

LOGAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE, LINCOLN, ILLINOIS

The members of the Logan County Board convened in adjourned session on the above date in the first floor courtroom. Chairman Terry Carlton called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was led by Dr. David Hepler.

Members present: Rick Aylesworth; Terry Carlton; Bob Farmer; David Hepler; Gloria Luster; Bill Martin; Pat O'Neill; Chuck Ruben; Jan Schumacher; John Stewart; Terry Werth.

Guests: The Mt. Pulaski and Hartem Volleyball girls teams who were State Volleyball Champions and their coaches; Justin Tierney & Josh Niziolekiewicz-Courier reporters; Jan Youngquist-Lincoln Daily News reporter; Andy and Melody Anderson; Mike McIntosh-States Attorney; Dan Fulscher-EMA/911; Sheriff Steve Nichols; Vic Martinek; Mike Simonson; Mr. & Mrs. Sunderland; Mr. and Mrs. Miller and Lisa Miller; Kyle Young and Theresa Young; Students from LCC.

A motion was made by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Ms. Luster, to accept and place on file the minutes from the adjourned board meeting of March 17, 2009. Motion passed.

Ceremonial Matters: Mr. Carlton moved the meeting to the rotunda area for presentations of Resolutions of Congratulations to the Mt. Pulaski and Hartem Girls 8th grade Volleyball teams for winning State Championships recently. A motion was made by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve Resolution LO 08-09 33 of congratulations to the Mt. Pulaski Girls 8th grade volleyball team for winning State Championship in the Class 8-2A. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Ruben, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, to approve Resolution LO 08-09 34 of congratulations to the Hartem 8-1A girls volleyball team for winning State Championship. Motion passed.

April Students of the Month: Mr. O'Neill presented awards to Lisa Miller and Kyle Young. Each one saying "thank you" to the County Board and what their future plans are.

Appointments:

LO 08-09 35 Darrel White to Logan County Cemetery Maintenance District. A motion was made by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mr. Ruben, to approve the appointment as stated. Roll call vote. 11 yes 0 no Motion passed.

LO 08-09 38 Fire and Water District appointments

A motion was made by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, to approve the appointments as read last Thursday. Discussion held. Troy Sanderfield introduced himself as the new trustee from Middletown Fire District. Roll call vote. 11 yes 0 no Motion passed.

LO 08-09 39 Blair Hoerbert to Northern Logan County Water Authority. A motion was made by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mr. Ruben, to approve the appointment as stated. Discussion held. Mr. Ruben stated that Mr. Blair had planned to be here this evening but had a family matter come up and could not attend. Roll call vote. 11 yes 0 no Motion passed.

Raffles:

LO 08-09 36 Lincoln Elk's Lodge #914

LO 08-09 37 Kiersten Little Benefit

LO 08-09 41 New Holland Cruise-In

LO 08-09 42 Mt. Pulaski Twp. Historical Museum

A motion was made by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, to approve all raffle requests as read. Motion passed.

Reports for the Month of March, 2009 were read by Clerk Sally Litterly as follows:

Sheriff's report of fees collected: \$3,780.00; Sheriff's Expenses were: \$ 139.50

County Clerk's report of fees collected was: \$37,454.08 Circuit Clerk's report will be reported at next month's meeting.

County Clerk's Cash Statement: Revenues: \$734,859.21 Expenses: \$897,510.90 March Balance: \$767,062.06

Hotel/Motel Tax at quarter per-cent: \$11,948.07 Special Use Hotel/Motel Tax at 1%: \$2,987.08

A motion was made by Mr. Aylesworth, seconded by Ms. Luster, to accept and place these reports on file as read. Motion passed.

Chairmen of Committee reports:

Airport/Farm: Nothing further to report.

Animal Control: Nothing further to report.

Bldg. & Grounds: Mr. Stewart has one item to vote on, the carpet replacement for third floor courtroom and Judge Harris' office. A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ruben, to accept the bid from Stewart's Carpet Center for \$6,812.19 for new carpet in the third floor courtroom and Judge Harris' office. Roll call vote. 10 yes 1 present 0 no Motion passed.

