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MEMORANDUM

June 29, 2011

TO: Members of the Macoupin County Board

FROM: Andrew Manar, Chairman of the Board
David Thomas, Chairman of the Executive Committee

RE: Executive Committee Meeting

cc: County Clerk Pete Duncan
States' Attorney Jennifer Watson

Background

Following the multiple mine closures in 2008, the County Board approved placing on the ballot a referendum asking the voters if they would like to reduce the size of the County Board from 27 members to 18 members. Recently, in an effort to prepare for decennial redistricting, the Executive Committee has held three public meetings: Staunton on April 19th, Palmyra on April 25th and Carlinville on May 12th. The following was the agenda for the public hearings:

1. Background on County Board Redistricting Process in State Statute
2. Review Population Statistics from the 2010 Census provided by the U.S. Census Bureau
3. Review results of public referendum from the November 2008 General Election
4. Public Comment

In addition to public hearings, all information regarding the referendum and redistricting has been placed for public viewing on the Macoupin County website. There have been no executive sessions to discuss wither the referendum or redistricting. All business has been conducted in public.

The Executive Committee of the Macoupin County Board will meet at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, July 5th at 4:30 pm in the County Board Conference Room. In addition to the regular monthly business of the Executive Committee I will present the following measures and subsequently ask for the Committee's recommendation to the full Board:





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Measure #1: Reduce the Size of the Macoupin County Board beginning in December 2012

In short, this measure will institute the wishes of the voters of Macoupin County as approved by public referendum in 2008. While I understand this is a difficult issue for many, I strongly feel that it is our duty as an elected county board to follow through on the will of the voters. We asked the voters' opinion, they spoke, and we should follow their direction.

This proposed measure would preserve nine county board districts but would establish two members in each district rather than the current three members in each district. The total number of board members would be reduced from 27 members to 18 members. This measure would go into effect for the 2012 election cycle.

When discussing this measure, I will ask the Executive Committee to consider the following relevant points:

a) The County Board took it upon itself at the time of the multiple mine closures to vote affirmatively to ask the voters if they would like to reduce the size of the County Board. The voters spoke and said 'yes'.

b) The Macoupin County Board is large in comparison to other counties in Illinois. As illustrated by the attached chart, we have the fifth largest county board in the State. In my opinion, the size of a County Board has no bearing on its effectiveness as a legislative body. Rather, the size of a county board should reflect the Board's governing philosophy and in this case the voter's wishes.

c) We have to lead by example and we have to show that Macoupin County can continue to have an effective county government while spending less public funds during tough economic times. We have to show that the County Board can also do more with less just as we have asked of all county office holders.

Measure #2: Institute a County Board Redistricting Plan with relatively minor changes

Due to overall small population shifts, I will propose that only minor changes be made to the current map of county board districts. Enclosed is a map of current districts and proposed districts. As you can see in the attached proposal, only 3 precincts shift between districts. This shift is based solely on accommodating past, present and presumed future growth in the Staunton County Board District (District 1). This shift also keeps the population deviation to a minimum without splitting precincts. The following precincts are affected under this proposal:

Staunton #5: shift from District 1 to District 2
Dorchester #2: shift from District 2 to District 4



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Cahokia #1: shift from District 4 to District 9

All other districts under this proposal will remain unchanged.

Measure #3: Reduce monthly stipend of County Board members by 5%

As the County Board approaches the beginning of the new fiscal year on September 1, I am proposing that the County Board again lead by example. We should examine ourselves first and put ourselves into focus first relative to the county's general fund budget. We have been informed by Blue Cross/Blue Shield that health insurance premiums for county employees will increase by 22% and we have multiple labor contracts to negotiate. Like instituting the voter approved referendum, it is again our responsibility to lead by example.

