

COUNTY OF BUREAU)
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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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County Board)

December 9, 2014

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 December 9, 2014, 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, December 9, 2014, at 6:30 PM and that all claims must be filed with the County Clerk on or before Wednesday, November 26, 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, Kohr, Lilley, Mangrich, Marini, Maynard, McCook, Piccatto, Rabe, Rediger, Robinson, Sondgeroth, Stetson, Thompson, Volker, Warren, Whited, and Dale Anderson. Absent: Feeney and Ptasnik.

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

There being no additions or corrections to the minutes for the November meeting or the reorganizational meeting on December 1, it was moved by Mr. Baracani, seconded by Mrs. Volker, for approval. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Hieronymus read the following communications:

1. A letter from IDOT stating the Resolution adopted on November 11, 2014, by the County Board appropriating \$105,366.80 of County Motor Fuel Tax funds for the payment of the salary and expenses of the County Engineer during the period from December 1, 2014, through November 30, 2015, was approved by the department.
2. A letter from the University of Illinois Extension thanking the Board for its ongoing support for its educational programs and services. A signed agreement form was enclosed for our records. Our donation is matched by State funds at \$.75 per dollar and is used to provide local 4-H and Extension programming. We are listed as an Annual Funder and the County was commended for its commitment to local citizens. The letter was signed by Jill Guynn, County Director. It was moved by Mr. Dobrich, seconded by Mr. Albrecht, to place the agreement on file, which is for a contribution by the County to Extension for \$20,000, for the period of July 1, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015. On vote, motion carried.
3. A letter from Ameren Illinois advising of tree trimming in and around the Sheffield area in the near future. Enclosed were maps and common addresses of the areas affected. Ameren Illinois is mailing a notice to customers affected by the tree trimming work. They will also provide a public notice in the newspapers covering that area. A notification was also received from

Ameren Illinois advising of vegetation management in our area in the near future. Their professional specialists will be managing vegetation on right-of-ways that could affect their electric lines. The work is necessary to protect the integrity of the electric system and to prevent potential safety hazards.

4. A letter from North Central Illinois Council of Governments Economic Development District thanking the County for its continued support of the district. A certificate of appreciation was enclosed.
5. A letter from the Bureau County Housing Authority with a copy of their audit for fiscal year ending March 31, 2014. It was moved by Ralph Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Piccatto, to place the report on file. On vote, motion carried.
6. The Official Bond of County Treasurer/Collector Courtney Mabry for the term December 1, 2014, through December 3, 2018. It was moved by Mr. Whited, seconded by Mr. Robinson, to place the bond on file. On vote, motion carried.
7. A letter from Tom Ptasnik stating that he must resign from the Bureau County Board effective December 9, 2014, due to continuing health issues. He thanked the Board for its concern and support. A motion was made by Mr. Bassetti to accept the resignation, seconded by Mr. Thompson. On vote, motion carried. A vacancy was declared and both political parties will be contacted.

Mr. Anderson introduced the recently elected County officials to the Board: Jim Reed, Sheriff, and Courtney Mabry, County Treasurer. Mr. Reed said he is looking forward to working with the Board. Mrs. Mabry said they are very busy in the office with training new employees with Nina Urbanowski's retirement and the other long-time employee in the office retiring this month.

EMA/ZONING

The claims for EMA totaled \$4,639.50 and those for Planning and Zoning totaled \$6,382.70.

Ms. Lilley presented an application from David Anderson for a conditional use to install a 66' tall, 10 KW monopole small wind energy system to generate power for existing grain and livestock facility, the common location being the Northwest corner of 2300 N Avenue and IL Rt. 40, Section 4, Manlius Township. It was approved by all committees, and Ms. Lilley moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Albrecht. On vote, motion carried.

Ms. Lilley presented an application from James Rapp for a rezone from M-2 to Agriculture to bring existing farmstead into compliance with the Bureau County Zoning Ordinance, the common location being the Southwest corner of the intersection of 1800 N Avenue and 2100 E Street, Section 4, Princeton Township. It was approved by all committees, and Ms. Lilley moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Rabe. On vote, motion carried.

