

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 pm. The pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by Bob Farmer.

Members present: Rick Aylesworth; Kevin Bateman; Terry Carlton; Bob Farmer; David Hepler; Gloria Luster; Bill Martin; Pat O'Neill; Chuck Ruben; Jan Schumacher; John Stewart; Terry Werth.  
Guests: Sheriff Steve Nichols; Joel Smiley-Director of Economic Development Partnership; Jamie Bobell; Sandy Bobell; Bob Stevenson; Amber Stephenson; Scott Ritchhart; Darren Powell; Andi Hake-Chamber of Commerce; Dick Glick; Dixie Buss; Linda and Jerry Purlee; Suzann Maxheimer; Frank Shepke; Patty O'Neill; Mike O'Neill; Bret Aukamp-Hwy. Dept.; Shawn Taylor; Vic Martinek; Dan Fulscher-EMA Director; Jeff Petro; Linda Petro; Shawn Taylor; Mark Hilliard-Health Dept.; Josh Niziolekiewicz-Courier reporter; Jan Youngquist-LDN reporter. Casey Ritchhart;

A motion was made by Mr. Ruben, seconded by Ms. Luster, to accept and place on file the minutes from the Sept. 15, 2009 meeting as printed. Motion passed.

Ceremonial Matters: Mrs. Bender was unable to be here tonight to accept her award and that will be done next month.

LO 08-09 90 Recognition of Ashley O'Neill's perfect bowling game. A motion was made by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mr. Ruben, to approve the resolution as stated. Roll call vote. 12 yes 0 no Motion passed. Mr. O'Neill briefly explained that Ashley is the first woman to bowl a perfect game of 300 in Logan County. Mr. Carlton read the resolution and congratulated Ms. O'Neill on behalf of the County Board.

Student of the Month: Mr. O'Neill presented a plaque and certificate to Casey Ritchhart and Amber Stephenson for Pat O'Neill's September Student of the Month. He mentioned those who donated money for these awards.

A plaque and certificate was also presented to Jamie Bobell of Mt. Pulaski as October Student of the Month. Morgan Litterly was unable to be here tonight and will do it another time.

Raffles: LO 08-09 89 Topper Booster Club of Mt. Pulaski

LO 08-09 92 Lucas Alberts Benefit. A motion was made by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mr. Aylesworth, to approve both raffles as read. Motion passed.

Reports for the month of September, 2009 were read by Angie Marlin as follows:

Sheriff's report of fees collected was: \$2,279.00

Sheriff's expense report was: 0

Circuit Court Clerk fees were: Collections due to County General Fund: \$80,320.15

Collection of funds due to others: \$38,995.89 Child Support was: \$45,017.51

County Clerk's fees were: \$31,025.50

County Treasurer's Cash Statement is: Revenues: \$672,598.41 Expenses: \$790,257.33

Balance is: \$254,311.20

Hotel/Motel Tax at quarter percent was: \$15,869.09

Special Use Hotel/Motel Tax at 1% was: \$3,967.26

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

Chairmen of Committees reporting the following:

Airport & Farm: Nothing further to report.

Animal Control: Nothing further to report.

Bldg. & Grounds: Nothing further to report.

Finance: A motion was made by Mr. Ruben, seconded by Mrs. Schumacher, to approve and place on file the FY 2009-2010 Budget. Discussion held by Mr. Hepler stated he would be voting against it as he thinks two things needed to be achieved, to try and cut taxes and try to the expansion of government.

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Bateman, for an amendment to remove the \$5,000 for the Balloon festival out of the County Farm fund. Explanation by Mr. Stewart was given and discussion followed. Representatives from the Chamber office also spoke on the issue. Discussion held. A new contract was signed August 14, 2008 amending the previous contract amount of \$4,250 to a new contract amount of \$2,300 which was signed by Dick Logan. It was believed that the acreage changed and the farm gets re-bid every 4 years now. Mr. Ruben further explained that this contract can be terminated or re-negotiated. Mr. Stewart felt that other festivals should also be asking for money and doesn't think taxpayers money should be going towards festivals when we have bridges that need repairs. Mr. Bateman agreed with Mr. Stewart and doesn't think it's the Board place to pick and choose which festival they should donate money to. Mrs. Schumacher stated that it was publicized in the media, everyone was provided an equal opportunity but the balloon fest was the only one that asked. The balloon festival is above and beyond in bringing people into the county, generating revenue, etc. Mr. Aylesworth stated that they shouldn't take all the credit as the Logan County Fair is in the same month and brings in revenue also. Andi Hake stated she would be happy to show the Board members their books and financials.. Further discussion held. Mr. Ruben wants Mr. Farmer to put this issue of rent on next month's airport agenda. Mr. Ruben stated that if this fails tonight the amendment can be brought forward again at the November meeting. Further discussion held on who is scheduled to receive monies from this tax, several had their requests cut in half or close to it.

