

COUNTY OF BUREAU)
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STATE OF ILLINOIS) April 11, 2013
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County Board)

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 April 11, 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 Thursday, April 11, 2013, at 6:30 PM and that all claims must be filed with the County Clerk on or before Thursday, March 28, 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, Entwistle, Giordano, Kohr, Lilley, Mangrich, Marini, Maynard, McCook, Rabe, Rediger, Sondgeroth, Stetson, Thompson, Volker, Warren, Whited, and Dale Anderson. Absent: Feeney, 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 March meeting, it was moved by Mr. Albrecht, seconded by Mr. Rabe, for approval. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Hieronymus read the following communications:

1. A letter from IDOT stating the department executed the joint agreement for Dover Road and Bureau Road on March 19, 2013, a copy of which was enclosed.
2. A letter from IDOT stating the resolution adopted on March 12, 2013, by the County Board appropriating \$98,938.68 of County Motor Fuel Tax funds for payment of the salary and expenses of the County Engineer during the period from December 1, 2012, to November 30, 2013, was approved by the department on March 28, 2013.
3. The quarterly report of the Regional Superintendent of Schools Office for January 1, 2013, through March 31, 2013. It was moved by Mr. Baracani, seconded by Mr. Maynard, to place the report on file. On vote, motion carried.

The following appointments were presented:

1. The trustees of Greenfield Cemetery Association request that William Stouffer be appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Frederick L. Faber, trustee. The chairman made that appointment, and asked for the Board's approval. On vote, motion carried.
2. The reappointment of Delmar Hansen, Trustee, to the Walnut Fire Protection District. The Chairman made that appointment, and asked for the Board's approval. On vote, motion carried.

3. The reappointment of Stephen Duffield, Trustee, to the Ladd Fire Protection District for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2013. The Chairman made that appointment, and asked for the Board's approval. On vote, motion carried.
4. The reappointment of Steve Stouffer, Trustee, to the LaMoille Fire Protection District for a three-year term, beginning May 2013. The Chairman made that appointment, and asked for the Board's approval. On vote, motion carried.
5. The reappointment of James Draper, Trustee, to the Sheffield Fire Protection District for a three-year term, beginning May 2013. The Chairman made that appointment, and asked for the Board's approval. On vote, motion carried.

A proclamation that the week of April 14-20 be designated as National Telecommunicators Week and the County honors the women and men whose diligence and professionalism keep our county and residents safe. Mr. Dobrich moved for approval, seconded by Mr. McCook. On vote, motion carried.

A proclamation by the County Board that the month of May, 2013, be proclaimed Motorcycle Awareness Month and urges all motorists to join in an effort to improve safety and awareness on our roadways. Ralph Anderson moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

Pam Furlan, Executive Director, Business Employment Skills Team, addressed the Board with an update regarding the Reconfiguration of Local Workforce Area #4 (Carroll, Whiteside, Ogle, and JoDaviess) with Local Workforce Area #12 (Bureau, LaSalle, Lee, and Putnam). This consolidation process started last August or September, and it is hoped to be done by July 1, which is the beginning of their new program year. Funding is the number one reason for consolidation. The dollars for any agency or institution that receives State or Federal funding are shrinking. In order to be able to do the job that they are to do, which is to provide programs and services to constituents in Bureau County and the other three counties that are presently in her area, and her counterpart doing the same in the other four counties, it is necessary to streamline processes and operations so that they make sure as many dollars as possible get to the individuals for whom these programs were designed. That is the number one reason for consolidating with the other area. The eight counties together will have a population of over 340,000 and cover over 5,000 square miles. They have been working very hard with the County Board chairs and she thanked Chairman Anderson for his support, and also the County Board representatives, with Mark Wilt serving for Bureau County. Pam said they are looking to reconfigure the whole state, which currently has 25 workforce areas. They thought if they were proactive in reconfiguring, the state would look favorably at them and they were able to make sure they were a good fit. They are both rural, they are spread out geographically, and they provide the same services and serve basically the same population. By serving a population of 340,000 together, they feel they have a pretty secure future. The population base was 200,000 previously, which neither of them met separately. She said they now have the endorsement from the chairmen of all eight counties, and also from the two community colleges, which are IVCC and Highland College in the other area. They made a presentation to the Illinois Workforce Investment Board which is the state workforce Board last September and got their unanimous endorsement. They made their official request to the governor in November and received the approval on February 4. Since then they have been working hard to get the structure and the implementation plans in place. BEST Inc. will continue to be the grant recipient fiscal agent for the eight counties. For the first year they are hoping not to see a lot of changes, and they are going to try to keep as many offices open as possible. She assured us that the individual constituents and business constituents in this county and the other seven counties will not see any interruptions in service. They have an annual plan that they have to submit but they are waiting to find out what their allocation will be for this year. They will be ready by July 1; it will be challenging but exciting. She thanked Chairman

