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COUNTY OF BOND )

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 17, 2023, 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 October 3, 2023 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 October 17, 2023 (see attached) were approved as submitted with a motion made by Chris Timmermann second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The County Clerk’s Report for the month of September 2023 (see attached) was approved as submitted with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

A request for a budget amendment for the Jail insurance claim was made by Treasurer Colleen Camp and was approved with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board discussed the Principal Insurance renewal quote including dental, vision, and life insurance. It was decided to continue with the coverage we currently have. It was also decided to put the difference had we chosen the upgrade in a savings account making it available to employees who opt to have the composite fillings rather than the silver. They will need to turn in their EOB to the Treasurer for reimbursement. This will be available once a year per employee if needed. The Board will review this again next year. A motion was made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Sheriff Jim Leitschuch was in attendance to propose that a one cent Public Safety Tax referendum be placed on the ballot for the primary election. There are not enough funds to keep up with the needs of the Sheriff’s Department and the jail. He said if they could get this tax passed, it would give them funding for maintenance, updated technology, vehicles, officer equipment and possibly someday a new jail. This tax would be paid not only by Bond County residents but also those traveling through on the Interstate. He said we need to let the public decide and make sure they understand that this money will stay in the County. Justin Lurkins was also in attendance and shared his concern as a local contractor in the County. He would be subjected to a two-cent increase if the City’s proposed one cent increase also is passed. If this were to happen, he would be forced to purchase materials outside the County. There was discussion of alternative tax options including increasing local hotel tax. Jacob Rayl pointed out that there has been a deficit in the general fund for years and this might be our only option. Treasurer Colleen Camp agreed. Rayl also pointed out that it is hard to keep County employees because we cannot afford to offer competitive wages. Sheriff Leitschuh agreed that this is a problem with keeping his staff as well. County Clerk Meg Sybert said she would investigate how to word the proposed tax on the ballot. State’s Attorney Dora Mann said that they would have to use the money only for what is specified on that resolution once passed.

Zoning Administrator Brad Criner gave the Board his Mid-October 2023 report which included permits, inspections and revenues (see attached). He also then requested approval of the Digital Zoning District GIS

map to become the official zoning district map. After discussion, the Board approved his request with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

County Federal-Aid Matching Tax Fund Resolution 10-17-23-01 was approved with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

State's Attorney Dora Mann presented Resolution 10-17-23-02 for services to be provided by the Appellate Prosecutor's Office to the County for fiscal year December 1, 2023 through November 30, 2024 (see attached) which was approved with a motion made by Chris Timmermann second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board approved \$2250.00 to be given to the Grantfork Fire Protection District to contribute to the purchase of a portable generator with a motion made by Chris Timmermann second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Public Building Commission Board had recommended William Ahern to fill the position of Tom Morgan. Mark Gan had also submitted a letter of interest. County Clerk Meg Sybert informed the Board that PBC bylaws state that the Bond County Board Chairman is the one who appoints with advice from the Board. After discussion and each Board member's recommendation, Chairman Butch Myers appointed Mark Gan to the Public Building Commission Board.

The Board approved the Coroner's report for the month of September 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 Report for the September 2023 (see attached) with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nay, motion carried.

Under Old Business, the Board discussed the Budget. Jeff Rehkemper asked if we could consolidate precincts during elections in an effort to save money. County Clerk Meg Sybert said she went from 25 to 20 precincts since she has taken office. She will look again but there are additional restrictions in addition to population. There was also a discussion about the Permanent Vote by Mail Notice requirements and the cost to send those out. Sybert informed them that this is a mandatory mailing. Chairman Butch Myers asked that we have a special meeting with all the department heads and elected officials on November 2, 2023 at 3:30 p.m. to address the Budget so we can vote on it at the November 7, 2023 meeting.

Also, under Old Business, Chairman Butch Myers asked Treasurer Colleen Camp where we were with the updated Employee Handbook. She said that it came back with approximately 20 policy additions. She will need to make the changes and will send the Board an updated copy for review.

Lastly, under Old Business, Wes Pourchot asked Highway Engineer Jeremy Pestle the status of the wooden bridge on Red Ball Trail. Jeremy informed the Board that the plans have been sent to IDOT and we are waiting on approval. They have also reached out to the Railroad because ICC is ready to get this moving forward.

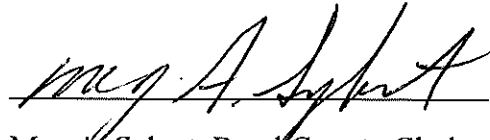
At 8:09 p.m., the Board went into Executive Session with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:30 p.m. with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

This meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Wes Pourchot.  
Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

October 18, 2023

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Meg A. Sybert", written over a horizontal line.

Meg A. Sybert, Bond County Clerk