

COUNTY OF BUREAU )  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
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County Board )

November 11, 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 November 11, 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, November 11, 2014, at 6:30 PM and that all claims must be filed with the County Clerk on or before Friday, October 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, Giordano, Kohr, Lilley, Mangrich, Marini, Maynard, McCook, Piccatto, Rabe, Rediger, Sondgeroth, Stetson, Thompson, Volker, Warren, Whited, and Dale Anderson. Absent: Ptasnik

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

The veterans on the Board were recognized for their military service, those being Mr. McCook and Mr. Ralph Anderson, both having served in the Army.

Nina Urbanowski was recognized for her 20-year career as Bureau County Treasurer, retiring at the end of the month. She thanked the Board for its support and working relationship over many years.

There being no additions or corrections to the October minutes, it was moved by Mrs. Volker, seconded by Mr. Baracani, for approval. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Hieronymus read the following communication:

1. A letter from North Central Illinois Council of Governments thanking Bureau County for supporting the Economic Development District this past year. The District serves Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall and Putnam Counties. Last year Bureau County helped by providing \$1,293.81 towards the local share needed to match the 50/50 Annual Planning Grant of \$63,628 from the US Department of Commerce – Economic Development Administration. The many services and projects they were involved with were listed, as well as additional items planned for year 2014-2015. They are asking Bureau County to match last year’s participation level of \$1,293.81 to assist in providing the local share towards EDA’s Investment in the region. The letter was signed by Nora Fesco, Executive Director, and Kevin Lindeman, Economic Development Director.

EMA/ZONING

The claims for EMA totaled \$4,954.07 and those for Planning and Zoning totaled \$5,955.11.

There were no applications for zoning to consider.

Ms. Lilley reported that Keenan Campbell filed the quarterly reimbursement report with IEMA in the amount of \$7979.95 so the County will be reimbursed. She announced that an elected officials' open house will be held on November 20, 2014, from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Putnam County EMA.

A question was raised about wind mills that are less than 40 kilowatts. They are required to go through the zoning process like a large wind turbine. Kris Donarski has been asked to do research on this. A wind generator for a local farmer has to have a conditional use permit, go through a hearing and through the Zoning Board of Appeals process. It was thought extreme to have to go through the steps. Solar and wind will be a fact of life, and the process should not be so difficult. Some of the same concerns were brought to Dan Rabe. It was thought that maybe Bureau County should be a leader in making the change. It is presently too long and quite expensive.

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

#### FEES AND SALARIES

Mrs. Entwistle moved to accept the 2015 County budget, seconded by Mrs. Stetson.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Ptasnik

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle announced that Jeff Dean is wanting to increase the levy for Gateway. Gateway Services is in the process of trying to develop additional services in response to changes at the state level with Medicaid waivers. Medicaid waivers fund nine separate services such as those for seniors, those with mental health needs, and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, such as served by Gateway. He said the state is attempting to eliminate nine waivers that are approved by the federal government and push all of them into one. The type of persons they serve will be changed so they will need to expand their professional services into other areas that are not currently being met or not being met well in Bureau County. The plan is still in the developmental stage. There are currently four activities being worked on. He is participating in the Governor's Office of Health Innovation and Transformation. There are about 900 people participating statewide trying to define what Medicaid

services will be paid for in the State of Illinois. They are talking about credentialing of occupational therapists or behavioral analysts. The second thing they did was hire a nurse about a year and a half ago who will be project manager. In the past she served as Director of Nursing at Prairie View, so she has professional experience working with other professionals. The third thing is they have contacted a professional service to look into bringing psychiatric services to Bureau County. Gateway has about 14 persons receiving services from that company. The fourth thing is that they are looking into selecting office space at a local medical office for doing this. The 377 request will be used for those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. There are other needs in the community which they are looking to expand into. Their request for additional funding is for new services. Mr. Dean said Gateway has been here for 43 years. He said they intend to track residents to get funding from the County they are from. Mr. Bassetti moved to approve the levy for Gateway, increasing it from .033 to .046, seconded by Mr. Baracani. That is what Gateway asked for. With that change, it will be necessary to bring the tax levy back to the Board next month for approval.

Roll call.

Yes: Ralph Anderson, Baracani, Bassetti, Dobrich, Donarski, Feeney, Giordano, Kohr, Marini, Maynard, McCook, Piccatto, Thompson, and Volker.

