

1. The LaMoille Fire Protection District states that the term of office of Dennis Faber, one of the Trustees, will expire on May 4, 2014, and they are asking that he be reappointed to a three-year term, beginning on the first Monday in May, 2014. Mr. Anderson made that appointment and asked for the Board's approval. On vote, motion carried.
2. The Manlius Fire Protection District states that the term of office of Ronald Lootens, one of the Trustees, will expire on May 4, 2014, and they are asking that he be reappointed to a three-year term, beginning on the first Monday in May, 2014. Mr. Anderson made that appointment and asked for the Board's approval. On vote, motion carried.
3. The Sheffield Fire Protection District states that the term of office of Robert Sprowls, one of the Trustees, will expire on May 4, 2014, and they are asking that he be reappointed to a three-year term, beginning on the first Monday in May, 2014. Mr. Anderson made that appointment and asked for the Board's approval. On vote, motion carried.
4. The Princeton Rural Fire Protection District states that the term of office of Mark F. Pierson, one of the Trustees, will expire on May 4, 2014, and they are asking that he be reappointed to a three-year term, beginning on the first Monday in May, 2014. Mr. Anderson made that appointment and asked for the Board's approval. On vote, motion carried.
5. The Van Orin Repose Cemetery Association states that the terms of four trustees will expire and are asking that they be reappointed to an additional term: Robert M. Williams, Delbert Zimmerlein, David Molln, and Julie Cromwell. Mr. Anderson made those appointments and asked for the Board's approval. On vote, motion carried.

The Bureau County Democratic Central Committee submitted the name of Jane Piccatto for appointment to serve on the County Board, District 24. There will be an unexpired term on the ballot in November for that County Board District. Mrs. Piccatto was given the Oath of Office by Mrs. Hieronymus and received a round of applause.

Mr. Anderson presented the Proclamation by the County Board proclaiming the month of May 2014 as Motorcycle Awareness Month. Mr. Bassetti moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

Mr. Anderson presented the Proclamation for National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week which is the week of April 14-20. Mrs. Volker moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Rabe. On vote, motion carried.

Mr. Anderson presented the Resolution for Review of Current 911 Statutory Provisions. The 911 Systems include the Emergency Telephone System Act and the Wireless Emergency Telephone Safety Act. The resolution urges the Illinois General Assembly to review all potential funding options for the continued viability of the 911 Systems. Mrs. Marini moved for approval, seconded by Mrs. Entwistle. On vote, motion carried.

Mr. Anderson presented the Ordinance for Providing Public Transportation in Bureau County. Mr. Kohr moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Donarski. On vote, motion carried.

EMA/ZONING

The claims for EMA totaled \$5421.17 and those for Planning and Zoning totaled \$6402.04.

Ms. Lilley presented a Resolution appointing Barry Welbers as Chairman of the Bureau County Zoning Board of Appeals for the remainder of his current five-year term which expires on December 1, 2015. Mr. Anderson made that appointment and asked for the Board's approval. On vote, motion carried.

Ms. Lilley presented an application by Northern Partners Cooperative for a conditional use to construct two 105' diameter grain bins to be connected to existing grain bins with new grain conveyors, the common location being the Northwest corner of 2650 E St and 2750 N Avenue, Section 16, LaMoille Township. It was approved by all committees, and Ms. Lilley moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Rabe. On vote, motion carried.

Ms. Lilley presented an application by Spencer Davis for a rezone from Agriculture to Rural Estate to bring existing home into compliance with the Bureau County Zoning Ordinance, the common location being the East side of 1800 E Street, approximately one-half mile South of US Routes 6 and 34, Section 19, Princeton Township. It was approved by all committees, and Ms. Lilley moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

