

COUNTY OF BUREAU)
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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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County Board)

August 13, 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 August 13, 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, August 13, 2013, at 6:30 PM and that all claims must be filed with the County Clerk on or before Friday, August 2, 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, Dobrich, Donarski, Entwhistle, Feeney, Giordano, Kohr, Lilley, Mangrich, Marini, Maynard, Rabe, Rediger, Sondgeroth, Stetson, Thompson, Volker, Warren, Whited, and Dale Anderson. Absent: Bassetti, McCook, Pozzi, and Ptasnik.

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

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

Mrs. Hieronymus read the following communications:

1. A letter from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency giving notice of application for permit to manage solid waste. It is for the Princeton Municipal Landfill. Any comments can be submitted in writing to the IEPA, Springfield.
2. A letter from Ameren Illinois advising of tree trimming in and around the Princeton and Tiskilwa areas 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.
3. A letter from IDOT acknowledging receipt of a certified copy of the resolution adopted by the County Board on July 9, 2013, reappointing John Gross as County Engineer for Bureau County, effective August 1, 2013.
4. A letter from IDOT stating their department executed the subject agreement on July 19, 2013, with a copy enclosed. It was for the project four miles Southwest of Manlius over Smith Ditch.
5. A letter from IDOT stating the funds for the enclosed agreement were approved by the department and authorized by the Federal Highway Administration on July 25, 2013. The County may authorize the consultant to proceed with the engineering work. This is for the same project over Smith Ditch.
6. Audit Report No. 74 from IDOT, covering the receipt and disbursement of Motor Fuel Tax funds by the county for the period beginning January 1, 2008, and ending December 31, 2011. The

report needs to be placed on file and Mr. Dobrich so moved, seconded by Mrs. Volker. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Hieronymus presented the following appointments:

1. The reappointment of Keith Burkman and Robert E. Harrison, trustees to the Bureau Fire Protection District. Mr. Anderson made that appointment and asked for the Board's approval. On vote, motion carried.
2. The reappointment of Dave Mueller, trustee to the Neponset Fire Protection District, for a three-year term to May 2016. Mr. Anderson made that appointment and asked for the Board's approval. On vote, motion carried.

Dianna Schuler, assistant to Pam Furlan, Business Employment Skills Team, addressed the Board regarding the workforce development system. The week of August 25-31 is designated "Workforce Development Week" to encourage individuals, businesses, and governmental organizations in the county to visit and promote the programs and services offered through Northwest Central Illinois Works. Ms. Schuler said that BEST has served over 200 individuals from Bureau County, and they work with approximately 25 businesses in the County. Over the past several years, their funding has decreased, and it is becoming more difficult to serve the numbers they have in the past. As of July 1 of this year, they merged their workforce area with four of the five counties from the workforce area to the northwest. They are hoping that the result will be that they can serve more individuals, adults, youth, and dislocated workers, as well as area businesses. This year they had additional funding for a small youth summer program, which has been the first in a number of years. As of today, they only have a handful of youth from Bureau County. If the Board is aware of anyone that is considered low income, they can call the Princeton or Peru office at 872-0255 or 224-1586 to talk to a career advisor. This program runs through September so there is still time to get involved. They are hoping to use all of the money they received this year. The resolution before them recognizes the achievement of NCI Works, the local workforce Board, as well as the local workforce system. She had a letter from one of their participants. She was hoping for him to be present, but she read the letter on his behalf. He explained what the dislocated workers program meant to him. In April he was laid off from the Kamatzu Corporation in Peoria with no return date. With a slow economy and a down job market, he contacted the NCI Works office at IVCC. The staff helped him pick a curriculum that would enhance his job skills and make him more marketable. He recently graduated with a 4.0 average and a GTAW certificate. This would not have been possible without the dislocated workers program. He received tuition reimbursement, money for travel, books and supplies. Today's employers require formal education and training to secure employment. NCI Works makes that possible for people in situations such as his. He feels their office is a valuable asset to the community. It has been in place since 1984, and he personally knows people that it has helped to make a better life for, including himself. He feels it is a much needed program, and the staff that is in place is professional, courteous, and very helpful. The letter was from James Woods. Ms. Schuler presented a second Resolution which was "Just Hire One" Initiative. The idea behind it is to support the idea of hiring just one individual in an effort to reduce the unemployment rate. She thanked Chairman Anderson and the Bureau County Board for their continued support of workforce development. She also thanked Mr. Anderson for serving on the BEST Board and on the CEO Board, and Mr. Albrecht, who serves on those Boards as the County's representative. Since the Resolutions were included in the Board mailout, Mr. Anderson asked for a motion to support the Workforce Development System, which was made by Ralph Anderson and seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried. Mr. Anderson asked for a motion to approve the Resolution supporting "Just Hire One" Initiative, which was made by Mr. Dobrich and seconded by Mr. Kohr. On vote, motion carried.