Finance: Mr. Ruben stated the 2008 is still on-going.

Insurance & Legislative:

A motion was made by Mrs. Schumacher to approve Resolution LO 08-09 40 Health Insurance for County Board members. No second was made to the motion and the motion died for lack of a second.

LO 08-09 32 Resolution to establish a Logan County Civil War statue committee.

A motion was made by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mr. Ruben, to approve this resolution as stated. Roll call vote. 11 yes 0 no Motion passed.

Law Enforcement: Nothing further to report.

EMA: LO 08-09 45 Intergovernmental Agreement for outdoor warning siren between Logan County and City of Lincoln. A motion was made by Mr. Aylesworth, seconded by Mr. Farmer, to approve the agreement as stated. Roll call vote. 11 yes 0 no Motion passed. Mr. Fulscher explained about the new siren being moved to the new position. Mr. Aylesworth reminded others about the mandatory NIMS training to be held on May 28, 2009 at 6-10 PM at the Logan County Courthouse, 3rd floor Courtroom.

Executive/Economic Development: Nothing further to report.

Planning & Zoning: Nothing further to vote on.

Road & Bridge: Mr. Werth has two resolutions to vote on:

LO 08-09 43 Resolution urging passage of comprehensive capitol infrastructure Program.

A motion was made by Mr. Werth, seconded by Mr. Aylesworth, to approve this resolution as stated. Roll call vote. 11 yes 0 no Motion passed.

LO 08-09 44 Resolution for bids for bituminous material for County roads for next year. A motion was made by Mr. Werth, seconded by Mr. Ruben, to approve the resolution as stated. Roll call vote. 11 yes 0 no Motion passed.

Community Action: Mr. O'Neill stated there would be another transportation meeting on April 28, 2009 at 6:30 pm at the Mason City Library.

Health: Nothing further to report.

Tourism: Nothing further to report.

Workforce: Mrs. Schumacher yielded to Mr. Vic Martinek who reported that there would be a meeting this Saturday at the Lincoln Rec Center from 9 am to 12:30 pm. about the Chamber of Commerce is hosting a Workforce Readiness Expo. He explained about the program.

General Assembly Liaison: Mr. Carlton stated he would be in Springfield attending the 44th District Legislative Day with Senator Brady tomorrow.

Chamber of Commerce Liaison: Nothing further to report.

Waste Management: Mr. O'Neill stated he hasn't received an update yet from Mitzi Rohlf's about the white goods collections but wants to wait on the final confirmation dates on all of them.

Safety: Nothing further to report.

Liquor: Nothing further to report.

Personnel: Nothing further to report.

Committee reports (Claims) were read by Clerk Sally Litterly:

Airport/Farm; Animal Control; Building & Grounds; Finance; Highway; Insurance : Law/EMA; Planning and Zoning. A motion was made by Mr. Ruben, seconded by Mr. Aylesworth, to accept and place these reports on file as read. Motion passed.

Chairman;s Report:

Chairman Carlton stated that he is going to hold off on the District 6 replacement of that. He stated that Mike Simonson is here and is going to pass out some information about himself rather than a resume about himself, where he stands, who he is and as a valuable asset. Mr. Carlton asked the County Board members if they had any questions for Mike. Ms. Luster asked him if he was appointed if he would run for election. Mr. Simonson stated he believes he would at this point. Mr. Stewart asked if there were certain committee's that he would be more interested in. Mike stated he is open to anything, he's new to politics and sees a strong interest in the County and are area's that he can serve in and willing to work in all of them. Mr. O'Neill knows him pretty well and knows that he and his family well and are strong animal lovers.

Logan County Ethics Commission Appointments: Mr. Carlton stated the commission can be created on behalf of the Chairman and basically it represents two Republicans and 1 Democrat for this area and appointed by the Logan County Chairman with the advice and consent of the Logan County Board. The two people that he recommends at this time for the Republican side is Gary Davis and Rev. Glenn Shelton. For the one Democrat he is recommending Bill Melton. A motion was made by Chairman Carlton, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, to appoint these three people as stated. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Communications: A "thank you" note from Emma Knauer for the plaque that was presented to her last month for her years of service to Logan County.

