

**PROCEEDINGS  
OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
ADAMS COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**COUNTY OF ADAMS)  
STATE OF ILLINOIS)**

The County Board of Adams County, Illinois met at the Courthouse, Quincy, Illinois, on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at 7:00 P.M., pursuant to recess.

PRESENT:   Mike McLaughlin, Chairman  
              Georgia Volm, County Clerk

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Mr. Hancox gave the invocation which was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Chairman McLaughlin called the meeting to order. The County Clerk called roll and the following members were present: John Heidbreder, John Johnson, Joe Wand, Rick Gengenbacher, Mark Peter, Matt Obert, John Brady, Les Post, Seldon Totsch, Lyle Nichols, Bob Scott, Theresa Bockhold, Richard Reis, Nick Peters, Connie Sparks, Steve Schutte, Bill Cole, Randall Reis, Kent Snider, Todd Duesterhaus and Mike McLaughlin. Total present: 21. Total absent: none.

Chairman McLaughlin declared a quorum present.

Officeholders, department heads, and/or their representatives also present were: Mr. Klusmeyer from the Highway Department, Mr. Lovelace from the State's Attorneys Office, Mr. Hancox from the Probation Department, Mr. Simon from the Emergency Management Agency, Mr. Keller representing the Coroner's Office, Sheriff Fischer, Ms. Bluhm from the Health Department, Ms. Reddington from the Treasurer's Office, Mr. Rowlands from Quincy/Adams County 9-1-1, Mr. Frankenhoff from the Information Technology Dept, and Ms. Zimmerman from the Supervisor of Assessments Office.

Mr. Scott moved to suspend the rules to hear from public speakers.  
Mr. Nichols seconded the motion.

Motion to suspend the rules to hear from public speakers adopted.

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**Mr. Jeff Rasche  
Camp Point, IL  
Wind Energy Conversion Systems**

Mr. Rasche, in discussing the recently adopted wind energy conversion system ordinance, noted the following situations and/or possible amendments to consider ensuring there is a balance between good business and good neighbors:

1. A home in Wisconsin was abandoned due to shadow flicker and noise when a wind turbine was placed 1,000 ft. back. The county's recently adopted wind energy conversion system ordinance recommends a 1,000 ft. set-back requirement.
2. A 2,000 ft. set back requirement from schools.
3. Consideration for set backs should be made based on the size (height) of the turbine. A larger turbine could have a 1,400 ft. set-back.
4. Icing situations – the blades are supposed to stop during icing conditions, but they have failed, throwing ice significant distances.

At this time, the exact location of potential wind energy conversion systems is unknown. Investors must follow current state and/or federal siting procedures. The request must then be forwarded to the county at least three weeks prior to the next county board meeting. In addition, a public hearing is required before county board members may vote on the permit.

**Ms. Annette Tunis  
Camp Point, IL  
Wind Energy Conversion Systems**

Ms. Tunis quoted the following from the *Safety Regulations for Operators and Technicians* (V90-3.0MW/V100-2.75MW):

“Do not stay within a radius of 400m (1300ft) from the turbine unless it is necessary. If you have to inspect an operating turbine from the ground, do not stay under the rotor plane but observe the rotor from the front.

Make sure that children do not stay by or play nearby the turbine. If necessary, fence the foundation. The access door to the turbine must be locked in order to prevent unauthorized persons from stopping or damaging the turbine due to mal-operation of the controller.”

Under these guidelines, a family living on a five (5) acre lot with a child's tree house at the farthest point on the lot would place a wind turbine with a 1,000 ft. set back only 500 ft. away from a child's playground.

**Mr. John Gebhardt  
Quincy, IL  
Wind Energy Conversion Systems**

To inform the public before a permit is issued, and to subsequently receive public input, Mr. Gebhardt recommends the following amendments be included in the wind energy conversion system ordinance:

1. Per Public Act 095-0203 -- "There shall be at least one public hearing not more than 30 days prior to a siting decision by the County Board. Notice of the hearing shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the county."
2. The placement of signs on the property near the street or road, with a notice of the request for a permit.
3. The requestor is required to notify adjacent property owners, within a specified number of feet (which could be the set back feet) of the required change "in writing".