Ms. Lilley presented the next agenda item, that being the Big Sky Wind decommissioning funds. The funds are currently in a cash escrow account. Mr. Herrmann had tried to get an opinion from a Springfield attorney, but was unable to do so before this meeting. It was mentioned that the Board has three options: 1. Wait to get the opinion; 2. Convert the decommissioning plan to a cash escrow; 3. Accept the letter of credit. Ms. Lilley made the motion to amend the decommissioning plan and keep the cash escrow and have an agreement with Everpower, seconded by Mrs. Entwistle. If the company properly decommissioned the wind towers, the money would be returned which would be based on the interest rate. Either way the County has a risk. It was pointed out that when the letter of credit was done previously, the banks were a lot stronger. Mr. Rabe stated the escrow agent has the same amount of risk as the County. The County is in no rush, but the potential buyer is. Mr. Speerschneider was present and stated they still prefer to use the letter of credit. They have worked with the committee, the state's attorney, and the chairman. They have signed a commitment to buy Big Sky and hope to close in May. He said they have employees in the community. The letter of credit is commonly used and is secure. A vote was taken on the motion to keep the cash and amend the decommissioning plan. The motion was defeated. The Board wanted Pat Herrmann to get the opinion from the outside attorney.

The next item was the Resolution Opposing Senate Bill 3263 (Wind Energy Facilities Construction and Deconstruction Act). The Board believes that the authority to establish standards for siting of wind farms and electric-generating wind devices should remain with the counties rather than with the Illinois Department of Agriculture or any other State agency. Ms. Lilley moved to approve the Resolution opposing Senate Bill 3263, seconded by Mr. Kohr. On vote, motion carried.

Keenan Campbell provided the Board with the Ordinance relating to Emergency Management Agency. It was basically the same ordinance but ESDA (Emergency Services Disaster Agency) was dropped from it. EMA is aligned with the Federal agency (FEMA) as well as with the state (IEMA). The position title changed from coordinator to director. Mr. Rabe moved for approval of the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Volker said that the Health Department is busy writing new grant applications. They have made some trips to Washington, DC. A group has hired a firm to make a movie about being responsible at prom time. She said the dental clinic is doing well, and the Board will be receiving the annual report from the Health Department. Diana Rawlings has been asked to assist BPART with its grant applications. Mrs. Volker was concerned about the fact that not all the Health Department employees are covered by IMRF. She said that North Central Behavioral Health Systems has reduced its staff out there where they rent from Perry Memorial Hospital. There are empty offices, which they feel are a safety concern.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The claims for Animal Control totaled \$5,075.78.

It was reported that LaBounty's appeal time is running short. If he does not appeal, the animals will be forfeited to the County. Scott Robbins has been taking care of the animals, and said that a beagle rescue will take all of the dogs. They also have found a place for the horses. It was suggested that the County is spending lots of money for the animals care. But it was reported that the food for the dogs has been donated, and the hay for the horses was paid for by LaBounty. There would be a minor charge for the veterinarian for the eye ointment and the pills for the horse to fix the infection.

FEES AND SALARIES

The University of Illinois Extension is asking for the County Board's continued support of \$20,000. It will be for the 2015 budget. Mrs. Entwistle moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Donarski. On vote, motion carried.

The elected officials' salaries have to be set by the Board 180 days prior to the beginning of their terms. Those for consideration now are the Treasurer, the County Clerk, the Circuit Clerk and the Sheriff. The proposed increases discussed by the Fees and Salaries committee were 3.5% the first two years, and 3.0% the last two years of a four-year term. Mrs. Entwistle moved for approval, seconded by Mrs. Volker. Mr. McCook wondered if the Board needed more time to think about this since they are also in negotiations right now. He said we have another elected official (the coroner) who was not being considered. It was pointed out that the coroner's salary was approved at the time of her election. It was stated that the Board could wait one more month. The Fees and Salaries Committee agreed on the increase, but did not have much time to think about it. Mr. Sondgeroth moved to table this for one month, seconded by Mr. McCook. On vote, motion carried.

Matt Schuler, senior auditor from WIPFLI, was present to review the County Audit for 2013. He also distributed County General information for the last five fiscal years. They met with Mr. Anderson, Mrs. Entwistle, the County Clerk and the Treasurer to review it for about an hour. The independent auditors report is shown on pages 1 and 2, which is unqualified. One of the standards of post-employment benefits was not material to the county because only a handful of retirees are utilizing the County's health insurance so it was deemed nonmaterial. So we are back to an unqualified opinion which is the highest level we want to have.

