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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, October 1, 2024, held for the transaction of general County business.

At 7:00 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 September 17, 2024 regular meeting were 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 Report dated September 2, 2024 and September 17, 2024 (see attached) were approved as submitted with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Under Public Comment, there were several people in attendance inquiring about the Red Ball Trail Bridge project. The Board assured them it would be addressed when the Highway Engineer gave his report.

The Board reviewed Zoning Administrator Brad Criner’s September 2024 report which included permits, inspections and revenues (see attached).

After discussion, the Board approved the Zoning Administrator’s request to become an independent contractor rather than a County employee with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board also discussed an alternative fee schedule for commercial solar installations. Jeff Rehkemper said that other surrounding Counties charge 10 cents per square foot. Jeff also said this would be a significant increase for the County and these funds could be put in a separate account and the interest could be used for upcoming projects in the County.

Highway Engineer Mike McCormick was in attendance and gave the Board his September 2024 report which included maintenance updates, culvert repair/replacement, fire repairs, current project updates, and proposed project updates (see attached). Mike said that project letters have been sent to adjoining property owners to discuss the proposed Red Ball Trail Bridge project. Several of these property owners were in attendance with concerns regarding the affect on their property. Mike said that there should have been a public forum on this project and that he did not realize there had not. Mike said he doesn’t like the alignment and the property owners are not happy. Mike also said that the new proposed bridge will go over the City water line, there will be utility line issues and basically one neighbor will have the road very close to

his house. Mike said we should not move forward until these issues are addressed, he said we only have one shot so it needs to be done right. Mike said it needs to be looked at again but could delay the project 3 to 4 years. After open discussion with the public, the Board agreed to hold a public forum on this issue on October 15, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

There were several Veterans in attendance to support the Veterans Assistance Commission. Jeff Rehkemper's concern was that only a very low percentage of the proposed levy amount goes directly to the Veterans and felt the Board should table the issue. Tony Koonce, a local veteran, said they can't deny it so they might as well just pass it. Chris Timmermann said the County is at a deficit now. After discussion, the Board tabled the Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Chris Timmerman. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

After discussion with the Treasurer Colleen Camp, the Board approved the payment of the Sheriff Department's accrued vacation out of the LATCF account with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board discussed the 2024-2025 Budget, Appropriation, and Levy. Jeff Rehkemper said that it needs to go back to each department in the General Fund and they need to make it zero. He said he knows things can happen and we will just have to deal with it if it does. Chairman Bernard Myers said we can have each of the departments meet with the Board as they usually do to discuss where things can be cut. Jeff said to send a letter first so they can cut their budgets before they meet with them.

The Board approved the levy request in the amount of \$131,100 from the Bond County 377 Board with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Jeff Rehkemper. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board announced two openings on the Mulberry Grove Sanitation Board with Julie Nickel and Gary Redfern being recommended for reappointment.

The Board appointed Mike Lucco to the Robinson Cemetery Board to fulfill the term of Toni Randall set to expire December 2025 with a motion made by Chris Timmermann second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board appointed Mike McCormick, County Engineer, being recommended to replace Jeremy Pestle, previous County Engineer, Stacey Sidwell, Shoal Creek Township Supervisor, Mike Burlingame, Mayor of Mulberry Grove, Matt Hawley, Village of Pocahontas Board Trustee, JoAnn Hollenkamp, Greenville City Manager, Susie Kovach, Village of Pocahontas Board Trustee, and Meg Sybert, Bond County Clerk to the SIMAPC Full Commission with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Jeff Rehkemper. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board approved the Sheriff's Report for the Month of August 2024 (see attached) with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nay, motion carried.

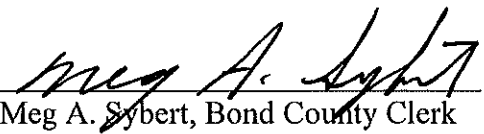
The Board approved the Animal Control Report for the Month of August 2024 (see attached) with a motion made by Chris Timmermann second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nay, motion carried.

Under New Business, Chris Timmermann asked Highway Engineer Mike McCormick when they are picking up the new truck and when they plan to take it to Woody's. Mike said they were picking it up next week and will take it to Woody's when Woody's is ready for it.

This meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m. with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

October 2, 2024

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Meg A. Sybert, Bond County Clerk