No: Albrecht, Entwhistle, Lilley, Mangrich, Rabe, Rediger, Sondgeroth, Stetson, Warren, Whited, and Dale Anderson.

Pass: None

Absent: Ptasnik.

Yes: 14; No: 11; Pass: 0; Absent: 1.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mr. Maynard moved to waive the reading of the delinquent tax resolution that was included in the County Board mailout, seconded by Mr. Bassetti. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle moved to accept the delinquent tax resolution, seconded by Mrs. Stetson. On vote, motion carried.

At the October meeting, Mr. Anderson was authorized to form an Ad Hoc committee to explore hiring a County administrator (or county facilitator) with that committee reporting back to the County Board before any action was taken. Mr. Anderson announced the committee would be made up of the following Board members: Sondgeroth, as chair, and Marini, Mangrich, Dobrich, Entwhistle, Stetson, and Kohr as committee members. Mr. Sondgeroth announced a meeting for Thursday, November 20, 2014, at 5:00 PM, at the courthouse.

Mrs. Entwhistle moved to approve transferring \$70,858.86 from Public Safety Sales Tax to the General Fund, seconded by Mr. Whited. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle reported that the Sheriff received a check through the Circuit Clerk's Office in the amount of \$120 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 October was \$4811.56, and moved that it be placed on file, seconded by Mrs. Piccatto. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the Circuit Clerk's Receipts and Disbursements Report for October which showed earnings of \$14,427.79, Interest Traffic/Criminal/Civil checking account of \$14.66, Interest/Savings of \$ .24, and October Passport fees of \$725. 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 which showed earnings for the month of \$10,428.51. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Giordano. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the sales tax report as follows:

1. The local share of income tax collected in August and received in October of \$47,315.48, which is \$1,787.13 less than last year.
2. The local share of state use tax collected in August and received in October of \$12,845.51 which is \$334.12 more than last year.
3. The ¼% sales tax collected in August and received in October of \$57,444.27, which is \$3,576.38 more than last year.
4. The Retailer's Occupational Tax collected in August and received in October of \$28,284.81 which is \$4,583.54 more than last year.
5. The Public Safety Sales Tax collected in July 2014, and received in October of \$95,070.95 which is \$2,963.89 more than last year.

#### TRANSPORTATION

The County Highway Fund totaled \$80,943.97, the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund, \$84,630.07, the Federal Aid Matching Fund, \$10,363.06, and the Township MFT Fund \$4,255.67.

Mr. Sondgeroth presented a Resolution to Enter into Intergovernmental Agreement with Marshall County for County Line Bridge Replacement, Wheatland Township. Marshall and Bureau Counties have agreed to replace a bridge (SN062-3009) located on the County line between Section 6, Whitefield Township, and Section 31, Wheatland Township. Based on Equalized Assessed Valuation, the cost share of Local Agency participation shall be 68.7% Bureau County and 31.3% Marshall County as shown on the Intergovernmental Agreement. The estimated expense for Bureau County is \$68,072. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval of the Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Volker.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Ptasnik

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mr. Sondgeroth presented a County Maintenance Resolution that \$986,000 is appropriated from the Motor Fuel Tax allotment for the maintenance on County or State highways and meeting the requirements of the Illinois Highway Code. This is for the period of December 1, 2014, and ending November 30, 2015. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Baracani. It was asked about the supply of salt/sand for the roads. It is to be delivered this week, and the cost will be \$90.50 per ton. On vote, motion carried.

Mr. Sondgeroth presented a 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. IDOT pays one-half of the salary that is paid to the County Engineer. There is appropriated the sum of \$105,366.80 from the County's Motor Fuel Tax funds for the County Engineer's salary for the period of December 1, 2014, to November 30, 2015. The County's share of \$52,683.40 is to be paid from Federal Surface Transportation Program Funds. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Kohr.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Ptasnik.

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mr. Sondgeroth presented a Stipulated Agreement from the Illinois Commerce Commission Transportation Division/Rail Safety Section concerning safety improvements at the Kentville Road, Cannon Ball Trail, and 1550N Road, Highway-rail grade crossings of the Union Pacific Railroad Company's track, located near Buda, and the Van Petten Road, Highway-rail grade crossing of the UP's track, located near Normandy, Lee County. All parties must sign the Execution Page of the Agreement within 60 days from the date of mailing and mail to their office. Currently there are signals there, but they want to include gates. There is no cost to the

County, but the County has to enter into the agreement. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Rabe. On vote, motion carried.