They have to do compliance testing on federal awards. We received and expended more than \$1.5 million. Everything was clean.

A special procedure is required for the Circuit Clerk's Office. They found no issues.

The government-wide financial statements, on pages 3 and 4, include management discussion and cover two years of information. It provides good insight as to the operations of the County. The statement of net position is on page 15. It shows assets of \$59 million. The largest chunk is capital assets, which includes roads, infrastructure, equipment and buildings of \$35 million. Cash and deposits totaled \$17 million. Accounts Receivable due from the State of Illinois are \$1.2 million. That includes sales tax income tax, replacement tax, and motor fuel allotments. That amount has been running consistent year after year. The bottom of the page shows the unrestricted assets are \$8.3 million. The largest portion of assets is tied up in restricted portions, such as IMRF, Social Security, highway; money that cannot be used for general operations. Last year the County had \$7.8 million which is a \$500,000 increase over 2012.

Page 16 shows the income statement of the county. It incorporates depreciation expenses which are very significant. Roughly \$21.6 million occurred in the current year. We had a decrease of \$19.6 million. Depreciation is being amortized over ten years, and we are nearing the end of depreciation. After that we won't have large decreases.

Pages 17-21 are the funds we are used to seeing on a monthly basis. The County General is made up of three funds: General Fund, the jail capital project and the interest on County Investment, details of which are found later in the audit. The key thing to look at is on page 18 where the fund balances are broken out as restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned. We want to focus on the unassigned. The total fund balance is \$8.4 million, but only \$4.5 million is unassigned.

Some key footnotes were mentioned, beginning on page 34. Note 3 refers to Cash deposits with financial institutions. All deposits are safe at year-end.

On page 41 Note 11 refers to long-term debt. As of November 30, 2013, the County has \$17,185,872 remaining legal debt margin. It is based on our assessed valuation. The County does not use that, but it is available.

On page 52 is a schedule of IMRF Funding Progress. In 2015 there will be changes in how IMRF is reported. Currently it is just a footnote disclosure. There are three categories, each represented with a table: Regular employees, Sheriff's Law Enforcement Personnel (SLEP), and Elected County Officials (ECO). They have to document our unfunded actuarial accrued liability. If each amount were added, the County would be unfunded by about \$6 million in its IMRF pension obligation. They are changing how they view pensions for everyone. It is not just a State of Illinois issue, but every government is getting hit with this. Right now IMRF tells the County they have to pay a certain percent of everyone's salary. They want to go to more as if we were a business. They are looking at the future value of that; any shortfalls will be recognized on our financial statement. The \$6 million of unfunded pension liability will take our unrestricted net position shown and decrease it down to about \$2.3 million. He does not see that it will change how we fund IMRF. It would impact us if we were to go out for bonded debt. It would be reported on our governmental statement instead of just reported in a footnote.

Page 55 is the General Fund budget with details. The County budgeted about \$4.6 million in revenues for 2013 and we received \$5.2 million. We were expecting to spend \$6.3 million but spent \$5.6 million. We budgeted that we were going to break even but increased our General Fund \$564,000, which is a good thing.

Mr. Schuler passed out the County's five year information. The assessed valuation from 2010 to 2013 increased about \$27 million. The General Fund revenue has gone up 5%. The number of days in the General Fund balance has gone from 170 to 285 days. The Public Safety Sales Tax had a big impact. Mrs. Entwhistle moved to approve and place on file the audit for 2013, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle reported that there is a new line item which transfers public safety sales tax to the General Fund. It must be approved each month. Mrs. Entwhistle so moved, seconded by Mr. Whited. It is to help cover general expenses, and covers about half of the sheriffs' deputies. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle reported that it is necessary to do a yearly transfer to Animal Control to pay the claims. The amount is \$21,368.65. She moved to transfer those funds, seconded by Mr. Bassetti. On vote, motion carried. The auditor has said the County will no longer use amendments, but will make transfers.

