

2022 Year-End Report

The 2022 fiscal year ran from December 1, 2021 through November 30, 2022. Our office processed 100 draft applications & issued 92 permits; there are currently 91 open permits & we conducted 133 site visits at various locations throughout the county. Full-year revenues were \$43,012 vs a revised budget of \$44,000; expenditures were \$33,656 vs a revised budget of \$38,530 generating a surplus of \$10,190 for the full year ending 11.30.22.

The Zoning Board of Appeals met 7 times taking up various issues including special use permits, variances & appeals.

Our office was involved in two court civil suites. 21-CH-000006_SONES v. THEISS was dismissed with prejudice. 2022CH7_SAYLER v. ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS OF BOND COUNTY and BRAD CRINER is pending.

In 2021, the board voted to add an automation fee to the permit fee structure to cover costs associated with automating the zoning office. These funds are used for projects including: creating a zoning web page, digitizing county ordinances (which are now available on the web page), an automated permit system (cloud permit), digitizing historical zoning records, digitizing zoning maps/ creating a GIS zoning layer & updating existing GIS data. A summary of each project is below.

2022 was the first full-year using a new on-line permit system, Cloud Permit. This system has enabled us to stream-line the permitting process. Applicants can complete the application, pay on-line, schedule inspections & track permits. It has reduced the permitting process from several days to several minutes. It also offers site visit tracking/uploading of documents/pictures, custom and canned reports and historical data tracking.

Our office has made good progress on a project began in 2021 to digitize all historical zoning permit records from 1995- 2021. To date we have completed years 2000-2020. This project is expected to be completed in Q1 of 2023.

Zoning district maps are being digitized as they are today and added to an off-line GIS layer which will require board approval before being added to the public version of the Bond County GIS web map. These maps were last updated by the Southwestern Illinois Planning Commission in 1991. Once this project is complete and approved by the county board for official use; we will work with the zoning board and update with zoning changes that have occurred since the last version was published.

2023 Objectives

- Complete digitization of historical zoning permit documents
- Complete creation of zoning district GIS layer
- Start a new project to update zoning maps with zoning changes that have occurred since 1991.
- Start a new project to update the Bond County Flood Plain Ordinance.
- Create new GIS flood plain layer (once FEMA has an approved version of the Bond County Flood Plain effective map completed.
- Work with other departments within the county to consolidate and streamline GIS parcel splits, 911 address, road/ROW information & other shared data.