

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2008

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, DICK LOGAN CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 7:00 PM. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG WAS LED BY VICKI HASPREY.

MEMBERS PRESENT WERE: RICK AYLESWORTH; BOB FARMER; VICKI HASPREY; DICK LOGAN; GLORIA LUSTER; MIKE MCINTOSH; GEORGE MITCHELL; PATRICK O'NEILL; CHUCK RUBEN; JOHN STEWART; TERRY WERTH.

ABSENT: BILL SAHS

GUESTS : EMMA KNAUER; JOYCE WESTEN & MARY AEILTS FROM CO. TREASURER'S OFFICE; NANCY SCHAUB-R.W. GARRETT AGENCY; JANA OSKOU & ABBE MITZE FROM HEALTH ALLIANCE;. BILL & LINDA MELTON; EMMA STEWART; SHERIFF STEVE NICHOLS; AMY RAMLOW; DENNIS & DEBBIE RAMLOW; CALEB SUTTON; GWENDA & ARTHUR SUTTON; CHERYL HEDRICK-EMA; JAN YOUNGQUIST-LDN REPORTER; JOSH NIZIOLKIEWICZ-COURIER REPORTER.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. RUBEN, SECONDED BY MR. FARMER, TO ACCEPT AND PLACE ON FILE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 19, 2008 ADJOURNED BOARD MEETING. MOTION PASSED.

CEREMONIAL MATTERS: THE FEBRUARY STUDENTS OF THE MONTH WERE ANNOUNCED BY MR. O'NEILL AND THEY WERE: AMY RAMLOW AND CALEB SUTTON.

MR. O'NEILL READ SOME OF THEIR OUTSTANDING ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

APPOINTMENTS:

FRANK RICKORD TO THE LINCOLN-RURAL FIRE DISTRICT WHO IS REPLACING EVERETT KENNETT WHO HAS SERVED THE DISTRICT FOR OVER 50 YEARS. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. AYLESWORTH, SECONDED BY MR. FARMER, TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF FRANK RICKORD AS STATED. ROLL CALL VOTE. 11 YES 1 ABSENT MOTION PASSED.

LO 07-08 27 JIM ALTIG TO THE ETSB BOARD FOR A 3 YR. TERM. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. AYLESWORTH, SECONDED BY MR. STEWART, TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF JIM ALTIG AS STATED. ROLL CALL VOTE. 11 YES 1 ABSENT MOTION PASSED.

LO 07-08 28 NORMA BATHE TO THE ETSB BOARD FOR A 3 YR. TERM. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. AYLESWORTH, SECONDED BY MR. RUBEN, TO APPROVE THE APPOINTMENT OF NORMA BATHE AS STATED. ROLL CALL VOTE. 11 YES 1 ABSENT MOTION PASSED.

RESOLUTIONS:

LO 07-08 23 BANK DEPOSITORIES...DESIGNATING BANKS IN LOGAN COUNTY WHERE COUNTY MONEY CAN BE DEPOSITED. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. AYLESWORTH, SECONDED BY MR. FARMER, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS STATED. ROLL CALL VOTE. 11 YES 1 ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.

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LO 07-08 26 TAX ANTICIPATION NOTE ACT. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. AYLESWORTH, SECONDED BY MR. MITCHELL, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS STATED. ROLL CALL VOTE. 11 YES 1 ABSENT. MOTION PASSED.

LO 07-08 22 RESOLUTION TO EXPEND \$375,000.00 OF MOTOR FUEL TAX MONEY FOR HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT SOUTH OF MT. PULASKI. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. AYLESWORTH, SECONDED BY MR. FARMER, TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION AS STATED. ROLL CALL VOTE. 11 YES 1 ABSENT MOTION PASSED.

RAFFLES:

LO 07-08 19 HERITAGE-IN-FLIGHT

LO 07-08 20 ATLANTA A-TEAM

LO 07-08 21 WEST LINCOLN-BROADWELL P.T.O.

LO 07-08 24 KEITH HUNTER BENEFIT

LO 07-08 25 MICHELLE CONRADY-BROWN BENEFIT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. AYLESWORTH, SECONDED BY MRS. HASPREY, TO APPROVE ALL FIVE RAFFLE REQUESTS AS STATED. MOTION PASSED.

REPORTS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY, 2008: MS. LITTERLY STATED THERE ARE NO REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY CLERK AND CIRCUIT CLERK AS THEY JUST RETURNED FROM CONFERENCES.

