

COUNTY OF BUREAU )  
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County Board )

December 10, 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 December 10, 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, December 10, 2013, at 6:30 PM and that all claims must be filed with the County Clerk on or before Friday, November 27, 2013.

Kamala S. Hieronymus  
County Clerk

The meeting was called to order by Dale Anderson, Chairman of the Board. Members present: Albrecht, Ralph Anderson, Baracani, Bassetti, Dobrich, Donarski, Entwhistle, Lilley, Mangrich, Marini, Maynard, McCook, Rabe, Rediger, Stetson, Thompson, Volker, Warren, Whited, and Dale Anderson. Absent: Feeny, Giordano, Kohr, Pozzi, Ptasnik, and Sondgeroth.

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

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

Mrs. Hieronymus read the following communications:

1. A letter from ComEd informing us that during the months of January, February, and March they will begin performing regularly scheduled Transmission Corridor vegetation management activities within our area. These activities are necessary to ensure the reliability of electrical service and to ensure the public safety.
2. A Public notice from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency of the proposed renewal of the federally enforceable state operating permit at Champion in Princeton. The permit is for regulating the air emissions from its compressor manufacturing plant located at 1301 North Euclid Avenue in Princeton. The IEPA has reviewed the application and made a preliminary determination that the application meets the standards for issuance and has prepared a draft permit for public review and comment.
3. A letter from IDOT stating the resolution adopted on November 12, 2013, by the County Board appropriating \$103,500 of County Motor Fuel Tax funds for payment of the salary and expenses of the County Engineer during the period from December 1, 2013, to November 30, 2014, was approved by their department on November 18, 2013.
4. A letter from IDOT stating the following contract has been satisfactorily completed and accepted by their department. It was for replacing the existing bridge over Fox Creek.

5. A letter from IDOT stating the following contract has been satisfactorily completed and accepted by their department. It was for a project that is two miles Southwest of Manlius over Hickory Creek.
6. An Administrative Order from the Circuit Court of the Thirteenth Judicial Circuit ordering that any Court proceedings scheduled in Bureau County after 12:00 o'clock noon on December 24, 2013, and after 12:00 o'clock noon on December 31, 2013, are cancelled and no court proceedings will take place. Mr. Bassetti moved to place the order on file, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.
7. The final budget appropriation and tax levy for year ending November 30, 2014, is to be placed on file. Mrs. Entwistle so moved, seconded by Mrs. Warren. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Hieronymus presented the appointment to the Bureau County Metropolitan Exposition, Auditorium and Office Building Board of Gene Englehart, Princeton, to replace James Smith, who resigned. He is to fill the remainder of the term on that Board, which will expire June 1, 2014. Mr. Anderson said he was making that appointment, and asked for the Board's approval. On vote, motion carried.

Mr. Anderson announced that there were public comment speakers as a result of the Zoning Board of Appeals hearing.

Greg Hill said he and his partner, Rick Salisbury, want to purchase property from Pat Despain who is a Bradford resident and resides on the property. Pat would serve as general contractor and manager. They plan to set up a market similar to a mini mall. They would be leasing property out to vendors in sections of a large building. They would also have crafts and antiques on the lawn. They plan to have a restaurant and would operate only on Saturday and Sunday. They would have things for the kids to do. They want to have a spot for families to come to spend the day. They also want to set up a spot for fundraising groups. It is located about a mile and a half South of Boyds Grove Church on the Bradford Blacktop. It is on non-tillable ground of about five acres.

Jeff Sears said he is the closest neighbor. He is concerned that they were not approached by the applicants to know what was going on. Their concern is the setting; it is a very rural area with limited police coverage. It is on a County road that is heavily used for agriculture transport, so they are concerned about public safety. They thought a lot of money was being spent for two days a week so wondered if this is a viable thing. They were concerned that the restaurant would have a liquor license, and they have kids so it is a public health concern. He asked the Board to weigh the risks compared to the rewards. The Board will be voting on this tonight.