Mr. Carlton asked for a motion to adjourn. Josh Niziolkiewicz, reporter from the Courier asked to hang on for a second, he knows it's not on the agenda, he did not see a section for Public Comments or questions. Mr. Carlton allowed him to speak. Josh asked if there was any discussion among the board members today in private outside the ears of the public about not making a second for Mrs. Schumacher's motion? Mr. Stewart commented further about the issue of County Board members getting paid insurance and per diem pay as well as what some of the other counties are getting paid. Board members were offered it and can take it if that is their option. The County Board changes in 2012 and he doesn't plan to run again but thinks they need to look at the per diem before you take something away. There is no job description and he's had phone calls on complaints on week-ends, early morning and late at night. He agrees with Mr. McIntosh, he doesn't think you can change something that is coming up, you have to wait for that time period to come up first before you can change it. To single people out is wrong.

Ms. Luster stated she had talked to two county board members today and she has the insurance until the end of May, it was offered to her and she took it. She does not want to see her fellow board members harassed over this issue, it was offered to them as an option. The reason she has changed her mind is she thought that the Resolution needs to be revisited.

Mr. Werth recommends that this be revisited in 2011 before the election of 2012, that everything be reviewed of all the coverages of the employee's at that time. Further discussion held.

Mr. Ruben stated that Dental and Life Ins. was not included in this resolution and should be revisited. He also agrees and believes that the proper time to do it is before the 2012 election for all the board members. However, he has concerns because the insurance company has grandfathered the county board members in and the new county board member that we appoint will probably not get that selection even if we don't pass this resolution, simply because the insurance company won't allow it. Further discussion held about the possibility of the per diem being raised and of doing both, insurance and per diem, what the cost might be and if it would be a cost savings or a cost. Mr. Carlton stated we need to take this resolution back to the Ins. committee. Ms. Luster asked how this would affect the new District 6 position and Mr. Ruben stated he had talked to Nancy at R.W. Garrett Agency directly on this issue and she was going to check with the legal dept. of the company about this first.

Melody Anderson (from Lincoln City Council) stated that for clarification, the City pays \$75 for a voting meeting for city council members, two a month, \$50 for workshop meetings for two a month; and if a special meeting, \$25. They go to a special effort to have all their meetings on one night.

Mr. Simonson stated that if he is appointed to the District 6 position he will opt out of the Insurance and is not against anyone who is taking the insurance to better their families or their situation.

Mr. Carlton stated this resolution will be going back to committee. More discussion held. Mr. Stewart read what other county board members receive in other counties for per diem and some get insurance, mileage, etc. taken from a survey done in 2006 by our County Clerk. Mr. McIntosh stated that after we get our audit, he believes we have a diannual review and then we can change everything at that point in time, after we get our census figures back for the County, in 2012. Mr. Ruben stated that's when we also have to vote as to whether we want to stay as districts or go back to at-large, it also changes the number of members on the board.

Further comments made by Mr. Anderson about the benefits and trying to understand the concept of it all. Further comments by Dr. Hepler and Mr. O'Neill.

Mr. Stewart stated he had some calls from the Logan County Fair Association and asked if we had ever supported them before. Mr. Werth stated we have paid for an ad in the Fair book every year. Mr. Ruben stated that they have never come and requested money. In the past we have been giving the 4% to the Tourism and 1%, 1/2 of the 1% to Main Street Lincoln and 1/2 of the 1% to Historic Sites. We advertise every year in the paper and let various entities come forward with projects and review those projects at budget time.

Mr. Jim Meyer commented about the letter that Mrs. Schumacher had written about a Taskforce committee that is being formed to establish and review County Board policies and procedures and determine if they need to be revised, etc. He also discussed insurance with 7 of the county board members and what their comments were to him.

A motion was made by Mr. Werth, seconded by Mrs. Schumacher, to adjourn the meeting until May 19, 2009. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 7:55 pm.