Richard Schoon lives at 16951 1200 N Avenue, Wyanet, with his wife since 1991. He addressed the Board regarding the campground that is planned right up the road from him. He said it is approximately three acres and they want to put ten campers on it. He and his wife sold 3 1/3 acres to Mr. Gibson with the assurance that there would be a small home built for his parents to come and spend weekends. Now he is trying to put a campground in there. Mr. Schoon said he would go on record that he would purchase the property back from Agrihunt Farms, LLC, for \$500 more than he sold it for. He said access and egress is not a safe situation. There are school buses, mail trucks, and farm equipment that use the road. The property is situated on a hill going up to the west with a right bend for a curve. There is another driveway across the road from it, which because of the way the road is shaped, is a lot easier to see. Mr. Schoon said there is an issue with potable water, and, a personal thing with him, with the septic. He said they have been camping for 45 years and have drug trailers all over the United States. He said he knows that if you have a gray and a black water tank in your rig, you cannot just call someone to pump you out. If you do not have an adequate water supply in the gray and the black tank, you will not pump anything out. The black water just lays in there like it is unless you put a great deal of water in there. The campground that is there now has been there about two years. It was never approved by anyone, it just kind of happened. Mr. Schoon said it looks better now than it has for the last two years. Mr. Schoon and his neighbors do not see one single positive thing coming out of the campground. He is 100% against what is about to happen. He asked the Board to think about one thing. He asked how they would feel about having approximately three acres next to them with ten campers on it. He said he does not have a problem with sitting around a campfire and having a couple of beers. Even though they say there will be quiet time after 10:00 PM, a lot goes on during the day. If this should be approved for whatever reason, he said we need to constantly be vigilant as to whether or not Bureau County wants to be known as a County where you can buy an acre or two and throw a campground up. He said there are very few rules and regulations in place for a situation like this. He feels that their property values will be negatively affected by this. He thanked the Board for its time and asked them to take into consideration what they are looking to do here. He asked the Board not to allow Bureau County to set a precedent for other campgrounds coming in. Mr. Schoon was asked how close his property is to the proposed campground, and he said it is directly across the road from where he lives. It was asked if there had been loud noises. He responded that the radio plays constantly, but stops at 10:00 PM. Right now the foliage helps block the noise, but during the winter the sound carries, and the campground is higher than they are. It was asked if the campground owner is a local resident, and it was stated he is not.

Thomas Gibson was the next one to speak. He is the founder and owner of Agrihunt Farms, LLC. He said they chose to initiate the rezoning process. He went in and visited with Kris Donarski on May 24 to insure that they were in compliance with the ordinances. He said they invested money to clean up the property that had basically been a junkyard for 50 years. During the meeting they determined he needed to rezone the property to bring it into compliance and he immediately filed the application. He said since then they have had some major milestones. The first one was that from the Bureau County Regional Planning Commission where they received unanimous votes recommending the rezone based on 11 reasons. The second milestone was it was recommended for 14 reasons from the Zoning Board of Appeals. All of the appropriate township, County and School officials were also notified with no objections. Their entrance has been found safe and adequate by the County Highway Department and the Wyanet Township road commissioner. He personally designed the entrance to have a 140 foot by 30 foot staging area for pulling vehicles in. The driveway across the street is 20 feet by 20 feet. They presented emergency planning and health and sanitary plans that have been deemed safe and adequate. They have written rules and regulations in place that friends and visitors have to abide by. They are in place so they do not negatively impact the neighbors' properties by the use of their land. He said the neighbors in the area have always kept an eye on the property for them. They have been on