Steve Cowser, who is the Milo Township Supervisor, addressed the Board. The township voted to not approve the zoning change. Their main concern is that it is an agricultural area, and this seems like a misfit. It proposes added liability to farm operators in the area. He farms in the area and shares those concerns. He is also concerned about run off with the added roof surface area which would affect the land directly to the East and the West. He also wanted to support the Sears family. He thought the proposed change would devalue their property.

#### ESDA/ZONING

The claims for ESDA totaled \$926.58, and those for Planning and Zoning totaled \$10,163.22.

Ms. Lilley presented an application from Cernovich Rentals, LLC for a rezone from B-1 to B-3 to bring property into compliance with the Bureau County Zoning Ordinance. The common location is 132-142 South Main Street, which is the Northeast corner of S. Main Street and E. Atkinson Street, Sheffield, Section 19, Concord Township. It was approved by the Planning Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Zoning Committee. Ms. Lilley moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Mangrich. On vote, motion carried.

Ms. Lilley presented an application from Chapel Hill Golf Course and Event Center for a conditional use to bring an existing golf course, country club, restaurant and bar and proposed 24' by 36' wedding chapel into compliance with the Bureau County Zoning Ordinance. The common location is the South side of IL Hwy 26, approximately one mile East of 1365 North Avenue, Section 35, Princeton Township. It was approved by the Planning Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Zoning Committee. Ms. Lilley moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

Ms. Lilley presented an application from Sean Tracey for a rezone from R-1 to Agriculture to bring an existing parcel into compliance with the Bureau County Zoning Ordinance. The common location is 14101 Lover's Lane, Princeton, which is the East side of Lover's Lane, across from Oak Ridge Subdivision, Section 20 in Princeton Township. It was approved by the Planning Commission, the Zoning Board of Appeals, and the Zoning Committee. Ms. Lilley moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

Ms. Lilley presented an application from Rick Salisbury for a rezone from Agriculture to B-3 for a commercial development including retail space, a restaurant, and an existing home to be used as an on-site manager residence. The common location is 585 Wyanet-Walnut Road, Bradford; which is the East side of the Wyanet-Walnut Road, approximately one-half mile South of 100 N. Avenue, Section 34, Milo Township. It was approved by the Planning Commission, and the Zoning Board of Appeals voted 4 to 1. The neighbors had concerns with increased traffic, conflict with farming operations, possible liquor licensing, and feasibility of the project's location. The committee had no recommendation. Ms. Lilley made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Mangrich. It was asked what is presently on the site. There is a house, two outbuildings, a small shop, and a pole barn. The rest is trees and grass. Mr. McCook asked if the property will remain as it is. The response was that the outbuildings will be torn down, but the house will remain (the house is about ten years old). It is planned to add other buildings. Soil and Water had concerns with erosion and water runoff. The owner responded that there has never been a problem with runoff in twenty years. Dale Anderson asked why it was not being built in a high traffic area rather than this agricultural area. The ZBA's concern is that this is spot zoning. Health and safety issues were also a concern. Before they would grant a building permit, they would have to have an approved well and septic system. The building would have to meet commercial code standards and building code and electrical code standards. The adequate water supply would be the Health Department's concern before a building permit would be issued. Mr. Maynard asked if you have to have a specific reason for rezoning from Ag to B-3. Mrs. Donarski said usually there is a reason given. Once the property meets B-3, anything listed under B-3 as a permitted use would be permitted. It includes retail sales, professional business, hotels and motels, ag and building trades, warehouse storage, community facilities, and vet clinics. The well would have to meet Health Department standards; probably the dug wells would have to be filled. Mr. Donarski thinks that zoning should protect the people that live in the area. He thinks that those that live there do not want this.

The motion to approve the zoning change was voted on.

Roll call.

Yes: Bassetti, Dobrich, Entwhistle, Lilley, Mangrich, Marini, Maynard, McCook, Rediger, Thompson, Warren, and Whited.

No: Albrecht, Ralph Anderson, Baracani, Donarski, Rabe, Stetson, Volker, and Dale Anderson.

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney, Giordano, Kohr, Pozzi, Ptasnik, and Sondgeroth.

