

COUNTY OF BUREAU)
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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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County Board)

October 8, 2013

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 October 8, 2013, 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, October 8, 2013, at 6:30 PM and that all claims must be filed with the County Clerk on or before Friday, September 27, 2013.

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, Entwhistle, Giordano, Kohr, Lilley, Mangrich, Marini, McCook, Rabe, Rediger, Sondgeroth, Stetson, Thompson, Volker, Warren, Whited, and Dale Anderson. Absent: Feeney, Maynard, Pozzi, and Ptasnik.

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

There being no additions or corrections to the minutes from the September meeting, it was moved by Mr. Dobrich, seconded by Mr. Albrecht, 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 Neponset area in the near future. Maps and common addresses of the areas affected were enclosed. Ameren Illinois is mailing a notice to customers affected by the tree trimming work.
2. An Order through the Circuit Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit, effective immediately, that Attorney Michael J. Henneberry is being reappointed as the Public Defender of Bureau County, Illinois, for a period of two years. Mr. Baracani moved that it be placed on file, seconded by Mr. Whited. On vote, motion carried.
3. The Quarterly Report of the Regional Superintendent of Schools for the period of July 1, 2013, through September 30, 2013. Mr. Ralph Anderson moved that it be placed on file, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.
4. A signed copy of the contract between the Policemen's Benevolent Labor Committee and the Bureau County Sheriff for the period of December 1, 2012 through November 30, 2014. Mr. Albrecht moved that it be placed on file, seconded by Mr. Mangrich. On vote, motion carried.
5. Audit Report No. 55 covering the receipt and disbursement of Motor Fuel Tax funds by Bureau County Townships for the period beginning January 1, 2008, and ending December 31, 2011. It was moved by Mr. Bassetti, seconded by Mr. Thompson, that the audit report be placed on file. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Hieronymus presented the following appointments to the Bureau County Regional Planning Commission:

1. Deborah Madsen for a three-year term which expires on December 1, 2016.
2. Sue Pratt for a three-year term which expires on December 1, 2016.
3. Jack Ackerman for a three-year term which expires on December 1, 2016.

Mr. Anderson made those appointments and asked for the Board's approval. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Hieronymus presented the following appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals:

1. David Bickett to fill the remainder of a five-year term which expires on December 1, 2017.
2. Bill Jensen to fill the remainder of a five-year term which expires on December 1, 2014.

Mr. Anderson made those appointments and asked for the Board's approval. On vote, motion carried.

The Resolution to Enter into an Agreement for Application, and Coordination Services for Federal Section 5311 and State of Illinois Downstate Operating Assistance Program Public Transportation Assistance on Behalf of Bureau County was presented and was included in the Board mailout. Gateway Services, on behalf of Bureau County, administers rural public transportation funds, but that relationship has never been formalized. IDOT and the Federal Transit Administration strongly recommended that some form of written agreement be put in place between the units of government. Mrs. Volker moved for adoption of the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Kohr. On vote, motion carried.

Tom Swierczewski addressed the Board during the public comment period. He is with Geronimo Energy who is the new owner of the Walnut Ridge wind farm. He is also a former employee of Midwest Wind Energy which fell on some difficult financial times and had to market most of its projects. They entered into a deal with Geronimo Energy for eight of its projects in March of this year. Geronimo Energy is a development company out of Edina, Minnesota. Its founder is Knoll Ron, who is a farmer and a successful businessman. He was approached by a wind farm to do a project on his ground, but declined to participate and later decided to develop one on his own. He was successful and developed two small projects in southwest Minnesota which became Geronimo Energy. He said they see a lot of value in Walnut Ridge. Their conditional use permits were extended in 2011 and most of their land uses for another three years. Geronimo has big plans for the project, and they are working to get it done for 2015 or 2016. He said they will need the County Board's help. Some different land will be involved in the project, and they are thinking about expanding the project. Since Walnut Ridge was approved in 2008, Bureau County adopted new Zoning regulations. They plan to use updated turbines.

ESDA/ZONING

The claims for ESDA totaled \$1,102.21 and those for Planning and Zoning totaled \$5,136.92.

Ms. Lilley reported that she had two resolutions to present:

1. An application by Kenneth Curtis for a conditional use for an extended use family recreational area, the common location being the Southeast side of 2325 E Street, approximately 1800' North of 720 N. Avenue, Arispie Township, Tiskilwa. It was approved by the Planning Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Zoning Committee. Ms. Lilley moved for approval, seconded by Ralph Anderson. It was thought there were one or two trailers there. On vote, motion carried.
2. An application by Nid Parr for a conditional use for a private community banquet facility in an existing barn and an enclosed addition to existing barn (to be constructed) and a conditional use

to sell agricultural and related non-agricultural products either produced or not produced on the premises. The common location is the East side of 2250 E Street, approximately ¼ mile North of 1120 N Avenue, Princeton. It was approved by the Planning Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals with stipulations to be open April through November, and the Zoning Committee. The neighbors had concerns with noise and traffic safety. Ms. Lilley moved for approval, seconded by Mrs. Entwhistle. On vote, motion carried.