the property for about three years, and it is about 4 ½ acres. He said they have never had a single issue. It is a family owned business and those that come are family oriented people. His children are 11 and 9 years old and that is about the ages of the other children up there. They have a strong motivation to keep it clean and safe and do not allow any hunting or shooting of guns on the property. They own multiple properties, and the closest place they hunt is a mile away. He has strong building credentials. They have made significant improvements to the properties in the area, EPA issues have been cleaned up, and they control who comes on the property. He encouraged the Board to vote without prejudice so they can continue to do the work they have started to improve the land and be a good neighbor. Mr. Sondgeroth asked about the application being for up to ten trailers, and who they are owned by. Mr. Gibson said he owns three, but the others are owned individually. Mr. Sondgeroth asked who would enforce the several pages of rules they have. Mr. Gibson said those rules are along with an agreement that is signed every year for access rights. The access rights can be removed if the rules are not followed. Mrs. Volker asked about emergency and health regulations. Mr. Gibson explained that they have emergency planning and health and sanitary. The emergency planning is about evacuation. If their visitors decide to come when there are tornadoes, they have two local residents that will provide shelter in a cellar. With regard to health and sanitary, each of the campers has its own gray tank and its own black tank. He said Nickelsen can come in and pump out the black and gray waste, he looked at putting in a 200 gallon tank for each of the campers, and he also has a quote for putting in a concrete holding tank which would have fingers to each of the campers and would be pumped twice a year. The hunting properties are separate from the camping areas; there is no shooting on the campground. Mr. Gibson was asked if he was leasing the spots at the campground. He said he had to move to a resort and recreational zoning and that is where you have the ability to have the campers. This is a private piece of ground and he initiated the rezoning. He does not want a campground. Each camper gives him \$500 to do improvements for such things as gravel, trees, and improving the esthetics. He owns three farms within a mile or two of this property and he leases other farms from other landowners. It was asked how much there are visitors in the winter. Mr. Gibson said it ranges from one or two, four or five and eight to ten times, usually just weekends. Mrs. Volker commented that she wishes the County could be in a better place for having more definite ordinances in place for resort and recreational zoned places such as this. The wind farms were a learning experience years ago like this is now. Mr. Gibson said he put together his rules and regulations from other campgrounds, and he has always carried insurance to cover his type of activity. His goal is to eventually become a full-time Bureau County resident.

Ellen Stoneburg, also a neighbor, said she and her husband own the property directly to the west of Mr. Gibson. They have been coming to the Bureau County area for about 20 years, and purchased their property ten years ago because they came to love this area with the beautiful farmland and tranquil setting. She said the atmosphere has totally changed. She admires Mr. Gibson's business and vision but she does not admire its location. It directly impacts them. She thinks that the description of campground is really what happens there. The campers are all very mismatched, there is no maximum number of people that can come to that location, and his guidelines, she feels, are rather loosely stated. There is no specific plan for the guidelines to be implemented. She said two of the key points that affect them are the visual nuisance and the noise nuisance. She said the foliage is gone for about six months of the year, at which time the west side of their property directly views all of the trailers. She said this area is really set up for year round hunting privileges at the properties he owns and leases. She said all of the activity affects the habitat and the noise level. The noise level happens in the evening hours when people come together. She said visually they have changed the atmosphere with the bright lights. They also have concerns about the sewage situation being monitored. He has come forward on his own for the rezoning, but it is more than two years after he brought all this here. She said that maybe Bureau County could not foresee a business venture like this happening, but she does not like it

happening next to her. It was asked if her property was the one directly west with the trailer on it, and Mrs. Stoneburg said it was. It was asked if that trailer bothered her sitting there, and she said it did not because it is not like having ten trailers in a small area. She said they came from the Chicago area, and at times they may come every weekend, and at other times one weekend a month. Their place is a camper with water and electric on about four acres.

The next speaker was Bunny Madsen, who lives just west and up the hill from Agrihunt. She is opposed to the campground for three reasons: 1. It does not look good; 2. She is concerned about the sewage. There have been up to nine trailers there, and after he applied for the rezoning, they took out two or three. 3. She does not know what they do for water for the campground. She said this is not something the community wants or that will benefit the County moneywise. She thinks there needs to be regulations; she is against it and she lives about one-quarter mile away.

Barbara Schoon said she was opposed to the rezone because it will disturb their peace and tranquility and that is why they came to Bureau County. She asked the Board to put themselves in their shoes. Would they like this going on next to them?

