

COUNTY OF BUREAU)
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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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County Board)

March 10, 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 March 10, 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, March 10, 2015, at 6:30 PM and that all claims must be filed with the County Clerk on or before Friday, February 27, 2015.

Kamala S. Hieronymus
County Clerk

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

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

There being no additions or corrections to the minutes from the February meeting, it was moved by Mr. Dobrich, seconded by Mr. Sondgeroth, for approval. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Hieronymus read the following communications:

1. A letter from Ameren Illinois advising of tree trimming in and around the DePue area in the near future. Maps and common addresses were enclosed of the areas affected. Ameren will also mail a notice to customers affected by the tree trimming work. They will also provide a public notice in the newspapers covering the area.
2. A letter and report from The Illinois Department of Corrections regarding the recent inspection of the Bureau County Jail. It is to be available to the public. Mr. Albrecht moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mrs. Feeney. On vote, motion carried.

The following appointments were presented:

1. Michael R. Smith, Trustee to the Wyanet Fire Protection District, for a three-year term. Mrs. Entwhistle made that appointment and asked for the Board's approval. On vote, motion carried.
2. Reappointment of Thomas Burr, Trustee of the Bureau Fire Protection District. Mrs. Entwhistle made that appointment, seconded by Mr. Whited. On vote, motion carried.
3. Robert Catton, Trustee, to the Wyanet Fire Protection District, for a three-year term. Mrs. Entwhistle made that appointment, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

EMA/ZONING

The claims for EMA totaled \$6,120.72, and those for Planning and Zoning totaled \$6,772.11.

Ms. Lilley presented an application from Andrew and Erin Lauer for a rezone from Agriculture to Rural Estate to build a single family home, the common location being the West side of Meridian Road, approximately 1100' South of 2500 N. Avenue, Section 36, Clarion Township. It was recommended by all committees, and Ms. Lilley moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

Ms. Lilley presented an application from Charles and Deborah Buckman for a rezone from M-2 to R-1 to bring an existing single family home into compliance with the Bureau County zoning ordinance, the common location being the North side of Main Street, approximately 500' East of Maple Street, Wyanet. It was recommended by all committees, and Ms. Lilley moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Ralph Anderson. On vote, motion carried.

Ms. Lilley presented an application from the Fairfield Amish Mennonite Church % Lester Kropf, for a conditional use to build a proposed gymnasium and to bring existing school into compliance with the Bureau County zoning ordinance, the common location being the South side of 425 E Street, approximately 375' East of IL Rt. 172, Section 3, Fairfield Township. It was recommended by all committees, and Ms. Lilley moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Maynard. On vote, motion carried.

Ms. Lilley presented an agreement for the retention of Tim Slavin as facilitator for Walnut Ridge Wind, LLC windfarm hearings at the Zoning Board of Appeals and for reimbursement to the County for the facilitator's expense. Ms. Lilley moved for approval, seconded by Mrs. Piccatto. On vote, motion carried.

Mr. Rabe referred back to the rezone in Wyanet, and asked if there were other houses in that same area that need to be rezoned to bring into compliance with the county zoning ordinance. Mrs. Donarski responded that over the years as houses are sold and refinanced, one by one they have been brought into compliance. She does not know how many are left that are not in compliance. Mrs. Donarski said the only way zoning for a property can be changed is if the owner comes in to petition for that. That has to be done through a public hearing process, which takes about three months. Mr. Rabe suggested a letter be sent to those not zoned properly.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Volker reported that a substance abuse program was being held this evening at the Bureau County Metro Center. She showed a poster of a typical teen's room and suggested that although it looked ordinary, there could be substances hidden.

FEES AND SALARIES

Mr. Mangrich 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. Mr. Mangrich moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

Mr. Mangrich reported the Sheriff's earnings for February were \$3577.96 and moved that the report be placed on file, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

Mr. Mangrich presented the Circuit Clerk's Receipts and Disbursements report for February which showed earnings of \$13,712.17, Interest Traffic/Criminal/Civil checking of \$13.39, Interest/Savings of \$.13 and February Passport fees of \$575. He moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Donarski. On vote, motion carried.

Mr. Mangrich presented the County Clerk's Earnings and Expenditures Report for February which showed earnings of \$10,165.73, and for the quarter of \$30,914.84. He moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

Mr. Mangrich presented the sales tax report as follows:

1. The Local share of income tax collected in December and received in January of \$42,799.25, which is \$1,367.73 less than last year.
2. The local share of state use tax collected in December and received in February of \$15,183.61, which is \$2,441.29 more than last year.
3. The ¼% sales tax collected in December and received in February of \$53,014.66, which is \$3,124.55 more than last year.
4. The Retailer's Occupational Tax collected in December and received in February of \$40,530.67, which is \$3,477.37 more than last year.
5. The Public Safety Sales tax collected in November and received in February of \$94,729.74, which is \$5,159.07 more than last year.

