

**PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
MACON COUNTY BOARD**

SPECIAL CALL MEETING

JULY 24, 2008

**Robert D. Sampson
Chairman**

**Stephen M. Bean
Clerk**

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with Assistant State's Attorney, Randy Waks present.

Stephen M. Bean, Macon County Clerk presented the request for a Special Call Meeting for the purpose of approving permission to Rockies Express East to bore a pipeline.

The Roll Call showed all members present with the exception of Mr. Ashby, Mr. Jacobs, Mrs. Little, Mr. Snyder, Mrs. Wilkins, Mr. Williams, and Mr. Yoder.

Mrs. Taylor led the members in prayer.

All led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMENT:

Mr. Sampson: Mr. Sampson said to update them real quick, this situation has only occurred once in the 8 years he has been on the board, before tonight, and that is the death of a sitting member. We apparently have no precedence and so we have established some precedence that he hopes won't have to be used again for 20 years. In case they do, he hopes they will look back. He said we will deck the chair of the deceased member in mourning cloth. Mr. Sampson has also asked the Public Building Commission, and they have agreed to do so, to lower the flags on all county buildings to half mast, and they will remain there until after Dave's funeral.

There were no citizen's remarks presented at the meeting.

Mr. Sampson: Mr. Sampson said with the board's indulgence he would like to move officeholder's remarks until after old business. He wanted to give them a quick scenario before the got into old business. We need to have a motion, once Kevin gets up here, to take the resolution off the table. If that motion succeeds there are some problems with the resolution, of a clerical nature, which have been corrected in the resolution he has. Randy will be able to explain those. We will need somebody to move to amend the resolution to include this proper language. If that amendment passes we would vote on the resolution as presented and go on from there.

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION TO REMOVE FROM TABLE

Mr. Meachum moved, seconded by Mr. McGlaughlin to bring Resolution H-1595-7-08 off the table.

ROLL CALL.

Ayes: Cox, Drobisch, Dudley, Dunn, Hogan, McGlaughlin, Meachum, Oliver, Potts, Sampson, Smith, Taylor, Westerman

Nays: (None)

AYES = 13

NAYS = 0

MOTION CARRIED. (TO REMOVE RES. H-1595-7-08 FROM THE TABLE)

COMMENT:

Mr. Sampson: Mr. Sampson asked Randy Waks to explain the amendment they need to make to the resolution.

Mr. Waks: Mr. Waks said the resolution as presented last month was missing a paragraph. It had the typical "WHEREAS," but was missing the paragraph that starts out, "NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED." Then we skip to the next paragraph that says, "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED," and then another one, "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED." The meat of it, that one paragraph was missing. We have redrafted the resolution, and they each have a copy, and it says "NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED...." He said if it meets with your approval somebody needs to move that the resolution be amended to add that paragraph.

MOTION TO AMEND

Mr. Smith moved, seconded by Mrs. Cox to amend Resolution H-1595-7-08 to add the "NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED," paragraph language by prior roll call vote.

There were no questions or comments from the board.

MOTION CARRIED. (AMENDMENT)

QUESTION:

Mr. Hogan: Mr. Hogan asked why the special meeting was called. What has changed in the last two weeks? What is the urgency to pass the resolution now? We tabled it two weeks ago, but why does it have to be acted on at this time.

Mr. Sampson: Mr. Sampson said we have seen some evidence from the state that they have expressed an interest in some of the issues we were concerned about in regards to employment of in-state workers. He thinks we have made our point and it is now time to let this project move forward. They need this resolution for it to move forward. They can't go to work until we sign this, unless we want to have a little court dance for awhile.

Mr. Hogan: Mr. Hogan said then it might have been a mistake that we tabled it.