Jill Kunkel said she and her husband live about a mile down the road from Mr. Gibson's property. They are against the zoning application of Agrihunt, LLC; they have nothing against Mr. Gibson. They are against a campground on their road on a very small piece of land. She said Mr. Gibson has said he will have zoning laws so the landowner can enjoy his property. But she is concerned about other campgrounds popping up around the County. Mr. Gibson pointed out that this property was a licensed junkyard in the past with the State of Illinois, and Mrs. Kunkel said that at one time there was a lot of junk there. So it has been cleaned up more than just in the last couple weeks.

Walter Langan said he is opposed to the change in zoning. He has concerns about safety. The road was a gravel road when that driveway first originated. The road was repaired last year and was moved; he thinks the driveway was probably safer before. He said there has been gunfire on the property. He said they were big guns and loud guns. He said the deputy went there and was told they were teaching firearm safety. Mr. Langan said Mr. Gibson should be asked who was there when others were there. Who is making sure there is no gun fire? Mr. Langan said Mr. Gibson has a nice presentation with a list of rules that make it look like a responsible campground, but the last rule is that he can change the rules at any time for any reason. He said the EPA lists all three branches of Bureau Creek as impaired, meaning they are unable to support their intended functions. He does not know what that means, and he tried to find information on the website about this but did not have enough time. Mr. Langan said he has been told that if you want to determine what someone is going to do in any business or operation, you should look at what they have done in the past. He said Mr. Gibson has been inaccurate with every person in the neighborhood who was present at this meeting to object. He asked if the Board is inviting a rash of unregulated campgrounds on small parcels throughout the County or could the Board protect them by researching this issue and draw up comprehensive regulations which include sanitation, safety, and environmental issues before ruling on this application. Mr. Langan said he owns 21 acres, owned for 22 years as his primary residence, about one-tenth of a mile west of Mr. Gibson.

ESDA/ZONING

The claims for ESDA totaled \$1,819.17, and those for Planning and Zoning totaled \$5,745.03. Ms. Lilley reported that she had one application to present, which was for Agrihunt Farms, LLC, for a rezone from Agriculture to Resort and Recreational to be able to have up to ten camping units on the

property, the common location being the North side of 1200 N Avenue, just West of intersection with 1700 E Street, Wyandot Township. It was approved by the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals voted yes on a 3 to 1 vote. The neighbors objected and had concerns with safety, septic and waste removal, decreased property value, and noise. There were no objections from Wyandot Township, (they recommended Health Department inspections on septic System), Bureau County Highway Department County Engineer, Wyandot Township Road Commissioner, or the Princeton Grade and High School Districts. The County Zoning Committee had no recommendation. Mr. Maynard wanted to know why the Zoning Committee made no recommendation. Ms. Lilley said they did not vote on it; they wanted to discuss it. Mr. Donarski said that zoning to him is to protect the neighborhood, and he has not seen one neighbor here that is for it. Mr. Sondgeroth felt the Board had to put trust in their committee structure, including the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals. If they say okay, the Board should follow along with their lead. He felt there were some personal property rights issues here. He feels it is Mr. Gibson's personal property right to have something like that on his property; that is his choice as long as he is following the ordinance that we have today. If we are not going to use our Boards, why have them. Mr. Sondgeroth said he would support this request. Mr. Maynard stated that we do not know if they are following the rules, because the Zoning Committee did not make a recommendation. How do I know what I am voting on? He thought this should be deferred to Mr. Herrmann or Mrs. Donarski. He said he understands why the neighbors do not want it, and why the landowner does want it. They all have a legitimate presentation. With no recommendation from the Zoning Committee, he felt nobody investigated this as far as he is concerned and asked how they can vote on this. Mr. Herrmann said that the way the County Board is set up with Committee structure, normally the committee makes a recommendation. But it does not have to be that way. He said an issue could be defeated in committee and still voted on by the entire Board. It does give another avenue of input. He said it could be a case of there not being enough committee members present to make a quorum. The Board has a right to ask the committee for a recommendation, and if they choose to send it back to the committee, they can do that. Mr. Maynard said he wanted to make a motion that this matter be sent back to the Zoning Committee for a recommendation, seconded by Mr. Donarski. Mr. Kohr asked what the difference was between recreation and a campground. Mr. Herrmann said the difference is between a campground on agricultural property and a campground on resort and recreational that they are seeking to rezone. Mr. Herrmann said that on agricultural, you can only have two tents or campers per twenty acres. That is limited to 45 days in a calendar year, and the stay cannot be longer than 15 days at a time. If it is zoned resort/recreational, a permitted use is a campground without any definition or regulation as to what those are. It could be year round. You can camp on either, but how long you can camp on resort/recreational is unlimited. Mr. Kohr said this issue will be back before this Board again. The hunting industry is changing, and he has been approached about renting his property, as he thought others had been. He thinks the Zoning Committee needs to take a look at this because this industry will grow. Mr. Rabe asked about camping and/or hunting on leased property and staying up to 14 days. Mr. Herrmann said if it is zoned agricultural, they could. One of the differences between agricultural and resort/recreational is occasional camping versus permanent use. Mrs. Volker said she has been on the Zoning Committee for a long time, and they did not make a recommendation because they do not have enough in place as far as ordinances and conditions to deal with outfitters and these kinds of zoning. Time will be needed to get that done. Mr. Maynard's response is the Zoning Committee members must have an opinion on this, because they have to vote on it also. He looks for feedback from the committee, but stated that he does not have to follow it all of the time. Mr. Herrmann pointed out that Mr. Gibson's application is under the zoning ordinance that the County has today. The Board voted on the motion to send the zoning application back to the zoning committee. A show of hands was asked for, but it was decided to do a Roll call.

