

COUNTY OF BUREAU)
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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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County Board)

January 13, 2015

The County Board met in the Court House in Princeton, Illinois, in said County of Bureau, in the State of Illinois, in the Board Room on January 13, 2015, which said notice is in the words and figures as follows:

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the members of the County Board of Bureau County, Illinois, will meet at the Court House in Princeton, Illinois, in Regular Session on Tuesday, January 13, 2015, at 6:30 PM and that all claims must be filed with the County Clerk on or before Wednesday, December 31, 2014.

Kamala S. Hieronymus
County Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Dale Anderson, Chairman of the Board. Members present: Albrecht, Ralph Anderson, Baracani, Bassetti, Dobrich, Donarski, Entwistle, Feeney, Kohr, Lilley, Mangrich, Marini, Maynard, McCook, Piccato, Rabe, Rediger, Robinson, Sondgeroth, Stetson, Thacker, Thompson, Warren, Whited, and Dale Anderson. Absent: Volker.

The Invocation was given by Mr. Rabe, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

There being no additions or corrections to the minutes for the December 9 and December 30 meetings, it was moved by Mr. McCook, seconded by Mrs. Piccato, for approval. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Hieronymus read the following communications:

1. A letter from the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity stating they approved the application and certified the Ordinances and Intergovernmental Agreements to expand the boundaries of the Bureau/Putnam County Enterprise Zone. They filed certified copies of the Ordinances and Intergovernmental Agreements with the Bureau and Putnam County Recorders and the Secretary of State. A copy of the certification was enclosed for our records.
2. A letter from WIPFLI concerning budget preparation. It was moved by Mr. Albrecht, seconded by Mrs. Warren, to place the letter on file. On vote, motion carried.
3. A letter from IDOT stating the resolution authorizing the transfer of \$52,683.40 of Surface Transportation Program (STP) funds for partial reimbursement of the Bureau County Engineer's salary was approved by the department on December 2, 2014.
4. The Financial Statements and Independent Auditor's Report for Gateway Services, Inc, for year ended June 30, 2014, were presented, as well as Section 5311 Operating Assistance Information. It was moved by Mr. Dobrich, seconded by Mrs. Entwistle, to place the reports on file. On vote, motion carried.
5. A letter of resignation from States Attorney Patrick Herrmann, effective February 1, 2015. There are less than 28 months left in his term as States Attorney, so the County Board Chairman, with

the advice and consent of the County Board, is to appoint the next States Attorney to serve until November 30, 2016. The appointment has to be made within 60 days and must be a Democrat. Mr. Herrmann's recommendation was to appoint Geno Caffarini. He has been an attorney for over 28 years and served as an assistant States Attorney in Bureau County for 16 years, so Mr. Herrmann felt it would make for a smooth transition in that office. Mr. Dobrich moved to accept the resignation, seconded by Mrs. Feeney. On vote, motion carried.

The vacancy in District 16 of the County Board by the resignation of Thomas Ptasnik is being filled by Heather Thacker, Ohio. She was sworn in by the County Clerk and welcomed to the County Board.

Mr. Kerrick, Transportation Administrator for BPART, addressed the Board and thanked them for their support. They feel 2014 was a good year for the public transportation system in Bureau County. They received two 12-passenger vehicles, one 14-passenger vehicle, and a Dodge Entervan. The total acquisition cost was \$192,100, all received by grants from IDOT. They have written several grants, one for the replacement of five vehicles, one for backup cameras, and one for software, vehicle lifts, and equipment. Gateway added a mechanic to staff in July 2014 so they could control the maintenance of vehicles. A summary of those costs was attached. They are in the process of rewriting BPART policies and manuals. The Public Transportation Service Plan, submitted to IDOT on December 15, was shared with the Board. Mr. Kerrick also provided rider and vehicle data for the last six months, repair costs of the Gateway mechanic for labor and parts of \$25,670, and Gateway fuel costs of \$59,852.28. Mr. Kerrick said they have grants totaling \$685,000 in process now.

EMA/ZONING

The claims for EMA totaled \$5,862.84, and those for Planning and Zoning totaled \$6406.29.