Mr. Ruben stated he wants everyone to understand that there was no tax increase, no tax increase in the property tax line, less that 1/10 of 1% increase. The \$3,407 in a \$3,230,000 budget, the property taxes went up where as that 1/10 of 1% increase plus any new construction being added to the property tax holders. The property tax is flat and this is the largest cut that we have ever made in the general fund, office holders down at 5%, since his term on the board, Roll call vote. 3 yes 9 no Motion failed.

Page 40 of budget, under Airport County Farm fund: A motion was made by Mr. Ruben, seconded by Mrs. Schumacher, to amend the budget to lower the land rent, line item 110 00 48015 from \$46,920 to \$43,370 and to insert a new line item that says Balloon Festival rent of \$2,300.00. Discussion held. Roll call vote. 9 yes 3 no Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Hepler, to amend the budget and remove the 3% pay raise for county non-union employee's. Discussion held and explanation for his motion.

Mr. Ruben asked Bret to explain about the Highway Dept.'s total budget of \$890,000. On page 43 of the budget, first three lines is the total of their salaries. Going back to page 42 you will see revenues, a lot of that payroll reimbursement does come from motor fuel tax, there are a lot of other sources of funds that are not shown within the budget. About half of their operating budget is payroll. Mr. Ruben stated that when they do a project and motor fuel tax is used on, they can pay

their employee's with that money rather county property tax. When we have our audit they also have a separate audit done by the State. Mr. Aukamp stated they have a 4 ½ million dollar project going on now, 2 million of the State money that was a grant and 2 ½ million that was Federal. Not a dime of it so far from local tax.

Ms. Luster stated that we have to be careful about early retirement as don't know what that is going to cost, that will be studied. Mr. Bateman commented on getting all the union contracts to end at the same time to make it a level playing field. Mr. Stewart stated that three union contracts have been signed off already and thinks that all three got a 3% increase in wages. He stated that several years ago an early retirement was done in the Sheriff's Dept. and almost broke the county as some of them had a lot of time that we had to pay out on. Further discussion held. Mrs. Schumacher stated she thinks it's unfair to the non-union employee's.

Roll call vote. 3 yes 9 no Motion fails.

Vote on original Motion to approve the FY 2009-2010 Budget as stated. Roll call vote. 3 no 9 yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Ruben stated that we will have both November 12 and November 17<sup>th</sup> to discuss it and we must have a budget in place by December 1, 2009, that is the law. If members have a problem with the budget, they can make their amendments on the Thursday night workshop session and then have a completed budget done in time.

A motion was made by Mr. Ruben, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, to amend the FY08-09 Budget by showing a transfer of \$74,343 in the Health Depts. budget to page 39 of the IMRF money for the Health Dept's. FICA. Discussion held. It will require a 2/3 vote. Roll call vote. 12 yes 0 no Motion passed.

Insurance & Legislative: Nothing further to report.

Law Enforcement and EMA: Nothing further to report.

Executive/Economic: Joel Smiley stated that they did receive the \$50,000 USDA grant for an Economic Development Master Plan. This will be a road map of where Economic Development should be for the next 5-10 years. He further explained how it will work.

Their Business Incubator is set for Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at 11 am and there will be an announcement on the location. The SCORE grand opening will be in two weeks. He also stated there is a possibility of creating a manufacture's council and more details will be forthcoming in the next couple of months.

Planning & Zoning: A motion was made by Dr. Hepler, scoded by Mr. Aylesworth, to approve LO 08-09 91, Amendment to the Logan County Zoning map converting land from business to residential. Discussion. Per the petition from Cozette Reichle. Roll call vote. 12 yes 0 no Motion passed.

Road and Bridge: A motion was made by Mr. Werth, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to approve the 3 yr. Teamster's Union Contract at the Highway Dept. effective December 1, 2009. A lengthy discussion followed about re-negotiating this contract or not, if we can get them all to expire at the same time, etc. Mr. Farmer stated that all the contracts were three year contracts. Mr. Stewart commented further, he stated that one time the FOP worked two years without a contract. Some agreed it would be a good idea if all three expired the same time but would be hard to do. Mr. Hepler stated there are probably plus and minuses on this. It is believed that you can always pull a contract off the table. Mr. Aukamp stated this is for 7 employee's only at the Highway Dept.

Further discussion by Mark Hilliard. Mr. Stewart called for the question. Mr. Werth asked for clarification, if he can vote against the motion he made on behalf of the committee?

Further discussion held. Dr. Hepler stated he believes you can vote against your own motion.