SHERIFF'S EXPENSE REPORT FOR JANUARY, 2008 WAS : \$140.32

SHERIFF'S EXPENSE REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 2008 WAS: \$64.10

SHERIFF'S REPORT OF FEES COLLECTED FOR JANUARY, 2008 WAS: \$3,269.00

SHERIFF'S REPORT OF FEES COLLECTED FOR FEBRUARY, 2008 WAS: \$2,791.00

COUNTY TREASURER'S CASH STATEMENT FOR JANUARY, 2008 WAS:

REVENUES: \$550,201.34 EXPENSE: \$732,825.35 BALANCE: \$689,515.29

CASH STATEMENT FOR FEBRUARY, 2008 WAS:

REVENUES: \$ 832,489.55 EXPENSES: \$995,604.25 BALANCE: \$540,616.42

SPECIAL USE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX OF 1% FOR JANUARY WAS:

\$1,801.21

HOTEL/MOTEL TAX OF QUARTER PER-CENT FOR JAN. WAS:

\$7,204.83

SPECIAL USE HOTEL/MOTEL TAX OF 1% FOR FEBRUARY WAS:

\$1,650.77

HOTEL/MOTEL TAX OF QUARTER PER-CENT FOR FEB. WAS:

\$6,603.23

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. AYLESWORTH, SECONDED BY MR. RUBEN, TO ACCPET THESE REPORTS AND PLACE THEM ON FILE

AS READ. MOTION PASSED.

CHAIRMAN LOGAN INTRODUCED EMMA KNAUER, DEPUTY CLERK FROM THE COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE WHO WANTED TO ADDRESS THE COUNTY BOARD. SHE INTRODUCED HER CO-WORKERS, MARY AEILTS AND JOYCE WESTEN AND STATED THAT THEIR BOSS, MARY ELLEN BRUNS, WAS UNABLE TO BE AT THIS MEETING BECAUSE OF HER BROKEN ANKLE AND IS NOT TO PUT ANY WEIGHT ON IT, HOWEVER, SHE HAS BEEN AT WORK EVERYDAY.

SHE STATED THAT THE COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE HAS BEEN UNDER FIRE FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS, AS ARTICLES IN THE COURIER HAVE BEEN PRINTED. SHE STATED THAT DURING THAT TIME, WHEN THEY WERE HAVING ALL OF THE PROBLEMS, THEY, THE COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE, WAS UNABLE TO EXPRESS THEMSELVES. SHE PROCEEDED TO READ THE TYPED OUT STATEMENT TO THE COUNTY BOARD, WHICH

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ALL HAD A COPY OF. MRS. BRUNS CHECKED AND OKAYED IT. AFTER READING IT, SHE STATED THAT IF ANYONE HAD ANY QUESTIONS, TO COME INTO THE COUNTY TREASURER'S OFFICE, TALK TO MRS. BRUNS AND THE STAFF THERE, THEY WILL ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS AND HAVE DOCUMENTS TO PROVE WHAT IS BEING SAID TONIGHT.

MR. RUBEN POINTED OUT THAT THE CO. TREASURER'S OFFICE PUT IN MANY, MANY HOURS. MRS. KNAUER STATED THAT MRS. BRUNS NEVER LOST HER COOL, SHE WAS ALWAYS VERY PROFESSIONAL ON ALL MATTERS. MR. RUBEN ASKED HOW THE CURRENT SOFTWARE IS WORKING. MRS. KNAUER STATED THEY ARE NOW USING KINTERA AND ALL IS GOING WELL, THERE WERE ONLY A FEW GLITCHES AND THEY HAVE BEEN WORKED OUT AS WELL AS SOME REPORTS THAT WERE WANTED BECAUSE THEY HAD HANDS ON TRAINING BY LORI (WERNING) FROM SPFLD. THAT'S WHAT THEY MISSED WITH THE OTHER SYSTEM AND

EXPLAINED FURTHER.

MR. O'NEILL WANTED TO CLEAR UP SOMETHING AND LET EVERYONE KNOW THAT HE DID NOT ASK FOR A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AS WAS REPORTED IN THE COURIER. HE DOES THINK THE STATE'S ATTORNEY AND ATTORNEY GENERAL NEED TO BE INVOLVED AND CANNOT SEE WASTING \$500,000. HE GOT A QUOTE FROM PULLEY, MARTY KNOSKI IN TAYLORVILLE ON THE SOFTWARE SYSTEM AND THEY HAD ONE WORD, IT WAS HORRIBLE, EITHER THE SOFTWARE WAS HORRIBLE OR THE INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE WAS HORRIBLE. MR. O'NEILL STATES THERE SHOULD BE AN INVESTIGATION AND TRY TO RECOUP SOME OF THIS MONEY. MR. O'NEILL RESENTS THE COURIER SAYING THAT HE HAD ASKED FOR A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION AS HE DID NOT ASK FOR THAT.