The EMA activity report was included in the mailout. Ms. Lilley reported that there were no applications for Zoning for the month. It was reported that the Walnut Ridge wind farm hearings will begin on January 22 at the Metro Center. It was suggested that the County hire the Judge that Geronimo recommended to conduct the hearings. Mr. Kohr moved that the Judge be contacted to see if he is available, seconded by Mr. Sondgeroth. On vote, motion carried.

It was asked if the zoning ordinance has been changed to accommodate a small wind generator application. It was thought the conditional use permit process is too long and difficult for an individual perhaps wanting a small generator on his farm. Mrs. Donarski is to get together with the States Attorney to get this written up for presentation at next month's meeting.

There were no reports from the Health Department or Animal Control.

FEES AND SALARIES

Mrs. Entwhistle presented a delinquent tax report showing the amount collected for December 2014 was \$647. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mrs. Stetson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the Transfers for the Bureau County Budget and Appropriations General Fund for the 2013-2014 budget which were sent out in the County Board mailout. Mrs. Entwhistle moved for these transfers, seconded by Mr. Ralph Anderson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the Amendments to the Bureau County Budget and Appropriations for Other Funds for the 2013-2014 Budget, also sent out to the Board. Mrs. Entwhistle moved to place the amendments on file for 15 days, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle reported that the Sheriff received a check through the Circuit Clerk's Office in the amount of \$100 to be deposited in the Vehicle Procurement Fund. It is court-funded income derived from fees gained through court supervision cases. Mrs. Entwhistle moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle reported the Sheriff's Earnings for December were \$1,904.56 and moved that it be placed on file, seconded by Mr. Donarski. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the Circuit Clerk's Receipts and Disbursements Report for December which showed earnings of \$20,566.86, Interest Traffic/Criminal/Civil checking of \$14.27, Interest/Savings of \$.18, and December passport fees of \$650. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the County Clerk's Earnings and Expenditures Report for December which showed earnings of \$9,828.46. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Maynard. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the sales tax report as follows:

1. The local share of income tax collected in September and received in December of \$84,424.77, which is \$849.51 less than last year.
2. The local share of state use tax collected in October and received in December of \$16,879.76, which is \$4,267.47 more than last year.
3. The ¼% Sales Tax collected in October and received in December of \$57,531.45, which is \$4,267.47 more than last year.
4. The Retailer's Occupational Tax collected in October and received in December of \$29,613.51, which is \$1,990.85 more than last year.
5. The Public Safety Sales Tax collected in September and received in December of \$93,052.95, which is \$5,586.06 more than last year.

Mrs. Entwhistle moved to transfer Public Safety Sales Tax amounts of \$73,311.45 and \$74,167.51 to the General Fund, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

Mr. Sondgeroth reported that the Ad Hoc Committee working on the position of County Administrator met at the end of December and worked on the job description. Another meeting is scheduled for January 15 at 5:00 PM, and anyone is welcome. The job description will be brought to the full Board. They have not made a decision yet if they will hire a recruiter or if the Committee will do the search to fill the position.

Mrs. Entwhistle announced that the IRS mileage rate changed as of January 1, 2015, and the rate is now \$.57.5 per mile.

TRANSPORTATION

The County Highway Fund totaled \$79,178.85, the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$176,924.45, the Federal Aid Matching Fund \$9,576.29, and the County Aid Bridge Fund \$8,111.20.

Mr. Sondgeroth presented a Resolution for Acceptance of Bids for Various Maintenance Materials for Annual County Maintenance Program. The Bureau County Board approved the acceptance of the lowest on the road cost material to the low bidder. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Rabe.

Roll call.

Yes: Albrecht, Ralph Anderson, Baracani, Bassetti, Dobrich, Donarski, Entwistle, Feeney, Kohr, Lilley, Mangrich, Marini, Maynard, McCook, Piccatto, Rabe, Rediger, Robinson, Sondgeroth, Stetson, Thacker, Thompson, Warren, Whited, and Dale Anderson.

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Volker

Yes: 25; No: 0; Pass: 0; Absent: 1.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mr. Sondgeroth presented a Resolution to Enter into a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for Resurfacing FAS 1230 Dover Road (CH #27). The agreement authorizes utilization of \$444,800 (80%) of Federal STR funds and \$111,200 (20%) of local Federal Aid Matching Funds. The Transportation Committee considered this and recommends approval by the full County Board. Mr. Sondgeroth so moved, seconded by Mr. Thompson.

Roll call.

