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STATE OF ILLINOIS        }  
COUNTY OF CRAWFORD}

Minutes of Proceedings "1 of 6"  
Crawford County Board  
Thursday September 13, 2007

The members of the Crawford County Board met in regular session Thursday, September 13, 2007. Chairman Joe Bliss called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was given by all.

Upon roll call David Fulling, John Sutfin, Alyce Mullins, Don Richart, Joe Bliss, Tom Titsworth, Bob Tuttle, Charles Rains, Ron Veenstra and Jerry Ping were present.

Bob Tuttle made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2007 County Board meeting. Alyce Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

David Fulling made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 9, 2007 closed session. Jerry Ping seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Brian Bradbury from Kemper CPA Group presented the report for the county Fiscal year 2005-2006. The county pays on the modified cash basis. The County improved overall \$824,000. The Computer problems that were encountered in the past have been fixed.

The Circuit Clerk is now required to have a separate audit from the County. (Audit p. 765-779)

David Fulling made a motion to approve the **2005-2006 County Annual Fiscal Report.** Tom Titsworth seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (Report 780-794)

Ron Veenstra made a motion to approve the **2005-2006 County Audit and Management Letter.** Don Richart seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (Audit and Letter 795-854)

Don Richart made a motion to approve the claims as presented. Bob Tuttle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (Claims 855-916)

County Board Chairman Joe Bliss moved to put the discussion of the County Employee Health Insurance on the Agenda.

David Fulling stated that the Health Insurance Committee met with the employees on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss the health insurance. The Insurance committee stated that they currently have a \$250 deductible. The premiums for health insurance increased to \$503. The committee wanted to split the difference with the

county and employees (employees paying \$53 per month) and dropping the dental insurance. After meeting with the employees, the Insurance Committee recommends a \$500 deductible, with the employees to pay \$33.81 of the premium and the County will also pay the dental insurance for each employee and/or the option of a \$1500 deductible "HSA account." would be offered with the County contributing \$83.17 each month would be contributing \$83.17 each month to the employee's account. Because of the time frame for notification to the employees, the County would pay all premiums for the first month. The Committee requested the board recess this meeting and continue the meeting at the end of the month.

Discussion was open to the public. Several employees were in attendance and stated that they felt that in all fairness to all County employees, the Board should continue with the present insurance plan and continue payment of premiums until the union contract is settled with the FOP. (This will have the majority of the county employees with the same coverage and paying the same.)

David Fulling made a motion to **TABLE** any action until the 27<sup>th</sup> of September. Tom Titsworth seconded the motion. Upon roll call David Fulling, John Sutfin, Alyce Mullins, Don Richart, Joe Bliss, Tom Titsworth, Bob Tuttle and Charles Rains answered "aye" Ron Veenstra and Jerry Ping answered ":nay". Motion carried with 8 "ayes" and 2 "nays".

Officer reports were given by Sheriff Todd Liston, Treasurer Doris Tracy, Coroner Earl Deckard, Supervisor of Assessments-Betty Bailey, Public Defender Matt Hartrich, State's Attorney Tom Wiseman, County Engineer Justin Childress, Probation Officer-Betty Vandevender and County Clerk-Patty Lyan.

Alyce Mullins made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Charles Rains seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (Report 917-919)

Alyce Mullins made a motion to approve the **Resolution 2007-R-10 County Engineer Salary** in the amount of \$95,199.62. Bob Tuttle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (**Resolution 920**)

Tom Titsworth made a motion to approve **Resolution 2007-R-08 Repayment from the General Fund to Workman's Comp. Fund** in the amount of \$10,000 or more per year for the next 14 years to repay the \$140,000 that was borrowed. Ron Veenstra seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (**Resolution 921**)

Tom Titsworth made a motion to approve **Resolution 2007-R-09 Interfund Loan Balance Transfers** omitting line 7 (necessitated from software problems over several years). John Sutfin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (Resolution 922-923)

Ron Veenstra made a motion to approve the **Release of Mortgage** to Mike and Vicki Whisman/Courthouse Café regarding a Promissory Note dated December 9, 2004 and another **Release of Mortgage** to Charles and Brenda Gray, and Ron and Colleen Williamson/Toffee House Inc. regarding a Promissory Note dated September 28, 2000. Don Richart seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (Releases 924-929)

Ron Veenstra made a motion to approve the Lease Agreement that was entered into with Marathon Petroleum Company from October 1, 2007 to and including September 30, 2011. Charles Rains seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (Agreement 930-932)

David Fulling made a motion to approve the Letter of Acknowledgement of County Support for LaMotte Township Boat Ramp which was mailed to Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources on 8/27/2007. Bob Tuttle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (Letter 933)

Jerry Ping questioned any policies regarding dilapidated properties in the unincorporated areas. The Sheriff's office responds only when they receive a complaint at the office.

Don Richart made a motion to approve The Report of Official Acts from the County's Regional Office of Education #12. (Mandated by 105 ILCS 5/3-5-The last 4 quarters were received for filing.) Motion seconded by John Sutfin. Upon roll call David Fulling, John Sutfin, Alyce Mullins, Don Richart, Joe Bliss, Tom Titsworth, Charles Rains and Jerry Ping answered "aye". Ron Veenstra answered "nay". Motion carried 9 "ayes" and 1 "nay". (Report 934-943)

Steve Rich reported property tax increases on selected properties in Bellair. His tax bills rose 90% from the reassessment. He stated he does not mind paying a "fair" amount of taxes. (Report 944-948)

Break at 7:30 p.m.

Reconvened at 7:55 p.m.

Betty Bailey reported on a meeting with Eric Mosbey, Lincolnland Agri-Energy Representative and the Attorneys for both on September 4<sup>th</sup>. Ron Veenstra was also there. They did not reach any solutions in regard to the assessment.

