



need to put a timeline on how long these funds are to be allocated for Broadband. Jacob Rayl said he could not put a timeline on applying for the grants. Chairman Bernard Myers said the deadline for the allocation of ARPA Funds is December of 2024. Noel Harnetiaux who was in attendance, is on the Broadband committee and is a local Real Estate agent. She said that the current cable lines for internet are in bad shape and are not being maintained. Once these lines fail we will have nothing available in Bond County. She can't sell "the dream" to live in Bond County if we cannot provide these amenities. She also said she did not feel the public would be happy with taking money from projects like this to do repairs that should have been budgeted for in the first place. Wes Pourchot said we should have the City come to the next meeting to see if this is even a possibility. County Clerk, Meg Sybert, said there are Municipal Bonds that can be issued for projects like a jail construction and we should check all avenues for funding. Jeff Rehkemper said he would talk to the City. The Board agreed to put on the Agenda for the next meeting January 16, 2024 for further discussion.

Tax Deed Resolutions 01-02-24-02 through 01-02-24-18 (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.

There was discussion regarding the Bond County Employee Handbook and Non-Union Bond County Employee Handbook. Jeff Rehkemper questioned the employees being able to roll over paid time off. He was concerned that if they are able to do this it will cost the County more money due to using the PTO at a later date after wage increases. Jacob Rayl also questioned the employee personal cell phone use. State's Attorney Dora Mann questioned if we really needed a 90-page handbook, this would only cause the County more liability. It was decided to table both until the next meeting January 16, 2024 with a motion made by Chris Timmermann second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board appointed Chief Stephan Neece to the 911 ETS Board with a term ending January 1, 2027 with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Under New Business, Chris Timmermann asked about the Highway Department's ad in the Greenville Advocate for seeking assistance for engineering services with bridge and roadway projects. Bond County Clerk Meg Sybert said she thought this was routine and that they should ask Highway Engineer Jeremy Pestle for clarification.

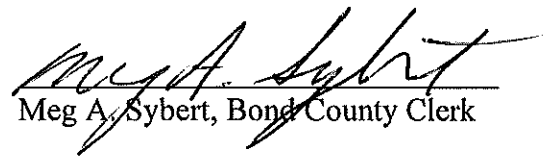
Smithboro Mayor, Bill Archibald, was in attendance to inquire status of the culverts in Smithboro. He said that there were stakes placed at each culvert but J.U.L.I.E. has not been there to locate. The Board said they would check with Highway Engineer Jeremy Pestle.

At 7:54 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 8:09 p.m. with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

This meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

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Meg A. Sybert, Bond County Clerk