Yes: Albrecht, Ralph Anderson, Baracani, Bassetti, Dobrich, Donarski, Entwistle, Feeney, Kohr, Lilley, Mangrich, Marini, Maynard, McCook, Piccatto, Rabe, Rediger, Robinson, Sondgeroth, Stetson, Thacker, Thompson, Warren, Whited, and Dale Anderson.

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Volker

Yes: 25; No: 0; Pass: 0; Absent: 1.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mr. Sondgeroth presented an Intergovernmental Project Funding Agreement with the City of Princeton for the proposed construction of a bridge for fiscal year 2019. It involves removal and

replacement of existing structure carrying Epperson Road over Epperson Creek. Eighty percent of the Construction cost of an estimated \$400,000 will be from the Highway Bridge Program, 10% of \$400,000 from Bureau County, and 10% of \$400,000 from the City of Princeton. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval of the funding agreement, seconded by Mr. Baracani.

Roll call.

Yes: Albrecht, Ralph Anderson, Baracani, Bassetti, Dobrich, Donarski, Entwhistle, Feeney, Kohr, Lilley, Mangrich, Marini, Maynard, McCook, Piccatto, Rabe, Rediger, Robinson, Sondgeroth, Stetson, Thacker, Thompson, Warren, Whited, and Dale Anderson.

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Volker

Yes: 25; No: 0; Pass: 0; Absent: 1.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mr. Sondgeroth presented an Intergovernmental Project Funding Agreement with the Village of Tiskilwa for the proposed construction of two structures, one estimated to cost \$180,000 and the other \$210,000 for fiscal year 2019. It involves removal and replacement of existing structures carrying Arch Street and Jefferson Street over Rocky Run. Eighty percent of the estimated \$180,000 will be from the Highway Bridge Program, 10% of \$180,000 from Bureau County, and 10% of \$180,000 from the Village of Tiskilwa. For the other structure, eighty percent of the estimated \$210,000 from the Highway Bridge Program, 10% of \$210,000 from Bureau County, and 10% of \$210,000 from the Village of Tiskilwa. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval of the funding agreement, seconded by Mr. Robinson.

Roll call.

Yes: Albrecht, Ralph Anderson, Baracani, Bassetti, Dobrich, Donarski, Entwhistle, Feeney, Kohr, Lilley, Mangrich, Marini, Maynard, McCook, Piccatto, Rabe, Rediger, Robinson, Sondgeroth, Stetson, Thacker, Thompson, Warren, Whited, and Dale Anderson.

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Volker

Yes: 25; No: 0; Pass: 0; Absent: 1.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

INSURANCE

The claims for Insurance totaled \$286,522.77.

Mr. Kohr reported that he and Mr. Whited attended a CIRMA meeting last Thursday. The program had a good year and is in good shape.

LAW/ASSESSMENTS

The claims for Law totaled \$7,942.49, and those for Assessments totaled \$12,447.02.

Mrs. Marini presented the Coroner's earnings for December of \$300 and moved that it be placed on file, seconded by Mrs. Feeney. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini presented the Coroner's report for December which showed 29 coroner's cases, 7 death investigations, 20 cremations, and no autopsies. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini reported that the Assessor's income for December was \$48 and moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Ralph Anderson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini presented the Public Defender's report for November which showed 36 cases opened and 27 cases closed and moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Whited. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini said the Law Committee reviewed Executive Session minutes of the County Board for February, March, and May of 2011 and for January 2013. Those minutes can now be public and she so moved, seconded by Mr. McCook. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini thanked Mr. Herrmann for all of his help to the Law Committee.

BUILDING, GROUNDS, PRINTING, STATIONERY

The claims for Building and Grounds totaled \$49,986.95, and those for Printing and Stationery totaled \$6553.25.

Mrs. Warren reported that they want to move forward with the muffin monster. She said Mr. Albrecht and G.A. Rich looked over the situation. They will present a couple of different options to the Board.

Mrs. Warren reported they want to do radio room renovation. A grant of \$150,000 was received. It was previously estimated that the cost would be \$10,000 over the grant amount. The new Sheriff is trying to keep the cost at \$150,000.

Mrs. Warren said there is a moisture issue in the evidence room at the jail. They do not have the information yet.

Jim Shipp got grant money, but he must spend it first before he gets it. They want to spend it on a command vehicle, and the Committee is in agreement.