Roll call.

Yes: Albrecht, Donarski, Lilley, Marini, Maynard, Rabe, Sondgeroth, Stetson, Thompson, Volker and Dale Anderson.

No: Ralph Anderson, Baracani, Dobrich, Entwhistle, Feeney, Giordano, Kohr, Mangrich, Rediger, Warren, and Whited.

Pass: None

Absent: Bassetti, McCook, Pozzi, and Ptasnik.

Yes: 11; No: 11; Pass: 0; Absent: 4.

On roll call vote, since it was a tie, the motion failed.

Mr. Rabe made a motion to deny the application to rezone the property from agriculture to resort/recreational, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Mrs. Stetson said she missed the last zoning meeting. She did not know anything was going on until she got something in the mail and then started getting phone calls. She asked if there was new evidence presented that the zoning committee did not know that night. Mr. Anderson said nothing new could be presented at that meeting that was not presented to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mrs. Stetson said that if someone owns land they should have a right to do what they want with it, but she also sees the point that if you live on a farm, you want to enjoy the peace and tranquility of it. So she sees both sides. Mrs. Donarski said she does not make a recommendation; she is not for or against any application. The Board takes the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. Approval of this rezone would bring it into compliance. Mr. Herrmann said the information that is presented to the Zoning Board of Appeals is under oath and is subject to cross examination. The County Board is a legislative body as well and they will receive information after the ZBA hearing. He would caution the Board members to use discretion whether or not to consider that with regard to the accuracy and the content of it since it was not under oath. If the motion is denied, the property stays zoned agricultural, but it is not known what Mr. Gibson will do. A voice vote was done, and the nays won.

Mr. Giordano made a motion to accept the rezoning request, seconded by Mr. Rediger. A voice vote was done, and the ayes won.

Ms. Lilley said the next item of business was the termination of the Crescent Ridge II escrow agreement. Mr. Herrmann explained that Crescent Ridge II was the second wind farm on Crescent Ridge. They have not built the wind turbine generators that were permitted out there, their conditional use permits have expired, and they have not moved for extensions. They have asked to have their money back that is in escrow for the decommissioning plan. There is no need for the county to keep the money. If they decide in the future they want to build, they will have to start over. They need to provide proof that they are the current owners of it, and inform us where they want the money wired. It is about one-half million dollars. He told the Board they could vote on the return of the money, and once the paperwork has arrived, they can proceed. They will get the interest also. A motion was made by Mr. Kohr for termination of the escrow agreement, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Volker said at last month's meeting they considered the Bureau County Food Sanitation Ordinance as amended for 2013, which is before them tonight for a vote. Kurt and Hector from the Health Department were present to answer any questions. Mrs. Feeney wanted clarification on the potluck issue. He said that potluck is a state definition, and they can have a potluck, but Mrs. Feeney wanted to know how many times a year a group such as a church could have one. Kurt responded that it was once a month or up to 11 times per year. He said technically, a potluck is illegal because it is prepared in everyone's private home rather than a licensed facility. So he said they want to exempt them to a reasonable point. Mrs. Feeney asked about a mobile food unit (Item J). She wanted to know if that included a disaster and the Red Cross places that are set up. He said that is an emergency situation. Mrs. Feeney asked if it were possible to put this on the website, such as on Kami's, and Kurt said that the ordinance is on the Health Department's website. It was asked if Lunch in the Park falls under this. Since it is done by a different group and for a short period, it is okay. Just the current ordinance is on the website, not the proposed changes. It was asked how they will monitor the ordinance. Kurt said the same way they are now; they are not going to go out looking but will be on an honor system. They regulate the ones they know about. Mr. Maynard made a motion to accept the Bureau County Food Sanitation Ordinance as printed, seconded by Mr. Donarski. On vote, motion carried.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The claims for Animal Control totaled \$4,255.50.