MR. LOGAN "THANKED" THE COUNTY TREASURER'S STAFF FOR ALL THEIR HARD WORK AND SUPPORTED WHAT WAS SAID ABOUT MRS. BRUNS.

INSURANCE & LEGISLATIVE: MR. AYLESWORTH STATED THERE IS NOTHING TO VOTE ON THIS EVENING BUT THE LADIES FROM R.W.GARRETT AGENCY AND HEALTH ALLIANCE ARE HERE THIS EVENING IF ANYONE HAD ANY QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED SINCE THE MEETING LAST THURSDAY. MR. WERTH ASKED ABOUT ADDITIONAL COSTS REQUIRED BY THIS PROGRAM FOR THE COUNTY BOARD?

MR. AYLESWORTH STATED THERE ARE SEVERAL OPTIONS THEY ARE LOOKING AT AND THREE WILL BE BROUGHT TO THE COMMITTEE ON APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup>. PREMIUMS WILL RANGE FROM \$415 A MONTH TO \$364, OR AROUND \$40 MORE. THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED FURTHER AT THE APRIL 1<sup>ST</sup> INSURANCE COMMITTEE MEETING. MR. O'NEILL ASKED IF THE HEALTH INSURANCE WAS A YEARLY CONTRACT AND WAS TOLD YES. ALSO IF IT WAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF GOVERNMENT TO LET OTHER INTERESTED PARTIES MAKE A BID ON IT AND ALLOW THEM TO DO SO. MORE DISCUSSION HELD. MR. LOGAN STATED THEY WILL BE GETTING ANOTHER QUOTE. TIME AND MONEY IS INVOLVED IN GOING OUT FOR BIDS OR PROPOSALS, WRITING THE SPECS, ETC. MR.

STEWART STATED THAT THIS WAS LOOKED AT A FEW YEARS AGO FOR SOMEONE TO WRITE UP THE BID SPECS AND IT WOULD HAVE COST \$8,000 AND IT WILL TAKE A FEW MONTHS IF YOU DON'T HAVE PROBLEMS WITH YOUR HEALTHCARE, WHY WOULD YOU WANT TO CHANGE IT FOR THE EMPLOYEE'S NOW. MR. RUBEN STATED THAT IN FINANCE, MOST CONTRACTS FOR THE COUNTY HAVE TO BE BID, BUT ANY PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

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DON'T HAVE TO BE BID. AN EXAMPLE WAS WE DIDN'T HAVE TO GO OUT FOR A BID TO GET OUR AUDITOR. OR OUR HEALTH PROVIDER BECAUSE OF THE LAW.

MS. LUSTER STATED THAT IF WE WERE EVEN THINKING OF GOING OUT FOR BIDS, WE SHOULD THINK ABOUT DOING THIS IN NOVEMBER OR DECEMBER AND SOMETHING WE CAN DISUCSS FOR NEXT YEAR. SHE DOESN'T THINK IT'S FAIR TO THE PEOPLE WHO DO HAVE SOME MAJOR HEALTH ISSUES.

MR. O'NEILL ASKED ABOUT WHAT THE 27% INCREASE WOULD MEAN TO THE COUNTY AND THAT WE SHOULD REALLY THINK THIS OVER AS HE THINKS THIS IS STRICTLY A DOLLAR ISSUE. MR. O'NEILL GAVE AN EXAMPLE OF HIS FORMER EMPLOYER'S INS. AND WHEN THEY CHANGED THEIR CARRIER.

MR. LOGAN STATED WHAT DO YOU TELL THE PEOPLE WITH THE HIGH CLAIMS, JUST DROP THEM AND SAY SORRY?

MR. WERTH ASKED WHAT THE CURRENT LOSS RATIO WAS?  
NANCY STATED IT'S 148%.

NANCY (SCHAUB) STATED THAT YES, THERE ARE PROBABLY OTHER INS. COMPANIES THAT WOULD OFFER A LOWER PREMIUM, HOWEVER, THEY HAVE NO DR.'S AND NO HOSPITAL IN LINCOLN. SHE DOESN'T THINK THAT'S WHAT THE EMPLOYEE'S ARE LOOKING FOR. THERE ARE TIER 2 AND TIER 3 INSURANCE CARRIER'S. SHE BELIEVES THE COUNTY HAS ALWAYS MADE IT A POINT TO PROVIDE A GOOD INSURANCE COMPANY AND GOOD BENEFIT PLAN FOR THE EMPOLYEE'S. COST IS NOT THE ONLY ISSUE, WANT

TO MAKE SURE THE EMPLOYEE'S CAN GET TO THE DOCTORS AND HOSPITALS THAT THEY WANT TO USE HERE IN LINCOLN AND LOCAL AREAS.

