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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, February 4, 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 January 21, 2025 regular meeting 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 bills listed on Edit Report dated February 2, 2025 (see attached) were approved as submitted with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Jeff Rehkemper. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

Kevin Kern with Snedeker Risk Management, the County's insurance provider, was in attendance to let the Board know the renewal went well and wanted to answer any questions they may have. Kevin complimented County Clerk Meg Sybert for her assistance whenever needed. He also let the Board know that they are making improvements to the functionality of the employee side of the HopeTrust portal as well as the HR side, which will be helpful to the Treasurer's office. Jeff Rehkemper said there were a lot of employees concerned with the price to add their families to their plan. Kevin said unfortunately that is how it is everywhere but he is happy to look at some other plan options and possible contribution changes from the County if they would like to discuss. He also wanted to invite the Board to their 2025 Annual Meeting and Conference for HopeTrust in July and ICRMT September.

The Board reviewed Zoning Administrator Brad Criner's January 2025 report which included permits, inspections and revenues (see attached).

The Board reviewed Highway Engineer Mike McCormick's January 2025 report (see attached). Mike was in attendance to update the Board on a new project on Sunnyside Avenue in Shoal Creek Township. Mike told the Board he was going to purchase the 2008 Western Star Semi to replace the 1996 Ford Semi. This had already been budgeted. Mike reported that Illinois Department of Labor did their walk-through inspection and all went well. Jeff Rehkemper asked Mike about the invoice sent to Central Township for the Dudleyville Bridge project that was done over 4 years ago. Mike said there were initially four funding revenue streams that were to be utilized: Federal Bridge Fund, Township Bridge Fund (TBF), County Aid to Bridges, and the local Road District Fund. The Township Bridge Fund was not invoiced by the previous sitting County Engineer. Mike said he went before the State to try and invoice that fund, but it was too late. The County and Road District now have to bear the financial burden that the TBF would have covered. Jeff asked how long it would normally take to produce an invoice after a project. Mike said a couple of weeks, using the Campground Cemetery Bridge Project as an example.

Mike said the Township could make monthly payments if they needed to, but the County has carried this debt for several years now. Bernard Myers asked if there had been any progress on the stock pile relocation in Old Ripley. Mike said there has been some discussion of a possible location but he would rather be on Old Ripley Road. Mike said they have time to find the right location.

Under Old Business, Bernard Myers stated that the employee handbooks needed to be put back on the Agenda for approval since they never were approved. He said that there are several things that have changed since our last draft. Treasurer Colleen Camp said at that time the insurance company attorney had reviewed and approved them with some changes. Jeff Rehkemper said he thought they were waiting on State's Attorney Dora Mann to review them. Bernard said that they need to be done and should not be put off any longer. Kevin Kern with Snedeker Risk Management said that they offer free review done by their attorneys, which is what had been done before. Kevin said they would be happy to review again and add any updates needed. Jeff said the Board should just have Kevin handle it since Dora doesn't seem to have time. Kevin said the handbooks should be reviewed at least every two years, if not every year. Chairman Chris Timmermann asked Colleen if she could take care of getting with Kevin to get it taken care of. She said she would.

This meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m. with a motion made by Jacob Rayl second by Jeff Rehkemper. Roll Call Vote: 5 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

February 5, 2025

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