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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, June 17, 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, Bernard Myers and Jeff Rehkemper.

The minutes of the June 3, 2025 regular meeting were approved as submitted with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The County Clerk's report for the month of May 2025 and Semi-Annual Report (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, several members of the community were in attendance to discuss the proposed solar farm that had been brought before the Board, as well as any future solar farms. Matt Goodson spoke against the installations citing the negative impact the solar farms will bring to the surrounding farming community and the economic impact they will have on the County. Charlie Mamlin with Ranger Power was also in attendance to ask the Board to reconsider the solar permit fees and reassured the community that they plan to do nothing but better the County not take from it. Charlie said the solar farms will bring work and jobs to the County. Dale Evans spoke questioning the accuracy of the labor estimates.

Amanda Zinkgraf with Prairie Counseling Center Referral Network was in attendance to present a power point to the Board regarding what their organization offers to individuals suffering from mental health and substance abuse in Bond County and surrounding counties. Amanda also wanted the Board to know there are limited resources in Bond County for individuals in their programs such as subsidized evening transportation (to attend support meetings), as well as affordable housing availability, particularly for individuals who have a felony conviction. These issues can cause delays in recovery. Amanda has also been researching different grant opportunities to better assist these individuals.

The Board reviewed Zoning Administrator Brad Criner's Mid-June 2025 report which included permits, inspections and revenues (see attached). Brad was in attendance with Zoning Board of Appeals Secretary Susan File to present five separate amendments to the Bond County Zoning Ordinance. Susan presented the first amendment Resolution 06-17-25-01 to update language to implement a centralized, transparent fee schedule decreasing the per square foot fee for acreage exceeding 100 acres to \$0.05 per square foot for solar farms. Brad's recommendation to this was to dissent. Brad proposed to move forward with the \$0.25 per square foot above 100 acres as discussed previously with the County Board. Jeff Rehkemper

made a motion to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation of \$0.05 per square foot. Jacob Rayl asked for discussion. Jeff offered information regarding the estimated impact on the County regarding loss of agriculture spending both direct (equipment, seed) and indirect (meals, groceries). Jacob Rayl spoke about the future for the County and said he didn't feel that anyone should tell a landowner what they can do with their property. After discussion, Jeff Rehkemper renewed his motion to approve the Zoning Board of Appeals recommendation of \$0.05 per square foot. The motion died due to lack of a second. Jacob Rayl then made a motion to approve Zoning Administrator Brad Criner's recommendation to move forward with \$0.025 per square foot second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 1 nay (Rehkemper), motion carried. The second amendment Resolution 06-17-25-02 Battery Energy Storage Systems was approved with a motion made by Jacob Rayl, second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. The third amendment Resolution 06-17-25-03 Solar/Wind Energy Systems as approved with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. The fourth amendment Resolution 06-17-25-04 Initial Certificates of Zoning Compliance (Siting Permit) was approved with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Bernard Myers. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. After discussion, the fifth amendment Resolution 06-17-25-05 Minimum Lot Area Variance in A-1 Agricultural District was tabled until the next Board meeting to allow the Board time to further review the request with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. Brad Criner asked the Board to table the 3-Points Subdivision estimated cost for improvement until the next meeting so he can gather further information. The Board tabled this item with a motion made by Bernard Myers second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board reviewed Treasurer Colleen Camp's March 2025 Report. After discussion, the Board agreed to take the Bond County Employee Handbook and Non-Union Bond County Employee Handbook off the Agenda to allow State's Attorney Dora Mann time to review and the Board can revisit at a later date.

The Board approved referring the Main Courthouse lift replacement to the Public Building Commission (PBC) with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

After discussion, the Board approved a Labor Memorandum of Understanding between the Illinois FOP Labor Council and Bond County IL with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board approved Liquor License for The Greenville Country Club with a motion made by Jacob Rayl and second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board announced an opening on the Public Building Commission (PBC) Board due to the immediate resignation of Mark Gan.

The Board Approve the Sheriff's May 2025 Report and Semi-Annual Report with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board approved the Animal Control's May 2025 Report with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Bernard Myers. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board approved the Coroner's May 2025 Report with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Under New Business Bernard Myers and Wes Pourchot (Insurance Committee) said they had met with an individual regarding a health insurance alternative for County employees. After discussion, it was agreed by the Board that they would move forward with getting an individualized quote which included a \$1000 fee.

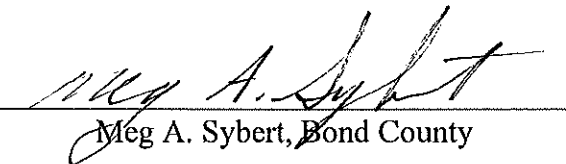
At 7:46 p.m., the Board went into Executive Session with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board returned to regular session at 8:06 p.m. with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

This meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Jeff Rehkemper. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

June 18, 2025

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Meg A. Sybert, Bond County