FEES AND SALARIES

Mrs. Entwhistle said she took the holiday schedule for federal holidays to the Fees and Salaries Committee. (This was for calendar year 2014). Christmas Day falls on Thursday so she moved to grant the day after a holiday, seconded by Mr. Giordano. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle reported that the budget process is ongoing, and is posted on the bulletin board. They have a few more to go.

Mrs. Entwhistle reported that the Sheriff received a check through the Circuit Clerk's Office in the amount of \$100 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. Whited. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the Sheriff's earnings report for July in the amount of \$3856.11 and moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the Circuit Clerk's Receipts and Disbursements Report for July which showed earnings of \$18,478.47, Interest Traffic/Criminal/Civil checking of \$24.33, Interest/Child Support checking of \$.04, and Interest/Savings of \$.17. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Thompson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the County Clerk's Earnings and Expenditures Report for July in the amount of \$15,392.61 and moved that it be placed on file, seconded by Mr. Ralph Anderson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the sales tax report as follows:

1. The local share of income tax collected in May and received in July in the amount of \$151,887.40, which is \$40,031.71 more than last year.
2. The local share of state use tax collected in May and received in July of \$12,400.36, which is \$1,716.87 more than last year.
3. The ¼% sales tax collected in May and received in July of \$45,435.06, which is \$1,788.54 less than last year.
4. The Retailer's Occupational Tax collected in May and received in July of \$11,746.40 which is \$7,676.35 less than last year.
5. The Public Safety Sales Tax collected in April and received in July of \$74,455.60, which is \$8,708.12 less than last year.
6. The local share of video gaming tax collected in June and received in July of \$128.07, which is \$2.94 less than last month.

TRANSPORTATION

The County Highway Fund totaled \$45,908.71, the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$247,917.31, the Federal Aid Matching Fund \$350,849.20, the County Aid Bridge Fund \$50,771.39, and the Township MFT Fund \$725,168.30.

Mr. Sondgeroth presented a Resolution appropriating Funds for the payment of the County Engineer's Salary. The County Board is appropriating \$102,800 from the County's Motor Fuel Tax funds for the purpose of paying the County Engineer's salary from August 1, 2013 to July 31, 2014. Half of the salary is to be paid from the Federal Surface Transportation Program Funds. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Ralph Anderson. On vote, motion carried.

INSURANCE

The claims for insurance totaled \$40,544.61.

Mr. Kohr said included in the mailout were the Central States Health Premiums effective September 1, 2013, for the next year. He moved that the County accept the rates, seconded by Mrs. Feeney. On vote, motion carried.

LAW/ASSESSMENTS

The claims for Law totaled \$10,707.16, and those for Assessments totaled \$6,672.99.

Mrs. Marini gave the coroner's report for July which showed 27 coroner's cases, 5 death investigations, 14 cremations, 3 autopsies, and income of \$100. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mrs. Entwhistle. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini gave the Public Defender's report for April that showed 43 cases opened and 71 cases closed. The report for May showed 62 cases opened and 24 cases closed. The report for June showed 32 cases opened and 55 cases closed. She moved to place the reports on file, seconded by Mr. Ralph Anderson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini reported that the Assessment's Office had income of \$110, and she moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini moved that the Order for Jurors signed by a majority of the Circuit Judges dated July 25, 2013, and presented tonight be placed on file, seconded by Mrs. Entwistle. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini made a motion for approving four supplemental panels of jurors, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

BUILDING/GROUNDS/PRINTING/STATIONERY

The claims for Building and Grounds totaled \$54,527.22, and those for Printing and Stationery totaled \$6,189.10.

