

were not prepared to do jobs paid with Public funds and all the rules and regulations that come with it.

There was discussion regarding the Bond County Employee Handbook and Non-Union Bond County Employee Handbook. States Attorney Dora Mann has yet to review them. It was decided to table both until the next meeting February 6, 2024 with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board discussed information received from Southwestern Illinois Planning Commission regarding dues owed to them from the County. Chairman Bernard Myers is going a meeting on January 24, 2024. Treasurer Colleen Camp said that Illinois State Statute says that we have to contribute each year. Bernard Myers said he will get a list of projects that they have done for the County and find out exactly what it is they do. He said he will see if they can attend one of our next meetings. Zoning Administrator Brad Criner said he will also attend.

There was discussion regarding the reallocation of ARPA funds currently set aside for the Broadband Initiative. Jeff Rehkemper said he has spoken with the Mayor George Barber and Sheriff Jim Leitschuh about the possibility of merging the City Police Department and the Sheriff's Department. They are both interested. He said we have time before we move any money but we need to meet with them and get some bids. He also said he would like to see if there is someone that could possibly apply for grants designated for municipalities' projects on behalf of the County as an alternative for funding this project.

The Board approved the Sheriff's Report for the month of December 2023 (see attached) with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board approved the Animal Control Reports for the Month of December 2023 and Annual Report 2023 (see attached) with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nay, motion carried.

The Board approved the Coroner's report for the month of December 2023 (see attached) with a motion made by Chris Timmermann second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Under Old Business, Jeff Rehkemper informed PBC Chairman Mark Gan, who was in attendance, that they may be coming to them with a flooring update project for the Highway Department.

At 7:38 p.m., the Board went into Executive Session with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.


The Board returned to regular session at 8:06 p.m. with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board approved the Highway Engineer's choice for hiring of the Highway Maintainer position with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

There was further discussion regarding the purchase of another Highway Department truck. Chairman Bernard Myers asked financially what could the Highway Department actually afford. Highway Engineer Jeremy Pestle said \$150,000.00. The board agreed that he needed to start looking in that price range since it has been 7 months without a proper vehicle fleet.

This meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

January 17, 2024
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Meg A. Sybert, Bond County Clerk