Mrs. Entwhistle reported that the Sheriff received a check through the Circuit Clerk's Office in the amount of \$100.50 for deposit in the Vehicle Procurement Fund. It is court funded income derived from fees gained through court supervision cases. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the Sheriff's earnings report for March in the amount of \$4901.97. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mrs. Stetson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the Circuit Clerk's Receipts and Disbursements Report for March which showed Clerk's fees of \$19,702.41, Interest Traffic/Criminal/Civil checking of \$15.26, Interest/Child support checking of \$.01, Interest/Savings of \$.23, Interest/Savings of \$.04, and March Passport Fees of \$625. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Ralph Anderson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the County Clerk's Earnings and Expenditures report for March of \$13,539.19. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Whited. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the sales tax report as follows:

1. The local share of income tax collected in December and received in March of \$81,789.91, which is \$10,247.07 more than last year.
2. The local share of state use tax collected in January and received in March of \$20,048.55, which is \$2,783.61 more than last year.
3. The ¼% sales tax collected in January and received in March of \$54,646.20, which is \$3,949.74 more than last year.
4. The Retailer's Occupational Tax collected in January and received in March of \$35,963.43, which is \$11,722.20 more than last year.
5. The Public Safety sales tax collected in December and received in March of \$94,389.88, which is \$4,623.36 more than last year.

The amount of \$68,204.61 of Safety Sales Tax was transferred to the General Fund.

Mrs. Entwhistle reported that there is furniture, odds and ends, metal desks, etc. in the room that is now EMA. They want to have John Gross' office pick the items up and scrap them so they can go forward with the new office. She so moved, seconded by Mr. Rabe. On vote, motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION

The County Highway Fund totaled \$83,825.74, the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$53,617.53, the County Aid Bridge Fund \$73,537.50, the TBP Fund \$74,684.60, and the Township MFT Fund \$191,654.80.

Mr. Sondgeroth had two Resolutions to present:

1. A Resolution for Acceptance of low bid for Maintenance Materials for Township Sealcoat Maintenance Programs. A public bid letting was held on March 7, 2014, to receive bids for various township seal coat maintenance materials, including bituminous, seal coat aggregate, and base preparation. Bureau County approves the low bids provided by Pavement Maintenance Services for various Townships for materials bid and the use of Township MFT Funds. There were a total of 15 townships. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Thompson. On vote, motion carried.
2. A Resolution for Participation in State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program. The County can procure surplus property at approximately 5-25% of the acquisition value. The property has to be put into use within one year, used for one year, and get written consent from the state before getting rid of it. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval of the resolution, seconded by Mr. Ralph Anderson. On vote, motion carried.

INSURANCE

The claims for Insurance totaled \$34,636.40.

Mr. Kohr attended the CIRMA meeting. They had a good financial first quarter. Seven additional counties have applied for membership. Arthur Gallagher will evaluate each County, and they will vote whether to accept each one. He said last Thursday he attended the Illinois County Board members and Commissioners Association and brought back copies that would pertain to certain committees.

An evaluation will need to be done of the counties real estate buildings. They have to do an assessment of the County every ten years. In 2015 it will happen, and that service will cost \$3,750.

Mr. Kohr had a copy of the risk management plan that was approved. There is a list of services the program would entail. There are no teeth in this program; it is strictly a resource. They suggested that each County come up with a contact person. Small counties may have a considerable need for a contact person. Mr. Kohr feels the County is doing pretty much what we need to do, but it is strongly recommended that we have a position like this. If County's do not have a position like this, if they have not received a lawsuit, they will receive one. So it is something to consider. The question was raised what happens if the County does not have a contact person. Mr. Kohr was told that everyone could still access the hotline number. It was felt the assessment process would take through the end of June.

Currently we have our insurance through Central States, but it expires September 14, 2014. The insurance committee wants to put out an RFP for health insurance. They decided to use the same process used three years ago when the County used Butler Consulting to handle the RFP. They are a health and wellness welfare fund. Competing insurance companies would like to see our bills. Butler decided to put the RFP out without information. If they would have gotten a bid that was competitive, they would do a universal insurance form. That would give other companies a better idea. Mr. Kohr moved to use the same process as used before for the RFP and come to the Board with a

recommendation, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

LAW/ASSESSMENTS

The claims for Law totaled \$6222.49, and those for Assessments totaled \$7873.55.

