

Proceedings had before the Honorable Board at the regular meeting of said Board, begun and held in person and via Video Conference in the City of Greenville in said County and State, on Tuesday, May 2, 2023, held for the transaction of general County business.

At 3:30 p.m., Chairman, Bernard Myers, opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call showing a quorum present as follows: Bernard Myers, Jacob Rayl, Wes Pourchot, Chris Timmermann, and Jeff Rehkemper.

The minutes of the April 18, 2023, regular meeting was approved as submitted with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The bills listed on Edit Reports dated May 2, 2023 (see attached) were approved as submitted with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board reviewed Zoning Administrator Brad Criner’s April 2023 report which included permits, inspections and revenues (see attached). The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting is scheduled for 5/9/23 to discuss changes to the Zoning Ordinance regarding solar. Jacob Rayl had a question about a cell tower in Shoal Creek Township. Brad said that the tower is actually in the Village of Sorento but after discussions with the Village, the County will be permitting that tower.

Colleen Camp had sent out spreadsheet proposing the use of ARPA fund interest for dispersal to the Fire Protection Districts that provide services within the County. They are in group according to their district coverage of the County (Fully in County, Mostly in County, Part in County). The Board decided to wait until after the New Business Loan period was passed and then review the financials with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

A request by the Ministerial Alliance to use the Courthouse lawn for the National Day of Prayer on May 4, 2023 was approved with a motion by Jeff Rehkemper second by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

A request to use the Courthouse lawn for the annual Fourth Fest for Friday, June 30 and Saturday, July 1, 2023 was approved with a motion by Chris Timmermann second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board appointed Melissa Gum to the Smithboro Fire Protection District with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board approved the Sheriff’s Report for the Month of March 2023 (see attached) with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Under Old Business, Jacob Rayl stated that he and Scott Wight met with representatives from Madison County regarding Broadband. There was good discussion and plan to work together in the future.

Also, under Old Business, Jeff Rehkemper mentioned that the Side by Side Resolution was with State’s Attorney Dora Mann for review. After discussion, Chairman Myers asked County Clerk Meg Sybert to send the

current resolution along with a copy of a sample permit Jeff Rehkemper had received from the City of Greenville.

Under New Business, Electronic Recycling day for the City of Greenville is Saturday, May 6, 2023. Clean-up day for the high school is Friday, May 5, 2023. If anyone needs electronics moved by the students, let Jeff Rehkemper know.

At 3:54 p.m., the Board went into Executive Session with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.


The Board returned to regular session at 4:13 p.m. with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the recommendations by the University of Illinois Extension for the Bond County Extension. Sue Backs and Jan Woker, who are current members of the Board, along with Wes Pourchot, were present. Sue pointed out that four members were recommended but that only three members are allowed by statute. (505 ILCS 45/7) Sue and Jan spoke about their concern regarding the lack of fiscal transparency of the current administration of the extension office, along with some historical information showing examples of this concern. They are also concerned about the administration in general. They have had a high turnover in the main office and a 100% turnover in Bond County. Both women stated that they would be willing to stay on the Board and had not been consulted prior to hearing about the nominations for the next term. They both also stated that they just want the fiscal oversight to continue and ensure that Bond County taxpayer dollars are spent wisely regardless of who is appointed.

The Real Estate Sales agreement with the City of Greenville was approved with a motion by Jeff Rehkemper second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

This meeting adjourned at 4:44 p.m. with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

May 3, 2023
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Meg A. Sybert, Bond County Clerk