Mr. Sampson: Mr. Sampson said he didn't think so, but people are entitled to their opinion.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he passed out a handout to everyone. He doesn't feel it was a mistake at all. He thinks every county board in the State of Illinois should be concerned about providing work for local contractors, whether they are union or non-union, and local workers whether they are union or non-union, for their county. He doesn't think this is done very well in each county, including Macon County. He made a motion to table this resolution to check to see if the work was going to be performed by local contractors and local people. He got his answer. You would see that in his vote tonight. He thinks Macon County did a great job in tabling this and checking it out. He thinks every county should, including all the counties this pipeline is doing work in. Board members need to be more responsible for what they do instead of being on the board just for certain kickbacks or benefits for being on the board. They should make informed decisions for their representatives. Mr. Dunn said he discussed this with Dave Wolfe and he was for it. This is the kind of thing Dave Wolfe stood for. He was Board Chairman for two years. He did a lot for this board and for Macon County citizens. This is the kind of thing he stood for and the kind of thing Mr. Dunn stands for. He hopes every board member in this county stands for work for our citizens in our county.

Mr. Allen Fore: Mr. Fore is with Rockies Express Pipeline and was at the meeting on their behalf. He appreciates the opportunity to talk about Rockies Express in the sense of our commitment to union labor on this project. He thinks there has been somewhat of a misunderstanding on exactly who we employ, and how we employ, and what this project is made of. Ninety plus percent of the work on Rockies Express is union. All of our contractors for the mainline construction on the project are union. All of the work in Macon County is union. In fact we have a contractor yard on Southside Drive that we opened last week, which is 100% union, all union workers. There are 400 to 500 workers ready to go to work. You mentioned the urgency of this, and that is the urgency and need for approval of the board so those union workers can get to work. In fact, we received a week ago Thursday, our notice to proceed from the federal government, which is the final step in authorizing the construction of the mainline of the project, which is a spread. We are organizing a construction spread. Basically we are authorized to construct the pipeline in all of the State of Illinois now. Construction operations are already ongoing in many parts of the State. Because of the road crossings issue, our contractors were concerned about being able to start on the mainline construction and then needing to stop at the first intersection of a county road. They were concerned about that and really didn't think they could start construction on the mainline until they had clearance from the county to do so. He knows Mr. Dunn has had some concerns about the compressor facility near Blue Mound, actually closer to Mt. Auburn, but we call it the Blue Mound facility. That is a \$35,000,000 facility and that is significant. We have 5 of those. One is in Illinois, one in Indiana, two in Ohio, and one in Missouri. To put that in perspective of the project, that is a \$35,000,000 facility in Illinois. The assets of Rockies Express in Illinois are probably \$700,000,000 to \$800,000,000. So, all the remainder of the construction work, besides that \$35,000,000 is all union contractors. We have the contractors that we used on the western part of the project, and we've built over 1000 miles of this project in a similar fashion, all of the mainline construction being union workers, and the compressor facility being other contractors. That has been a successful effort for us. We look at union locals, the operators, the Teamsters, the pipe fitters, and

others for the mainline construction, and go to the union locals first in the area, including this area. When they can't fill those jobs with union locals, they bring in union members from other areas. So you will have both of that in Macon County. You will have local union workers working as well as union workers from other parts of the country who will come in and be living here during the time of construction. Specific to the Blue Mound facility there have been some suggestions and questions about where those workers are coming from. He asked the contractor there to produce where exactly the workers are coming from. We have about 70 to 80 folks out there right now. There are a number of those from out of state and other areas, but they have also hired 31 local people, from Pana, Taylorville, and Mt. Auburn that are working at that site now. It is open for additional local work as they ramp up. The operators approached the superintendent about whether he would be willing to hire some union operators at the facility, and he was open to that. We are making efforts to do that. He has had a number of meetings with various unions. We mentioned that the governor's office was involved and he participated in that meeting. He understands the importance of all parts of the project being, at that very least, open to local workers. We are committed to doing that of course on the mainline construction and all of the other above ground facilities, but also at the compressor station as well. He said you are correct. Your concerns have been heard, and we also appreciate your recognition of the importance of getting this work going because it is significant for Macon County. In addition to our contractor yard, which will have 400 to 500 workers in the area every day really, we have also had a right-of-way office here on Federal Drive for 2 1/2 years employing about 100 people, both local and from other areas working on land acquisition. So, that has been a significant part of the community as well. So, we've been here for awhile, and are going to be here for awhile again. Obviously, the pipeline is going to be here for a very long time. We have tried to work with you on the bypass issue. We also tried to work with your engineers on how to do that in coordination with our interests and your interests in future growth. We are here to be a partner. He was hopeful tonight that they could have the county's support to get those union contractors and folks out there working as soon as possible.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith said he should know this, but not seeing a map tonight of the layout of where this is going to go, he has asked if it will follow along county roads only, or will it intersect with township roads.

