

COUNTY OF BUREAU)

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

February 12, 2013

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 February 12, 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, February 12, 2013, at 6:30 PM and that all claims must be filed with the County Clerk on or before Friday, February 1, 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, Feeney, Giordano, Kohr, Lilley, Mangrich, Marini, McCook, Pozzi, Rabe, Rediger, Sondgeroth, Stetson, Thompson, Volker, Warren, Whited, and Dale Anderson. Absent: Maynard and Ptasnik.

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

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

Mrs. Hieronymus read the following communications:

1. A letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation that the following contract has been satisfactorily completed and accepted by the Department. It is Contract 87474.
2. A letter from ComEd to inform us that during the months of February, March, and April ComEd will begin performing regularly scheduled Transmission Corridor vegetation management activities within our area. ComEd's vegetation management activities are necessary to ensure the reliability of electrical service and to ensure public safety.
3. A letter from Ameren advising that Ameren Illinois will be trimming trees in and around the Spring Valley area in the near future. Enclosed were maps and common addresses of the areas affected. They will be mailing a notice to customers affected by the tree trimming. A phone number was given if there are questions.
4. Another letter from Ameren Illinois advising of tree trimming in and around the Mineral area in the near future. They will be mailing notices to customers affected by the tree trimming work and will provide public notice in the newspaper covering the area. An 800 number was given for questions.

Marc Wilt addressed the Board during public comment regarding his request for a conditional use for a grass landing strip on family ground they have owned since 1933. The sequence of events is the Board

needs to pass the conditional use which then goes to the Illinois Department of Transportation Division of Aeronautics, which determines if the area meets the requirements for their safety rules. At that time they would identify any alterations that may be needed to meet the requirements of the safety rules. They make a personal visit to determine what the requirements are which they send to the FAA. After the completion of the initial inspection they make some air space determination. This may take up to a year for them to complete. The policy is that no operating certificate will be issued if an objectionable FAA airspace results from their FAA form submittal. Mr. Wilt asked the Board to approve the conditional use so he can proceed with the next step. The whole process can take up to two years. After the FAA gives approval, then he would have 18 months to build it.

ESDA/ZONING

The claims for ESDA totaled \$1,003.59, and those for Planning and Zoning totaled \$5,339.10.

Ms. Lilley had four resolutions to present:

An application by Marc Wilt for a conditional use to operate a private sod landing strip, the common location being 26647 1600 E Street, Walnut, on the Southwest corner of 1600 E Street and 2700 N Avenue, Walnut Township. The Planning Commission and the Zoning Board of Appeals recommended it. An objection was raised by Walnut Ridge Wind farm because of concerns with a proposed wind turbine generator to be located to the south and other WTG's. The Zoning Committee recommended on a 4-3 vote that the County Board send this matter back to the Zoning Board of Appeals to hear additional testimony and evidence. Ms. Lilley moved for sending the matter back to the ZBA, seconded by Mr. Thompson. Mr. Pozzi asked why it was being recommended to send it back? Was there additional testimony that was brought before the Zoning Committee that the ZBA and Planning Commission never heard? Ms. Lilley responded that there was a letter that Mr. Wilt brought to the committee. The committee wanted more information. The letter that Mr. Wilt read tonight was the letter he took to the Zoning Committee meeting. Ms. Stetson said there was a question about whether this could come back on the Board and that is when it was decided they should get more information about everything because of the wind farm. Mr. Herrmann said he was not at the ZBA meeting for this so he did not know what the evidence was. There are transcripts of what transpired. Mr. Herrmann said he was not sure that the ZBA considered the fact that the Walnut Ridge Wind turbines were already permitted. Because they are a permitted use in that area, they have to be considered. The question is whether they can co-exist with Mr. Wilt's proposed airstrip. He did not know if there was any evidence with regard to whether they can or not; whether a plane can be landed there if the turbines go up on those proposed sites. He said no pilots testified at the ZBA hearing and he thought it should take an experienced pilot's testimony to give an opinion as to whether that can be safely done or not. He thought that many factors could be involved. Mr. Herrmann suggested that if there is not the evidence needed, it be sent back to the ZBA to get the evidence. Mr. Pozzi asked what happens if the Board goes along with the conditional use, and the FAA determined it was unsuitable. Mr. Herrmann said the FAA will not be involved any more than an inspection because of how minor it is; it is a private landing strip. He thought it would be left to the Illinois Board of Aeronautics. The Board has to determine under our standards under the zoning ordinance whether or not to grant the conditional use. Part of those standards is whether or not it will interfere with uses already permitted in that area, and those wind turbines are permitted uses in that area at this point. Mr. Herrmann said they knew the wind turbines had been permitted, but did not know if they knew distances from the landing strip. Mr. Herrmann said he did not know how much room they needed either, but that is the kind of evidence the ZBA needs to hear and the Board needs to hear eventually to decide whether or not to grant this. If they can co-exist, that