Mrs. Warren reported that the radio project is coming to an end. All of the radios and repeaters are in the cars with the exception of the Sheriff's vehicle and that will be done in the next couple of weeks. The portables are to be reprogrammed this week with the new repeater frequency and scanning ability. The logging recorder in the jail is also to be installed. The microwave dish is on hold. The BueComm tower might need some reinforcing to hold the microwave because of all of the other equipment. The County may need to help with the cost of reinforcing it. BueComm paging has been an ongoing problem. When BueComm pages for fire and ambulance, the law enforcement radios are cut off. They cannot hear or correspond with one another. When Jim Eatock did his study, he also confirmed that. His suggestion was to change the frequency on the tower at 9-1-1 because they were too close together. They were spaced a little farther apart but that did not work either so 9-1-1 decided to conduct a test on the Providence tower. A problem was found on the paging unit at that tower. GEM Electronics is suggesting putting up a new antenna but drop the tower 60 feet. That could compromise the fire and ambulance paging. GEM Electronics said the only way to know if this will work is to do it. But the cost is \$3,125. They would like the County to split that cost with them, but the committee was hesitant to do that because they would like to know that is going to work. If it works, the County would split it; if it does not, they would need to go to Plan B. They would like to talk to our consultant to see if he is in agreement for dropping that 60 feet. Mr. Eatock had a death in the family so the Committee did not feel it was appropriate to contact him. 9-1-1 may go ahead with what GEM Electronics is telling them but they want Jim to ask them to wait another month until the Board can get something from Mr. Eatock and then compare the information. Mrs. Warren said Plan B is to raise the tower, but then it would be necessary to put a light on the top. That would certainly be more money, but if it improves communications, that may be what they have to do.

Mrs. Warren reported on the monument leak. There is still some water in the bucket. The next step would be to get a 40 foot boom lift and inspect around the base of the copper winged statue at the top of the monument looking for potential leaks around the anchor point. She called Otto Baum and the cost for one day would be \$1200, and for a second day \$935. The County would provide the water and the electric. The committee made the recommendation to go ahead with that and not exceed \$2,135, and she so moved, seconded by Mr. Maynard. Mrs. Volker thought there would be several organizations that could help with this, such as the DAR, veterans groups, and the geneology society. She said the top of the monument is deteriorating, which was discovered ten years ago. Mrs. Warren said if Mrs. Volker is willing to help out with that, it would be great, but right now the committee is overloaded. She said she would be willing to contact those groups, and any others suggested. The motion on the floor is for testing and repair. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Warren reported that the RFP is ready for the tower at the jail. It was suggested to put it in the Peoria paper and a local paper. She asked for approval to put the ad in so they can get bids back by their next meeting and get the grounding work done before it gets cold. She so moved, seconded by Mr. Maynard. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Warren said that mulch is needed. She called a couple of people and Prairie Nursery's price was \$800 and Twin Oaks price was \$900. We do not have Boy Scouts to spread it, so we will have to pay for that too. The \$800 is for the mulch delivered and spread for the court house and for the park. She moved for Prairie Nursery doing the job, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle moved for the payment of claims, including payroll, with additional claims of \$873.74, seconded by Mr. Dobrich.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Bassetti, McCook, Pozzi, and Ptasnik,

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

TOURISM

Mr. Rediger reported that the County has received six months of bed tax from Knights Inn.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Maynard said he had asked about the reopening of the Wyanet/Walnut blacktop at last month's meeting. He wanted to compliment the County on the good job that was done on it.

Mr. Sondgeroth said that a couple of months ago the Board had the labor contract with the Sheriff's Department. It has been brought to his attention that it has not been ratified, and they are still working under the old contract. Mr. Anderson reported that the County has received an unfair labor practice charge this past week. The Board ratified it in June, but the Sheriff will not sign it as is. Mr. Anderson read the letter that was sent to the Illinois Labor Relations Board. It said that the County of Bureau and Bureau County Sheriff and the PBLC representing the deputy patrolmen, sargeants, investigators, lieutenants, radio dispatchers and jailers engaged in contract negotiations for a successor collective bargaining agreement. The parties reached tentative agreement on all remaining proposals on or about May 31, 2013. The agreement is to be effective for the period of December 1, 2012, through November