Mr. Fore: Mr. Fore had a gentleman bring a map that shows the route of the pipeline. The map shows a very fine line of where the pipeline will be crossing township roads.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith asked if they had contacted those commissioners in those respective townships.

A gentleman from Rockies Express who is the permitting supervisor for this section of the pipeline said they have contacted all of the townships they are passing through, and have received approval from all of the commissioners to cross their roads.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said he appreciated Mr. Fore's comments. Our office has had quite a time getting a hold of him. We did after we tabled this, and he has talked to Mr.

Dunn's assistant several times. Mr. Dunn will be asking everybody to vote for this. We still have some differences on the compressor station, but again it is outside of Christian County. He was not sure where all this work was at, at the time. Mr. Dunn said he has a member that sits on the Christian County Board, and he was under the understanding that all of that work was going to be union. Mr. Dunn is not sure if all of that is going to be resolved, but that will be Christian County's problem not ours. He has since found out that the work here is going to be union. It is, as Mr. Fore said, local contractors have a chance of providing people and if they can't do it, it will go outside. Mr. Dunn appreciates the dialog. He doesn't think a lot of it would have happened if the board members hadn't voted to table this in July. It is unfortunate that has to happen that way, but we will work with them in any way we can in Macon County. He would appreciate everyone voting to bring this off the table and vote for it.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said he listened to Mr. Fore's statements very carefully and he said they had some out of state workers, and "other areas." Mr. Dudley asked him to define "other areas."

Mr. Fore: Mr. Fore asked if he meant where they came from.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said Mr. Fore had said out of state, and "other areas." Does he mean out of the country?

Mr. Fore: Mr. Fore said they could come from anywhere in the country. He said if Mr. Dudley was referring to whether all the workers are legal, and US citizens, yes they are.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said he just wanted a clarification of what "other areas" means.

Mr. Fore: Mr. Fore said any place else that the workers might come from, both union and non-union. Anyone that is eligible and legal to work on this project potentially could.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said to answer the tabled motion thing, a tabled motion can be revisited at the end of a meeting. He was just curious as to why we had silence from Mr. Fore at the county board meeting two weeks ago when he could have come up and addressed this situation then. We could have revisited this tabled motion at the end of the meeting. Mr. Dudley noticed Mr. Fore had plenty of words for the media afterwards. He was just curious.

Mr. Fore: Mr. Fore said he didn't know he had the opportunity to do that.

Mr. Sampson: Mr. Sampson said that is not entirely Mr. Fore's fault.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said if you read *Roberts Rules of Order*, it says that a tabled motion can be brought up at the very end of the meeting.

Mr. Sampson: Mr. Sampson said the chairman was neglectful in asking them if they wanted to comment. So, if you want to blame somebody, you could blame me.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said he was not blaming; he was just asking.

MOTION CARRIED. (RES. H-1595-7-08 AS AMENDED)

OFFICEHOLDER'S REMARKS:

Mr. Sampson: Mr. Sampson said anyone interested in making a comment about our late colleague could do so and it will be recorded in the record and can be available to his family at some point.