is wonderful. Mr. Whited asked Mr. Wilt what the proposed length of the runway is, and he responded 2200 feet. Mrs. Donarski said that there was a representative from Midwest Wind at the ZBA meeting and testified as to the location of the proposed wind turbines in relationship to the end of Mr. Wilt's runway so there was testimony by Walnut Ridge Wind at the ZBA hearing. Mrs. Donarski read Mr. French's sworn testimony from the Board of Review. He stated that he works for Midwest Wind Energy, and gave his address in Chicago. He said he was there representing Walnut Ridge Wind. He said he was not there to oppose what Mr. Wilt wants to do on the land. He said he wanted to raise some concerns they have regarding the location of the airstrip in relation to the wind farm. He said Walnut Ridge Wind received conditional use permits back in 2008 for 150 wind turbine generators generally in the vicinity of this project area. It also included the transmission line that stretched from about the middle of the project and east and then back up north. In 2011 they were extended to December 31, 2014, so they are still in place. Mr. French said he would like to note that Dolores Wilt, Mr. Wilt's mother, did have a proposed wind turbine generator on the parcel being referred to. That WTG will not be built because she has decided not to renew her lease with them. He said they were not there to oppose the airstrip; they believe Mr. Wilt has the right to free use and enjoyment of his property. He said what they are concerned about is how it will impact Walnut Ridge and the CUP's they already have in place. There is a wind turbine generator located on the south approximately 458 feet off the end of the proposed air strip and then about 1500 feet south of the south property line there could potentially be a 90 foot tall transmission line that is running along the north side of the road there. He said he did not know if Mr. Wilt had applied to the FAA yet; he did not find where he had. He said their conditional uses are in place and are good until 2014. If the Board approved Mr. Wilt's request, he wanted it stated that their CUP's took precedence and that anything that Mr. Wilt does will not interfere with the wind turbine generators and the transmission line. Mrs. Volker said the only way they would get Mr. Wilt's letter back into the legal testimony was to send it back to the ZBA from the Zoning Committee. She said her main concern was for the safety of the Wilt family. She said while they can measure the fixed structures, there is such a thing as a wake factor that is created when the various turbines are in operation. What effect that has on light aircraft is unknown. Mr. Bassetti thought they should have testimony from an expert as to whether a plane could take off and land safely with the wind turbines. Mr. Whited asked Mr. Wilt what the location, from the end of the runway, the turbine would be. What effect would it really have? He responded he did not know since it was not built yet. He thought the FAA would have the final say on the direction. Mr. Whited said he had his pilot's license and the way everything is drawn out, he did not see there were problems. Mrs. Donarski said she has a map but it was not shown at the ZBA; it was sent to her afterward along with a copy of a letter that was submitted to Ms. Lilley afterwards. So that information was not at the ZBA hearing and did not come from Midwest Wind until after the ZBA meeting. It does show the proposed position of the power line and the wind turbine relative to the Wilt property. Mrs. Volker said, regarding the wake factor of the turbines being near the landing strip, was a hearing she had attended at the close of the year where the national president of the crop dusters association testified of an inability to find pilots that felt it was safe to do crop dusting in the area of the wind turbines. Mr. Dobrich said that he is on the Zoning Committee and his opinion is, based on what the States Attorney said, that he did not see any evidence and his recommendation was to send it back to the ZBA to get whatever evidence is needed. He thought there could be evidence presented that would help Mr. Wilt in his quest for a landing strip. Mrs. Entwistle commented that Mr. Wilt cannot get the IDOT Aeronautical Department or the FAA out here to inspect the proposed landing strip until he has his conditional use permit. So he is kind of in a bind. She said there are crop dusters that have landing strips among some of the turbines. Mr. Whited said that if an expert opinion is needed, why not kick this up to IDOT who has experts who deal with many places all over the country and let them make a decision about safety. Ms. Lilley said the County wants to make sure it covers itself so as not to get sued again. Mr. Herrmann said that if Midwest Wind

perceives the permitted airstrip as interfering with their wind farm, they could file a lawsuit to void Mr. Wilt's conditional use permit. It is not the first to build; it is the first to get permitted and Midwest Wind was first. If their conditional use permits expire, then Mr. Wilt becomes first in line. The vote was taken for sending this back to the ZBA. On vote, motion carried.

