggestion was to roll that over to the new Monroe County Economic Development Corporation. Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to transfer the remaining Economic Development Council balance of \$6,875 to the Monroe County Economic Development Corporation. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Elmore, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to dissolve the former Monroe County Economic Development Council. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Elmore, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to rescind the hiring of Edie Koch as a Monroe County employee to serve as the Executive Director of the Monroe County Economic Development Corporation. All voting aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried. The Executive Director of the Economic Development Corporation will be a direct hire of the newly-formed corporation, and will no longer be considered a Monroe County employee.

Jimmy Morani left the meeting.

Sheriff Rohlfing came to the meeting to discuss the annual renewal of the MEGSI contract. He said there are no changes to the terms of the contract. Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Elmore to approve the annual renewal of the MEGSI contract. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried. There was additional discussion regarding the national unrest at this time, and the development of security measures at the Courthouse.

Carla Heise came to the meeting for the monthly Ambulance Service report. She said that one of the full-timers has left the service, so she will be attempting to fill that position. Ms. Heise also discussed the grant that had been received for the monitor. She said this expense was included in the current year budget, but since the grant was received, it will no longer require the budget expenditure. Ms. Heise discussed revising the salary step increases, and she said she will meet with Audrey Trembly to discuss possible revision of those numbers prior to the end of the fiscal year.

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.