FURTHER DISCUSSION HELD. THE EMPLOYEE DOESN'T PAY THE PREMIUM THE COUNTY DOES. MR. RUBEN STATED THAT THE STATE'S ATTORNEY ADVISED US ALL OF THE ELECTED OFFICIALS WERE ESSENTUALLY UNDER A CONTRACT THAT GUARANTEED THEM THAT THEIR INSURANCE WAS PAID FOR ALONG WITH OUR CONTRACTS WITH THE UNIONS, THEREFORE, HE FELT THAT WE HAD TO SUPPLY IT FOR ALL OF THE EMPLOYEE'S WITHOUT A CAP. WHAT WE DID LAST YEAR WE WENT TO A HIGHER DEDUCTIBLE AND CO-PAYS. MR. STEWART ASKED IF WE ARE REQUIRED TO OFFER HEALTH INSURANCE TO NON-UNION EMPLOYEE'S? MR. LOGAN STATED IT WAS NOT A REQUIREMENT.

MR. AYLESWORTH "THANKED" R.W. GARRETT FOR WORKING ON THE COMPETITIVE BID FOR US AND IT'S COSTING US NOTHING. HE HAS TALKED TO ANOTHER INSURANCE COMPANY YESTERDAY AND THEY SAID WHAT THEY WILL NEED TO KNOW IS THE CLAIMS HISTORY AND THEY'LL NEED TO KNOW THE AMOUNT WE ARE PAYING FOR EMPLOYEE'S PER MONTH. ANY OTHER INSURANCE COMPANY OUT THERE WILL KNOW WHAT WE ARE PAYING.

MR. O'NEILL WANTED TO "THANK" TIM AND SEVERAL BOARD MEMBERS TO SAY HIS PEACE AND OF HIS CONCERN, IT'S NOTHING PERSONAL AND HE WANTED SOME ANSWERS AND IS SATISFIED FROM NOW ON.

AIRPORT/FARM: A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FARMER, SECONDED BY MR. RUBEN, TO APPROVE HANSON ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR A FIVE YEAR AGREEMENT WITH LOGAN COUNTY AIRPORT. ROLL CALL VOET. 11 YES 1 ABSENT MOTION PASSED.

THERE WAS NOTHING FURTHER TO REPORT FOR ANIMAL CONTROL; BLDG. AND GROUNDS; FINANCE; INSURANCE & LEGISLATIVE; LAW ENFORCEMENT; EMA; EXECUTIVE/ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT.

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PLANNING AND ZONING: MR. LOGAN STATED THERE WILL BE SOME OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ON POSSIBLE WINDFARMS FOR APRIL 2, 2008 AT THE LOGAN COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT 7:30 PM AND ALSO ON APRIL 3, 2008 AT HARTSBURG.

ROAD AND BRIDGE: NOTHING MORE TO REPORT.

COMMUNITY ACTION: MR. O'NEILL STATED THERE WILL BE THEIR ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING ON THURSDAY NIGHT, MARCH 27<sup>TH</sup>. MR. LOGAN STATED THEY ARE STILL WORKING ON THE TRANSPORTATION GRANT.

HEALTH; TOURISM; WORKFORCE INVESTMENT: NOTHING FURTHER TO REPORT.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY: MR. LOGAN STATED HE DID TALK TO SENATOR BOMKE LAST NIGHT AND HE IS WORKING ON PROJECTS HERE IN CENTRAL ILLINOIS.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: NOTHING TO REPORT.

WASTE MANAGEMENT: MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT. THE TIRE RECYCLING AT THE FAIRGROUNDS IS APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>.

SAFETY: NOTHING TO REPORT.

LIQUOR: NOTHING TO REPORT.

PERSONNEL: NOTHING TO REPORT.

COMMITTEE REPORTS OF CLAIMS WERE READ BY MS. LITTERLY AND ALL HAVE BEEN SIGNED AND BILLS PAID. A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. AYLESWORTH, SECONDED BY MR. FARMER, TO ACCEPT AND PLACE THEM ON FILE AS STATED. MOTION PASSED.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: NO REPORT

COMMUNICATIONS: THE LOGAN COUNTY FAIR AD MONEY IS DUE BEFORE APRIL 3<sup>RD</sup>. TO MS. MARLIN.