2. The next application was for a conditional use by Kasbeer Farmers' Elevator Co. to build two 105 foot diameter grain bins and conveyors, a 20,000 bushel receiving leg, a 10,000 bushel dry leg, a receiving pit, a 24 foot diameter bin and a 27' x 120' commercial grain dryer. The common location is the north side of 2460 N Avenue, East of 2040 E Street (Third St), Kasbeer, Ohio Township. It was approved by the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, there were no objections, and it was approved by the Zoning Committee. Ms. Lilley moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

3. The next application was by Lynn VanderMeersch for a rezone from B-3 and Agriculture to Agriculture to bring property into compliance with the Bureau County Zoning Ordinance. The common location is the East side of US Routes 6 and 34, just North of the railroad crossing, Sheffield, Concord Township. It was approved by all committees, there were no objections, and Ms. Lilley moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Bassetti. On vote, motion carried.

4. The next application was by John and Carlette Prostko for a conditional use to replace an existing mobile home with a 2012 or 2013 Skyline 16' x 70' manufactured home on a farm. The common location is the North side of IL Hwy 29, approximately one-quarter mile East of 1245 N Avenue, Selby Township. It was approved by all committees, there were no objections, and Ms. Lilley moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Donarski reported that as of February 1, the County treasurer has established a separate fund at the Heartland Bank and Trust Company (formerly Citizens First National Bank) for the Big Sky Decommissioning Fund. This is the letter of credit that the County Board cashed in when it was not renewed. The amount of the fund is \$1,802,142.50 which includes a base amount of \$1,794,607.36, and interest of \$7,535.14. The money had been deposited into the General Fund but is now deposited at Heartland. The Zoning ordinance states that the decommissioning funds be deposited with an escrow agent that is acceptable to the Zoning Enforcing Officer, which is Mrs. Donarski, so she was bringing this to the Board as her recommendation. Heartland Bank and Trust Company would be the account holder. It was moved by Mrs. Volker, seconded by Mr. Dobrich, for approval. Mr. Sondgeroth asked if the bank's insurance limits were high enough to cover that amount. It was stated it is different for County government than for an individual depositor and the funds are collateral backed, not FDIC. So the County is covered. On vote, motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Volker reported that she hopes to have financial reports for the next Board meeting. By the end of January, the State of Illinois has fulfilled payment on all 2011 bills. The State of Illinois poses big problems when it comes to the payment of services. The Obama Healthcare System is going to make some drastic changes in the way they have to do business and the way they have to try to maintain services for local folks. A lot of the grants are not going to be in existence much longer. Our health department has been singled out by the State of Illinois as one of the leading health departments in the State of Illinois. She looks forward to us being able to hold on to some grants that some other counties may not be able to. Prized among grants is the CPASA, Community Partners Against Substance Abuse. The County has National Guard people coming up from Springfield and bringing helicopters and other

things to draw people into the program. We have people from Tazewell County and Rock Island County coming in to figure out what we are doing in Bureau County that we have so much volume from various other entities to make this program work for Bureau County.

The IPLAN that was done this year, which is done once every five years, and is based on planning according to the major illnesses or health deficits in the County. Our County has had its first meeting and is tying into other service providers to address the main health issues of Bureau County residents.

The dental clinic is teetering and they are playing by ear how much longer they can make it. They are providing services within a 50-mile radius of Princeton. They have other service contracts there and they have a lot of volunteer services who come from other dentists as well as some free supplies that come to them. If some of their constituents are having trouble finding out how to use the dental clinic, there will be pamphlets coming out soon how the services work so we can try to continue to fulfill all our needs for utilization of the dental clinic while we still have it.

Mrs. Volker has been in contact with several entities since the Sandy Hook Massacre occurred. She mentioned that included in the Board packet was some information on gun control, HB 0148, which is coming up. That has served to alert and cause people to question what our mental health service status is for our Bureau residents. She said it is scattered, and a lot of our entities have had to fold due to the economics of the time. She has been in contact with North Central Behavioral, and they are trying to figure out how they can improve things. There has been a movement of very unhappy citizens about the need for more mental health services. The group has addressed the CEO's of St. Margaret's and Perry Memorial Hospital. It is hard to find psychiatrists that will come to practice in the rural counties of Illinois, but she wanted to go on record that they realize there is a need, and they are working on how they can improve those services.

