

COUNTY OF BUREAU)
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STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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County Board)

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

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

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

Mrs. Hieronymus read the following communications:

1. A letter from the Illinois Department of Transportation stating that the department executed the subject amendment on February 11, 2013, which is for Job No. C-93-031-09.
2. A thank you letter from the Patrick Kohr family for the Board's thoughtfulness during the time of their mourning, signed by Mike Kohr on behalf of the Kohr family.
3. The Illinois Department of Corrections report on the recent Bureau County jail inspection which was performed by them, which needs to be placed on file. Mrs. Warren so moved, seconded by Mr. McCook. On vote, motion carried.

ESDA/ZONING

The claims for ESDA totaled \$1,682.51, and those for Zoning totaled \$5,398.37.

Ms. Lilley presented the Resolution Fixing Zoning Application and Building permit fees, and stated that it is necessary to modify the terminology used in the fee schedule for clarification purposes from time to time. She referred to paragraph 1.3 which states: "In all circumstances, if the hearing on any petition herein listed is continued to a special hearing, the Petitioner shall pay for and/or reimburse the County for all expenses incurred by the County on their behalf, related to said special hearing, which are in

excess of the application filing fee paid by the Petitioner.” It has always been this way, but they needed to have that terminology put in. She moved for approval of paragraph 1.3, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Mrs. Volker reported that she does not have the financials yet, but the Board should have that by the next meeting. Mrs. Volker said that in regard to the dental clinic, she reported last month there were going to be some changes. She said Medicaid stopped covering adult dental care. On average 40% of the patients in their dental clinic are adults so in order to help adult patients receive needed dental care, the health department has implemented a sliding pay scale. Dental care for all ages is now being provided with all costs based on income. In addition, the clinic is also providing low-cost dentures for qualified persons, which is a new thing.

The next item was that they recently expanded their outreach to include both an updated web page and facebook page. She suggested that the Board take a look at these if they have not done so. She said it is at: www.bpchd.org. Mrs. Volker said it has been five years since the implementation of the Smoke Free Illinois Act. The Health Department is still receiving complaints about smoking in a few establishments. In response to this, they will be working with food ordinance changes that would require compliance with this law as part of their licensing. The Health Department’s medical reserve corps just received a \$4,000 grant to continue training volunteers to respond to emergencies. This is one of the few being awarded and is based on the fact that we have such good local response for volunteers in case there is a medical emergency or crisis.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Mr. Bassetti made a motion to replace the Animal Control officer’s truck that was totaled in a wreck, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. This is through the state bid. Mr. Anderson said when he called three or four weeks ago there were six trucks available at that time. Mr. Anderson tried calling today, but it was the salesman’s day off so they expect to be able to still find one. If not, they will have to order one. The purchase is going to require amending the budget, which is planned at the end of the year, and that was included in the motion and second. The amount that is being put in is \$28,000 in case there are some unforeseen costs. The County is getting back \$18,457.50 from the insurance company for the 2008 truck. So out of pocket will be less than \$9,000. A two-thirds vote is required so a roll call was done.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Baracani

Yes: 25; No: 0; Pass: 0; Absent: 1.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

FEES AND SALARIES

Mrs. Entwhistle reported that she had received a letter from WIPFLI to provide audit services for the years ending November 2013, 2014, and 2015. The amounts quoted were first year, \$36,500, the second year \$37,500, and the third year \$37,500. Since this is a professional service the County does not have to go out for bids, and having talked to the elected officials, they would like the County to retain WIPFLI for at least another three years. Mrs. Entwhistle moved to accept the fee proposal, seconded by Mr. Thompson. On vote, motion carried.