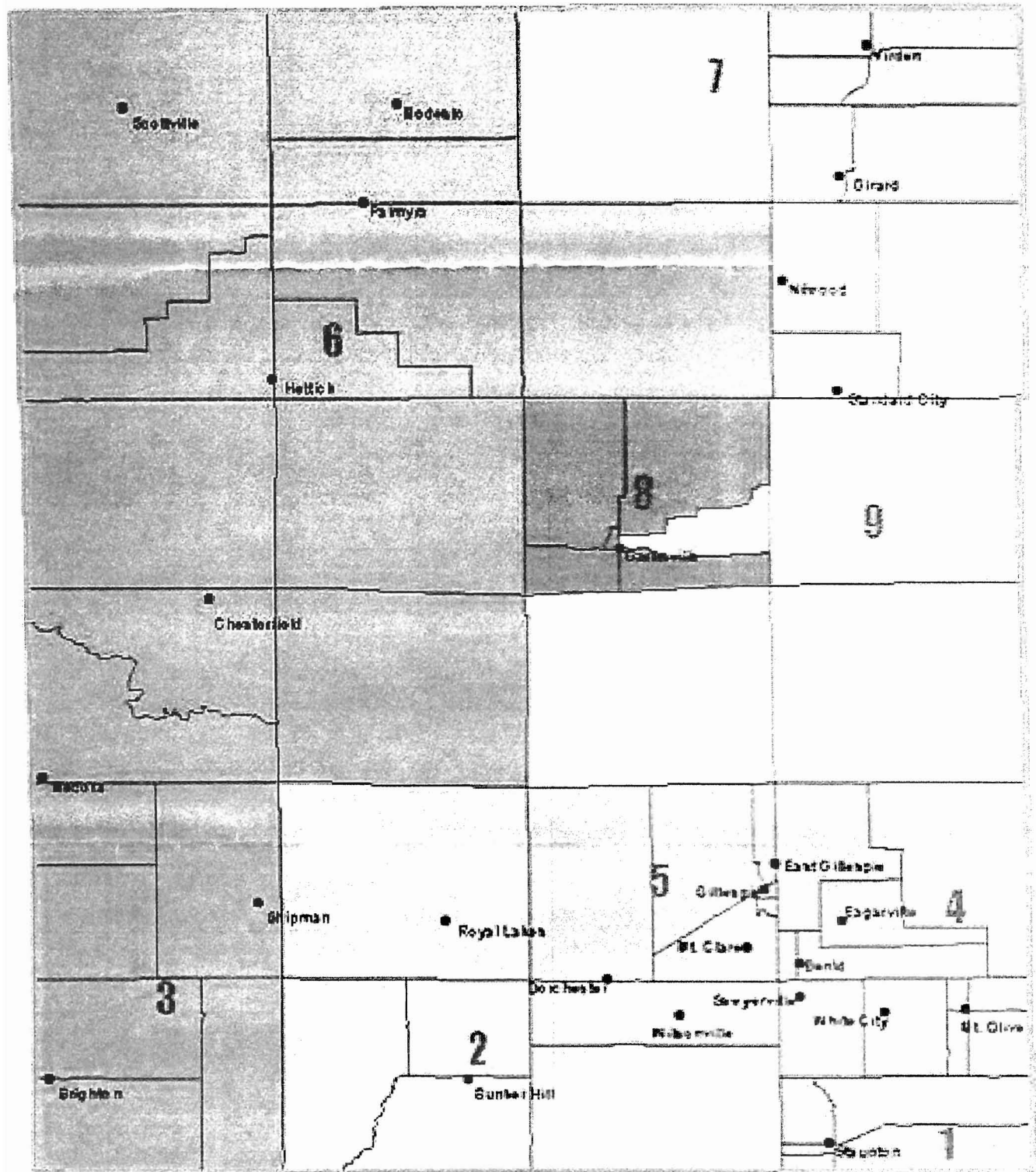
We as a County Board have shown the taxpayers that we are disciplined custodians of public funds. NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO ABANDON THIS PRINCIPAL; A PRINCIPAL THAT HAS GUIDED OUR DECISION MAKING FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS.

I look forward to a healthy debate on these three measures. I appreciate each of your consideration as we move forward as a group. Please call me should I be able to answer any questions you may have.

