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**MACOUPINMINUTES.COM, NEW COUNTY BOARD
AGENDA AND MINUTES WEBSITE, LAUNCHES**

*Move Increases County Government Transparency By Including Email Signups
for Agendas, Voting Records, and Archives of Minutes*

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Carlinville - Macoupin County government took another step forward in transparency with the launch of their new Board agenda and minutes website at last month's meeting. The new website, www.macoupinminutes.com, provides a whole new way for citizens of the county to engage with their county government.

Pete Duncan, Macoupin County Clerk, spearheaded the effort to start the website with the Board Chairman, Mark Dragovich, and the Board office staff's cooperation. Duncan said, "MacoupinMinutes.com is the latest effort to provide open and transparent government in Macoupin County. This website will allow people from across the county more access to what county government is doing for them and what decisions are being made. The new features of this website will provide more transparency and accountability than ever before in Macoupin County."

The website will have all County Board meeting agendas and minutes for the full Board meetings and all committee meetings, going forward. Some of the other new features include:

- The ability to sign up to receive email notices for agendas of the meetings you are interested in.
- Over 40 years of Board minutes that are fully searchable for the first time online.
- Voting and attendance records to all County Board members from August 2013 forward.
- Over 20 years of committee minutes will also be available online for the first time and searchable.

The new website also will allow the County Clerk and Board office to work more seamlessly in management of the County Board meetings and legislative issues.

Macoupinminutes.com follows MacoupinCode.com as the second website launched by County Clerk Pete Duncan to improve the public's access to County Board records. MacoupinCode.com provided over 40 years of Board resolutions and ordinances to the public when launched in 2011 and had 40 years of full Board meeting minutes on the site as well. The new website, MacoupinMinutes.com takes the previous minutes of the Board and makes them fully searchable. "When my staff and I placed the minutes back to 1972 online, it was a first step in granting access to

County Board records," Duncan explained. "The website launched this month takes another leap forward in providing more efficient access to the people of the County. Now instead of having to read through hundreds of pages to try and find what action the Board took on a particular issue, you can type that issue in the search bar and, just like searching Google or Yahoo, all mentions of that issue will appear in the results. This improvement offers a real example of how better, smarter government can work."

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