The final item for presentation was a Statement of Intent to participate in all-hazard mitigation planning for the purpose of the County needing to be updated.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The claims for Animal Control totaled \$4,744.42.

Mr. Bassetti said the County is joining Animal Control of Illinois and participating in NACA membership/training in Kankakee. That office is also checking prices for an internet provider.

FEES AND SALARIES

Mrs. Entwhistle reported that the 2014 budget is done and should be on the County Clerk's web page. She moved to place the draft copy on display, seconded by Mrs. Stetson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle reported that the starting salary for the courthouse has been \$17,200 for some time. It is proposed to raise that to \$18,200, effective December 2013. Mr. McCook moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. Mr. Herrmann thought it should be presented to the County's labor attorney first. Mrs. Hieronymus stated the Teamster contract does not have a starting salary. They have increased the starting salary in the past without review. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle reported that the Sheriff received a check through the Circuit Clerk's Office in the amount of \$60 for deposit in the Vehicle Procurement Fund. It is court funded income derived from fees gained through court supervision cases. She moved that the report be placed on file, seconded by Mr. Ralph Anderson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the Sheriff's earnings report for September in the amount of \$3755.54 and moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Donarski. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the Circuit Clerk's Receipts and Disbursements Report for September which showed earnings of \$14,469.00, Interest Traffic/Criminal/Civil checking of \$15.87, Interest/Child support checking of \$.02, and Interest/Savings of \$.26. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mrs. Warren. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the County Clerk's earnings and expenditures report for September in the amount of \$15,493.20 and moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the sales tax report as follows:

1. The local share of income tax collected in June and received in September in the amount of \$79,032.04, which is \$3,513.31 more than last year.

2. The local share of state use tax collected in July and received in September of \$14,543.42, which is \$2,053.49 more than last year.
3. The ¼% sales tax collected in July and received in September of \$51,036.73, which is \$1,147.72 more than last year.
4. The Retailer's Occupational Tax collected in July and received in September of \$17,215.43, which is \$4,050.96 less than last year.
5. The Public Safety Tax collected in July and received in September of \$87,381.71, which is \$4,680.78 more than last year.
6. The local share of video gaming tax collected in August and received in September in the amount of \$146.34, which is \$43.16 less than last month.

TRANSPORTATION

The County Highway Fund totaled \$61,819.78, the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$47,697.57, the County Aid Bridge Fund \$30,663.71, the TBP Fund \$11,564.97, and the Township MFT Fund \$185,918.46.

Mr. Sondgeroth had four resolutions to present:

1. A Resolution for HBP Funds Agreement and Township Participation of Bridge Replacement in Milo Township. It is for removal and replacement of existing bridge structure No. 006-4225, which carries TR 154 over a branch of Fox Creek. It is required that the Bureau County Board appropriate \$37,883.77 of HBP funds for 80% of the preliminary engineering cost as well as \$9,470.96 of CAB funds for the Local Agency's 20% share of engineering costs as detailed in the governmental agreement with Milo Township. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval of the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Baracani.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney, Maynard, Pozzi, and Ptasnik.

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

2. A Resolution for Federal Funds Agreement and Participation in preliminary engineering services for FAS 1220/CH 12 (2200 North Avenue) over West Bureau Creek, Bridge replacement, Structure 006-3026. It is for removal and replacement of an existing bridge structure. It is required that the Bureau County Board authorize utilization of \$43,141.58 of Highway Bridge Program funds for 80% and \$10,785.40 of Federal Aid Matching Funds for the Local Agency's

20% share of engineering. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Ralph Anderson.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney, Maynard, Pozzi, and Ptasnik.

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

3. A Resolution for acceptance of low bid for Macon Road District/Union Pacific Railroad, Highway-Rail Grade Crossing, 900 North Avenue. The Illinois Commerce Commission has issued Stipulated Agreement 1672 concerning safety improvements at Macon Road District 900 N Road highway-rail grade crossing near Buda in Bureau County. The Committee recommends the acceptance of the low bid by Advanced Asphalt in the amount of \$76, 031. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Thompson.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney, Maynard, Pozzi, and Ptasnik.