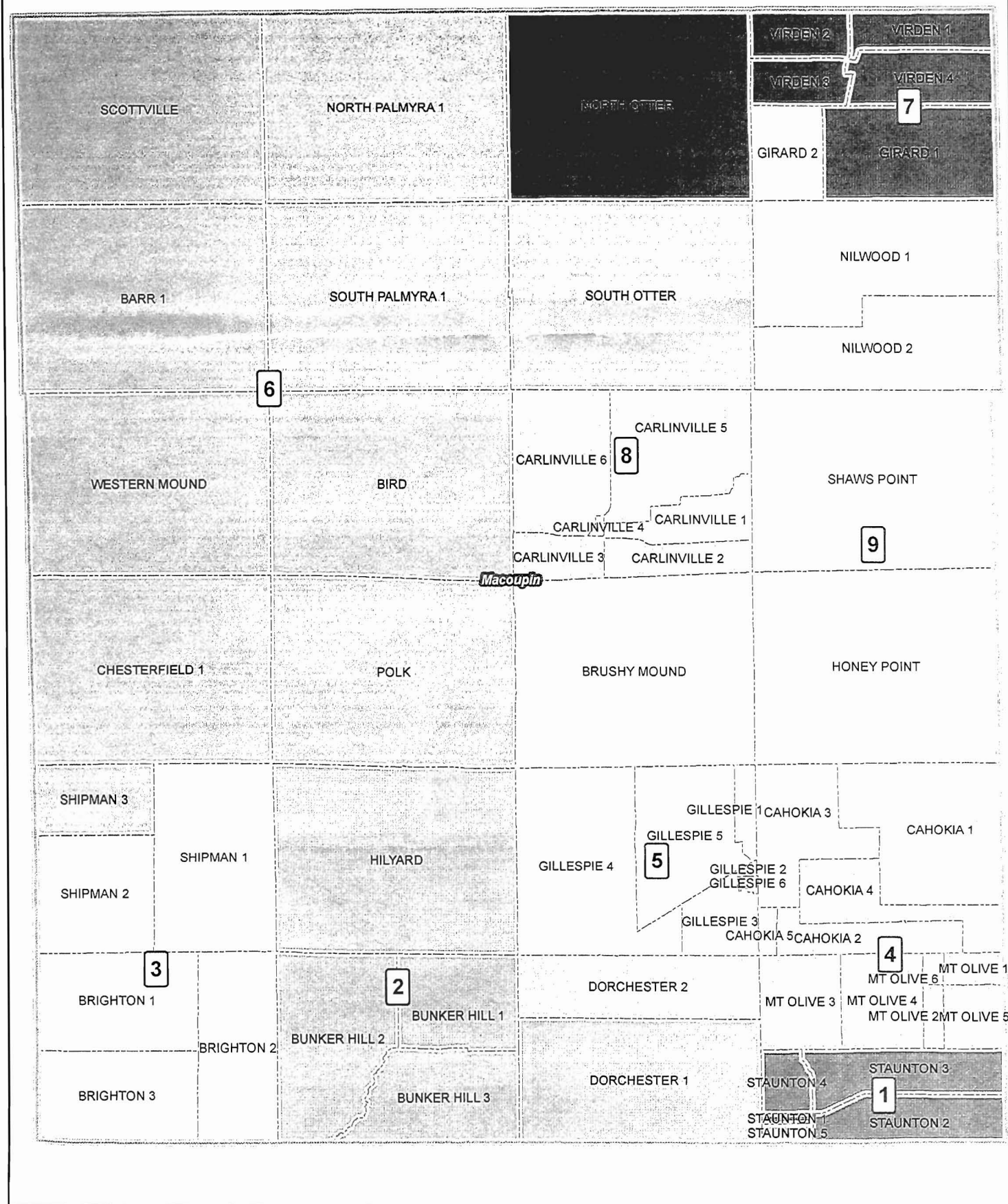
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Macoupin County, Illinois

County Board Districts and Municipalities



Proposed County Board Districts



How Illinois County Boards are Elected

The 1970 Illinois Constitution states that a county board shall be elected in each county. The number of members of the county board shall be fixed by ordinance in each county within the limitations provided by law. The Constitution provides for two kinds of counties: Cook and all others. No county, other than Cook, may change its method of electing board members except as approved by county-wide referendum. Presently, by statute, the General Assembly has provided for three kinds of counties: under township organization, under a commission form, and under a county executive form of government.