Mr. Smith: Mr. Smith said he would take the opportunity to say a few words about his friend and fellow district board member from district 7. When he first met Dave he (Mr. Smith) was not a member of this board, and he kind of scared him. Dave was a big guy. We got talking and there was some pretty turbulent times going on in Macon County government at that time. Mr. Smith had no desire at that time to run for the county board, but there was an open seat. In talking with Dave, he said you ought to get involved and come to one of the meetings and see for yourself what is going on. So he did. When he was sitting in the audience afterwards Dave asked him if he was going to run. Mr. Smith said he did not know. Dave said you better. The rest, as they say is history. He did run. It was great serving with Dave. He told you like he thought it was. You knew where you stood with him. Mr. Smith said to him he was a friend, someone he could confide in, and someone he will truly miss.

Mr. Oliver: Mr. Oliver said he found Dave to be the kind of individual that you could depend on. When he gave you his word on something, it usually meant it was going to happen the way he gave it to you. During the turbulent time we had as far as the finances of the county were concerned, Dave stood his ground against a lot of opposition in the choices he made to try to straighten this county out. For that, we owe a great debt of gratitude for someone who stood his ground at that time. Mr. Oliver will always remember Dave as being that kind of individual who was strong, who did his job, and who focused, not with tunnel vision, but with the desire and a dream of making things happen and making things better for this county and the people of Macon County.

Mr. Dudley: Mr. Dudley said it is unfortunate for him that he was unable to serve with Mr. Wolfe for a very long period of time. He has only been on the board for about 6 months. However, he has known Dave through other organizations, and would like to echo his colleagues that Dave always told you where he stood and never wavered from it one bit. That is the one thing, maybe he didn't always agree with him, but he respected that he never wavered from what he stood for. Mr. Dudley said he was very fortunate to have spoken with him on Tuesday and he fought it until the end. That is the same spirit that he had when he was doing anything on the board, he fought to the end.

Mr. Drobisch: Mr. Drobisch said from a person across the isle he knows from several instances when he talked to Dave about issues involving the county, like it has been voiced before, he didn't always agree with him, but Mr. Drobisch always knew where

Dave stood. One of things Mr. Drobisch recalls is when they were going to appoint a sheriff when Sheriff Walker resigned Dave went against the wishes of many of the older Democrats and appointed someone he felt would do an excellent job, a person that had come up through the ranks, in appointing Jerry Dawson. Mr. Drobisch thinks that was excellent choice. He knows Dave took a lot of heat for it, but Mr. Drobisch would always remember that if Dave stood up for a principle he stood behind it all the way.

Mr. Dunn: Mr. Dunn said that since he has been on the board we have lost David Livingston, Karen Zaiz, and now Dave Wolfe off the board. They all had their heart in what they did. He appreciated that.

Mr. Sampson: Mr. Sampson said he served with Dave not quite as long as some of you here. Mr. Drobisch, Mr. Hogan, and Mr. Oliver were here his whole time. Those of you that have been here know that at times he and Dave fought like cats and dogs, and at times we fought together, other people like cats and dogs. A lot of the memories we are going to have of Dave are that he was a forthright exponent of his views. Sometimes he could be rough and tough, and a lot of people were afraid of him not just Bryan. There were moments when he had his doubts too. But, there was another side of Dave Wolfe that he doesn't think is generally recognized and that is that he could be awful dog-gone considerate. Mr. Sampson thinks he might have been a little bit embarrassed by that, and he didn't like to show that side. But, he had it. Mr. Sampson could give them a couple quick examples. The first time he laid eyes on Dave Wolfe was election night 2000 in this room. That was in the good old days when the precincts came in and you could tell what precinct they were, not something just gorged from a machine, so all the candidates would gather here. There was a huge crowd that night because it was a very competitive election. It actually went down to one seat. As luck would have it, there was always one or two precincts that did not come in until 1:00 or 2:00 in the morning, and this was one of those nights. The last two precincts were, one was from his district, it was his first election, and the other was from District 7 where Carol Jontry was running for re-election against Mr. Yoder. Carol was defeated, and that last precinct wasn't going to make a difference to her. Mr. Sampson said slowly but surely the room emptied out, and he was waiting for his precinct and Dave was sitting with Carol Jontry waiting for hers. Carol Jontry had been on the board a long time at that point. Mr. Sampson said his precinct came in and he left. Dave could have gone home. There was no political gain, no reason for him to sit there with Carol Jontry who was the losing candidate and provide her company on one of the most difficult nights of her life. Dave stayed here until that last precinct came in at 1:30 or 2:00 in the morning and the defeat was official. A lot of us might not do that, but he did that. Closer to home, as many of you know my late wife had a whole series of health problems herself and she was able to come home from the nursing home the last two years of her life. Despite all of her infirmities and challenges, she was still a great prankster, and somewhere along the line she got Dave Wolfe's phone number. She would spend a lot of time calling him up, and talking to him, and figuring out things to do to him at county board meeting that would embarrass him. It didn't bother him. It is hard to imagine unless you're in that position or living with somebody in that position, how little things like that can make a big difference in somebody's life. Dave certainly was exceedingly kind to her. Again, there was nothing in it for him other