ANIMAL CONTROL

The claims for Animal Control totaled \$10,605.78.

FEES AND SALARIES

Mrs. Entwhistle said it will soon be time for the Board to go out for bids for County auditing services. WIPFLI came to their committee and explained their services. There is a state statute that says they do not have to go out for bids for professional services. The committee did ask that they submit a bid so they would know what their costs will be over the next three years. She checked with the Treasurer and the County Clerk to see if they were happy with WIPFLI's services, and they did say they are extremely happy. It is hoped to be able to keep them for another three years.

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

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the Sheriff's Earnings Report for January 2013 of \$3483.55, and moved that it be placed on file, seconded by Mr. Ralph Anderson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle presented the Circuit Clerk's Receipts and Disbursements report for January 2013 showing Earnings of \$17,518.82, Interest Traffic/Criminal/Civil checking of \$45.96, Interest/Child support checking of \$.04, Interest/Savings of \$.38, and Interest/Savings of .09. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mrs. Feeney. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle presented the County Clerk's Earnings and Expenditures Report for January 2013 showing clerk's fees in the amount of \$16,108.65. She moved that the report be placed on file, seconded by Mr. Donarski. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle presented the sales tax reports as follows:

1. The Local Share of Income Tax collected in September and received in January of \$74,014.32, which is \$1,420.62 more than last year.
2. The Local Share of State Use Tax collected in November and received in January of \$11,474.40, which is \$996.53 more than last year.
3. The ¼% sales tax collected in November and received in January of \$51,733.17, which is \$624.47 less than last year.
4. The Retailer's Occupational Tax collected in November and received in January of \$40,323.69, which is \$12,874.77 less than last year.
5. The Public Safety Sales tax collected in October and received in January of \$93,167.60, which is \$380.48 less than last year.

TRANSPORTATION

The County Highway Fund totaled \$45,098.05, the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$40,209.67, the Federal Aid Matching Fund \$29,612.80, the County Aid Bridge Fund \$16,133.95, and the TBP Fund \$4,572.62.

Mr. Sondgeroth presented a Resolution for Acceptance of Bids for various maintenance materials for annual County Maintenance Program. A public bid letting was held on January 3, 2013, and the committee recommended the acceptance of the lowest bid on the road cost material to the low bidders. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Pozzi.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Maynard and Ptasnik

Yes: 24; No: 0; Pass: 0; Absent: 2.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

INSURANCE

The claims for Insurance totaled \$29,131.89.

Mr. Kohr said there is nothing on the agenda from Insurance that requires a vote. They had a presentation from Butler Insurance to explain to the committee exactly what they are performing for the County on an HR basis. Part of the proposal, which was entered into with Butler, was that they would answer any HR questions that employees of the County have. Melissa Alvarez answers about 3-4 phone calls per week from employees about insurance coverage that they may or may not qualify for through Central States. The committee is still gathering information because with the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obama Care, there are a number of changes that are going to occur for employees, particularly for those that have over 50 employees on the payroll. So there are a number of things that the County will have to have in place. He said he is going to talk to a professional that will give advice as to what the County may or may not want to put in a proposal to go out for bids for this type of service. One of the items that came up for discussion in the committee meeting is that there is already, as far as the HR question, a parallel path which is available to the employees. The employees can call Local 722 and talk to extension 11, and she can answer 95 out of 100 questions. There is also a toll-free number and a website. Any question that cannot be answered through Central States is referred to Jim Burke. That is also the same parallel path that Butler Insurance is taking right now. The Committee has to make up their minds and bring back a recommendation to the Board as to what is the best way to proceed. Central States will not answer questions about COBRA and questions concerning qualifications that have to be tracked for Obama Care. He hopes to have more information for the Board next month.

Mr. Kohr said he attended his first safety committee meeting on January 28. He feels that with working with Building and Grounds, they will be able to move forward on a lot of different items that have been shoved aside. The committee consists of some courthouse employees as well as a member of Gallagher Insurance. Nobody knows the condition of the courthouse and what needs to be improved more than the employees that work here. One of the topics was that they were glad to report that there were zero employee accidents, vehicle accidents or visitor accidents for the past month. There was a caution however. An employee that had gone out to mail some letters at the mailbox outside slipped and fell on the ice but did not fill out an injury report. The department heads have got to make sure that every single time there is an accident, they must fill out an injury report. If they do not have access to that information, they cannot take action to prevent accidents from happening again.