Anderson and Mark Wilt for the extra work and meetings due to this process which she feels will secure their future for years to come. She hopes to be back in August with one of her success stories.

Mike Neuenkirchen, the transportation director for Gateway Services and who also acts as the administrative agent for Bureau/Putnam Area Rural Transit, addressed the Board. The Board has before it the annual application for funding from the state and federal governments to fund a rural demand response system. The County is the grantee and Gateway acts as the administrative and operating agents for human service agencies such as Gateway Services, St. Margaret's Hospital, Bureau County Senior Center and Putnam County Senior Center. They combine resources and vehicles to pick up people and use the grant dollars to fund that operation. The ordinance and Resolution support the application of the grant and designate the County Board chairman to act as signature for items on the grant. They have added a couple of operators and have nearly doubled their rides in the last three years. It has been exciting to see the growth in the program and make it a lot more open to people in the community. Mr. Donarski moved for approval of the Board Resolution for year 2014 for Section 5311 Program, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried. Mrs. Entwistle moved for approval of the Ordinance to Provide for Public Transportation in Bureau County, seconded by Mr. Bassetti. On vote, motion carried.

The auditors, Matt Schuler, Senior Manager, and Sarah McKenna, from WIPFLI LLP, were present to review the annual financial report for the County dated November 2012. Matt said they met with the Fees and Salaries Committee.

Pages 1 and 2 was their opinion, which is a qualified opinion because the County has not adopted GASB Statement No. 45 based on postemployment benefits. The only way to take that qualification out is if the County hired an actuary to determine what this liability is. This liability is because the County is an IMRF participant. Any retiree is allowed to stay on the County's health insurance literally until the day they die. They have to pay 100% of the premiums but the Standards say that liability should be computed every three years and recorded on our statement. The County has elected not to do that, and he thinks it has been there the last two or three years. There have not been any issues with funding sources, so he does not see this as a major issue for the County.

They also did some compliance work on Federal awards because we receive and expend more than \$500,000 of Federal awards so they have to do some special procedures. They did encounter some WIC eligibility issues; they have talked to the Health Department to get some of those things ironed out. They had to do a special audit for the Circuit Clerk, and there were no issues.

Mr. Schuler directed attention to pages 3-14 which was the management discussion and analysis. It is a two-year comparison of the County. It provides good information written by management with the audited numbers in there.

Page 15 is the Statement of Net Assets. It pushes the County all together and incorporates all of the County Assets with the exception of AGP funds so those are monies held on behalf of others that the County is holding. It incorporates our capital assets. The County has total assets of about \$78 million, compared to last year's of \$94 million. The big thing we have on our assets is depreciation, and every year the County is running about \$20 million of infrastructure depreciation, so that is the reason total assets are going down. The County is about two or three years away from those road infrastructure assets being fully depreciated so the County won't see quite the drop in our assets. The key thing to know is the cash and deposits are about \$16 million which have been running pretty consistent year

after year. The County is owed about \$1.1 million from the State of Illinois related to various taxes (State income tax, sales tax, use tax, public safety tax). He said the key thing to note on page 15 is the total unrestricted net assets is \$7.7 million. It means that a lot of our revenue sources are restricted for that particular use. We have an IMRF levy that is used only for IMRF purposes.

Page 16 shows the County all pushed together. This shows the changes in net assets. The County did have a decrease in the current year of \$20.6 million but the biggest share of that is depreciation. If you back out depreciation, the County would have increased about \$700,000.