Mr. Mangrich moved to transfer \$66,678.25 from Safety Sales Tax to the General Fund, seconded by Mr. Robinson. On vote, motion carried.

Mr. Sondgeroth reported that the Ad Hoc Committee on hiring an administrator met March 9 and has finalized the job description. It is planned to hand it out next month, and at that time decide which direction the Board wants to go. He hoped the Board would make a decision next month on the job description and decide if they will hire a recruiter. He said the Ad Hoc committee should meet one more time, and they would make a recommendation on a recruiter. Mr. Maynard asked if the committee had a range of pay recommendation. Mr. Dobrich said that was not part of the task they were assigned. They were to finalize the job description and decide if they would recommend a recruiter. It was thought the committee should make a recommendation on a salary range. If the individual has many skills, we would have to pay for that. The job description is for the Cadillac. An executive secretary was also talked about, but was shied away from. It was felt the individual should have either a Master's degree or experience. A recruiter would bring a number of candidates for a fee, and it was thought would recommend a pay range. The States attorney reviewed the job description, and it will be available in the next packet.

TRANSPORTATION

The County Highway Fund totaled \$86,486.66, the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$59,505.97, the Federal Aid Matching Fund \$114,896.91, the County Aid Bridge Fund \$13,978.79, the TBP Fund \$27,384.45, and the Township MFT Fund \$40,001.76.

Mr. Sondgeroth presented a Resolution for the Acceptance of Low bid for Construction of a Culvert in Gold Township. The committee recommends to award the low bid of \$65,952.00 for a construction

contract to Curnyn Construction. That amount is to be appropriated from County Aid Bridge, 50% of which shall be reimbursed from the Gold Road District. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval of the resolution, seconded by Mr. Thompson.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: McCook and Dale Anderson.

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mr. Sondgeroth presented a Resolution to Recommend Award Resurfacing of FAS 253 Mineral Blacktop (CH 10). The Transportation Committee recommends award to the low bidder of Advanced Asphalt for a low bid of \$787,428. Twenty percent is to come from Federal Aid Matching in the amount of \$157,485.60. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval of the resolution, seconded by Mr. Baracani.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: McCook and Dale Anderson.

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mr. Sondgeroth presented an Award to the County from the American Council of Engineering Companies for the "Best of the Best" for construction of the Wyonet Bridge on County Highway 8 which goes over the IAIS Railroad and Hennepin Canal. Mr. Sondgeroth recognized the engineers Willett, Hofmann and Associates, Inc. and John Gross and his staff for their honored accomplishment. The award will be displayed at the Highway Office.

INSURANCE

The claims for Insurance totaled \$61,426.86.

Mr. Kohr reported that the Committee approved a short-term extension of AFLAC enrollment. It was March 15 to June 1. It was extended so it dovetails with the budget. They also want an extension of the health insurance. They did not get a contract back from the group in Peoria. Kristine Debrock met with the Insurance committee and presented several options to them. Mr. Kohr said that the buildings in the County have to be assessed. The cost is \$3,750, but he will be back next month for approval.

LAW/ASSESSMENTS

The claims for Law totaled \$12,831.75, and those for Assessments totaled \$13,126.14.

Mrs. Marini presented the Coroner's report for February which showed 15 coroner's cases, 3 death investigations, and \$50 income. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mrs. Feeney. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini reported that the Assessor's Office had income of \$1,192.92, and moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mrs. Piccatto. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini read the Resolution to Allow Sheriff's Participation in US Department of Defense/State of Illinois LESO program. Through this program, a variety of controlled US Government property is loaned to law enforcement agencies upon program enrollment and yearly dues. Available equipment may include tactical equipment and vehicles, weapons, service vehicles, construction equipment, tools and other commodities to assist law enforcement efforts. The County is already a member of the program. The County is looking at getting bullet-proof shields and helmets. Mrs. Marini moved for adoption of the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Rabe. On vote, motion carried.

BUILDING/GROUNDS/PRINTING/STATIONERY

The claims for Building and Grounds totaled \$76,793.63, and those for Printing and Stationery totaled \$33,955.71.

Mrs. Warren reported that the radio room at the jail is completed and was done within budget.