Mr. Kohr reported that there is a new janitor at the courthouse who has had over 30 years of experience at LTV Steel in maintenance and brings a wealth of knowledge and experience with him. It was felt there will be a lot of things that can be taken care of in-house.

LAW/ASSESSMENTS

The claims for Law totaled \$19,566.52, and those for Assessments totaled \$14,768.79.

Mrs. Marini reported that the coroner had income of \$60 and \$400, and she moved to place that report on file, seconded by Mrs. Feeney. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini gave the Coroner's report which showed 28 coroner's cases, 4 death investigations, 2 autopsies, and 14 cremations. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Whited. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini reported that the Assessor had income of \$102 and she moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Thompson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini gave the Public Defender's report which showed 48 cases opened and 30 cases closed, and moved to place it on file, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

Mr. Rediger brought up a concealed carry recommendation to the committee, and he was asked to prepare a presentation for the Board. He said back in November Whiteside County passed a resolution, and tonight this was just for discussion. He said he investigated it, brought it to the Law Committee, and then was asked to present it to the Board. He distributed a Resolution to the Board for kicking around. House Bill 0148 is going through, and it is in the Rules Committee right now being reviewed. Mr. Rediger had the House Bill, he has read it, and it is 37 pages, which can be downloaded. It is pretty in-depth, and covers about any question, including safety, training, and who will give permits out. Part of what he was presenting was from the Whiteside County Board, and part of it was from the Pike County Board. Currently there are 12 counties that have gone on record; Illinois is the only state that has not done concealed carry. The permits would be \$65, with \$25 staying with our sheriff. Our sheriff is elated that this is coming back up; he is 100% behind it. Mr. Herrmann said the only thing that he thinks should be checked out is whether there could be any liability imposed on the County for this, and we should check with our insurance carrier to see if there would be an increase in our rates. Mr. Rediger said the House Bill says there would be no liability to anyone who authorizes this. Lisa Madigan has filed for the entire Board to review that. If the County should pass this, it would be sent to all of our legislators and Gov. Quinn that we are in support of this legislation. It was asked if there were any other bills under consideration; he said John Thompson advised him that there are three going through. The bill talks a lot about safety and who can be a trainer. It exempts military and retired police officers from going through the training. The qualification requires 30 rounds with 70% accuracy. Mrs. Marini thought that maybe next month they will have more to talk about.

Mrs. Marini said the next item of discussion was a claim and the payment for it, and she deferred the discussion to Mr. Herrmann. He said it was regarding the legal fees for Melissa Sims. The Board, at his suggestion, had reduced a prior bill by \$2700. There is a new bill for services rendered since then and a proposal to reduce her bill by \$1,298.87. It appears that will almost cut it in half. The legal fees issue was set for a status hearing before Judge Jans next week in Ottawa, so she is making this offer to settle the case. The total claims this month would be \$13,000. There was a lot of work done this month on a petition for leave to appeal to the Illinois Supreme Court. Mrs. Marini said the committee recommended that we settle. It was stated that it will be handled with the other bills.

Mrs. Marini said the next item for discussion was the process for agriculture buildings. She said it has come to attention from a township assessor that there is a lag in ag buildings being assessed. She checked with Mr. Sweeney in assessments and Mrs. Donarski in zoning and the process is that an ag building does not require a permit. They can get a permit, and they have to meet the zoning qualifications as far as setbacks, but a permit is not required. There are many ag buildings out in the County that have not been assessed. So the County has not gotten their share of what the assessment is because the paper trail has not caught up to them. Eventually it will but it is not in a timely fashion. The assessor was made aware of this again in December when they had the assessment meeting. So there has been an adjustment in the assessor's office where they are able to go through some paperwork to get it to the assessor's, and in the zoning office they have started the process of adding a text amendment that will require all ag buildings to have a permit. Thereby the assessment feature will be in a more timely fashion. There is no charge for those permits, but the paperwork will require them so

every office will be doing what they need to do. She appreciated what the Assessor and Zoning officer have done.