The issue of the City of Peru annexing land out of Bureau County was brought up. Mr. Herrmann said there are two ways it can be done. One is by court action which would have to be filed in Bureau County Circuit Court. Nothing has been filed so far. The other way is if the landowners and 51% of the electors consent to it. Then it can be filed with the clerk of the City of Peru and then acted on by the City Council. If it is annexed into the City of Peru, then Peru zoning ordinance becomes applicable to it. The annexation can stretch across county lines. It does not change any other boundaries. It does not change any school or fire district lines. It only changes the city lines. The taxing will stay the same as to where the lines are. Since the County lines do not change, the taxes will stay the same. There are specific notices that would have to be sent to a fire district if there was a change. Mr. Herrmann did not

know if any of those notices had been received. They would have to be filed with the County Clerk if that did happen. He does not know where Peru is in the annexation process. He thought it was going to be done with the consent of the landowners. Property does have to be contiguous. A letter from Doug Schweickert of Peru was sent to Hall Township trustees. There was a map listing all of the tracts. Mrs. Marini said that the Peru Zoning Board meets tomorrow night and this is on their agenda. Mr. Rabe recommended that this be revisited during new business to allow Mr. Herrmann time to review it a little. It was pointed out that electors are the people in that territory that are eligible to vote. They would have to sign the petition if they agreed to it. Mr. Herrmann said, based on certain cases, the County does not have standing to stop this. It would have to be one of the affected landowners. It was asked if there is a reason to fight this. Mr. Herrmann said his concern is with the County losing control of zoning. There is no tax loss; it would all come under City of Peru zoning; the County would have no say in zoning violations. The City of Peru has its own fire provider, so notification would have to be sent to the fire protection district, which would be either Dalzell's or Ladd's.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Volker reported that most of the staff heading up CPASA is currently in Washington, DC, to train other groups how to form a consortium of people to work together to achieve what this department has.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The claims for Animal Control totaled \$4467.17.

Mr. Bassetti presented a Contract for Prohibiting Straying Dogs Running at Large in the Village of Walnut. He moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Maynard. On vote, motion carried.

FEES AND SALARIES

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the Delinquent Tax Resolution for a lot at Lake Thunderbird and moved to waive the reading, seconded by Mrs. Stetson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle moved for approval of the Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Marini. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle said that Mr. Henneberry wants to hire some part-time help. He was planning to hire Sherry Doyle at \$10 per hour, but she got another job, so he is looking for someone else.

Mrs. Entwhistle reported that the Annual Tax Levy Resolution was mailed, and she moved to approve it, seconded by Mr. Dobrich.

Roll call.

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

No: Entwhistle

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney and Ptasnik.

Yes: 23; No: 1; Pass: 0; Absent: 2.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle stated that claims are being submitted without receipts. Receipts must accompany claims; there are a few exceptions.

Mrs. Entwistle reported that the Sheriff received a check through the Circuit Clerk's Office in the amount of \$40 to be deposited in the Vehicle Procurement Fund. It is court-funded income derived from fees gained through court supervision cases. Mrs. Entwistle moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Robinson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle reported the Sheriff's Earnings for November were \$3,068.07 and moved that it be placed on file, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle presented the Circuit Clerk's Receipts and Disbursements Report for November which showed earnings of \$14,273.08, Interest Traffic/Criminal/Civil checking of \$12.36, Interest/Savings of \$.29, and Interest/CD Savings of \$51.22, and November Passport fees of \$450. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Donarski. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle presented the Circuit Clerk's semi-annual report for the period of June 2014 through November 2014 which showed earnings of \$95,904.65, Interest Traffic/Criminal/Civil checking of \$81.84, Interest/Child support checking of \$.42, Interest/Savings of \$.01, Interest/Savings of \$1.34, Interest/CD Savings of \$51.22 and Passport fees of \$3,425. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Thompson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle presented the Circuit Clerk's annual report which showed earnings of \$202,425.33, Interest Traffic/Criminal/Civil checking of \$180.87, Interest/Child support checking of \$.67, Interest/Savings of \$.05, Interest/Savings of \$3.07, Interest/CD Savings of \$101.55, and Passport Fees of \$6900. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mrs. Stetson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle presented the County Clerk's Earnings and Expenditures Report which showed earnings for the month of \$9,412.10. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle presented the County Clerk's Earnings and Expenditures Report for the half-year in the amount of \$77,060.15 and moved that it be placed on file, seconded by Mrs. Piccato. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle presented the County Clerk's Earnings and Expenditures Report for the year in the amount of \$141,633.32 and moved that it be placed on file, seconded by Mrs. Warren. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle presented the sales tax report as follows:

1. The local share of income tax showed no monies received for this reporting session.
2. The local share of state use tax collected in September and received in November of \$13,911.16, which is \$2,220.86 more than last year.
3. The ¼% sales tax collected in September and received in November of \$54,832.61 which is \$3,753.60 less than last year.
4. The Retailer's Occupational tax collected in September and received in November of \$23,235.24, which is \$503.23 less than last year.
5. The Public Safety Sales tax collected in August and received in November in the amount of \$91,251.41, which is \$653.50 less than last year.

A meeting was announced for the Ad Hoc Committee for the County Administrator position for Thursday, December 11, at 5:00 PM. They will be discussing the job description which is from 2007, as well as what kind of person they would like for the job.

INSURANCE

The claims for Insurance totaled \$74,234.30.

LAW/ASSESSMENTS

The claims for Law totaled \$24,320.84, and those for Assessments totaled \$9,109.75.

Mrs. Marini presented the Coroner's report for November which showed 19 coroner's cases, 4 death investigations, 1 autopsy, 8 cremations, and income of \$100. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Rediger. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini presented the public defender's report for October 2014 which showed 47 cases opened and 67 cases closed. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Thompson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini reported that the Supervisor of Assessments had income of \$113, and she moved to place the report on file, seconded by Ralph Anderson. On vote, motion carried.

It was announced that the township assessor meeting will be held on December 30, at 10:00 AM.

Mrs. Marini presented the Resolution for Appellate Prosecutor for States Attorney. Mrs. Marini moved to waive the reading of it, seconded by Mr. Kohr. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini moved for approval of the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

BUILDING/GROUNDS/PRINTING/STATIONERY

The claims for Building and Grounds totaled \$38,991.07, and those for Printing and Stationery totaled \$38,546.56.

Mrs. Warren reported that the radio project is almost complete, and they are happy with what has been finished. The County does not have the FCC license in hand. It was decided to withhold \$6,000 until we get the license because we have been led astray before.

The County had an email from Mac Cawley of Starved Rock Communications stating they will incur any additional costs for the coordination and filing of the license. It was expected that the process could take up to six weeks.

Mrs. Entwistle moved for the payment of claims including \$18,790 to Frish and Barrett Insurance Agency for medical stop loss, Gateway for \$28,000, and Fike and Fike for \$27,901, plus board members meetings and mileage for a total of \$78,950.64. The second was made by Mrs. Marini.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney and Ptasnik.

Yes: 24; No: 0; Pass: 0; Absent: 2.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle said she has books from Co-op Extension for the new Board members, but left them in her car.

Mr. Rabe said the E911 stats were on their desks.

The new business was that the City of Peru is proceeding with annexation of a piece of property with the landowners consent. The map provided is unclear. There is a very small piece of property that could make it contiguous, and it was not known whether someone wanted to challenge that or not. There is a case where the County of Sangamon tried to prevent an annexation to the Village of Chatham because of zoning and the court said it was not enough to challenge this. If the property is annexed to the City, their zoning takes over. If in the future there is a disconnection process, it would then fall under the County's zoning again. The taxes for the County of Bureau would not change, and the property would be taxed on its real estate value. The County will get its share of sales tax.

Mr. Herrmann said the Board needed to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation according to 5 ILCS 120/2c11. Mr. Kohr so moved, seconded by Mrs. Entwistle.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney and Ptasnik.

Yes: 24; No: 0; Pass: 0; Absent: 2.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney, Ptasnik, and Volker.

Yes: 23; No: 0; Pass: 0; Absent: 3.

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 before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Donarski, seconded by Mr. Kohr, that the meeting be adjourned to January. On vote, motion carried.