Mrs. Warren said that two snow and lawn bids were received: Kernans for \$5,395 and Michael's Lawn Service of \$5,000. Mrs. Warren moved to accept the low bid, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Warren said that a new panic alarm system for the courthouse is needed. The bid from Elmore is for a 64-zone system for \$15,889, and Mrs. Warren moved to accept that proposal, seconded by Mr. Dobrich.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: McCook and Dale Anderson

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Warren presented the following requests for the Park:

- A. Prairie Arts for August 16, 6:00 to 8:30;
- B. Optimist Club for April 4 for Easter egg hunt; and
- C. Princeton Area Chamber of Commerce for lunch in the park every Friday, except Homestead, May 22 through September 25.

Mrs. Warren moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Maynard. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Warren said there is old office equipment, desks, and chairs that the County wants to get rid of. Since it is government equipment, it needs to be disposed of properly. It was suggested that it be put up for auction, and the County would need to find an auctioneer that wants to handle this. In the past, it was picked up from the courthouse.

Mr. Mangrich moved for the payment of claims plus \$2,462.60 for County Board meetings and mileage, seconded by Mrs. Stetson.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: McCook and Dale Anderson.

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

TOURISM

Mr. Rediger reported that for next month's meeting he will have a supply of Tourism guides.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Kohr said that a copy of a Letter of Commitment to the Economic Development Corporation of North Central Illinois was included in the mailout. The membership commitment is for a term of three years from June 1, 2015, to May 31, 2018. The annual cost will be \$28,444.00, and the commitment was needed by the end of March. Mr. Kohr is hopeful that this commitment will benefit the tri-county area in north central Illinois. Mr. Kohr made a motion to enter into the commitment. He would rather make an attempt and fail than not try at all to bring some good manufacturing jobs into the area. Mr. Maynard seconded the motion. Mr. Whited asked if the cost changes if others do not participate. Mr. Kohr said if all of the contacted governmental bodies do not participate, it would entirely change the scope. If a number of big players drop out, they would have to dramatically scale back their scope of operations or come back to the governmental agencies and ask for more money. When they originally went out and made contacts, they found there is a lot of interest in private industries getting involved if "all the players don't jump in." The purpose of the development is not for retail, but for manufacturing. Mr. Kohr said we have to grab every opportunity we can; if someone wants to invest in the County we need to listen to them very carefully. Mr. Rabe said that if we do this, we need to strongly look at zoning, so when we have the opportunity to get someone, we do not run them off. If our zoning is tougher than someone else's, we need to be on top of it. When there was discussion about the sandpit, the County tried to stop something we could not even stop. He feels that the County needs to be committed to bringing something here. Mr. Kohr said the zoning issues are all a part of the puzzle that we need to work on. Mr. Kohr said one of the things talked about is the small wind mills, and that is something we should deal with. Mr. Rabe said that was supposed to take two to three months, but looks like it will be much longer. If the County next door takes less time, that is where things will go. Mr. Maynard said he did not know where we even are with the wind mills; we have not had an update on that. Mr. Rabe said this is another place for a County administrator to get things happening. Mr. Albrecht said our County zoning is a little more restrictive than some of the counties around us; maybe that's a good thing.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: McCook and Dale Anderson.

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mr. Maynard brought up the zoning issue for the wind mills. Mrs. Stetson said there was a thirty-day waiting period because the wording was changed; she thought it was "unconditional" instead of "permitted." It has to go through the word change, and then wait thirty days, and it is hoped to have it done next month. In addition to that, they have been dealing with all of the other wind turbine business. Mr. Rabe thought that if it could have been dealt with right after Mr. Maynard brought it up, it

could have been voted on last month before the other wind turbines really got started. Mrs. Stetson said the paper work had to be done on a certain time schedule.

It was announced that the April meeting will have to be changed due to township annual meetings, and Thursday, April 16, was suggested. After discussion, it was decided to have the next County Board meeting on Monday, April 13.

A motion was made to go into Executive Session according to 5 ILCS 120/2c1 and 5 ILCS 120/2c11.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: McCook and Dale Anderson.

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. Albrecht, seconded by Mr. Baracani, to return to regular session.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: McCook and Dale Anderson.

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Stetson made the motion that the claim for the new office hire be paid at \$10 per hour, seconded by Mr. Rediger. Mr. Kohr said there is money in the budget to pay more, and he referred to page 73, paragraphs A and C. It was also suggested that if the Fees and Salaries committee decides she should be paid more, she can be paid retro pay.

Roll call.

Yes: Albrecht, Ralph Anderson, Baracani, Lilley, Mangrich, Rabe, Rediger, Sondgeroth, Stetson, Thompson, Volker, Warren, Whited and Entwistle.

No: Bassetti, Dobrich, Donarski, Feeney, Kohr, Marini, Maynard, Piccatto, Robinson, and Thacker.

Pass: None

Absent: McCook and Dale Anderson.

Yes: 14; No: 10; Pass: 0; Absent: 2.

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 Mrs. Volker, that the meeting be adjourned. On vote, motion carried.