

COUNTY OF BUREAU )  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS )  February 11, 2014  
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County Board          )

The County Board met in the Court House in Princeton, Illinois, in said County of Bureau, in the State of Illinois, in the Board Room on February 11, 2014, which said notice is in the words and figures as follows:

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the members of the County Board of Bureau County, Illinois, will meet at the Court House in Princeton, Illinois, in Regular Session on Tuesday, February 11, 2014, at 6:30 PM and that all claims must be filed with the County Clerk on or before Friday, January 31, 2014.

Kamala S. Hieronymus  
County Clerk

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

The Invocation was given by Derek 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 January meeting, it was moved by Mr. Baracani, seconded by Mrs. Volker, for approval. On vote, motion carried.

Mr. Hieronymus presented a copy of the Illinois Department of Corrections recent inspection report of the Bureau County Jail, which is to be placed on file. Mr. Bassetti so moved, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Hieronymus presented the reappointment of Fred Barnhart as trustee to the Bureau Fire Protection District. The chairman made that appointment and asked for the Board's approval. On vote, motion carried.

ESDA/ZONING

The claims for ESDA totaled \$926.59, and those for Planning and Zoning totaled \$5327.29.

Ms. Lilley presented three applications for approval:

1. Brian Cromwell for a rezone from B-3 to R-2 to bring an existing single family home into compliance with the Zoning Ordinance. The common location is at the end of Franklin Street, approximately 125' West of Church Street, Section 24, LaMoille. It was approved by all committees, and Ms. Lilley moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

2. David Bohm for a rezone from M-2 to R-2 to bring an existing single family home into compliance with the Zoning Ordinance. The common location is the South side of US Hwy 6 and 34, approximately 1200' East of Junction IL Rt 34 and US Hwy 6, Section 24, Mineral Township. It was approved by all committees, and Ms. Lilley moved for approval, seconded by Ralph Anderson. On vote, motion carried.
3. Joyce Washer for a conditional use to sell or charge a fee for related non-agricultural products or agricultural products not produced on the premises in conjunction with a proposed nursery and landscaping business. The common location is the West side of 1995 E Street (Tiskilwa Spur Road) approximately one-half mile North of Lovers Lane Road, Section 29, Princeton Township. It was approved by all committees, and Ms. Lilley moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Rabe. On vote, motion carried.

#### ANIMAL CONTROL

The claims for Animal Control totaled \$5,160.33.

A question was raised about their phone bill, which totaled \$529.99. It was explained that that amount was for the cell phone and the land line and was for two months.

#### FEES AND SALARIES

Mrs. Entwhistle reported that they have a candidate to fill the ESDA/EMA position. Certification is required; it is considered a part-time position that would pay \$25,000 for a four day work week of 7 ½ hours per day. He would be paid mileage. He would be reviewed in six months, and would be on a 90-day probation period. The position was advertised and none of the other candidates had the certification. Mrs. Entwhistle made a motion to hire Keenan Campbell at \$25,000, seconded by Mrs. Stetson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the Sheriff's earnings report for January in the amount of \$4571.50. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle reported that the Sheriff received a check through the Circuit Clerk's Office in the amount of \$120 for deposit in the Vehicle Procurement Fund. It is court funded income derived from fees gained through court supervision cases. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Albrecht. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the Circuit Clerk's Receipts and Disbursements Report for December which showed clerk's fees of \$17,079.16, Interest traffic/criminal/civil checking of \$18.50, Interest/Child support checking of \$ .02, Interest/Savings of \$ .41, and December Passport fees of \$475. 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 January which showed earnings of \$ 9846.14. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented a report from the Bureau County trustee showing the amount collected for January for sold properties was \$1998. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Maynard. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the sales tax report as follows:

1. The Local share of income tax collected in October and received in January in the amount of \$55,334.16, which is \$591.52 less than last year.
2. The Local share of state use tax collected in November and received in January of \$13,535.08, which is \$2,060.68 more than last year.
3. The ¼% sales tax collected in November and received in January of \$59,161.60, which is \$7,428.43 more than last year.
4. The Retailer's Occupational tax collected in November and received in January of \$59,823.95, which is \$19,500.26 more than last year.
5. The Public safety sales tax collected in October and received in January of \$104,726.42, which is \$11,558.82 more than last year.
6. The local share of video gaming tax was zero.