Mr. Scott moved to resume the rules.

Mr. Nichols seconded the motion.

Motion to resume the rules adopted.

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Mr. Richard Reis moved to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2010 county board meeting as printed and distributed.

Mr. Snider seconded the motion.

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 9, 2010 county board meeting as printed and distributed adopted.

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## Transportation, Building & Technology

### ***Committee Report (Mr. Scott)***

Bills – The committee met on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 and reviewed the bills for the Maintenance Department, the Jail, the Superintendent of Regional

Schools, and the Technology Department. All of the bills were in order. The committee also met on Monday, March 8, 2010 and reviewed the bills for the Highway Department. All of the bills were in order.

Highway Maintenance – Highway maintenance employees have removed snow and are now patching pot holes on the roadways.

Highway Engineering – Engineers at the highway department are working on the plans to replace township bridges in Riverside Township, Ellington Township and Fall Creek Township.

County Highway Ordinance – The County Clerk read the following ordinance, by title, for approval:

2010-03-052-008 Ordinance reporting bids from the January 25, 2010 county motor fuel tax maintenance materials letting (See Attachment A-1).

Mr. Scott moved to approve the ordinance as read above.  
Mr. Gengenbacher seconded the motion.

Motion to adopt the ordinance as read above adopted.

County Highway Ordinance – The County Clerk read the following ordinance, by title, for approval:

2010-03-052-009 Ordinance reporting bids from the January 25, 2010 road district motor fuel tax maintenance materials letting (See Attachments B-1 thru B-2).

Mr. Gengenbacher moved to approve the ordinance as read above.  
Mr. Peter seconded the motion.

Motion to adopt the ordinance as read above adopted.

County Highway Ordinance – The County Clerk read the following ordinance, by title, for approval:

2010-03-052-010 Resolution approving an ordinance regulating development in floodplain areas of Adams County (See Attachment C-1).

Mr. Wand moved to approve the ordinance as read above.  
Mr. Snider seconded the motion.

Discussion – The Transportation, Building & Technology Committee provided, under separate cover, the amendments to the current floodplain ordinance in effect since 1996. Changes are a result of structural issues which occurred in the Flood of 08 and amendments made to be compliant with new state statutes.

Mr. Obert moved to table the ordinance for further review by county board members.

Mr. Heidbreder seconded the motion.

Roll call taken to table the ordinance for further review by county board members. Those voting to approve were: Heidbreder, Gengenbacher, Obert, Brady, Post, Nichols, Richard Reis, Peters, Sparks, Schutte, Cole, Randall Reis, Snider and Duesterhuas. Total 14. Those voting no were: Johnson, Wand, Peter, Totsch, Scott, Bockhold and McLaughlin. Total seven. None absent.

Motion to table the ordinance for further review by county board members adopted.

Transfer of Appropriations/Highway – The County Clerk read, by title, a request from the Highway Department for an \$800,0000.00 transfer of appropriations from line item #066-092-5720, Road District Revolving Grant Expenditures, to line item #062-088-5767, County Motor Fuel Tax Road & Bridge Construction (See Attachment D-1).

Mr. Scott moved to approve the request from the Highway Department for an \$800,0000.00 transfer of appropriations from line item #066-092-5720, Road District Revolving Grant Expenditures, to line item #062-088-5767, County Motor Fuel Tax Road & Bridge Construction.

Mr. Johnson seconded the motion.

Roll call take to approve the request from the Highway Department for an \$800,0000.00 transfer of appropriations from line item #066-092-5720, Road District Revolving Grant Expenditures, to line item #062-088-5767, County Motor Fuel Tax Road & Bridge Construction. Those voting to approve were: Heidbreder, Johnson, Wand, Gengenbacher, Peter, Obert, Brady, Post, Totsch, Nichols, Scott, Bockhold, Richard Reis, Peters, Sparks, Schutte, Cole, Randall Reis, Snider, Duesterhaus and McLaughlin. Total 21. Voting no were none.