30, 2014. The PBLC believes the County of Bureau has signed the agreement, the PBLC stands ready and willing to sign the agreement; however, the Bureau County Sheriff refuses to sign the agreement to which he or his representatives have tentatively agreed. That was their statement on the unfair labor practice. Mr. Herrmann said there are a couple of issues. The Sheriff was not on the same page as the County. He said he thought it was a side agreement for an increase in wages for two years. Mr. Walters said that was not his understanding or anyone else's understanding. The sheriff still has an issue with regard to Step 4, which was the controversy in the lawsuit. That should be taken out. Mr. Herrmann talked with Chris Walters and that will be. He did not know why that was still in there because there is no Step 4 in the contract. A meeting is being set up to discuss the issues. Mr. Albrecht said he was surprised that this came up. At the time they were negotiating, they were asked if everyone was on Board with this. The negotiating committee and the sheriff all said yes. Mr. Maynard said the sheriff did not say anything at the time, but when it came back there was some verbiage in there that he did not like. Mrs. Marini said Mr. Kohr had called to their attention there were some deficiencies in the language and did it quite clearly. She said if those were not addressed, Mr. Walters certainly should have been made aware since there is not a Step 4. Mr. Anderson said there has to be an agreement from both sides to negotiate that out of the contract. Nobody brought those issues up. There were numerous issues that were brought up, but those items were never brought up to be negotiated or removed from the contract. Mrs. Marini said it was a deficiency with our attorney. Mr. Anderson said he would not blame him; if you want to blame someone blame him or the negotiating committee for not bringing it up. He said there were other issues that he thought were more important. Mr. Kohr said he thought everyone was aware that language was in there; he said an agreement was made and they made a hand shake and the deal was done. If it did not happen, it is water under the bridge, and we cannot fix it now. Mr. Anderson said the only way they can fix it is to have the sheriff sign it, because they agreed to it. Or that was their impression.

Mr. Anderson got an email from senator Mark Kirk to announce that the Central Illinois Veterans Employment Resource Fair will be held on Wednesday, August 14, at Bradley University from 9:00 AM to noon.

Mr. Anderson got an email from Henry County Board Chairman Mr. Wells to announce that next week on Thursday and Friday they are having an open house from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM to celebrate the five-year business anniversary of Patriot Renewable Fuels at Annawan.

Mr. Anderson announced that the Bureau County Farm Tour is planned for September 7, 2013, for which fliers were distributed.

Mr. Herrmann said that Todd Volker had met with Mr. Anderson and himself to discuss the possibility of the County becoming the owner of property for a bike path to connect the Hennepin Canal with the I & M Canal. It is approximately sixteen miles long with 12 miles of that in Bureau County and the other four in LaSalle County. Mr. Volker is working on obtaining funding from a foundation to purchase the right-of-way from the railroad that would connect the two, and the question is whether the County would become the owner of that property and then maintain it. They also discussed this with Mr. Gross to see if he could give an opinion as to what the County's expenses would be for that and the number of bridges involved. The other issue would be the County's liability carrier. It is in the very early stages of planning, but he thought this was something the County should think about. He did not know how soon this would happen. An investment group from California owns the railroad property. There used to be two sets of tracks, but one set has been torn out. The group is interested in connecting the two properties, which would be on that railroad bed. They want the County to be owner of the entire 16-

mile stretch, which would directly link the two. A lot of people bike, so they would like to have that connection to make a circle around the northern part of the state. Mr. Anderson talked to another County Board chairman, and he said there would be a lot of liability issues with this. After talking with him, Mr. Anderson does not know if we would want to take that on.

Mr. Anderson said he needed a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation according to 5 ILCS 120/2c11 , collective bargaining according to 5 ILCS 120/2c2, and personnel according to 5 ILCS 120/2c1. Mr. Albrecht so moved, seconded by Mrs. Feeney.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Bassetti, McCook, Pozzi, and Ptasnik.

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Bassetti, McCook, Pozzi, and Ptasnik.

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mr. Sondgeroth made a motion to employ Sheryl Kuzma to represent Bureau County in anticipation of eminent domain and to negotiate up to \$114,500 for purchase of real estate, seconded by Mr. Whited. On vote, motion carried.

It was regularly moved and seconded that the Clerk of the Board be directed to issue orders to the members for their attendance and mileage to the session as listed on the roll call sheet.

There being no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Donarski, seconded by Mr. Maynard, that the meeting be adjourned. On voted, motion carried.