Pages 17-20 are the governmental funds. This is how we are used to looking at things. There was a standard implemented last year related to how the General Fund is reported. The General Fund is actually made up of three funds: the General, the Jail Capital Project, and the Interest on Investments. The detail on those is further back in the audit report. The General Fund is not just the County General. On page 17 the unassigned assets are \$3.9 million. On page 34, are some of the key footnotes. We have to see if the County's deposits are covered either by pledged collateral or FDIC. On page 34 we can see that all of the County's deposits were covered. On page 37 they report on the legal debt capacity which is based on our assessed valuation. The County has about \$17.3 million of bonded debt at our disposal if we wanted to use that; currently we have not used any of that, which has been the trend. On page 45 was footnote (P) – Wind Farm Decommissioning. The County received about \$1.8 million for the decommissioning of the wind farm which is being held in agency funds. It is just earning interest. That money is not reported in the County General Fund; it is set aside and earning interest until the wind farm is decommissioned.

On page 52 are the details of our IMRF broken out by Regular, the Sheriff's and the elected County officials. The new standard says that there will be a liability in a couple of years for the column that says the unfunded AAL. The regular amount is \$2.1 million, the Sheriff is \$1.8, and the County officials \$2.5 million. That liability is going to be reported on our books in the next two or three years. What it relates to are the accounting standards for trying to make our statements look more like a for-profit company. If you were Microsoft or GE, those pension liabilities would have always been on our books. Now the standards will be the same.

Mrs. Entwistle distributed a one-page handout that Matt has been adding to as the years go by. It looks like things are running pretty consistent year after year. He pointed out the number of days in the General Fund Balance is at 235 days compared to prior years of 245 days. The County does make a very large transfer from the Public Safety Tax Fund and the liability insurance fund to keep the balance of the General Fund up there to pay for the costs that are within the General Fund. It was over a \$1 million transfer in the current year. Matt said he appreciated the Board's time tonight and thanked them.

ESDA/ZONING

The claims for ESDA totaled \$1194.34, and those for Planning and Zoning totaled \$8866.32.

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

1. An application from Crop Production Services, c/o John Durham, for a rezone from B-1 to M-2 for the expansion of existing commercial fertilizer and crop input business, the common location being 28411 1600 E St, the Northwest corner of 1600 E. Street and IL Rt. 92, Walnut Township. It was approved by the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals, and Ms. Lilley moved for approval, seconded by Mrs. Stetson. On vote, motion carried.

2. An application by the Northern Partners Cooperative, c/o Jim Meyer, for a conditional use to construct a new pit hopper and conveyor, a new receiving leg, and to replace the existing grain dryer with a new 76' by 18' grain dryer, the common location being the northwest corner of 2650 E St and 2750 N Avenue, LaMoille Township. It was approved by the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals, and Ms. Lilley moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Maynard. On vote, motion carried.
3. An application from Marc Wilt for a conditional use to operate a private sod landing strip, the common location being 26647 1600 E Street, Walnut, Southwest corner of 1600 E St and 2700 N Avenue. It was discussed at the February County Board but was sent back to the ZBA for further testimony and evidence. It was approved by the Planning Commission, and the Zoning Board of Appeals approved it on a 3-2 vote. The committee recommended approval with the stipulation that, prior to the operation of the landing strip, Mr. Wilt shall obtain all necessary approvals from the Federal Aviation Administration and Illinois Department of Transportation Aeronautical Division and provide written proof of said approvals to the Zoning Officer. Ms. Lilley moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Donarski. Mr. Bassetti asked if they entered in pilot's testimony as to whether it was safe or not. Mr. Herrmann said they cannot interfere with the permitted uses already. Mr. Kohr commented that the FAA has to approve this. Mr. Maynard commented that this is not an instrument rated airport; he does not see that it would be a safety factor from a pilot's standpoint. He said no pilot will land where it is not safe (this was a pilot's opinion). On vote, motion carried.
4. An application from Troy Thompson for a rezone from M-2 to B-3 for a multipurpose, open air bar and outdoor recreation area, the common location being the North side of Routes 6 and 34 just East of the railroad tracks, approximately 900' West of IL Route 40, Concord Township. It was approved by the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. A written letter from Union Pacific Railroad expressed concerns of safety near and on the tracks. Ms. Lilley moved for approval, seconded by Mrs. Stetson. On vote, motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Volker reported that the dental clinic has been under evaluation for a long time. The Board of Health is realizing a significant impact in the way they serve clients, which is a component of Obamacare which has discontinued Medicaid coverage for adults. Last summer there was a period where they were taking youth only for the children's dental checkups for back-to-school, etc. All of the changes in service has caused quite a bit of concern. It took several years of planning for us to be able to have a dental clinic. It has been operating for several years, during which time the County has been serving neighboring counties by subcontracting out our dental clinic services to the East, West and South of us. They continue to evaluate the program in light of the new rules and changes. They continue to weigh their options. Dental care is a very expensive service. They have recently put out some advertising to attract patients that still need the services.