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. Whited. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the Sheriff's Earnings Report for February 2013 of \$2,305.11, and moved that it be placed on file, seconded by Mr. Ptasnik. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the Circuit Clerk's Receipts and Disbursements Report for February which showed earnings of \$17,425.62, Interest Traffic/Criminal/Civil checking of \$44.46, Interest/Child support checking of \$.03, Interest/Savings \$.26, and Interest/Savings (IL Funds) of \$.06. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Donarski. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the County Clerk's Earnings and Expenditures Report for the month of February showing clerk's fees of \$26,018.38, and for the quarter of \$56,168.76. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Pozzi. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle presented the sales tax reports as follows:

1. The local share of income tax collected in October and received in February of \$55,925.68, which is \$9,815.31 more than last year.
2. The local share of state use tax collected in December and received in February of \$12,087.81, which is \$1,507.29 more than last year.
3. The ¼% sales tax collected in December and received in February of \$50,839.61, which is \$2,466.63 more than last year.
4. The Retailer's Occupational Tax collected in December and received in February of \$24,411.15, which is \$6,626.43 less than last year.
5. The Public Safety Sales Tax collected in November and received in February of \$85,686.73, which is \$1,464.51 more than last year.

TRANSPORTATION

The County Highway Fund totaled \$49,630.75, the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund \$30,816.34, the Federal Aid Matching Fund of \$1,966.89, the County Aid Bridge Fund of \$8,481.70, the TBP Fund \$1,028.74, and the Township MFT Fund \$11,000.

Mr. Sondgeroth had two Resolutions for consideration:

1. Resolution for Engineering Fees, which was passed four or five years ago, but there was a paragraph that they wish to change which should read: "Assessment of Implementation Engineering fees shall be based upon the Final As-Built construction cost or final material cost." Another sentence reads: "An Administrative Fee of 1% shall be assessed on construction engineering performed by consultants based upon the Final As-Built construction cost." The only change being made is to add "final as-built construction cost" so there is no confusion. It is not based on an engineering estimate or a bid but what the actual final cost is so there is no confusion between the County and the appropriate township. Sometimes construction can have cost overrun, which is always a gray area. So they want to make sure it is clear that the final as-built construction cost is what they will be reimbursed for. The fees are not being changed. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval of the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Pozzi. On vote, motion carried.
2. Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineer's Salary. This is a standard resolution that is done every year. The Illinois Department of Transportation recommends the salary for the County engineers throughout the State. The County pays 97% of the recommended salary for the County Engineer as determined annually by IDOT. Half of the salary is paid by the County's Motor Fuel Tax and the other half from Federal Surface Transportation Program Funds, for a total of \$98,938.68. Mr. Sondgeroth moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Rabe. On vote, motion carried.

INSURANCE

The claims for Insurance totaled \$30,687.85.

Mr. Kohr talked to Marshall County who has Central States Insurance. This is information that has not been considered by the Committee yet, but he wanted to present to the Board. He talked with the treasurer of Marshall County, and they do their own reconciliation for the Central States contract. It takes about ten minutes per month to do the reconciliation. Mr. Kohr also talked with the head of the policy committee by the name of Travis. He said he asked him specifically about how they handle questions that come up with employees. Essentially they direct all of the employees to go directly to the Teamsters Union at a toll-free number. Travis came from the insurance industry prior to getting involved on the Board. He said Marshall County has had three insurance carriers in five years; he said Central States is by far the best carrier that they have had as far as the monetary value. He also said he has not heard a single negative comment from any of the employees about the support system that Central States maintains for those that are covered. He hoped that next month the committee would come back to the Board to find out which way they want to go with this matter.

Mr. Kohr said he had received a letter from Pat Herrmann regarding the outstanding lawsuits against the County. Mr. Kohr said there were two of them. Mr. Herrmann responded that this is something that should not be discussed in open session.

Mr. Kohr said they had a Safety Committee meeting. He said there were zero employee accidents reported, there were zero visitor accidents reported, however, they were informed at the Building and Grounds Committee that an individual did fall on the stairs. They had one property damage report which was an IP pole which was done with the Animal Control truck, and there were two vehicle accidents; one involving the animal control incident, and an incident which happened over at the parking lot at the Sheriff's office.

LAW/ASSESSMENTS

The claims for Law totaled \$12,696.95, and those for Assessments totaled \$7,314.79.

Mr. Anderson told the Board members that they each had received a new plat book from the Assessment's Office. Additional copies will be for sale in that office.

