

COUNTY OF BUREAU )  
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STATE OF ILLINOIS ) January 14, 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 January 14, 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, January 14, 2014, at 6:30 PM and that all claims must be filed with the County Clerk on or before Friday, January 3, 2014.

Kamala S. Hieronymus  
County Clerk

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

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

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

Mrs. Hieronymus read the following communications:

1. The Quarterly Report of the Regional Superintendent of Schools for the period of October 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013, and the Annual Report for the period of July 1, 2012, through June 30, 2013. Mrs. Feeney moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mrs. Entwhistle. On vote, motion carried.
2. A letter from the University of Illinois Extension Office thanking the County Board for its ongoing support of Bureau County Extension's educational programs and services. Youth and adults across Bureau County benefit daily as a result of our donation.
3. A letter from Corn Belt Energy in regards to the new house bill 1776 passed on vegetation management by public utility companies. Though they are not a public utility, they intend to follow this bill. We will receive a copy of their proposed vegetation management and maps each time a pruning is to be done in our county.
4. A letter from IDOT stating the department executed the subject agreement on December 3, 2013, for a project that is over a Branch of West Bureau Creek.
5. A letter from IDOT stating the enclosed agreement was approved by the department. It is for the construction of a new structure and roadway approaches on CH 12 over a Branch of West Bureau Creek. The county may authorize the consultant, Hutchison Engineering, Inc., to proceed with the engineering work.

6. The appointment of Troy Quest to the Bureau County Zoning Board of Appeals for the remainder of a vacant five-year term that expires on December 1, 2018. The chairman made that appointment and asked for the Board's approval. On vote, motion carried.

#### ESDA/ZONING

The claims for ESDA totaled \$1227.79, and those for Planning and Zoning totaled \$5835.67.

#### FEES AND SALARIES

Mrs. Entwhistle reported that the IRS mileage rate as of January 1, 2014, is \$ .56/mile. The County Board's resolution is to use the IRS rate.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented a resolution for a property sold by Joseph E. Meyer through the delinquent tax program for \$647 which is located in Hall Township and purchased by Spring Valley. She moved to place the resolution on file, seconded by Mrs. Stetson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented a resolution for a property sold through the delinquent tax program for \$647 which is located in Walnut Township and purchased by First Christian Church. She moved to place the resolution on file, seconded by Mrs. Feeney. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle announced that there will be a meeting of the Fees and Salaries Committee on Thursday, January 23, at 5:30 pm in the Board Room to discuss the ESDA position.

Mrs. Entwhistle reported that the Sheriff received a check through the Circuit Clerk's Office in the amount of \$40 for deposit in the Vehicle Procurement Fund. It is court funded income derived from fees gained through court supervision cases. Sheriff Thompson received a check from the Illinois State Comptroller in the amount of \$35 to be deposited in the General Fund by the Bureau County Treasurer. It is mileage reimbursement for delivering committed felons to the Illinois Department of Corrections. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the Sheriff's earnings report for December in the amount of \$1830.95. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Bassetti. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the Circuit Clerk's Receipts and Disbursements for December which showed clerk's fees of \$13,849.35, Interest Traffic/Criminal/Civil checking of \$16.01, Interest/Child Support checking of \$ .02, Interest/Savings of \$ .31, and December passport fees of \$425. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Ralph Anderson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the County Clerk's Earnings and Expenditures Report for December which showed earnings of \$9724.58. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Thompson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the sales tax report as follows:

1. The local share of income tax collected in September and received in December in the amount of \$83,575.26 which is \$9,560.94 more than last year.
2. The Local share of State Use Tax collected in October and received in December of \$12,612.29, which is \$805.64 more than last year.

3. The ¼% sales tax collected in October and received in December of \$50,368.87, which is \$1,542.79 less than last year.
4. The Retailer's Occupational Tax collected in October and received in December of \$27,622.66, which is \$10,898.67 less than last year.
5. The Public Safety Tax collected in September and received in December of \$87,466.89, which is \$5,871.33 less than last year.
6. Nothing was collected for the local share of video gaming tax.

#### TRANSPORTATION

The County Highway Fund totaled \$113,762.09, the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$59,093.29, the Federal Aid Matching Fund \$13,697.11, the County Aid Bridge Fund \$12,943.98, the TBP Fund \$1,912.89, and the Township MFT Fund \$8,039.23.

