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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, September 5, 2023, held for the transaction of general County business.

At 7:00 p.m., Vice Chair, Jacob Rayl, opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call showing a quorum present as follows: Jacob Rayl, Wes Pourchot, Chris Timmermann, and Jeff Rehkemper. Bernard Myers was absent.

The minutes of the August 15, 2023 regular meeting was approved as submitted with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The bills listed on Edit Report dated August 17, 2023 and September 1, 2023 (see attached) were approved as submitted with a motion made by Chris Timmermann second by Jeff Rehkemper. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Under Public Comment, LuAnne Theiss was in attendance with an idea for the Board regarding tax assessments. She thought that it would be good for each of the Board members to go personally to all of the taxing bodies asking them to possibly lower or even freeze their budgets. As a result, this could lower taxes.

Treasurer, Colleen Camp let the Board know that we received a quote from Principal Insurance for dental coverage. She said that the increase was less than 5% to keep what we currently have with no changes. However, there was a request from an employee that we change the policy for dental to include composite fillings rather than silver filling. This addition would cause the policy increase to be around 9%.

The Board reviewed Zoning Administrator Brad Criner's Mid-June 2023 report which included permits, inspections and revenues (see attached).

Brent Williams and Jacob Janssen from Snedecker Risk Management were in attendance to update the Board on the progress at the Highway Department. They wanted to thank Highway Engineer Jeremy Pestle for his patience and for being so helpful to them. They said the County should have received several checks for vehicle reimbursement and for cleaning. All is going as it should. They are working with ServPro to get things done as soon as possible. They thought only one vehicle would be salvageable and all others were a loss. The roof needs repair and the rest of the building needs thoroughly cleaned. Jeremy is still going through the tools in the shop to see which ones are still useable.

They also discussed the HopeTrust renewal that the County received. They said there was an 8.2% increase on health insurance. They felt this was still acceptable and let the Board know that they had added some additional providers covered under the plan. They want to do an informational meeting for all the members. Treasurer Colleen Camp was going to call the Smart Center to get some available dates.

The request to use the Bond County Courthouse grounds on Tuesday, August 29, 2023, Tuesday, September 19, 2023, Tuesday, October 17, 2023, Tuesday, November 14, 2023, and Tuesday, December 12, 2023 for the Take Two Tuesdays (see attached) was approved with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board approved the levy request in the amount of \$92,500.00 from the University of Illinois with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

After discussion regarding the approach to distribution of ARPA Fund interest to the County Fire Protection Districts, the Board approved the approach presented by the Treasurer with a motion made by Chris Timmermann second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board approved \$4500.63 to be given to the Highland-Pierron Fire District to contribute to the purchase of a generator. Wes Pourchot asked that if some of the other districts did not request funds could additional funds be given to those that do. It was then agreed to send out notifications to all the rest of the surrounding fire districts with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

State's Attorney Dora Mann is relinquishing her duties as the County FOIA officer. County Clerk, Meg Sybert clarified that we only have to have one officer for each governing body and the County as a whole is considered one governing body. The Board approved of Treasurer Colleen Camp as FOIA officer, and her deputy Liesl Gaffner as back-up FOIA officer for the County with a motion made by Chris Timmermann second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

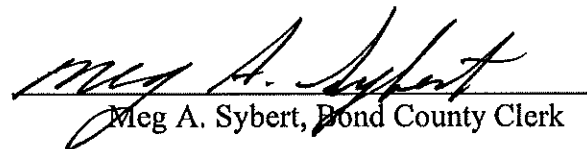
The Board announced one opening for the Mulberry Grove Sanitation Board, Treasurer position, with Bob Jackson being recommended for appointment.

Under Old Business, Wes Pourchot asked what we needed to do about the Highway Department still not purchasing a single vehicle. Jeff Rehkemper said that he and Chris Timmermann have both sent information to Highway Engineer Jeremy Pestle. He said he agreed that plow trucks must be purchased before the first snow. Jeff Rehkemper suggested that some of the ARPA Funds appropriated for Broadband should be used now for the Highway Department so that a fleet could be purchased. He said that the County has went this long with the internet services available and that they would be able to continue a little bit longer. Jacob Rayl said that they are so much closer now to getting this project officially started and that it isn't just our County now involved. There are several other Counties this would affect. Treasurer Colleen Camp suggested that we use the \$50,000.00 in ARPA Funds she just received. Using this and the \$30,000.00 previously appropriated for the purchase of a weed spraying truck combined with the check received from the insurance company, would give the Highway Department approximately \$240,000.00. Jacob Rayl asked if Jeremy would need permission from the Board ahead of time to use this money and she told him that he would not.

Under New Business, County Clerk Meg Sybert gave the first round of the County budget to the Board for review.

This meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m. with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

September 6, 2023
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Meg A. Sybert, Bond County Clerk