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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, July 18, 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 July 5, 2023 regular meeting and July 13, 2023 special meeting was approved as submitted with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The bills listed on Edit Report dated July 17, 2023 (see attached) were approved as submitted with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Under Public Comment, Mike Mueller was in attendance and thanked the Board for the ARPA New Business Grant money he received and said that it will be very beneficial to his business.

Treasurer Colleen Camp gave the Board her June 2023 reports (see attached).

The Board discussed the appointment of Leon Dorsey to the Bond County Board of Review. Chris Timmermann questioned what his experience was to make him qualified to fill this position. He asked if it was possible to require that he take the Board of Review Basic Course prior to participating in meetings with the public, Jeff Rehkemper was in also in agreement. Treasurer Colleen Camp said under normal circumstances she would agree with them but with the sensitive time frame we are in it just isn't feasible. Wes Pourchot pointed out that the Review Board has to have 3 members on it so that there is a tie breaker if needed and that is not something that the Assessor can do since the Board's job is to check her assessment work. A motion to approve with an amended term date to end May 31st, 2025 was made by Wes Pourchot second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 3 ayes, 2 nays (Rehkemper, Timmermann), motion carried.

Highway Engineer, Jeremy Pestle, was in attendance to update the Board of the current status of the recent fire at the Highway Department. The sign service truck caught fire early morning of on Thursday July 13th. He complimented all of the fire departments that assisted and said they did a great job. After assessing the damage, it seems that the entire fleet of vehicles are inoperable except for the truck he drives. They had parts of the trucks that were melted from the intense heat and are still covered in soot, inside and out. The insurance adjuster for the vehicles is coming Friday, July 21st. Jeremy believes that the insurance for the vehicles is for fair market value and not full replacement. Everything in the shop including hand tools, equipment, parts, etc. in the work bays are starting to rust from the soot. The faces of the entire inventory of street signs have melted off. The insurance adjuster for the building and contents other than the vehicles has been there and said all of these things are a total loss. The crew from SERVPRO has been there cleaning the surfaces of the shop and office but are not sure they can assist much with the vehicles, it would only be surface cleaning. He thought he would be able to turn the air conditioning on for the office, but it too has too much soot that it makes it an unsafe working environment. He said that he and Scott Wight, with the cooperation of the ladies at the Annex building, are setting up a temporary work station for his office assistant. He also stated that

Burgess township is letting them borrow a truck so that they can continue the road work in Pocahontas. He plans to use Maedge trucking to spread rock for when he needs to oil and chip. He did request from the Board permission to start purchasing replacement vehicles as he finds them. The Board consented and said that he can then submit a budget amendment. If any of these purchases require financing he will need to get Board approval.

Highway Engineer, Jeremy Pestle, also had a request to purchase an equipment trailer and wanted to finance it. After discussion, it was approved to purchase and finance a trailer in the amount of \$60,102.62 with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board approved the Sheriff's report for the month of June 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 June 2023 (see attached) with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board approved the Animal Control Report for the June of April 2023 (see attached) with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nay, motion carried.

Under Old Business Jacob Rayl asked States Attorney Dora Mann to speak about the SAFE-T Act that was just passed. She informed the Board that the County will be losing approximately \$600,000 revenue now that there will be no cash bail. This new law will also force her department to work 7 days a week 24 hours a day to properly prosecute. She feels this new law will be detrimental to the State of Illinois.


Also, under old business Jacob Rayl asked Treasurer Colleen Camp about the amount of funding available to the fire districts in the County using the interest only from the ARPA New Business Grant funds. She believed there is approximately \$17,000 available. Colleen also confirmed we had until August to distribute this money.

Also, under old business Jacob Rayl informed the Board that the Broadband Committee met with surrounding counties including Montgomery, Fayette, Clinton, and Madison. A representative from Senator Jason Plummer's office was also in attendance. They have set a date for another meeting for next month.

Lastly, under old business Treasurer Colleen Camp informed the Board that she, Supervisor of Assessments Georgia Shank, and County Clerk & Recorder Meg Sybert would all be holding a public forum on Monday July 24th at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse with regard to Tax Cycle.

This meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m. with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Chris Timmermann, Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

July 19, 2023
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Meg A. Sybert, Bond County Clerk