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County	Form of Government	Board Size	Type of District or At-Large	Number of Districts	Members per District
Adams	Township	21	Multi-Member	7	3
Alexander	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Bond	Township	5	Single-Member	5	1
Boone	Township	12	Multi-Member	3	4
Brown	Township	9	At-Large	1	9
Bureau	Township	26	Single-Member	26	1
Calhoun	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Carroll	Township	15	Multi-Member	3	5
Cass	Township	11	Multi-Member	4	Varies
Champaign	Township	27	Multi-Member	9	3
Christian	Township	16	Multi-Member	4	4
Clark	Township	7	Single-Member	7	1
Clay	Township	14	Single-Member	14	1
Clinton	Township	15	Multi-Member	5	3
Coles	Township	12	Single-Member	12	1
Cook	Township	17	Single-Member	17	17
Crawford	Township	10	Multi-Member	5	2
Cumberland	Township	6	Multi-Member	3	2
DeKalb	Township	24	Multi-Member	12	2
Dewitt	Township	12	Multi-Member	4	3
Douglas	Township	7	Single-Member	7	1
DuPage	Township	18	Multi-Member	6	3
Edgar	Township	7	Single-Member	7	1
Edwards	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Effingham	Township	9	Single-Member	9	1
Fayette	Township	14	Multi-Member	7	2
Ford	Township	12	Multi-Member	3	4
Franklin	Township	9	Multi-Member	3	3
Fulton	Township	21	Multi-Member	3	7
Gallatin	Township	5	At-Large	1	5
Greene	Township	7	Single-Member	7	1
Grundy	Township	18	Multi-Member	3	6
Hamilton	Township	5	At-Large	1	5
Hancock	Township	15	Multi-Member	5	3
Hardin	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Henderson	Township	11	At-Large	1	11
Henry	Township	24	Multi-Member	3	8
Iroquois	Township	25	Multi-Member	5	5
Jackson	Township	14	Multi-Member	7	2
Jasper	Township	12	Multi-Member	3	4
Jefferson	Township	15	Single-Member	15	1
Jersey	Township	12	Multi-Member	4	3
JoDaviess	Township	17	Single-Member	17	1
Johnson	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Kane	Township	26	Single-Member	26	1
Kankakee	Township	28	Single-Member	28	1
Kendall	Township	10	Multi-Member	2	5
Knox	Township	15	Multi-Member	5	3

County	Form of Government	Board Size	Type of District or At-Large	Number of Districts	Members per District
Lake	Township	23	Single-Member	23	1
LaSalle	Township	29	Single-Member	29	1
Lawrence	Township	7	Single-Member	7	1
Lee	Township	28	Multi-Member	4	7
Livingston	Township	24	Multi-Member	3	8
Logan	Township	12	Multi-Member	6	2
Macon	Township	21	Multi-Member	7	3
Macoupin	Township	27	Multi-Member	9	3
Madison	Township	29	Single-Member	29	1
Marion	Township	15	Multi-Member	5	3
Marshall	Township	12	Multi-Member	3	4
Mason	Township	8	Multi-Member	2	4
Massac	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
McDonough	Township	21	Multi-Member	3	7
McHenry	Township	24	Multi-Member	6	4
McLean	Township	20	Multi-Member	10	2
Menard	Commission	5	Single-Member	5	1
Mercer	Township	10	Multi-Member	5	2
Monroe	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Montgomery	Township	21	Multi-Member	7	3
Morgan	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Moultrie	Township	9	At-Large	1	9
Ogle	Township	24	Multi-Member	4	6
Peoria	Township	18	Single-Member	18	1
Perry	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Piatt	Township	6	Multi-Member	3	2
Pike	Township	9	At-Large	1	9
Pope	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Pulaski	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Putnam	Township	5	At-Large	1	5
Randolph	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Richland	Township	7	At-Large	7	1
Rock Island	Township	24	Single-Member	24	1
Saline	Township	13	At-Large	1	13
Sangamon	Township	29	Single-Member	29	1
Schuyler	Township	11	Multi-Member	2	4; 3
Scott	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Shelby	Township	22	Multi-Member	11	2
Stark	Township	8	At-Large	2	4
St. Clair	Township	29	Single-Member	29	1
Stephenson	Township	22	Multi-Member	11	2
Tazewell	Township	21	Multi-Member	3	7
Union	Commission	5	Single-Member	5	1
Vermilion	Township	27	Multi-Member	9	3
Wabash	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Warren	Township	16	Multi-Member	4	4
Washington	Township	15	Multi-Member	3	5
Wayne	Township	14	Multi-Member	7	2
White	Township	5	By-District	5	1
Whiteside	Township	27	Single-Member	3	9
Will	Executive	27	Multi-Member	9	3
Williamson	Commission	3	At-Large	1	3
Winnebago	Township	28	Multi-Member	14	2
Woodford	Township	15	Multi-Member	3	5