

Board of Whole Meeting  
First Floor Courtroom, Courthouse  
January 9, 2013

Present: Dave Hepler – Vice Chairman; Bob Farmer – Chairman; Andy Anderson; Rick Aylesworth; Kevin Bateman; Terry Carlton; Bill Martin; Andy Meister; Pat O'Neill (7:03 pm); Gene Rohlf; Chuck Ruben; Jan Schumacher

Absent:

Guests: Steve Siltman; Ann Siltman; Vic Martinek; John Wright; Bret Aukamp; Derek Hurley

Mr. Hepler called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Meister.

Airport/Farm: Mr. Rohlf reported 700 gallons of fuel were sold in December. The new T-hangar construction is progressing nicely. It is anticipated to be ready for occupants in February. Nothing further to report.

Animal Control: **A motion was made by Mr. Bateman, seconded by Mr. Martin, to approve LO 12-13 16 – Appointment of Animal Control Administrator/Warden. Straw vote taken. Motion passed. A motion was made by Mr. Bateman, seconded by Mr. Farmer, to approve LO 12-13 17 – Appointment of Assistant Animal Control Warden. Straw vote taken. Motion passed.** Nothing further to report.

Building and Grounds: Mr. Carlton reported a contract was approved by committee for just over \$10,000 for concrete work around the Courthouse. This was necessary to stabilize the sidewalks and address safety concerns. Carpet replacement was also approved for the State's Attorney's office. Nothing further to report.

Chamber of Commerce: Mrs. Schumacher reported the Chamber dinner is planned for later this month. This is also when they present their awards. This is also the year they celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Nothing further to report.

Community Action: Nothing to report.

Executive/Economic Development: Mr. Ruben reported he attended a very interesting and informative CEDS meeting earlier this week. He is glad Mr. Martin continues to be involved in this project, as more will be coming to the Board in the future. Nothing further to report.

Finance: Mr. Ruben discussed action by the committee to approve the expenditure of funds for an audit of the Communication Action transportation program. It was communicated today that the auditors for Community Action are able to complete this work. There may be a small cost to the County for this portion of the audit. Jean Anderson provided information to the committee about the ROE consolidation process. Once a plan is formulated, she will be asked to address the full Board. A salary increase was passed by the Solid Waste Agency and they had an incorrect amount in their budget. It needs to be correctly reflected in our budget as well.

**A motion was made by Mr. Ruben, seconded by Mr. Martin, to approve a FY13 budget amendment to amend line item 910-00-51001 and 101-00-43014 and 101-08-57014 to \$33,500 for the Salary of the Solid Waste Coordinator. Straw vote taken. Motion passed.** Corrections also need to be made to the budget to reflect the current revenue received from the City of Lincoln for the Communications Room. **A motion was made by Mr. Ruben, seconded by Mr. Aylesworth, to approve a FY13 budget amendment for 916-00-45011 to \$6,615 and \$16,607 and the fund balance to \$35,310. Straw vote taken. Motion passed.** Nothing further to report.

General Assembly: Nothing to report.

Health: Mr. Hepler reported the Board of Health is evaluating action that may be necessary because of the influenza outbreak. More information will be shared when it is available. Nothing further to report.

Insurance/Legislation: **A motion was made by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mr. Ruben, to approve LO 12-13 18 – Raffle for Fraternal Order of Eagles #2708. Straw vote taken. Motion passed.** The Broker/Dealer on the County Deferred Compensation Plan has changed to LPL Financials. Bridget Schneider is still handling the plan administration and investments are backed by John Hancock. **A motion was made by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mr. Anderson, to approve this change. Straw vote taken. Motion passed.** **A motion was made by Mrs. Schumacher, seconded by Mr. Ruben, to approve LO 12-13 10 – Appointment of Bill Sahs to the Board of Health. Straw vote taken. Motion passed. A motion was made by Mrs.**

**Schumacher, seconded by Mr. Farmer, to approve LO 12-13 11 – Appointment of Roger Bock to the Board of Health. Straw vote taken. Motion passed.** Nothing further to report.

Workforce Investment: Nothing to report.

Law Enforcement and EMA: Mr. Siltman addressed the Board and explained the need to increase the ambulance tax levy. He understands no one wants to increase taxes, but it is now necessary to generate more revenue. The current tax levy generates approximately \$128,000 annually, but that does not allow them to keep up with the refurbishment and replacement of ambulance units. The resolution is requesting a five-cent increase to the current 3.6-cent rate. This is still significantly lower than adjacent counties. The reimbursement rates for Medicare and Medicaid are lower than the expenses to handle those calls. In addition, there are a large number of calls that are not chargeable at all. The only alternative to increasing the tax levy is to increase the rates to individuals with private insurance or self-pay cases. He appreciates the Board's consideration. Mr. Carlton pointed out that LCPA has done a great job of managing their budget and have been purchasing used units in order to operate. **A motion was made by Mr. Aylesworth, seconded by Mr. Martin, to approve LO 12-13 15 – A Resolution to the Voters a Referendum to Increase the Property Tax Extension Limitation. Straw vote taken. Motion passed.** Nothing further to report.

Liquor: Mr. Martin reported The Maple Club will be re-opening under new ownership and the Elks has requested a gaming license. The committee approved licenses for each. Nothing further to report.

Planning & Zoning: The committee has begun discussions of potential changes in the zoning ordinance because of challenges recently faced by the ZBA. Stan Komperda reported that, with the tax extension of the wind farm credit for one year, this will incentivize them to begin construction of the planned wind farm in 2013. Nothing further to report.

Economic Development Partnership: Mr. Martin reported there has been a change in officers and talk about restructuring. The EDA office in Peoria is undergoing major restructuring. Once more information is gathered, it will be shared with this Board. Historically, appointments to the Partnership are for two year terms. Mr. Farmer indicated the current members have been doing a great job and he would like to keep them in place, if possible. Re-appointments need to be done. This will be discussed at the January Executive/Economic Development meeting and appointments will be provided to the Insurance committee for approval. Mr. Martinek reported there will be an electronic presentation available regarding CEDS that will be made available to the Board. Nothing further to report.

Road and Bridge: Mr. Aukamp reported there is a construction project underway and another project scheduled to begin next week. This is highly unusual for January. The seasonal weight limits go into effect January 20<sup>th</sup>. Nothing further to report.

Main Street and Tourism: Nothing to report.

Waste Management: Nothing to report.

Safety: Nothing to report.

Personnel: Nothing to report.

County Board Chairman's Report: Mr. Farmer reported the February Insurance Committee meeting will be moved up to 5:30 pm on Wednesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> due to Ash Wednesday. The February Adjourned meeting is being moved to Wednesday, February 20<sup>th</sup> due to the President's Day holiday. Nothing further to report.

Mrs. Meagher reminded Board members that she needs to receive their certificate of completion for Open Meetings Act training. She also shared that all meeting agendas and minutes are now available online on the County Board page of the Logan County website.

Mrs. Schumacher reminded members of the UCCI meeting in Springfield on Saturday morning.

A motion was made by Mr. Aylesworth, seconded by Mr. Bateman, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:36 pm.