#### INSURANCE

The claims for Insurance totaled \$55,264.32.

Mr. Kohr went to the CIRMA meeting, and Mr. Whited accompanied him. The next meeting will be on January 8. The disbursement was approved and was kept the same as last year. The County will be eligible next year. Another County was added, bringing the total number to 19. Mr. Kohr said the financials look good. Kris DeBrock talked to the Insurance Committee. Next year they would like to offer more health insurance options, such as a higher deductible for a lower premium. The Insurance bidding process had to be extended an extra month, so Central States carried the bill through September. Central States billed the County at the higher rate. The Insurance Committee and Kris DeBrock thought the County should make up the difference. Mr. Kohr so moved, seconded by Mr. Albrecht. The amount was about \$14,280.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Ptasnik.

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mr. Kohr presented the renewal of excess medical for inmates. The policy is with Lloyds of London, and the renewal is based on renewal figures. The renewal was an increase from \$17,660 to \$17,916 per year. Mr. Kohr reported that each individual claim is assigned to an adjuster, and they look for proper coding on bills. Over the last five years, over five claims have been in excess of \$10,000. One claim was \$66,071, and it was taken down to \$28,600. Mr. Kohr moved for approving the renewal of the policy, seconded by Mr. Dobrich.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Ptasnik.

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

#### LAW/ASSESSMENTS

The claims for Law totaled \$11,820.07, and those for Assessments totaled \$7,727.89.

Mrs. Marini presented the Coroner's Report for October which showed 22 coroner's cases, 3 death investigations, 4 autopsies, 10 cremations, and income of \$150. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mrs. Feeney. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini presented the Public Defender's Report for October which showed 51 cases opened, and 36 cases closed. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Maynard. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini reported that the Supervisor of Assessments Office had income of \$45, and she moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Thompson. On vote, motion carried.

It was reported that the publication of assessments should be done probably next week.

Mrs. Marini moved that the Order for Jurors signed by a majority of the circuit Judges, dated July 21, 2014, and presented tonight by the Circuit Clerk, be placed on file. She further moved that the Board prepare a jury list and select jurors for the succeeding year by the method followed by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts and that the most recent jury list provided by the Administrative Office to the Clerk be adopted and confirmed by the Board as the Bureau County jury list for the succeeding year. Mrs. Volker seconded the motion. On vote, motion carried.

#### BUILDING/GROUNDS/PRINTING/STATIONERY

The claims for Building and Grounds totaled \$38,297.02, and those for Printing and Stationery totaled \$65,542.88.

Mrs. Warren reported that the States Attorney sent a letter to Starved Rock Communications about completing the project. Since then, they have put in the login recorder, and it is working and functioning. Mrs. Warren has not heard anything yet on the vehicular antennas.

Mrs. Warren reported that it has been two years since the courthouse lawn was aerated. Taylor Turf sent a proposal of \$301 to do the job. Mrs. Warren moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Warren said they received a request for Soldiers and Sailor's Park from the Princeton Chamber of Commerce for a candy cane hunt on November 21, 2014, at 7:00 PM. She moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs Entwistle moved for the payment of claims and additional mileage and meetings of \$3,094.90, and election judges and expenses of \$32,586.17, plus payroll, seconded by Mrs. Stetson.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Ptasnik

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mr. Kohr reported that the Regional Economic Development organization is almost up and running. A Board is to be elected, and IVAC will step away. They hope to be running by the end of January. Bureau County formally committed money, and they have received \$40,000 in corporation donations. There has been much more interest than originally anticipated. Mr. Kohr thanked the Board for being the first to step forward. He said he is unable to attend further meetings until the New Year. He asked if there would be volunteers for going to the meetings, and asked them to talk to him or Mr. Anderson.

An open house was held by Cooperative Extension which is up and running at IVCC. Jill Guynn is now including LaSalle County as part of her scope.

It was announced that the reorganizational meeting of the County Board will be held on Monday, December 1, at 6:30 PM.

Mr. Giordano was thanked for his years of service on the County Board.

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. Maynard, that the meeting be recessed to December. On vote, motion carried.



