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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, August 15, 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 August 1, 2023 regular meeting was approved as submitted with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The bills listed on Edit Report dated August 2, 2023 (see attached) were approved as submitted with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The County Clerk's Report for the month of July 2023 (see attached) was approved as submitted with a motion made by Chris Timmermann second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Under Public Comment, Ron Witcher was in attendance and let the Board know of his disappointment in continuing to allow States Attorney Dora Mann to be the FOIA officer for all of Bond County. He thought that this was inappropriate for she has enough duties to fill and that someone on a lower pay scale should be responsible for fulfilling these requests. He also said that each department should have their own FOIA officer. Jeff Rehkemper asked Mr. Witcher if there had ever been a time he had not received information that he had requested. He answered no, but he had been told it needed to be submitted on a particular form once and another time he was told that he was asking legal advice and not making a proper request.

Also, under public comment Ken Klostermann and Jim Potthast with the Highland-Pierron Fire Protection District were in attendance to request funding for a generator they want to install at their Pierron Firehouse. They feel that this will also benefit Bond County in the event that there is ever a need for an emergency shelter. They were asking for the Board to fund half of the generator. They presented an estimate they received from Zobrist Electric for 12,700.00, which is whom they prefer to use. It had been discussed at a previous Board meeting that the County would distribute funds to surrounding fire departments using the interest from the ARPA Funds program. Treasurer Colleen Camp stated that there would be approximately 40,000.00 available after the month of August. Jeff Rehkemper asked that we put the generator purchase on the September 5, 2023 meeting. Ken Klostermann also wanted to let the Board know that once we move forward with the Broadband project we can put a tower up on their firehouse.

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

A request for a budget amendment made by Treasurer Colleen Camp on behalf of the 911 Coordinator, Alan Davis, for a vehicle upgrade was approved with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Brad Criner gave the Board his Mid-August 2023 report which included permits, inspections and revenues (see attached). He informed the Board that he is looking into switching software programs. He currently uses Cloud Permit and wants to switch to Smart Gov. He has discussed this with the

Highway Engineer and this is a program he too would be able to utilize in his department as well. He will be asking for a budget adjustment in a future meeting.

The Board discussed the need for repair to be done on the North side of the County Jail which included moving some dirt, reworking some roof drain piping and installing some rock. Jeff Rehkemper asked if the insurance company of the person who hit the jail has been contacted. Treasurer Colleen Camp said that they were submitting the bill after the work was done since time was of the essence. A motion to turn this over to the PBC Board was made by Jeff Rehkemper second Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board approved Krista Hamilton, Matthew McCullough, and Carrie Ackermann to the Bond County Board of Health with a 3-term to end June 30, 2026 with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

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

The Board approved the Coroner's Report for the Month of July 2023 (see attached) with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Under Old Business, Jeff Rehkemper said he talked to a former member of the Board of Review and we need to look into possibly getting more accessors and raising the pay scale. He thought we also needed to advertise these positions. He said that the Townships needed to be willing to spend more money to save the tax payers money.


Also, under Old Business, Wes Pourchot updated the Board that the Highway Department still has not purchased any vehicles at this time. He also felt that someone else should look at the potential vehicles rather than the two employees that have previously been sent. He also said that they must start purchasing soon and that the County can't keep operating without a fleet.

Under New Business, Chairman Bernard Myers let the Board know that County Clerk Meg Sybert informed him that she sent budget sheets out on Wednesday August 9<sup>th</sup> to all departments and hopes to have preliminary numbers by the next meeting September 5, 2023.

Also, under new business, State's Attorney Dora Mann asked that she be removed as the County's FOIA officer and that someone else be appointed. She had someone who would be interested. She asked that we put this request on the agenda for the next meeting September 5, 2023.

This meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Chris Timmermann. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

August 16, 2023  
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Meg A. Sybert, Bond County Clerk