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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, September 17, 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, and Jeff Rehkemper. Chris Timmermann was absent.

The minutes of the September 3, 2024 regular meeting were approved as submitted with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Jeff Rehkemper. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The County Clerk's report for the month of August 2024 (see attached) was approved as submitted with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Eric Makela with Illinois Department of Employment Security was in attendance, he specifically serves as the IDES Labor Economist for Illinois regions south of Springfield. Eric spoke on labor market conditions in Bond County and let the Board know that his office exists as a free resource.

Holly Clark, Post 1377 Auxiliary President was in attendance to let the Board know her plans to pursue a VAC in Bond County at the request of Bond County Veterans. Holly informed the Board that there are few resources for Bond County residents with any VA issues. Holly told the Board that this Act stipulates that a County should provide the finances needed for a County VAC, however it is an unfunded mandate. She is in the beginning stages and plans on contacting all the Veteran Service Organizations in the County to get their buy-in. Those organizations need to provide delegates and alternated delegates who will make up the Board for the Bond County VAC. Once she has their approval she will work with the State VAC program and Bond County to get the VAC up and running. Holly wanted to make the Board aware of the possible VAC budget as the County Board is looking at their 2024-2025 budget.

Zoning Administrator Brad Criner gave the Board his September Month-end 2024 report which included permits, inspections and revenues (see attached). Brad also reminded the Board of the public hearing October 1, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for a request by McCray Solar 1, LLC for a building permit for the construction, operation and maintenance of a community solar ground mounted solar array.

Highway Engineer, Mike McCormick was in attendance to discuss the possibility of the Board signing for a loan for the new truck that is available and ready for pick up as well as the payment to Woody's for the chassis. Mike explained that the Highway Department does not have that the funds available to pay for the truck in full and he felt it was in the County's best

interest to finance the vehicle as they had done in the past with other large equipment purchases. Mike said he had checked with 4 different banks in the area and Bradford Bank had the best offer at 4.99% interest for 5 years. Jacob Rayl asked if there was insurance money still available to put towards the purchase of the truck. Mike told him he would rather use that money for smaller purchase of items still needed in the shop. After discussion, the Board approved a loan for up to \$197,000 with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. Mike said he would present the paperwork to the Board at the October 1, 2024 meeting.

County Clerk, Meg Sybert, presented the Board the first round of the 2024-2025 Budget, Appropriation, and Levy. Meg said that the Board still had two Levy requests to approve but she said she had tentative numbers. After discussion, Meg suggested the Board review and contact her with any further questions.

The Board approved \$5625.70 of ARPA funds to be given to the Pocahontas-Old Ripley Fire Protection District to contribute to the purchase of tablets for the Trustees and remainder to go towards purchase of SCBAs with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Jeff Rehkemper. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Tax Deed Resolution 09-17-24-01 (see attached) was approved as submitted with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

State's Attorney Dora Mann presented Resolution 09-17-24-02 for services to be provided by the Appellate Prosecutor's Office to the County for fiscal year December 1, 2024 through November 30, 2025 (see attached) which was approved with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board approved the levy request in the amount of \$92,500.00 from the University of Illinois with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Jeff Rehkemper. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board appointed Carisa Bohannon to the Bond County Board of Health for a 3-year term set to expire June 30, 2027 with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

An opening on the Robinson Cemetery Board was announced due to the resignation of Toni Randall whose term would have expired December 2025. Mike Lucco is being recommended.

Seven openings on the SIMAPC Full Commission were announced with Mike McCormick, County Engineer, being recommended to replace Jeremy Pestle, previous County Engineer, Stacey Sidwell, Shoal Creek Township Supervisor, Mike Burlingame, Mayor of Mulberry Grove, Matt Hawley, Village of Pocahontas Board Trustee, JoAnn Hollenkamp, Greenville City Manager, Susie Kovach, Village of Pocahontas Board Trustee, and Meg Sybert, Bond County Clerk all being recommended.

The Board approved the Animal Control Report for the Month of August 2024 (see attached) with a motion made by Wes Pourchot second by Jacob Rayl. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nay, motion carried.

Under Old Business, Jeff Rehkemper asked Zoning Administrator Brad Criner about increasing the solar permit fees. Brad told the Board that it is too late for the permits that are pending and that it is a lengthy process but it can be done. Jeff asked that this topic be put it on the next agenda.

Under New Business, Jeff Rehkemper asked County Clerk Meg Sybert if the Veteran Assistance Commission were to want to get started for the 2024-2025 year when would they need to get their Levy completed. Meg said it would need to be done within the next month. Meg explained there would need to be a separate levy line. Meg also said she has been in touch with Montgomery County on what their VAC budget looks like.

At 7:30 p.m., the Board went into Executive Session with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Jeff Rehkemper. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

The Board returned to regular session at 9:26 p.m. with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Wes Pourchot. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

A motion to table the Zoning Administrator's employment status until the October 1, 2024 meeting was made by Wes Pourchot second by Jeff Rehkemper. Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

This meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m. with a motion made by Jeff Rehkemper second by Wes Pourchot, Roll Call Vote: 4 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Meg A Sybert, Bond County Clerk