Mr. Sondgeroth presented a Resolution for Federal Funds Agreement and Participation in Preliminary Engineering Services for Bureau County S.N. 006-3240 carrying CH 8 Wyandot-Walnut Blacktop over Maple Creek. It is for the removal and replacement of the existing bridge. The agreement for preliminary engineering services is with Willett, Hofmann & Associates. The Bureau County Board authorizes utilization of \$53,944.46 of STP-Br Program funds for 80% and \$13,486.11 of County Aid Bridge Funds for the Local Agency's 20% share of engineering. The total amount is not to exceed \$67,430.57. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Rabe.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Baracani, Maynard, Pozzi, and Ptasnik.

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mr. Sondgeroth presented a Resolution for an agreement for County Engineer's Salary. It is between the Illinois Department of Transportation and the County and is a six-year commitment for the County Engineer's salary which is to be at least 95% of the recommended salary. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Kohr. On vote, motion carried.

Mr. Sondgeroth presented a Resolution for Regular (non-union) County Highway Employee wage adjustment. The previous wage adjustment resolution for non-union employees expired on November 30, 2013. The contract negotiations for AFSCME Local #2079 have been adjusted as defined in the collective bargaining agreement for AFSCME, to be effective December 1, 2013. The regular (non-union) County Highway employees included in the resolution are: assistant county engineer, shop foreman,

assistant foreman, office manager, temporary shop employees and secretary/receptionist. They shall receive a wage adjustment of 2.75%, to be retroactive to December 1, 2013. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval of the resolution, seconded by Mrs. Entwistle. On vote, motion carried.

Mr. Sondgeroth said the last item for the Transportation Committee was the purchase of real estate, which will be handled in executive session.

#### INSURANCE

The claims for Insurance totaled \$284,566.49.

Mr. Kohr announced that CIRMA, the County's property and liability insurance carrier, has just added its 18th County, which is Livingston. They have increased their investment funds from \$2.7 million to \$16.4 million. On Thursday at 10:00 AM they will hold their quarterly meeting in Bloomington. Mr. Kohr invited anyone interested to go with him.

When the County put liability out for bid, CIRMA was in the process of putting together a cyber liability package. That was included in the ICRMT package. They originally thought the cost would be \$3200 per year. When they bound the insurance they got it for \$2900. There has been one County in the state of Illinois which has had its security compromised through a hacking operation which they think was a country in the eastern bloc. The committee decided to accept this line of coverage for cyber insurance. Mr. Kohr so moved, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

#### LAW/ASSESSMENTS

The claims for Law totaled \$12,552.54 and those for Assessments totaled \$11,785.55.

Mrs. Marini presented the Coroner's report for December which showed 32 coroner's cases, 4 death investigations, 2 autopsies, 16 cremations, \$200 in the cremation fund, and \$36.50 in the General Fund. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mrs. Feeney. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini presented the General Order from Judge Bernabei for the County Board, through the Circuit Clerk, to select 16 persons from the jury list to serve as grand jurors beginning March 10, 2014, and select 12 additional persons each for a First, Second, Third and Fourth Supplemental Panel so that 64 persons may be available for filling the Grand Jury for a period of six months. Mrs. Marini moved to place the General Order on file, seconded by Mr. McCook. On vote, motion carried.

#### BUILDING/GROUNDS/PRINTING/STATIONERY

The claims for Building and Grounds totaled \$45,607.73, and those for Printing and Stationery totaled \$11,433.43.

Mrs. Warren said that the updates from their committee were listed and there was nothing else to report.

#### CLAIMS

Mrs. Entwistle moved for the payment of claims as presented including additional claims of \$1611.51, seconded by Mrs. Marini.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Baracani, Maynard, Pozzi, and Ptasnik.

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mr. Rediger reported that the Tourism group is beginning to put together its 2014 visitors guide. He suggested that anyone that knows of something that should be included should give Kathy Costerisan a call.

Mr. Donarski presented the Financial and Statistical Report for Fiscal year 2013 for Probation and Court Services and moved that it be placed on file, seconded by Mrs. Marini. On vote, motion carried.

Mr. Sondgeroth moved that the Board go into Executive Session to discuss the purchase of real estate according to 5 ILCS 120/2c5, seconded by Mrs. Warren. Mr. Gross and Donna Engels were asked to stay for the session.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Baracani, Maynard, 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 Mrs. Entwistle, seconded by Mr. McCook, to return to regular session.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Baracani, Maynard, Pozzi, and Ptasnik.

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

On roll call vote, motion carried.

Mr. Sondgeroth moved to accept the agreement for purchase of real estate at 17852 Backbone Road, which consists of a house and approximately eight acres, for a purchase price of \$120,000 plus attorney fees and closing costs to be determined, seconded by Mrs. Entwhistle.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Baracani, Maynard, Pozzi, and Ptasnik.

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

On roll call 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 Mrs. Volker, that the meeting be adjourned. On vote, motion carried.

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