Mrs. Marini said the next item was raising the court fees on criminal defendants. Mr. Herrmann included a Resolution on that which was in the mailout, and she asked him to comment. The States Attorney's Office has an affiliation with the child advocacy center in Henry County, which is called Braveheart. There were four reps from that office present at the meeting which could answer any questions they may have. They have equipped our room with recording equipment and with furniture. They provide all of the materials for the interviews. He does not feel that Bureau County needs its own advocacy center so this arrangement works out good for both of us. Braveheart receives its funding from several sources, these fees in Henry County that are proposed here tonight, grants from the attorney general's office, and grants from DCFS. They are having the same problems we are, where their grants are becoming less and less. They would like to have this resolution passed to help alleviate some of the burden that is put on them by the state. These are fees that would be collected in both misdemeanor cases and felony cases and would be used to continue the funding of the satellite advocacy center in Bureau County. They also provide training through their branch for Bureau County officers; they will also provide the forensic interviewers. Bureau County has been associated with them since 2007. Mr. Rabe moved to waive the reading of the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Ralph Anderson. On vote, motion carried. Mr. Donarski moved for approval of the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Bassetti. On vote, motion carried.

BUILDING/GROUNDS/PRINTING/STATIONERY

The claims for Building and Grounds totaled \$52,175.75, and those for Printing and Stationery totaled \$36,819.82.

Mrs. Warren said the communications project continues to make progress. The narrowbanding was completed on time, and the County is compliant. She said 80% of the fixed equipment at the jail is installed and functional. The tower work has been done with new antennas, new lines, lightning surge protectors and an ice bridge. The vehicular antennas are not functional at this time because we are waiting for an FCC license. Everyone using the new equipment is very pleased with the outcome, and there were a lot of positive comments on the work they had done on this project.

The Princeton Duck Club is requesting the use of the County Board Room on March 11 for their annual meeting. This is something they have done for many years. Mrs. Urbanowski has volunteered to open up the building and to make sure it is secure when they leave. Mrs. Warren moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

The Princeton Optimists Club has requested the use of the park for their Easter egg hunt on March 30. Mrs. Warren moved for approval of the request, seconded by Mr. Rabe. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Warren said that a couple of years ago the County had some work done on the Soldiers and Sailors Monument due to a continuing water leak. The water leak did not totally go away, but it did improve. In checking on it last week, there was a half a bucket of water, and tonight there was additional water in the bucket. Mrs. Warren called Otto Baum, who did the work before and they will send one of their experts to re-inspect the monument and give us their suggestions on what needs to be done. They will do this at no charge, and they will give us a list of what we may need to do.

The lawn and snow removal bids will be submitted to the Bureau County Republican tomorrow. The bids are due March 6 and will be opened at the Building and Grounds meeting.

The County has some wooden ladders which are no longer acceptable, so they are asking to take them to the auction house in Wyandot to be auctioned off with that money being returned to the General Fund. A motion was made by Ralph Anderson, and seconded by Mr. Thompson, for selling the ladders. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Warren reported that our copy paper supply is running low and we need to order 100 cases of white copy paper. The trial of the SBM brand of copy paper was successful. It is \$29.99 per case versus the Hammermill brand at \$41.91 per case. She moved for approval of the SBM bid, seconded by Mr. Kohr. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Warren reported that Mrs. Donarski's fax machine bit the dust. Mrs. Donarski proposed an alternative to the committee in place of a new fax machine. A fax expansion kit can be added to the big Sharp copier for \$552, \$74 for a tray, and \$165 for installation for a total of \$791. This piece of equipment will allow her office to send faxes directly from the computer which would eliminate some paper use for sending faxes. It would also eliminate toner supplies for a regular fax machine if she had to purchase a new one. They would also be able to receive faxes on their copier fax. This piece of equipment would fall under the SBM contract for the copier. Mrs. Warren moved for the approval of the fax expansion kit, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwistle moved for payment of all the claims approved at the committee, \$1,725 for Melissa Sims, and \$432.73 for mileage and meeting claims, seconded by Mrs. Stetson.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Maynard and Ptasnik

Yes: 24; No: 0; Pass: None; Absent: 2.

On roll call vote, motion carried

TOURISM

Mr. Rediger reported that at the Tourism meeting they announced they will be ordering 10,000 new tourism guides from the Bureau County Republican. The newspaper sells ads for that which pretty much pays for them. He said he found out that the Backbone Road used to be the Backbone Trail.

PROBATION

Mr. Donarski presented the Probation and Court Services Fiscal Year 2012 Financial and Statistical Report for the period December 1, 2011, through November 30, 2012. He moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mrs. Marini. On vote, motion carried.

Mr. Rabe said that the Board was given the 911 Stats Report for the month of December 2012 as well as the report for the year. He also said the new budget did not balance.

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

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