The request from the Highway Department for an \$800,0000.00 transfer of appropriations from line item #066-092-5720, Road District Revolving Grant Expenditures, to line item #062-088-5767, County Motor Fuel Tax Road & Bridge Construction, adopted.

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. in the conference room of the Superintendent of Regional Schools.

## Legislative & Judicial

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### ***Committee Report (Mr. Wand)***

Bills – The committee met on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 and reviewed the bills from the Circuit Clerk's Office, the Juvenile Detention Center, the Probation Department, the Public Defender's Office, the State's Attorneys Office, and the Supervisor of Assessments. All of the bills were in order.

Tri-Township Fire Protection District/Stewart – Mr. Wand read, by title, a petition for the reappointment of Mr. Richard Stewart as trustee of the Tri-Township Fire Protection District.

Mr. Richard Reis moved to approve the petition for the reappointment of Mr. Richard Stewart as trustee of the Tri-Township Fire Protection District.

Mr. Snider seconded the motion.

Motion to approve the petition for the reappointment of Mr. Richard Stewart as trustee of the Tri-Township Fire Protection District adopted.

Payson-Fall Creek Fire Protection District/Sudbury – Mr. Wand read, by title, a petition for the reappointment of Mr. Robert Sudbury to trustee of the Payson-Fall Creek Fire Protection District.

Mr. Scott moved to approve the petition for the reappointment of Mr. Robert Sudbury to trustee of the Payson-Fall Creek Fire Protection District.

Ms. Bockhold seconded the motion.

Motion to approve the petition for the reappointment of Mr. Robert Sudbury to trustee of the Payson-Fall Creek Fire Protection District adopted.

Animal Treatment Ordinance – The animal treatment ordinance, tabled at the February 9, 2010 county board meeting, was discussed in committee. The ordinance was written to provide the animal warden the opportunity to issue a fee and a county violation, an interim step to the misdemeanor currently in state statute.

Freedom of Information (FOI) Officer – The committee is working with the assistant state's attorney, Curtis Lovelace, to address freedom of information and the compliancy officer(s).

Polling Place Changes – The cost of changing a polling place, referred to committee at the February 9, 2010 county board meeting, was discussed. The county has no control of this situation and the related costs are minimal. The

expenses incurred when moving a polling place include mailings to advise the affected voters of the change, as well as employee time and effort involved in doing so.

The committee's next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the county board room.

## **Public Health & Safety**

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### ***Committee Report (Mr. Peter)***

Bills – The Public Health & Safety Committee met on Tuesday, February 16, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. and reviewed the bills for the Sheriff's Office, Coroner's Office, Emergency Management and Animal Control. All of the bills were in order.

Department Reports – Mr. Kientzle, Sheriff's Department, reported to the committee the recent purchase of power washers acquired through the state surplus agreement. Also reported to the committee was the outcome of a court security exercise recently held in the courthouse.

Health Department Facility – The grand opening of the new health department was held on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. The committee commends the county board for the vision in the selection of this site.

The Public Health & Safety Committee's next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 16, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the law library of the courthouse.

## **Finance**

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### ***Committee Report (Mr. Johnson)***

Bills – The Finance Committee met on Monday, March 8, 2010 to review bills. All bills were in order.

Technology Support Specialist – The County Clerk read, by title, an ordinance authorizing the employment of a technology support specialist (See Attachments E-1 and E-2).

Mr. Nichols moved to approve the ordinance authorizing the employment of a technology support specialist.

Mr. Richard Reis seconded the motion.

Discussion – Adams County employed one part-time employee for computer support approximately ten years ago. Offices have expanded, and subsequently

added software and computers. To protect our data and support the additional technology, an additional full-time exempt employee is needed. The salary range of a new employee is estimated to be between \$27,000 and \$40,000 a year, depending on the candidate's education and experience.

Motion to approve an ordinance authorizing the employment of a technology support specialist adopted.