Eric Mosbey updated on the meeting with Betty Bailey and Lincolnland Agri-Energy. The board requested the problem be solved in-house. One of the problems with an Appraisal would result in the county spending a lot of money. The slow progress on this is a great

concern to Lincolnland. Abatement deadlines are nearing and if significant progress is not made they will have to proceed with the 2005 claim. They feel the Assessor's Office should dig in and respond with an assessment.

Tom Wiseman recommended that each contact their attorneys to see if anything could be resolved.

Bob Tuttle made a motion to form an Ethanol Assessment Committee consisting of 3 county board members and 3 members of Lincolnland Agri-Energy Board to review and recommend an Assessment for Lincolnland **within 2 months**. Jerry Ping seconded the motion. Upon roll call David Fulling, Joe Bliss, Charles Rains, Ron Veenstra answered "nay". John Sutfin, Don Richart, Tom Titsworth, Bob Tuttle and Jerry Ping answered "aye". Alyce Mullins "abstained". Motion carried with 5 "ayes", 4 "nays" and 1 "abstention"

County Board Chairman Joe Bliss appointed Bob Tuttle, John Sutfin and Ron Veenstra to the Ethanol Assessment Committee".

Lincolnland requested that the Supervisor of Assessment fax Eric Mosbey records showing how she arrived at their current assessment of \$57 million.

Tom Titsworth made a motion to go into closed session to discuss collective bargaining between a public body and its employees and possible litigation, pending litigation, and probable litigation. Jerry Ping seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

CLOSED SESSION AT 8:55 PM

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 9:37 PM

Tom Titsworth made a motion to return to open session. Charles Rains seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

Charles Rains said that the Greater Wabash Regional Planning Committee still has money available.

David Fulling received a letter regarding a meeting on the Stuart Whitt agreement on Thursday, October 11, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. at the Regional Superintendent of Schools Office on South Jackson Street. The Mapping Committee, consisting of Ron Veenstra, Charles Rains and Bob Tuttle, will try to attend.

David Fulling reported that the Hutsonville Township and Park & Recreation Department want to acquire the boat ramp in Hutsonville from the County. This was requested to be placed on next month's agenda.

Tom Titsworth reported that the Finance Committee will meet on September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. and October 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. (with officers and department heads presenting their budgets at their discretion at the September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.) The Board will call in the officer or department head if they have any questions to attend one or the other meeting to explain their submitted budget.

The Interfund Loan Agreement with Health Department will be submitted as a claim. (Agreement 949-950)

Senate Bill 0263 passed to allow the airport to become a County Airport. The airport will be able to levy on the new EAV in 2008, payable 2009.

The Human Services Transportation Committee needs to be added to the Schedule of County Committees.

County Board Chairman Joe Bliss appointed Don Richart to the Human Services Transportation Committee.

Ron Veenstra made a motion to table the revisions on the County Handbook until further notice. Tom Titsworth seconded the motion. David Fulling answered "nay". John Sutfin, Alyce Mullins, Don Richart, Joe Bliss, Tom Titsworth, Bob Tuttle, Charles Rains, Ron Veenstra and Jerry Ping answered "aye". Motion carried with 9 "ayes" and 1 "nay".

County Board Chairman Joe Bliss appointed John Sutfin, Don Richart, and Charles Rains to the University of Illinois Extension Committee.

Ron Veenstra made a motion pending final language agreement on the Contract with the Highway Labor Union that we approve the contract as presented to the board based on the salary committee recommendation and approval of the State's Attorney. Bob Tuttle seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. (Contract 951-970)

Jerry Ping made a motion to call upon the clerk to issue mileage and per diem. Ron Veenstra seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Alyce Mullins made a motion to recess the meeting until September 27, 2007 at 6:00 p.m. John Sutfin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously with an "aye" vote.  
MEETING RECESSED AT 10:03 PM

MEETING RECONVENED AT 6:00PM ON SEPTEMBER 27, 2007.

The meeting of the Crawford County Board reconvened on Thursday, September 27, 2007 (from the regular meeting held on Thursday, September 13, 2007). Chairman Joe Bliss called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Upon roll call David Fulling, John Sutfin, Alyce Mullins, Don Richart, Joe Bliss, Tom Titsworth, Ron Veenstra and Jerry Ping were present. Bob Tuttle and Charles Rains were absent.

Tom Titsworth made a motion to go into closed session for possible litigation and Union contracts. Alyce Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

CLOSED SESSION AT 6:05 P.M.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION AT 6:45PM

David Fulling made a motion to return to open session. John Sutfin seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

David Fulling made a motion to offer 2 Health Insurance Plans:

1. The first has a \$500 deductible, with the county to pay \$450 and the employee to pay \$33.81.
2. The second would be an H.S.A. (Health Savings Account) with a \$1500 deductible, the county paying \$450, of which \$83.17 a month would be placed in an account for the employee.  
Dental coverage would be included with both plans. The new payroll deduction would start the 1<sup>st</sup> payroll in November. The county will pay new premiums for October and November.

Don Richart seconded the motion. Upon roll call David Fulling, John Sutfin, Alyce Mullins, Don Richart, Joe Bliss, Tom Titsworth and Ron Veenstra answered "aye". Jerry Ping answered "nay". Motion carried with 7 "ayes" and 1 "nay".

David Fulling wanted the Insurance Committee to meet with the employees to discuss health insurance options early next year. (Memo 971)

Joe Bliss received a letter from Lincolnland Agri-Energy stating that Clarence Schutte, Bob Crocker, and Eric Mosbey were appointed to the ad-hoc Ethanol Assessment Committee.

Tom Titsworth made a motion to adjourn. Alyce Mullins seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15p.m.

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Patricia A Lycan Crawford County Clerk