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

4. A Supplemental Resolution appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer's salary. The County Board has adopted a resolution establishing the salary of the County Engineer to be 100% of the recommended salary for the County Engineer as determined annually by the Illinois Department of Transportation. The County Board has entered into an agreement with IDOT for transfer of federal funds to pay one-half of the salary paid to the County engineer. The County Board is hereby appropriating the sum of \$1,416.64 from the County's Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of paying the County Engineer's salary from

August 1, 2013, to November 30, 2013. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Rabe. On vote, motion carried.

INSURANCE

The claims for Insurance totaled \$33,681.86.

Mr. Kohr said that bids are out for property, liability and workmen's compensation insurance, which are due on October 18. They have been contacted by at least four companies.

Mr. Kohr said that the exchanges have opened up for the Affordable Care Act. The Health Department has someone on staff who is certified to assist the public in navigating the health insurance exchange. The service will be done free of charge.

LAW/ASSESSMENTS

The claims for Law totaled \$10,059.18, and those for Assessments totaled \$6,671.46.

Mrs. Marini reported that the income for the coroner's office was \$1,600. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini gave the coroner's report for September which showed 15 coroner's cases, 3 death investigations, and 11 cremations. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini reported that the Assessments Office had income of \$214.00 and moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Sondgeroth. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini gave the Public Defender's report for July which showed 37 cases opened and 25 cases closed, and for August, 85 cases opened and 74 cases closed. She moved to place the reports on file, seconded by Mr. Whited. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini reported that they reviewed Executive Session minutes and have completed 2012. They reviewed six months for 2011 and from 2013, and there are about six more months from 2010 to review to be up to date. Mrs. Marini moved to release the Executive Session minutes from January 2013, and from February 2011, March 2011, and May 2011, seconded by Mr. Kohr. On vote, motion carried. Mrs. Marini moved to keep the remaining minutes closed, seconded by Mr. Albrecht. On vote, motion carried.

BUILDING/GROUNDS/PRINTING/STATIONERY

The claims for Building and Grounds totaled \$71,286.63, and those for Printing and Stationery totaled \$4,790.23.

Mrs. Warren reported that they got bids for copy paper. The one from SBM was \$3,249, and the one for Office Max was \$4,999, which is for 100 cases. She moved to accept the bid from SBM, seconded by Mrs. Stetson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Warren reported that the committee received bids for tower grounding, and JB Contracting was the low bid. He can start the project in two weeks. We may have some change orders if the tower is more than 100 feet. Jim Shipp said it is 120 feet, so the County may have to go from a lift to a crane. We will have them check downstairs to make sure we have grounding surge protection. C & C Electric did some of that before. Mrs. Warren moved for approval of the lowest tower grounding bid to JB Contracting in the amount of \$38,985, seconded by Mr. Baracani. Mr. Whited asked if there was a quality issue since the bids ranged from \$38,000 to \$111,000. It was pointed out that Mr. Giordano, Mr. Mangrich, and Jim Shipp went over the bids, and they are all good companies. The two high bids were not local companies.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney, Maynard, Pozzi, and Ptasnik.

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Starved Rock Communications attended their meeting. Jim Eatock did a punch list of items to be completed or changed. Starved Rock will get the easy ones done in the next two weeks. The logging recorder has not been ordered, and the microwave equipment has been put on hold, maybe till next year. That will be deducted from his total bid.

The Zetron console at the jail was hit with the lightning. There are two consoles together, and they both do the same thing. One side is out completely and the other is nonfunctional. They were waiting to hear from the insurance company, it was declared an emergency, so they told Starved Rock Communications to go ahead and order the Zetron. After they ordered it they found out the insurance company is paying 100% which is \$80,000. It should be here in another week. There is nothing to report on the Providence tower.

Mrs. Entwhistle moved for the payment of claims including payroll plus an additional \$2106.20, seconded by Mrs. Marini.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney, Maynard, Pozzi, 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 third quarter and moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mrs. Marini. On vote, motion carried.

Mr. Rabe reported that the 911 stats were on the Board members desks.

Mr. Herrmann reported that he had seen Mr. Pozzi over the weekend and he is doing pretty well. The Board hopes for his continued progress, and that he will soon be back.

Mr. Anderson announced that he needs to appoint a committee of four township supervisors to hear an appeal of someone that has been denied a general assistance claim. The committee would be made up of four supervisors and himself. He was asking the Board for approval to form the committee. Mrs. Volker moved for approval, seconded by Mrs. Entwhistle. Mr. Herrmann suggested that two alternates be appointed as well. The committee is to be three Republicans (one of which is Dale Anderson, and two Democrats. The appeal is to be heard within 90 days. Mr. Anderson said he will make the appointments at the next meeting, and the hearing will be at the courthouse sometime before Thanksgiving. On vote, motion carried.01

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. Entwhistle, that the meeting be recessed to November 12, 2013. On vote, motion carried.