than being nice to another human being. When she passed away and he went to look for pallbearers, he asked Dave and Dave agreed to be one. He thinks that is when Dave went out and bought his first sport coat. He went out that day. Mr. Sampson later found out that Dave Wolfe was terrified of funerals, hated to go to funerals. It was almost physically nauseating for him to do it. But, he showed up that day and performed his services, road all the way down to Mattoon with John Snyder and carried her to her final resting place. This sort of stuff doesn't get in the newspapers or on TV because it is not conflict and it is probably not newsworthy. What people don't realize about this board, Republicans and Democrats is that we form these associations. We form these associations. We form these bonds. Mr. Sampson will never forget that same day of her funeral standing on the steps and looking up and seeing Phil Hogan coming into the funeral. Now if you were to look at our voting records, Phil and I might occasionally agree on the approval of the minutes, and beyond that we don't. Mr. Sampson would like to think, and he doesn't think he knows that he and Phil are good friends. Dave had a lot of good friends on the Republican side of the aisle even those that didn't agree with him. Mr. Sampson said that is some of things. He spent most of the day talking to the news media about all of the things Dave accomplished and you know all of that stuff; he doesn't have to tell it to you. Maybe it is good that once in while we remember the human side of our colleagues.

Mr. Westerman: Mr. Westerman said he has known Dave Wolfe for most of his life. Mr. Westerman was never too involved in politics and didn't much care what Dave Wolfe thought. But, occasionally he agreed with him and many times he did not. He wanted to commend Dave for what he did in other areas. Like many of us he was just a nobody, small town, rural boy. He got a job, raised a family, was a supporter, and a land owner in the area, all before he ever became involved in politics. Mr. Westerman was not taking anything away from his political views, but there was another whole life of Dave Wolfe. Mr. Westerman said they had some business dealings. Dave rented an apartment from him. Mr. Westerman said he never had any qualms about working with Dave Wolfe before he became involved in politics. He just wanted to point out that there was a whole other Dave Wolfe out there besides Macon County Board member.

There was no new business presented at the meeting.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Mr. McGlaughlin moved, seconded by Mr. Drobisch to adjourn until Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 7:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

AGENDA
SPECIAL MACON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
July 24, 2008
7:00 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER

* Out of respect of this public meeting, please turn off all cell phones.

2. ROLL CALL

3. OPENING PRAYER

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

5. CITIZEN'S REMARKS

“PUBLIC COMMENT”

Will be limited to a total of 20 minutes, 5 minutes maximum per person.

6. OFFICEHOLDER'S REMARKS

7. OLD BUSINESS

H-1595-7-08 Macon County Board Resolution Approving
Permission to Rockies Express East to Bore a
Pipeline

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. CLOSED SESSION Personnel Issues and Pending Litigations

10. ADJOURNMENT