Mrs. Volker referred to CPASA (Community Partners Against Substance Abuse) and that grant continues to be one of the State of Illinois' shining examples and the County continues to host several visiting counties and other agencies to see what Bureau County has done to make that program so successful. There will be a big drive on Saturday, April 27, for dropping off medications no longer being used or that are outdated. They pose a hazard if flushed or to children. More than 2800 pounds of prescription drugs have been collected since 2010. Various police departments have what is called P2D2 drop boxes for disposing of such medications. They are picked up by the National Guard and disposed of properly. The locations are the Police Departments in Princeton, Walnut, Buda, and DePue, and the Putnam

County Sheriff's Department. They are expecting to set a record weight for unused drugs due to the closing of one of our local pharmacies.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The claims for Animal Control totaled \$31,566.18.

FEES AND SALARIES

Mrs. Entwistle moved to accept and place on file the 2012 County Audit and the Circuit Clerk's Audit of Federal Awards Funds, seconded by Mrs. Marini. On vote, motion carried.

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

Mrs. Entwistle presented the Sheriff's Earnings Report for March 2013 of \$4130.07 and moved that it be placed on file, seconded by Ralph Anderson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle presented the Circuit Clerk's Receipts and Disbursements Report for March which showed earnings of \$20,923.73, Interest Traffic/Criminal/Civil checking of \$50.06, Interest/Child Support checking of \$.12, Interest/Savings of \$.26, and Interest/Savings of \$.08. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Albrecht. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle presented the County Clerk's Earnings and Expenditures Report for March of \$16,713.93. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Kohr. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle presented the sales tax reports as follows:

1. The local share of income tax collected in November and received in March of \$46,153.40, which is \$2,738.53 more than last year.
2. The local share of state use tax collected in January and received in March of \$17,264.94, which is \$1,095.29 more than last year.
3. The ¼% sales tax collected in January and received in March 2013 of \$50,696.46 which is \$2,055.36 less than last year.
4. The Retailer's Occupational Tax collected in January and received in March of \$24,241.23, which is \$4,930.49 less than last year.
5. The Public Safety Sales Tax collected in December and received in March of \$89,766.52, which is \$1,567.34 less than last year.

TRANSPORTATION

The County Highway Fund totaled \$74,363.70, County Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$81,731.50, County Aid Bridge Fund \$7,732.80, and GIS Grant Fund \$799.00.

Mr. Sondgeroth presented a Resolution for Acceptance of Low Bid for Maintenance Materials for Township Sealcoat Maintenance Programs. A public bid letting was held on March 5, 2013, to receive bids for various township seal coat maintenance materials, including bituminous, seal coat aggregate,

and base preparation. There are 24 townships, and the low bidder was Pavement Maintenance Services. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval of the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Thompson. On vote, motion carried.

Mr. Sondgeroth presented a Resolution for Federal Funds Agreement and Participation in Replacement of Multiple Structures in Bureau and Dover Townships. It is planned to replace three existing bridge structures, one in Bureau Township and two in Dover Township. A bid letting was held in Springfield on March 8, 2013, where Stark Excavating provided the low bid of \$491,126.00. The Bureau County Board is to appropriate 20% of the construction costs from County Aid Bridge in the amount of \$98,225.20. Dover and Bureau Townships shall reimburse Bureau County CAB fund to cover 10% of the final construction cost. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Rabe.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney, Pozzi, and Ptasnik

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mr. Sondgeroth presented A Resolution for a Federal Funds Agreement and Participation in Supplemental Preliminary Engineering Services for Phase I and Phase II Hall Township for removal and replacement of existing bridge structure which carries TR 398 over Spring Creek. It is necessary to enter into a Supplemental Agreement for Preliminary Engineering Services with Willett, Hofmann & Associates, Inc. The Board authorizes utilization of \$9,149.81 of Highway Bridge Program funds for 80% and \$2,287.44 of CAB Funds for the Local Agency's 20% share of engineering, with \$1,143.72 being reimbursed to CAB from Hall Township's local funds. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval of the Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Warren.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney, Pozzi, and Ptasnik