Mrs. Marini reported income from the Assessment Office was \$76 and she moved to place that on file, seconded by Ralph Anderson. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini reported that the Public Defender's report for January showed that there were 49 cases opened and 86 cases closed. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mrs. Feeney. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini gave the coroner's report for February which showed there were 27 coroner's cases, 4 death investigations, 9 cremations, 2 autopsies and income of \$150. She moved to place the report on file, seconded by Mr. Maynard. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Marini asked Mr. Rediger to address the Board concerning the concealed carry resolution that was at their desks. He said the bill he brought last month to the Board was a dead bill, so he did some more research. He said there are six bills that have legs, 3 House Bills and 3 Senate Bills. He said the biggest thing that he can see that is different between them all is who is going to get the money and how they are going to spend it. He said there are House bills that do not give the County anything for doing all of the work that they are going to have to do. There are other House bills that do. It looks like about \$25 is what the County will be allotted if the right one gets passed. He felt that as a Board they should put a statement in about that. He said he included that "the Board recommends a portion of the application fees stay in the County for administrative costs. Mr. Giordano asked when he had last checked on the status. Mr. Rediger said he had checked tonight and Bill 0997 had gone through its second reading. It looks like that will be the one that makes it. He said it passed its second reading with 101 yeas and 15 nays. He said the other ones he is not sure about. Mr. Kohr said that this thing is moving so fast in Springfield, and he would have a difficult time saying he supported a resolution not having read the other bills. He said it is moving so fast he cannot keep his mind around it. Mr. Rediger said he has read them and the only difference is how much money they are going to charge for the application and how it is going to be dispersed; that is the bulk of the argument. Mr. Bassetti said instead of putting a name on a bill, he wondered if the Board can just say it supports concealed carry. He thought the sheriff may be out of the process and everything would be done by the State Police. Mr. Rediger said everything starts at the County level, and he does not think that is going to change. Mr. Rediger said on Bill 997 the \$25 cost goes to the state police, so it does not allow anything for the County. On Bill 0154 the license will be \$25. Mr. Ptasnik said he had read all of the bills, and they are all the same except for where the fees are going to go. Mr. Kohr suggested that the Board recommend that a portion of the fees stay with the County so they would get away from latching on to a bill that may or may not be there when it actually comes up for a vote. Mr. Kohr said concealed carry is coming one way or another, no matter how we feel about it. So the consensus was to take the bill numbers out, and state that we support some of the money coming back to the county. It was thought they might come back next month with a very general Resolution. Mrs. Volker said she is seeing with the house bills where the state is trying to eliminate County government and municipal government. She thought that as a Board they need a heads up because the state continues to mandate us to do various things, our costs are continuing to

rise, and yet they are extracting as much as they can which would rightfully be our costs of administration. Without some kind of control, it is going to be hard to protect our citizens and our taxpayer base.

BUILDING/GROUNDS/PRINTING/STATIONERY

The claims for Building and Grounds totaled \$35,310.21 and those for Printing and Stationery totaled \$4,027.10.

Mrs. Warren reported that the lawn and snow removal bids were opened at the Building and Grounds meeting. There were three bids: Nichols - \$6,195; Headley - \$5,630, and Kernans - \$5,195. Mrs. Warren moved to accept the bid from Kernan's Lawn Service, seconded by Mr. Donarski. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Warren reported that the Soldiers and Sailors monument needs additional work to repair leaking seams. Otto Baum, the restoration company that we have used before, has submitted a bid for \$3,720 to perform the work. She moved to accept that bid, seconded by Mr. Dobrich. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Warren reported that the Princeton Chamber of Commerce is asking to use the park for its annual lunch in the park each Friday from May 24 through September 27, excluding September 13, which is Homestead weekend. Mrs. Warren moved for approval, seconded by Mr. Albrecht. On vote, motion carried.

Mrs. Entwhistle moved for the payment of claims including payroll and some additional claims for meetings and mileage for a total of \$925.90, seconded by Mrs. Marini.

Roll call.

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

No: None

Pass: None

Absent: Baracani

Yes: 25; No: 0; Pass: 0; Absent: 1.

On roll call vote, motion carried.

It was pointed out that the 911 Stats reports were on the County Board members desks.

The Board was reminded that the meeting in April will be on Thursday, April 11, 2013, due to the election on Tuesday, April 9. The committee meetings will stay the same.

Mr. Herrmann reported on the employee with the workman's compensation issue. The County's carrier has not heard back from the carrier. The claims adjuster is still waiting to hear from them.

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.