Transfer of Appropriation/IT – The County Clerk read, by title, a request from Information Technology (not on the agenda) for the following transfer of appropriations (See Attachment F-1):

\$26,700.00 from line item #001-001-5713, County Contingency, to line item #001-016-XXXX, Salary-Tech Support Specialist

\$2,670.00 from Reserves to line item #032-070-5355, Retirement Fund Payments

\$2,050.00 from Reserves to line item #034-072-5350, Social Security Payments

Mr. Johnson moved to approve the request from Information Technology for a transfer of appropriations as read above.

Mr. Obert seconded the motion.

Roll call taken to approve the request from Information Technology for a transfer of appropriations as read above. Those voting to approve were: Johnson, Wand, Gengenbacher, Peter, Obert, Post, Nichols, Scott, Bockhold, Richard Reis, Peters, Sparks, Schutte, Cole, Randall Reis, Snider, Duesterhaus and McLaughlin. Total 18. Those voting no were: Heidbreder, Brady and Totsch. Total three. None absent.

Motion to approve the request from Information Technology for a transfer of appropriations as read above adopted.

Additional Fund Appropriation/Ambulance Dept. – The County Clerk read, by title, a request from the Ambulance Department for additional fund appropriations, as follows (See Attachments G-1 thru G-3):

\$193,365.00 from unappropriated funds, to line item #040-075-5105, Salaries-Ambulance Staff

\$193,365.00 from unappropriated funds, to line item #040-075-5506, Station Expenses

Mr. Johnson moved to approve the request from the Ambulance Department for additional fund appropriations as read above.

Mr. Snider seconded the motion.

Roll call taken to approve the request from the Ambulance Department for additional fund appropriations as read above. Those voting to approve were: Heidbreder, Johnson, Wand, Gengenbacher, Peter, Obert, Brady, Post, Totsch, Scott, Bockhold, Richard Reis, Sparks, Schutte, Cole, Randall Reis, Snider, Duesterhaus and McLaughlin. Total 19. Voting no were: Nichols and Peters. Total two. None absent.

Motion to approve the request from the Ambulance Department for additional fund appropriations as read above adopted.

Additional Fund Appropriation/EMA – The County Clerk read, by title, a request from the Emergency Management Agency (not on the agenda) for the following additional fund appropriations: (See Attachment H-1):

\$25,000.00 to revenue account #020-005-XXXX, Interoperability Grant, as well as to the offsetting expense account #020-005-XXXX, Interoperability Grant, and

\$5,000.00 to revenue account #020-005-XXXX, Training Grant, as well as to the offsetting expense account #020-005-5780, Training Grant, and

\$23,000.00 to revenue account #020-005-4623, HMEP Grant, as well as to the offsetting expense account #020-005-5725, HMEP Grant.

Mr. Johnson moved to approve the request from the Emergency Management Agency for the additional fund appropriations as read above.

Mr. Richard Reis seconded the motion.

Discussion – For clarification Mr. Simon, EMA, noted that HMEP was “Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness Grant.” In addition, Mr. Simon explained that the grant was federal “pass through” funds from the state. Pass through funds are earmarked for specific purposes only and the state must release the funds if all grant requirements are met.

Roll call taken to approve the request from the Emergency Management Agency for the additional fund appropriations as read above. Those voting to approve were: Heidbreder, Johnson, Wand, Gengenbacher, Peter, Obert, Brady, Post, Totsch, Nichols, Scott, Bockhold, Richard Reis, Peters, Sparks, Schutte, Cole, Randall Reis, Snider, Duesterhaus and McLaughlin. Total 21. None absent.

Motion to approve the request from the Emergency Management Agency for the additional fund appropriations as read above adopted.

Financial Outlook – For the information of the county board Mr. Johnson provided a brief review of the county’s financial position. County general currently has approximately \$500,000.00. This is \$1,000,000.00 less than one year ago. The State of Illinois is approximately \$508,000.00 behind in payments to Adams County for our share of the state income tax, as well as \$226,000.00 behind in payments for the county’s share of general assistance items such as

salary reimbursements. Governor Quinn is expected to announce the state's budget amendments tomorrow (March 10, 2010) with an expected reduction in the income tax share currently going to county governments. On the brighter side, sales tax revenue is slightly higher than last year's revenue.