Mrs. Marini gave the coroner's report for March which showed 24 coroner's cases, 8 death investigations, 2 autopsies, 13 cremations, and income of \$350. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Whited. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini gave the public defender's report for February which showed 34 cases opened and 48 cases closed. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Bassetti. On vote, motion carried.

The income from the Supervisor of Assessments office was \$430.41. Mrs. Marini moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mrs. Stetson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini announced that all claims submitted for payment must have an invoice attached.

BUILDING/GROUNDS/PRINTING/STATIONERY

The claims for Building and Grounds totaled \$52,847.36, and those for Printing and Stationery totaled \$39,711.73.

Mrs. Warren reported that two bids were received for lawn mowing and snow removal: Kernan's - \$5,090; and Mike's Service, \$5,000. She moved for accepting the bid from Mike's Service, seconded by Mr. Rabe. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Warren said their committee has received two requests for use of the park:

1. Princeton Optimists for Saturday, April 19, for the annual Easter egg hunt.
2. Prairie Arts Council for August 3, for a concert.

She moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

The old storage room in the basement of the courthouse is being converted into the EMA office. Mrs. Warren said the paint bid was \$1,595 and the carpet/flooring bid was \$2240. The committee approved those, and she moved that the Board accept them, seconded by Mr. Rabe. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Warren reported they had received two bids for colored paper. The one from Staples was \$6,690 and the one from SBM was \$5,790. She moved to accept the bid from SBM, seconded by Mr. Thompson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Warren reported that the licenses for the vehicular antennas are expected any day. When licenses come in, the repeaters in the cars are not on the right frequency. She said they will have to be taken out and reinstalled. She said Jim Shipp is working on a solution. She reported the logging recorder is installed. Starved Rock Communications has asked for more money but the request was denied. When the job is done, they will get the remainder due.

A contract was received from Ficek Electric for the annual maintenance for the telephone system. The cost is \$5,493.36. Mrs. Warren moved for approving the annual contract, seconded by Mrs. Marini. On vote, motion carried.

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Mrs. Entwhistle moved for the payment of claims plus an additional \$2,952.55 for meetings and mileage and primary election expenses of \$4,959.97, seconded by Mr. Rediger.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Albrecht, Feeney, Maynard, and Ptasnik.

Yes: 22; No: 0; Pass: 0; Absent: 4.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mr. Donarski presented the Probation and Court Services Financial and Statistical Report for the quarter December 1, 2013, through February 28, 2014. He moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mrs. Marini. On vote, motion carried.

Mr. Rabe reported that the 911 Stats were at the desks, and he thanked the Board for passing the Resolution for Review of Current 911 Statutory Provisions. There is a lot more demand on 911.

Mrs. Entwhistle reported that Windows will no longer support Microsoft XP. She asked Mr. Mangrich to give the computer report. He said there are 21 computers that need to be replaced at a cost of \$11,566.80. He said they want to upgrade all of the computers, which is a total of 45, to Windows 7. The estimated cost is \$14,349.10. He said the Circuit Clerk's Office is operating on a ten-year old server, and a new IBM one to replace it will be \$26,834.44. Some of the money will come out of court automation. There is a line item in the budget. This is a group price and includes installation for \$1300. Mrs. Entwhistle moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Ralph Anderson.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Albrecht, Feeney, Maynard, and Ptasnik.

Yes: 22; No: 0; Pass: 0; Absent: 4.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sondgeroth said that in the past the County had an administrator, and he suggested that the Board revisit that again. He asked that it be put on the agenda for next month, and thought the Board should explore the options.

Mrs. Hieronymus read an amendment to the Delinquent Tax Program Agreement. Formerly, the delinquent tax contract was with Joseph E. Meyer. He has changed his corporate structure. As part of that process, he needs to assign his interest in the county contract to Joseph E. Meyer and Associates, Inc. It will not affect their services or procedures in any way, and the Resolution will ratify the assignment and update the contract. Mrs. Entwistle moved for approving the Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Warren. On 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. McCook, that the meeting be adjourned. On vote, motion carried.