Yes: 12; No: 8; Pass: 0; Absent: 6.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

The last application was from Northern Grain Marketing, LLC, for a conditional use for the construction of a grain pit, two grain legs and conveyors, three 105' diameter grain bins, one grain dryer, one 54' diameter wet holding bin and moving the existing grain dryer to a new location on the premises. The common location is 7226 IL Hwy 40, Buda; the East side of IL Hwy 40, approximately one-fourth mile North of Kentville Road, Section 27, Macon Township. It was approved by the Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals. The neighbor had concerns with increased noise, smell, lighting, truck traffic and property value being affected. The Zoning Committee was recommending it, and Ms. Lilley so moved, seconded by Mr. Ralph Anderson. On vote, motion carried.

#### HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Volker had three items to present. 1. She announced that the new dentist is Dr. Thackenbary who is by contractual agreement. He has office hours every Friday. He is available to the general public on a sliding scale fee. 2. A group of local citizens convened to complete what is called an IPLAN which is required every five years by the State. We are woefully deficient in our needs for mental health services, like most counties in Illinois. The County met for a webinar at the Princeton library last week. It included the Sheriff and Mrs. Volker, North Central Behavioral representatives and two people from private practices. They got a report from various states on the progress they are making in dealing with deficiencies and the number of practicing psychiatrists to serve the population. Minnesota is ahead of the game. They hope to get a better tape of the program later. They were led to believe that they need more people added to the core group that serves the population. In recent years, most of the medications given to patients with mental health needs are assigned by a family doctor. They are trying to decide who else to include in their IPLAN. 3. She reminded that our BCHD is considered a multi-health department because it is Bureau and Putnam Counties together. Mrs. Volker said that an Illinois Department of Public Health is required by the state to operate four programs: 1. Communicable disease control; 2. Food sanitation; 3. Water and well protection, and 4. Private sewage disposable. The state makes other staffing requirements of a certified public Health Department. It includes: Certified public health administrator, a licensed environmental health protection person, a communicable disease nurse, a billing clerk and a receptionist. Those are our only County employees. They have many more people on staff which is yielding us one of the best regarded public health departments in the state of Illinois. They are doing it by grants and by combining several people. The total cost to operate the basic health department is \$389,220. Their billing of the County is about \$11,000 less than only the administrator's salary. The remainder is done by grants and tax levies.

## ANIMAL CONTROL

The claims for Animal Control totaled \$5,879.68.

## FEES AND SALARIES

Mrs. Entwistle moved for the transfer of Public Safety Sales Tax of \$28,304.96 to the Court Security Fund, seconded by Mrs. Marini, which was for the old budget.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney, Giordano, Kohr, Pozzi, Ptasnik, and Sondgeroth.

Yes: 20; No: 0; Pass: 0; Absent: 6.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle presented the 2012-2013 budget amendments (the corrected copy was dated 12/1/13). It included paying off the Early Retirement Incentive of IMRF. Mrs. Entwistle made a motion for approval, seconded by Mr. Dobrich.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney, Giordano, Kohr, Pozzi, Ptasnik, and Sondgeroth.

Yes: 20; No: 0; Pass: 0; Absent: 6.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle reported that the Sheriff received a check through the Circuit Clerk's Office in the amount of \$80 for deposit in the Vehicle Procurement Fund. It is court funded income derived from

fees gained through court supervision cases. Sheriff Thompson received a check in the amount of \$16,500.62 to be deposited in the General Fund by the Bureau County Treasurer. This is payment for lightning damage to the control console.

Sheriff Thompson received a check from Quill for \$38.99 and Developmental Services for \$141.50 to be deposited in the General Fund by the Bureau County Treasurer. These payments were reimbursements for overpayments. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Ralph Anderson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the Sheriff's earnings report for November in the amount of \$4282.52. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the 2013 Annual Income Report from the Bureau County Sheriff's Office which showed total earnings of \$51,454.93. She 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 November which showed clerk's fees of \$12,450.36, Interest Traffic/Criminal/Civil check of \$28.97, Interest/Child support checking of \$ .01, Interest/Savings of \$ .23, and Interest/CD Savings of \$51.09. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Maynard. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the semi-annual report for the Circuit Clerk's Office which showed clerk's fees of \$103,659.71, Interest traffic/Criminal/Civil checking of \$145.70, Interest/child support checking of \$ .21, Interest/Savings of \$1.26, and Interest/CD Savings of \$51.09. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Donarski. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the annual report for the Circuit Clerk's Office which showed clerk's fees of \$212,595.12, Interest Traffic/Criminal/Civil checking of \$418.38, Interest/Child support checking of \$1.01, Interest/Savings of \$ .72, Interest/Savings of \$3.09 and Interest/CD Savings of \$101.29. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Ralph Anderson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the County Clerk's Earnings and Expenditures Report for November which showed earnings of \$10,483.83. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Whited. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the County Clerk's Earnings and Expenditures Report for the half-year of \$96,346.41, and for the year of \$216,438.55 and moved to place it on file, seconded by Mr. Rediger. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the sales tax report as follows:

1. The local share of income tax collected in July and received in October of \$49,102.61, which is \$1,713.77 more than last year.
2. The local share of state use tax collected in September and received in November of \$11,690.30, which is \$166.34 more than last year.
3. The ¼% sales tax collected in September and received in November of \$58,586.21, which is \$9,775.52 more than last year.
4. The Retailer's Occupational Tax collected in September and received in November of \$23,738.47, which is \$5667.80 more than last year.

5. The Public safety sales tax collected in August and received in November of \$91,904.91, which is \$8,220.92 more than last year.
6. The Local share of video gaming tax collected in August and received in November of \$146.34.

#### TRANSPORTATION

The County Highway Fund totaled \$141,670.31, the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$70,851.76, the County Aid Bridge Fund \$9,127.08, and the Township MFT fund \$29,564.11.

Mr. Rabe presented a Resolution for acceptance of bids for various maintenance materials for the Annual County Maintenance Program. He said several bids were submitted and the County Board approved acceptance of the lowest on the road cost material. Mr. Rabe moved for approval of the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Thompson.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney, Giordano, Kohr, Pozzi, Ptasnik, and Sondgeroth.

Yes: 20; No: 0; Pass: 0; Absent: 6.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

#### INSURANCE

The claims for Insurance totaled \$37,149.79.

#### LAW/ASSESSMENTS

The claims for Law totaled \$22,506.96, and those for Assessments totaled \$6,404.79.

Mrs. Marini gave the coroner's report for November which showed 31 coroner's cases, 3 death investigations, 1 autopsy, 19 cremations, and income of \$200. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Maynard. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini reported that the income from the Supervisor of Assessments job for the month was \$236 and moved to place it on file, seconded by Mrs. Warren. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini presented the Resolution for the States Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor program for Fiscal Year 2014 for the sum of \$11,000. The program handles all appeals and furnishes legal advice. Since the

resolution was included in the mailout, Mrs. Marini made a motion to waive the reading of the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini moved for approval of the Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Entwhistle.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney, Giordano, Kohr, Pozzi, Ptasnik, and Sondgeroth.

Yes: 20; No: 0; Pass: 0; Absent: 6.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

#### BUILDING/GROUNDS/PRINTING/STATIONERY

The claims for Building and Grounds totaled \$45,838.45, and those for Printing and Stationery totaled \$28,745.03.

Mrs. Entwhistle moved for the payment of claims, including an additional \$19,346.69, seconded by Ralph Anderson.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Feeney, Giordano, Kohr, Pozzi, Ptasnik, and Sondgeroth.

Yes: 20; No: 0; Pass: 0; Absent: 6.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

The County Treasurer, Nina Urbanowski, was asked to explain how the delinquent tax program works with the Bureau County Trustee, and the situation she is presently dealing with. She said that any parcel of property that is not bid on at the time of the tax sale, the County buys. Then after three years the

County gets deed to the property. There was a property in Spring Valley that was bought, and the buyer changed the locks on the building and rented a dumpster. He found out that the City had condemned the property. He was reimbursed for the amount he gave the County for the property, but was asking to be reimbursed for \$240 for the dumpster. It was pointed out that he bought the property as is. Mr. Rabe moved that no reimbursement be given, seconded by Ralph Anderson. Mr. Herrmann will send a letter confirming the County Board's decision. 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. Bassetti, that the meeting be adjourned. On vote, motion carried.