STATE OF ILLINOIS)) SS 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, March 18, 2025, held for the transaction of general County business.

At 7:00 p.m., Chairman, Chris Timmermann, opened the meeting by leading the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll Call showing a quorum present as follows: Chris Timmermann, Jacob Rayl, Wes Pourchot, and Bernard Myers. Jeff Rehkemper was absent.

The minutes of the March 4, 2025 regular meeting were approved as submitted with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The bills listed on Edit Report dated March 17, 2025 (see attached) were approved as submitted with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Bernard Myers. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The County Clerk's report for the month of February 2025 (see attached) was approved as submitted with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Under Public Comment, three members of the Bond County 4-H Teen Leader Club were in attendance with the 4-H Youth Development Program Coordinator Cheralee Vohlken. They each spoke to the Board about what their program was about and expressed their appreciation to the Board for their continuing support.

Elaine McNamara and Brad Iberg with the City of Greenville were in attendance to discuss a possible Intergovernmental Agreement for the placement and operation of a WIFI tower to be placed on and around the Courthouse. Elaine explained there has been issues with internet and cell phone coverage in the downtown area for quite some time. This has caused issues with business owners, vendors, and patrons. The City plans to have apartments soon in the downtown area and feels this could be a draw for future residents. Chairman Chris Timmermann said it seemed to be a good thing and shouldn't cost the County anything. County Clerk Meg Sybert said that there is not good coverage in her building and this could benefit her office as well. Brad said although they cannot guarantee exact coverage in the surrounding buildings he assures it will be better. Brad said they would be using the twelve poles surrounding the Courthouse as well as installing an antenna on the roof. Brad said they would still need to figure out the best way to make user access easily available, but in a way so not to be abused. Vice Chair Jacob Rayl asked if they knew the type of speed that would be available. Brad said they did not know at this time but the service would be supported by the fiber lines in the Courthouse basement. The Board approved the Intergovernmental Agreement for the Placement and Operation of a WIFI Tower with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board reviewed Zoning Administrator Brad Criner's Mid-March 2025 report which included permits, inspections and revenues (see attached). Chairman Chris Timmermann noted that the next meeting is April 18, 2025.

The Board reviewed Treasurer Colleen Camp's February 2025 report.

Sheriff Jim Leitschuh was in attendance to discuss the letter submitted to the Board announcing his retirement effective May 1, 2025 (see attached). He is also seeking the party's appointment of Josh Hill to fill his vacancy. Leitschuh said that the party had been notified. Leitschuh thanked the Board and the boards before for their continued support of him and the department. Chairman Chris Timmermann thanked Sheriff Leitschuh for his service. The Board also approved the budget amendment for purchase of radar guns with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Highway Engineer Mike McCormick was in attendance to request approval for three Engineering Agreements. After discussion, the Board approved 03-08-25-01 with HMG for Red Ball Trail Wooden Bridge with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. Second after discussion, the Board approved 03-18-25-02 with Gonzalas for Sunnyside Avenue Bridge with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. Lastly after discussion, the Board approved 03-18-25-03 for Sunnyside Avenue Realignment with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board approved Resolution 03-18-25-04 Authorizing Execution and Amendment of Section 5311 Grant Agreement (see attached) from Bond County Transit Director Melissa Marti with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Bernard Myers. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board discussed the Bond County Board Proclamation in support of SAFE Sexual Assault Awareness Month. Chairman Chris Timmermann said that LaDonna Koeberlein, who is the Sexual Assault Legal & Medical Advocate for SAFE, asked to present the proclamation for signature at an April meeting. Chris said he would let us know which meeting.

The Board appointed Jeff Gray to the Public Building Commission (PBC) for a five-year term set to expire March 17, 2030 with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board approved the request by the Bond County Ministerial Alliance to use the Courthouse lawn on May 1, 2025 for the National Day of Prayer Event amending the time to 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Bernard Myers. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board announced two openings on the Pocahontas-Old Ripley Fire Protection District Board. One due to the resignation of Kendall Brink with Edmar Schreiber being recommended and one recommending Don Hawley for reappointment.

The Board approved the Animal Control's February 2025 Report with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board approved the Coroner's February 2025 Report with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Bernard Myers. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Under Old Business, Highway Engineer Mike McCormick informed the Board that the BNSF Railroad will be closing the Red Ball Trail Bridge March 25-26th, 2025 from 9:00 am.to 2:00 p.m. for repairs.

Also, under Old Business, Sheriff Jim Leitschuh informed the Board that at the last Public Building Commission (PBC) meeting there was discussion regarding cleaning the gutters of the Courthouse as well as repairing the concrete steps on the front of the Courthouse. These were things brought up as they were noticed just before the meeting. Leitschuh apologized as he knows protocol is for him to present to the Board first and get permission to present to the PBC.

At 7:25 p.m., the Board went into Executive Session with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board returned to regular session at 7:31 p.m. with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

This meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m. with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Bernard Myers. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

March 19, 2025

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