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mr. Sondgeroth presented a Resolution for HBP Funds Agreement and Township Participation of Bridge Replacement in Manlius Township for removal and replacement of an existing bridge structure which carries TR 175 over Smith Ditch. It is necessary to complete preliminary engineering services as detailed in an engineering agreement with Willett, Hofmann and Associates. The Bureau County Board appropriates \$43,627.26 of HBP funds for 80% of the preliminary engineering cost as well as \$10,906.82 of CAB funds for the local agency's 20% share of engineering costs as detailed in the intergovernmental agreement with Manlius Township. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval of the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Baracani.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney, Pozzi, and Ptasnik.

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mr. Sondgeroth presented a Resolution: Supplement #1 for Utilizing CAB Funds for Preliminary Engineering Services for Bridge Replacement. Bureau County plans to remove and replace an existing bridge structure which carries CH 9 over Bureau Creek. It is necessary to complete preliminary engineering services and authorize utilization of CAB Funds as detailed in the Engineering Agreement with Willett, Hofmann & Associates in an amount not to exceed \$9,854.40. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval, seconded by Mrs. Entwhistle. On vote, motion carried.

Mr. Sondgeroth said they want to amend their budget for 2013 because they have different requirements now than when they put the budget together. They want to do more bridge and culvert replacements. They want to increase the line item for Bridge/culvert materials from \$30,000 to \$100,000. The funds are available. Mr. Sondgeroth moved to accept that increase, seconded by Mr. Baracani.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney, Pozzi, and Ptasnik.

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mr. Sondgeroth said that with the bridge work they are doing they will have a need for right-of-way acquisition. Nothing was budgeted for that, so they want to amend that line item to \$125,000. The next item was the Federal Aid Matching Fund amending it from 0 to \$125,000. The next item was the amendment of the Motor Fuel Tax Fund. Originally there was \$0 in the Construction Fund, and they want to amend it to \$250,000. Mr. Sondgeroth moved, seconded by Mr. Kohr.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney, Pozzi, and Ptasnik.

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mr. Sondgeroth presented a Resolution to expend the funds and supplemental County Maintenance Resolution. This is to inform IDOT that the County plans to spend the money it just put in the amended budget line items. This is for \$250,000 appropriated from the Motor Fuel Tax allotment for maintenance on County or State highways for the period of December 1, 2012, and ending November 30, 2013. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval of the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

INSURANCE

The claims for Insurance total \$36,350.59.

Mr. Kohr reported that there are three items on the agenda, none of which require Board action. The first was a report that they had an ICRMT presentation which is the liability property casualty insurance agent that the County had prior to CIRMA. They are very eager to earn our business back, so if it is the

decision of the Board to go out for bids, it is nice to know of their interest. Mr. Kohr went to the quarterly CIRMA meeting in Bloomington. CIRMA is our current carrier and financially they are in good shape. One new County has been invited to join CIRMA which is Ogle. If they accept, there will be a total of 15 counties in the association. Mr. Kohr said the next quarterly meeting will be July 30. Mr. Kohr said the next item is whether or not the County should continue with Butler. Mrs. Hieronymus will meet with a rep from Butler Insurance on May 7 to go through the procedure of reconciliation. Mr. Kohr said he had contacted HHS in Washington DC to determine exactly what our county's requirements are going to be. The third item was a handout regarding a prescription card program which only requires the County's approval. Rock Island is using the program and has saved its constituents over \$2 million in prescription premiums. They received \$36,000 back into their General Fund via this program.

LAW/ASSESSMENTS

The claims for Law totaled \$8,910.08, and those for Assessments totaled \$9202.98.

Mrs. Marini gave the coroner's report for March which showed there were 30 coroner's cases, 10 death investigations, 14 cremations, and income of \$162. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Bassetti. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini reported income from the Assessment Office was \$314, and moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Maynard. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini gave the Public Defender's report for February which showed 32 cases opened and 31 cases closed. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Thompson. On vote, motion carried. Mrs. Marini gave the Public Defender's report for March which showed 34 cases opened and 49 cases closed. She moved to place it on file, seconded by Mr. Maynard. On vote, motion carried.

