

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD

TUESDAY, SEPT.15, 2009

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 pm. The pledge of Allegiance to the American flag was led by David Hepler.

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

Absent: Jan Schumacher

Guests: Margie Harris – Logan County Dept. of Public Health; Andy Anderson; Sheriff Steve Nichols; Suzann Maxheimer; Josh Niziolekiewicz-Courier reporter; Jan Youngquist-LDN reporter.

A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Aylesworth, to accept and place on file the minutes of the Adjourned Board meeting of August 18, 2009 as printed. Motion passed.

Ceremonial Matters: none

Appointments: none

Raffles: LO 08-09 88 A motion was made by Ms. Luster, seconded by Mr. Ruben, to approve the raffle request as stated. Voice vote. Motion passed.

Reports for the month of August, 2009 were read by Deputy Clerk Angie Marlin as follows:

Sheriff's report of fees collected: \$2,925.00

Sheriff's expenses were: \$17.06

County Clerk's fees were: \$27,762.25

Circuit Clerk's fees were: Collections due to County General Fund: \$90,331.66

Collection of funds due to others: \$43,870.50 Child Support: \$49,176.24

County Treasurer's Monthly Cash Statement was: \$476,549.87

Hotel/Motel Tax at a quarter percent was: \$16,474.75

Special Use Hotel/Motel Tax at 1% was: \$4,118.62

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

Committee Chairmen reported the following:

Airport/Farm: Three things to vote on : A motion was made by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Mr. Werth, to approve a new 4 year farm lease with Dennis Ramlow at \$255.00 an acre with a 3 ½ % increase every year. Roll call vote. 11 yes 1 absent. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Mr. Aylesworth, to approve the TIPS project, rehab the runway access - taxiway and t-hangar access taxiway with the County's share being \$8,625.00. Roll call vote. 11 yes 1 absent Motion passed.

A motion was made by Mr. Farmer, seconded by Mr. Martin, to approve the one year maintenance agreement with Albion Radio Communications, Inc. at \$170.00 per month. Roll call vote. 11 yes 1 absent Motion passed.

Animal Control: Ms. Luster apologized and stated the minutes were not correct and new sheets have been handed out with the correct figures on them regarding the registration fee increases. She read the following: 1 year increase for NOT spayed/neutered \$30.00, 1 year spayed/neutered \$10.00.

3 year NOT spayed/neutered \$75.00; 3 year spayed/neutered \$25.00.

A motion was made by Ms. Luster, seconded by Mr. Farmer, to approve the increases as just stated. Discussion. Mr. Werth wanted to know why so high as almost 100% increase and we're not in compliance with other county's our size. Ms. Luster explained further and stated this came out of committee and we are still lower than most. Mr. O'Neill stated he won't be voting on this because of his affiliation with the Humane Society. Ms. Luster stated that having an animal is a big responsibility for the owner and to the community. More discussion held. Mr. Werth thought it was a big increase and he would be voting "no". Mr. Stewart commented about how the bldg. needs repairs also. Mr. Carlton stated that based on the 2008 registration, a lot of the fee structure changes based to balance the budget so that it doesn't require extra fund transfer from the general fund, but needs to be self funded by the services that are provided. Ms. Luster stated that collection of fees has been a big problem all along also. Roll call vote. 9 yes 1 no 1 absent 1 abstained Motion passed.

Building & Grounds: One request to vote on. A motion was made by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, to approve the request from Susan Wachter to hold a Lincoln's Farmer's Market at Latham Park effective September 1, 2009 thru October 31, 2009. Roll call vote. 11 yes 1 absent Motion passed.

Finance: A motion was made by Mr. Ruben, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, to approve the 2008 single audit. Roll call vote. 11 yes 1 absent Motion passed.

LO 08-09 90 Mr. Martin stated this is a Resolution of Logan County Board supporting the efforts of the Lincoln/Logan County Development Partnership bringing Logan County in as a member of the Central Illinois Economic Development Council's Economic Development District, known as CEDS. He further explained that we have supported this in the past and that this was a requirement of the EDA in Chicago that all the Counties involved pass a resolution of support. All of these resolutions will be sent as a part of our application to the EDA. A motion was made by Mr. Martin, seconded by Mr. Ruben, to approve this resolution as stated. Roll call vote. 11 yes 1 absent Motion passed.

Insurance & Legislative: Nothing to report.

Law Enforcement and EMA: Nothing further to report.

Executive/Economic: Nothing to report.

Planning & Zoning: Nothing to report.

Road & Bridge: Nothing to report.

Community Action: Mr. O'Neill stated that the two new buses they ordered were delivered yesterday. Also the parking lot has been re-done.

Health: Nothing to report Tourism: Nothing to report.

Main Street: Nothing to report. Workforce Investment: Nothing to report.

General Assembly Liaison and Chamber of Commerce Liaison: nothing to report.

Waste Management: Mr. O'Neill stated they will meet tomorrow night.

Safety: Nothing to report Liquor: Nothing to report Personnel: Nothing to report.

Committee reports of claims were read by Angie Marlin:

A motion was made by Mr. Ruben, seconded by Mr. Martin, to accept and place these reports on file as stated. Motion passed.

Chairman's Report: Mr. Carlton stated that everyone should have the resume's of the three candidates for the Circuit Clerk's position: Brenda Wade; Suzann Maxheimer and Rachel Bunner. The background checks have been completed on all three of them and presentable.

There will be a special adjourned board meeting on September 17, 2009 at 7:00 pm. in this Courtroom for that appointment. He asked the Board members to read thru each resume before the meeting.

Public Comments: Andy Anderson commented about the Rural Fire Dept. and recent tornado in this County. He was very impressed with their response to the disaster, including his nephew, Chad Letterle. Logan County can be extremely proud of the volunteer fire department they have. Mr. Anderson has since joined the Rural Fire Dept. as a volunteer fireman.

One other thing he commented on if reading the newspaper right, the county board is looking to take away \$90,000 to \$100,000 from the road commissioner and talking about increasing the fees for people who own animals. What he really wants to know , Mr. Farmer, Mr. Ruben, Mr. Werth, Mr. Hepler, Mr. O'Neill and Mr. Aylesworth, he wants someone to explain to him how you justify doing what you are doing to the road commissioner, raising the animal rates, how do you justify the taxpayers paying for your insurance when you are going to raise taxes, when you are going effect us in other ways? If you pay for that Ins. and we won't have to worry about raising animal control. It has to start with you guys,

A motion was made by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Bateman, to adjourn the meeting until October 20, 2009. Discussion held. Mr. Carlton stated there is an official notification out for the next meeting, it's a special meeting of the board. Dr. Hepler stated he had talked to the County Clerk earlier and she indicated that it's a separate special meeting. Motion passed.