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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, February 6, 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 January 16, 2024 regular meeting were approved as submitted with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The bills listed on Edit Report dated January 17, 2024 and February 2, 2024 (see attached) were approved as submitted with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

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

The Board reviewed and approved the Treasurer's Report for November 2023 and December 2023 with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second made by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board discussed the IT Director's salary. It was agreed that since he just received a 6% salary increase in May 2023, retroactive to January of 2023, they would not be giving an increase at this time. They asked for it to be on an annual review every January.

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. She asked that they not be put back on the agenda for a while since she feels it will be quite some time before she will be able to review them.

The Board announced two openings for the Greenville Fire Protection District Trustee Board with Kevin Thacker and Brad Nicoson being recommended for reappointment.

Under Old Business, Chris Timmermann shared with the Board the Highway Department's possible purchase of two more trucks. He has been negotiating with two different dealerships on purchase price and repairs. Highway Engineer Jeremy Pestle was in attendance via zoom to discuss the vehicles as well.

Also, under Old Business, the Board discussed whether or not the Special Services Area No. 1 Subcommittee had met like they had previously agreed to, which was quarterly. Wes Pourchot said they had not. County Clerk Meg Sybert suggested that the Special Service District

Board meet at 6:30 p.m. before the next scheduled Board meeting on February 20, 2024 to discuss. Wes Pourchot said he would contact the potential members as discussed.

Under New Business, Chris Timmermann asked if Robinson Cemetery Road is the County Highway Department's responsibility or the township. Highway Engineer Jeremy Pestle said that it was the Village of Pocahontas since it had been annexed into the village. Old Ripley Road Commissioner Ronnie Lurkins was in attendance and he agreed with Jeremy. Chris said they have now blocked the road due to the new construction of the truck stop and wondered if there was anything that could be done. Jeremy said that since it does affect a township road he may have some pull. He was going to make some phone calls.

Back under Old Business, Jeff Rehkemper asked Jeremy Pestle if the tree trimmer had made it to Shoal Creek Township yet. He said it had not. Jeff asked when he thought they would be able to get it there. Jeremy said he had no idea. He said that he has to have an operator available to send with the equipment. Jeff Rehkemper also asked if we were to close Red Ball Trail bridge would that make the process go faster. Jeremy said it would not and that would upset a lot of people. He said there is no need to close it. The engineering firm is getting the construction plans together.

Back under New Business, Chris Timmermann asked about the stop signs at Pokey Road and 143. He said that there were now two stop signs but people are still blowing through the intersection. He asked Highway Engineer Jeremy Pestle if it was possible to put rumble strips down. Jeremy said that they are a nightmare to maintain and suggested putting flashing lights on top of each stop sign.

Back under Old Business, Chairman Bernard Myers updated the Board on the Southwestern Illinois Planning Commission. He feels that they are under reorganization and that until they complete that the Board should not pay anything.

Back under New Business, Jeff Rehkemper said that he had talked to Ashley Reidemann at the County Clerk's office and she was concerned that the panic buttons were not properly being tested. He asked County Clerk Meg Sybert if that is something that could start happening routinely. She said that she agreed and would reach out to the Sheriff's Department.

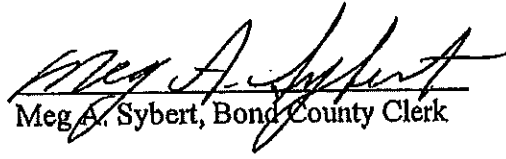
Also, under New Business, Chris Timmermann provided a quote for a tarp for the hoop building at the Highway Department. This building would be used to store the salt for the County. The County currently has the frame for the hoop building but it needs a new tarp. Wes Pourchot asked if this had been turned in with the insurance claim. Jeremy Pestle said that it had.

Back under Old Business, the Board asked Highway Engineer Jeremy Pestle the status of the building. He said that he was waiting on the electricians to get the overhead doors completely installed. He was going to contact them again so that they can set the stopping points for opening and closing.

This meeting adjourned at 7:45p.m. with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Jeff Rehkemper. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

February 7, 2024
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Meg A. Sybert, Bond County Clerk