Mr. Werth withdrew his motion and Mr. Stewart withdrew his second to his motion.

A motion was made by Mr. Ruben, seconded by Mr. Stewart, to approve the 3 year Teamsters contract at the Highway Dept. effective December 1, 2009.

Roll call vote. 8 yes 4 no Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Werth, seconded by Mr. Aylesworth, to approve expenditure of \$34,779 for purchase of a truck bed and snow plow. Roll call vote. 12 yes 0 no Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Werth, seconded by Mr. Bateman, LO 08-09 94, to approve \$7,500 from the County Bridge Fund for erosion in Prairie Creek Road District. Roll call vote. 12 yes 0 no Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Werth, seconded by Mr. Ruben, LO 08-09 95 to approve \$10,000 from the County Bridge Fund for erosion in Prairie Creek Road District. Roll call vote. 12 yes 0 no Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Werth, seconded by Mr. Ayelsworth, LO 08-09 96 to approve \$10,000 from the County Bridge Fund for erosion located in Aetna Road District. Roll call vote. 12 yes 0 no Motion passed.

Community Action: Nothing further to report.

Health: Mr. Hilliard passed out a press release to all the board members regarding the H1N1 clinic that starts tomorrow. The priority group they are targeting was omitted from the article that was in the Courier.

Tourism: Nothing further to report.

Main Street: Nothing further to report.

Workforce Investment: Nothing further to report.

General Assembly Liaison: Nothing to report.

Chamber of Commerce: Nothing to report.

Waste Management: There is a meeting tomorrow night.

Safety: Nothing to report

Liquor: Nothing to report.

Personnel: Mrs. Schumacher stated they met and planning to meet bi-monthly or quarterly and will meet in November. They are putting in some changes to the Personnel Manual.

A motion was made by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mr. Ruben, to close the Logan County Bldgs. at noon on December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Discussion held. It was brought up Thursday night and posted on this agenda. Mr. Ruben stated the member who makes the motion can't speak against his or her own motion, although he or she can vote against it. This closing on the 24<sup>th</sup> at noon was approved by both the Judges and the Sheriff.

Roll call vote. 12 yes 0 no Motion passed.

Mrs. Schumacher stated the item was about a dinner at the Courthouse. Mr. Carlton stated he had heard that years ago at the Courthouse, there used to be a Courthouse county employee potluck. The meat was cooked at the jail, etc. and employee's would bring a dish to pass, etc. The County Board would buy the meat, etc. He would like to have this on December 23, 2009 from 11:30 to 1:30 pm. It's in the early stages of planning yet.

Committee reports of Claims were read by Angie Marlin.

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Bateman, to accept and place these claims on file as stated. Motion passed.

Chairman's report:

Mr. Carlton stated he had three appointments to the Lawndale Street Light District Board of Trustees.

LO 08-09 97 Mr. Carlton recommended the appointment of Dixie Buss to the Lawndale Street Light District Board of Trustees for a 3 year term. Seconded by Mr. O'Neill. Roll call vote. 12 yes 0 no Motion passed.

LO 08-09 98 Mr. Carlton recommended the appointment of Richard Glick to the Lawndale Street Light District for a 3 year term. Seconded by Mr. O'Neill. Roll call vote. 12 yes 0 no Motion passed.

LO 08-09 99 Mr. Carlton recommended the appointment of Linda Petro to the Lawndale Street Light District for a 3 year term. Seconded by Mr. Farmer. Roll call vote. 12 yes 0 no Motion passed.

Mr. Carlton "thanked" Linda for getting all of this taken care of so they have the proper structure in place.

The Christmas parade is December 3, 2009 at 7 pm. The County Board entry will be sent in and those who want to participate may sign up.

Mr. Carlton stated that there is a UCCI Seminar on Saturday at 9 am in Spfld. at the Abraham Lincoln Museum and is about the Open Meetings Act, the re-write that is effective January 1, 2010. This is a mandated attendance and is free to us.

Josh, from Courier, asked if there were any subjective thoughts about what is significant or not significant, was there a tax levy on Logan County property this year? Mr. Ruben stated there is always a levy, yes, specifically on page 69 of the budget, the total levy for all of those funds was \$3,230,150.00. Last year's was \$3, 226,743.00. A difference of \$3,407 and that's higher. Every year under p-tell, we can't levy but what we levied the year before except for two things: CPI can be added to it and anything new that was built in the last year that goes on the levy in that year. That CPI this year they used for that levy amount was 1/10<sup>th</sup> of 1%. It can be lowered but it can't be raised other than that P-tell requires you to raise it either by the CPI or 5%, whichever is lower. Mr. Ruben further explained.

A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Aylesworth, to adjourn the meeting until November 17, 2009. Motion passed. Meeting ended at 8:55 pm.