#### TRANSPORTATION

The County Highway Fund totaled \$87,669.79, the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$112,226.41, the Federal Aid Matching Fund \$10,602.98, the County Aid Bridge Fund \$11,508.95, and the Township MFT Fund of \$33,539.20.

Mr. Sondgeroth reported on the winter road conditions for the County. He said they have been overloaded with snow removal. The County Highway Department has enough money to meet the needs of this winter, but the overtime pay may need attention. The excellent staff was commended for putting in lots of hours and for doing a good job. They have enough salt and sand to meet the needs.

Mr. Sondgeroth reported that the department wants to purchase some additional right-of-way. He asked John Gross to give that report. Mr. Gross has been working with some landowners. They have come with an agreement which was put together since their last meeting. Mr. Gross was asked to explain. He said it is in relation to the proposed bridge replacement project on Backbone Road. This is in addition to the property purchase approved last month. It is owned by Larry and Vicki Mongan . It is two parcels; one is up top and the other down below the Bureau Creek. Each parcel is about half an acre. Mr. Gross said that after looking at soils, maps, etc. they came to an agreement of \$5,670 for the approximate acre. Mr. Gross said they want to see this project go ahead. Mr. Sondgeroth made a motion to authorize Dale Anderson as representative of the County to sign the dedication of right of way, seconded by Mr. Maynard. On vote, motion carried.

#### INSURANCE

The claims for Insurance totaled \$33,794.68.

#### LAW/ASSESSMENTS

The claims for Law totaled \$8,066.76, and those for Assessments totaled \$6,865.37.

Mrs. Marini presented the Coroner's report for January which showed 38 coroner's cases, 4 death investigations, 4 autopsies, 16 cremations and income of \$150. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini reported that the Supervisor of Assessments Office had income of \$357 and moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Baracani. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini gave the Public Defender's report for November which showed 49 cases opened and 37 cases closed. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mrs. Stetson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini gave the Public Defender's report for December which showed 46 cases opened and 27 cases closed. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mrs. Feeney. On vote, motion carried.

#### BUILDING/GROUNDS/PRINTING/STATIONERY

The claims for Building and Grounds totaled \$52,022.38 and those for Printing and Stationery totaled \$31,864.00.

Mrs. Warren reported that she had nothing to add to what was listed on the agenda for her committee.

#### PAYMENT OF CLAIMS

Mrs. Entwhistle moved for the payment of all claims plus \$2,232.05 for mileage and meetings, and a Coroner's claim in the amount of \$2,836, seconded by Ralph Anderson.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Giordano, Pozzi, and Ptasnik

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Since the April County Board meeting falls on the same Tuesday that the township meetings are held, it was suggested that the County Board meet on a different night in April. Mr. McCook moved to meet on Thursday, April 10, 2014, seconded by Mrs. Volker. On vote, motion carried.

Mr. Anderson said the Board needed to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations according to 5 ILCS 120/2c2. Mr. Kohr so moved, seconded by Mr. Dobrich.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Giordano, Pozzi, and Ptasnik.

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

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

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Giordano, Pozzi, and Ptasnik.

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mr. Sondgeroth commented on the letter sent to the Board members from Donna Engels regarding Hamrick et al v. the County of Bureau et al (Walnut Ridge conditional use extensions). On January 23, 2014, Judge Michael Jansz granted Summary Judgment in favor of the Defendants, the County of Bureau and Walnut Ridge Wind. He ruled that the extension of the conditional use permits was governed by Bureau County Ordinance and was proper. There were a number of issues raised in the Motions for Summary Judgment, and the Judge acknowledged that this was a case of first impression on at least one if not more issues. If the Plaintiffs do not file anything further, the matter is closed and the Board's decision to extend the conditional uses will stand. The Judge issued an eleven page decision addressing other issues that were raised. An appeal is expected; but it will be a moot point because the CUP's will have expired.

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.

The next meeting of the County Board will be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2014, at 6:30 PM.