The issue that was on the ballot concerning aggregation will be discussed in May. It was defeated, but cannot be officially certified until the election results can be finalized.

The Executive Session minutes will start to be reviewed by the Law Committee at their May meeting. They will be given to Mr. Herrmann, and the committee will review them.

Mr. Rediger was asked to go over the County Board Resolution in support of the Family and Personal Protection Act Legislation. One of the stipulations the Board wanted was that "if legislation requires the County Sheriff to accept and process application," that a portion of the application fee stays in the County to cover administration costs. In this version of the resolution, any reference to a House or Senate bill was taken out. Since the Resolution was included in the mailout it was decided not to read it, and Mr. Rediger moved for approval of the resolution, seconded by Mr. Giordano. It was to be sent to our legislators and Governor Quinn and Lisa Madigan. On vote, motion carried.

BUILDING/GROUNDS/PRINTING/STATIONERY

The claims for Building and Grounds totaled \$122,046.97 and those for Printing and Stationery totaled \$26,528.44.

Mrs. Warren reported that the update on the radio project is the FCC licenses have been approved and vehicular antennas can now be installed. There are still parts of the project pending, and they are strongly encouraging Starved Rock Communications to get this project wrapped up.

Jim Shipp is making progress on locating tower areas where they can place future antennas for enhancement of our radio communications.

The moldy diesel fuel needs to be pumped out of the tanks that supply fuel to the generator in the basement. Michlig AgriEnergy has provided a quote for \$998.03 to remove the old fuel, clean and treat the tanks, and replace with new fuel. The committee approved the quote, and she moved to accept it, seconded by Mr. Rabe. On vote, motion carried.

The Safety Committee has identified areas on the front sidewalk to be hazardous to staff and customers. It is the sidewalk leading up to the front steps of the courthouse. Mrs. Warren said she got two quotes, they would cut out sections of the deteriorating cement and replace with new. One quote is for \$1,780 and the other was for \$1,790. She recommended that they accept the one from Greg Woolley for \$1,780 and she so moved, seconded by Mr. Albrecht. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Warren reported that Otto Baum had completed the work on the monument. They are keeping an eye on the water situation. Mr. Kohr checked it tonight, and Mrs. Warren checked it on Monday, and they each found some water in the bucket. She will be contacting them; she is not sure what the next step will be. They feel like they are gaining on it.

Mrs. Warren reported that the park bench that will be donated to us in memory of George and June Flaherty and their family will be ordered soon. She contacted the City to find out where they had ordered theirs, because the family wanted this bench to match the ones the City had ordered. They found someone that would ship it for less than the company was going to charge. It is expected to get the bench ordered in the next week or two.

Mrs. Warren reported that Oldeen Roofing would like to do a free inspection of the courthouse roof. If they find any problem areas, they will send us their recommendations. They have worked on the courthouse roof before.

The Prairie Arts Committee has requested the use of Soldiers and Sailors Park for a summer concert on August 25 and Mrs. Warren moved for approval of the request, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle moved for the payment of claims with additional ones totaling \$1,855.63, and including the payroll, seconded by Mr. Whited.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney, Pozzi, and Ptasnik.

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mr. Rediger announced that the new tourism guides are available, and he asked the Board members to take some.

Mr. Rabe announced that the 9-1-1 Stats were at their desks.

Mr. Rabe asked if the Board should have a policy in place for exercising our generator on a regular basis so we do not have fuel issues. Mrs. Warren said they discussed that at their committee meeting, and they will try to get a monthly test done. They are trying to determine who can do it and when.

It was moved to go into Executive Session for updates on litigation according to 5 ILCS 120/2c11 by Mr. Baracani, seconded by Mr. Bassetti.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney, Pozzi, and Ptasnik.

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Upon conclusion of the Executive Session, it was moved by Mr. Maynard, seconded by Mr. Baracani, to return to regular session.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney, Pozzi, and Ptasnik.

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mr. Kohr moved that the County Board gives authority to Mr. Herrmann to offer up to \$53,000 to enter into an agreement with Mrs. Heller and attorneys to settle this case, seconded by Mr. Dobrich.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney, Pozzi, and Ptasnik.

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

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 adjourned. On vote, motion carried.