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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, November 7, 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 17, 2023 regular meeting and November 2, 2023 special meeting were approved as submitted with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The bills listed on Edit Report dated November 2, 2023 (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.

Under Public Comment, Ron Witcher was in attendance and asked if the Board had a plan for illegal aliens coming to Bond County. The Board said they did not but assured him that they would address the issue if it arises. He said it would be better to be proactive.

Also, under Public Comment, Jared Mettler, employee of the Highway Department, along with several property owners were in attendance to voice their concerns of the current condition of Pokey Road and various culverts needing replaced. Specifically, they were concerned with the safety of the road over the winter. There were several complaints of cracked windshields. Highway Engineer Jeremy Pestle was also in attendance. He agreed that Pokey Road is in rough shape and that they had run out of time to get the road oiled and chipped. He said that the plan was to complete this road first thing next Spring. They were trying to build the road up with patch mix so that it would not hold water. They were still not finished doing this and his concern was if they oiled the road as is that they would have to start from scratch in the Spring. There were also some questions regarding why it was taking so long to get culverts replaced. He stated that they have a list and are approximately 2 years behind. He said that the fire has not helped matters. Jared Mettler was not in agreement with these statements, he felt that things were not getting done in a timely fashion due to bad management and incompetence. The Board stressed their concern for the safety of the people of Bond County and asked if there was something that could be done now. Even if it meant redoing the road next Spring. Jeremy said that it was possible that they could still get oil and that he would check with the supplier first thing in the morning.

The Board recognized Crystal Groves with Bond County Realtors, and her clients, the Campbells, with regard to subdividing another client's property into 5 parcels in effort to sell it. She said that there will be no roads added or any use changes. There will not be any houses built at this time. Zoning Administrator Brad Criner was in attendance and said that he had contacted an attorney from IFMK regarding this issue. He said that 4 of the 5 parcels were in a floodplain. He has already contacted FEMA. Because of the proximity of this property to that owned by the City of Greenville, Brad was required to contact them as well.

The Board acknowledged the Zoning Administrator's Report for October 2023 which included permits, inspections and revenues (see attached).

The Board discussed the 1 cent Public Safety Tax requested by Sheriff Jim Leitschuh. Jeff Rehkemper said he thought this tax is a necessity for the County, however, he suggested the possibility of offering a refund for new homes and any home remodels for supplies purchased in the County. This refund would be available to both contractors and homeowners in efforts to encourage the community to shop local. Chris Timmermann agreed with this idea but said the wording would need to be very clear. Rehkemper also thought we needed to allot one quarter of these funds to be put into a capital fund for a new jail in the future.

A request for a budget amendment for the Health Department was made by Health Administrator Sean Eiffert (see attached) and was approved with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

A petition for a change in polling location for Precinct Central 4 and Precinct Central 7 from St. Lawrence Catholic Church to the Central Township Shed (see attached) was made by County Clerk Meg Sybert and was approved with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Amendment 11-07-23-01 (see attached) was made to Bond County Non-Highway Vehicle Ordinance 05-16-23-01 with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Approval of the 2023-2024 Annual Levy, Budget and Appropriation Ordinance 11-07-23-02 (see attached) was made with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Chris Timmerman. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 1 nay (Wes Pourchot), motion carried.

The Holiday Schedule for 2023-2024 was approved with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 1 nay (Jeff Rehkemper), motion carried.

The County Board Schedule for 2023-2024 was approved after amending all meetings to start at 7:00 p.m. with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 1 nay (Wes Pourchot), motion carried.

A request to place the Salvation Army Goal Thermometer on the Southwest corner of the Courthouse lawn from November 20, 2023 - January 9, 2024 was approved 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 September 2023 (see attached) with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Chris Timmerman. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

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

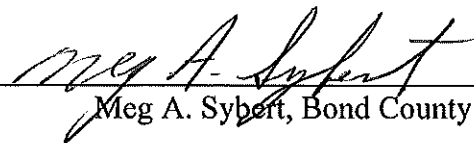
Under New Business, Chris Timmermann said that Elaine MacNamara contacted him about using the Courthouse lawn for the "Coming home for Christmas" event. County Clerk Meg Sybert asked that he ask her to contact the Clerk's office via email.

At 8:14 p.m., the Board went into Executive Session with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:46 p.m. with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

This meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m. with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

November 8, 2023
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Meg A. Sybert, Bond County Clerk