## Unfinished Business

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Animal Treatment Ordinance – The County Clerk read, by title, an ordinance related to animal treatment.

Mr. Wand moved to approve the ordinance for animal treatment.  
Mr. Peter seconded the motion.

Mr. Nichols moved to amend the animal treatment ordinance to include an effective date of April 1, 2010.  
Mr. Peters seconded the motion.

Motion to amend the animal treatment ordinance to include an effective date of April 1, 2010 adopted.

Discussion – The ordinance permits a \$75.00 fee for any violation. A determination regarding whether this fee was per animal or per incident could not be concluded from the verbiage in the ordinance.

Mr. Obert moved to table the ordinance for clarification of the \$75.00 fee.  
Mr. Peter seconded the motion.

Motion to table the ordinance for clarification of the \$75.00 fee adopted.

Transparency Ordinance – The County Clerk read, by title, an ordinance for the transparency of the county's revenues and expenditures, as well as the subsequent amendment.

Mr. Peters moved to table the ordinance indefinitely.  
Mr. Heidbreder seconded the motion.

Roll call taken to table the transparency of the county's revenues and expenditures, as well as the subsequent amendment indefinitely. Those voting to approve were: Heidbreder, Nichols, Scott, Bockhold, Richard Reis, Peters, Sparks, Schutte, Cole, Randall Reis and Duesterhaus. Total eleven. Those voting no were: Johnson, Wand, Gengenbacher, Peter, Obert, Brady, Post, Totsch, Snider and McLaughlin. Total ten. None absent.

Motion to table the ordinance for the transparency of the county's revenues and expenditures indefinitely adopted.

Public Hearing/Comprehensive Plan – Mr. Nichols requested copies for all county board members of the court reporter’s transcripts from the public hearing held prior to the February 9<sup>th</sup> county board meeting. After some discussion, the County Clerk indicated the document could be scanned and subsequently e-mailed to those interested in the document.

## **New Business**

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Monthly Reports – The County Clerk had monthly reports from the Supervisor of Assessments/Board of Review, the Adams County Juvenile Detention Center, the monthly check register for February, 2010, the County Clerk/Recorder, Quincy/Adams County 9-1-1, the Coroner’s Office, the Treasurer’s Office, the Probation Department, the Sheriff’s Office, and the Ambulance Department.

Mr. Scott made a motion to receive and file the monthly reports with the appropriate committee.

Mr. Peter seconded the motion.

Motion to receive and file the monthly reports with the appropriate committee adopted.

Emergency Operation Plan – Mr. Peter moved to table the ordinance for further review.

Mr. Totsch seconded the motion.

Motion to table the ordinance for further review adopted.

Wind Conversion Energy Systems – Mr. Nichols moved to return the Wind Conversion Energy Systems Ordinance adopted at the February 9, 2010 county board meeting to the Transportation, Building & Technology Committee for further review.

Mr. Peters seconded the motion.

Motion to return the Wind Conversion Energy Systems Ordinance adopted at the February 9, 2010 county board meeting to the Transportation, Building & Technology Committee for further review adopted.

## Correspondence

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Illinois Department of Transportation  
Illinois Department of Revenue  
Letter from Goehl, Schuering, Cassens & Bier  
Letter from Comcast Cable  
Letter from PCD  
Letter from City of Quincy-Planning and Development Dept.

Mr. Scott moved to receive and file the correspondence with the appropriate committee.

Mr. Obert seconded the motion.

Motion to receive and file the correspondence with the appropriate committee adopted.

Executive Session/Personnel – Mr. Scott moved to go into executive session to discuss personnel (8:00 P.M.)

Mr. Peters seconded the motion.

Motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel adopted.

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Mr. Scott moved to resume the rules (8:15 P.M.).

Mr. Schutte seconded the motion.

Motion to resume the rules adopted.

Chairman McLaughlin moved that the meeting be recessed until Monday, April 12, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the county board room.

The hour of adjournment: 8:20 P.M.