The Circuit Clerk, County Clerk, and Treasurer's offices to not have hot water in their bathrooms. They have requested add-on tank heaters. Mary Dremann is to get two bids. It will involve electrical and plumbing and the information will be brought back to the Committee.

Mrs. Warren said lawn and snow removal bids should be put out next month. They may bring some ideas next month to the Board.

Mrs. Warren said they received a request to have a wedding on September 12 at the Red Covered Bridge. The Committee approved the request and she so moved, seconded by Mr. Whited. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Warren reported that the County's 20-year old shredder died. The committee has approved spending up to \$3300 for a new shredder. The one the County wants is \$2470. Mrs. Warren moved for approval for ordering the shredder, seconded by Mr. Donarski. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Warren reported the County received three paper bids and wants to accept the one from SBM for \$33.99 per case. They wish to order 100 cases. Mrs. Warren moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle moved for the payment of claims plus additional amounts of \$3869.16 for mileage and meetings and \$1293 for lease charges for Pitney Bowes. Mrs. Entwistle moved for approval, seconded by Mrs. Marini.

Roll call.

Yes: Albrecht, Ralph Anderson, Baracani, Bassetti, Dobrich, Donarski, Entwistle, Feeney, Kohr, Lilley, Mangrich, Marini, Maynard, McCook, Piccatto, Rabe, Rediger, Robinson, Sondgeroth, Stetson, Thacker, Thompson, Warren, Whited, and Dale Anderson.

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Volker

Yes: 25; No: 0; Pass: 0; Absent: 1.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mr. Kohr reported that a rough draft of the bylaws for the Economic Development Corporation of North Central Illinois were included in the mailout. Attorney John Isaacson will take a look at these. Also included was a Letter of Commitment to the Economic Development Corporation that they would like to have signed and returned no later than March 31, 2015. Mr. Kohr said the process has been moving quickly. It was asked if this organization is a duplication of effort. Mr. Kohr said the scope of this organization is to market all of the area, and they will

concentrate on manufacturing and transportation. The City of Princeton will continue to work on retail.

The 911 stats were on the desks. There is a meeting for BueComm on Friday at 11:00 AM.

Mr. Bassetti asked if the Board was going to act on a replacement for the States Attorney. Dale Anderson said he had received information from counsel at UCCI, and was told he has 60 days to make an appointment. He can request that the Chief Judge name an interim states attorney until the County names a replacement. The person has to be a Democrat. Pat Herrmann will check with legal counsel. The States Attorney has to be bonded. The County could pay on a case by case basis or pay the same as the States Attorney's salary. It was suggested that the County could call a special meeting to get the appointment done. Mr. Anderson makes the appointment and then asks the Board to approve.

It was necessary to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing collective bargaining according to 5 ILCS 120/2c2, litigation according to 5 ILCS 120/2c11, employment according to 5 ILCS 120/2c1, and real estate purchase according to 5 ILCS 120/2c5. Mr. Baracani moved to go into Executive Session, seconded by Mrs. Piccatto.

Roll call.

Yes: Albrecht, Ralph Anderson, Baracani, Bassetti, Dobrich, Donarski, Entwhistle, Feeney, Kohr, Lilley, Mangrich, Marini, Maynard, McCook, Piccatto, Rabe, Rediger, Robinson, Sondgeroth, Stetson, Thacker, Thompson, Warren, Whited, and Dale Anderson.

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Volker

Yes: 25; No: 0; Pass: 0; Absent: 1.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session, it was moved by Mr. Kohr, seconded by Mr. Dobrich, to return to Regular Session.

Roll call.

Yes: Albrecht, Ralph Anderson, Baracani, Bassetti, Dobrich, Donarski, Entwhistle, Feeney, Kohr, Lilley, Mangrich, Marini, Maynard, McCook, Piccatto, Rabe, Rediger, Robinson, Sondgeroth, Stetson, Thacker, Thompson, Warren, Whited, and Dale Anderson.

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Volker

Yes: 25; No: 0; Pass: 0; Absent: 1.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Clerk of the Board be directed to issue orders to the members for their attendance and mileage to the session as listed on the roll call sheet.

There being no further business to come the Board, it was moved by Mr. Donarski, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that the meeting be adjourned. On vote, motion carried.