

Proceedings of the County Board of Gallatin County, IL

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COUNTY OF GALLATIN)

The members of the County Board in and for the County of Gallatin, State of Illinois, met at the courthouse in Shawneetown, Illinois on Tuesday, July 25, 2023 at 4:30 p.m. for a regular meeting.

Roll Call Present: Andrew Lunsford, Chairman; Gary Vickery, Vice Chairman; Randy Drone; Warren Rollman

Absent: Lisa Coonse

Others: Justin Hastie-County Engineer

Attest: Deanna Bryant, County Clerk

Chairman Andrew Lunsford called the meeting to order.

Motion #1 by Randy Drone, seconded by Warren Rollman to approve the minutes of the January 12, 2023 meeting. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried. 5-0

The Financial Report was given by David Barker, County Treasurer. He reported the County Corporate Fund had an ending balance of \$871,599.68 for the month ending January 31, 2023. Receipts total for the month of December was \$205,717.58 and expenditures in the amount of \$146,052.52.

Motion #2 by Warren Rollman and seconded by Randy Drone to accept the Financial Report for the month ending, January 31, 2023. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried. 5-0

Motion #3 by Warren Rollman and seconded by Gary Vickery to pay the bills as presented. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried. 5-0.

Motion #4 by Lisa Coonse seconded by Randy Drone to pay Road and Bridge bills. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried. 5-0

In Old Business:

Justin Hastie, County Engineer, made a preliminary request for ARPA funding for a repair for the County Highway Department shop. Murphy Street to Jackson New Hope Road overlay and safety shoulders; contract was awarded to ET Simonds. Ridgway Township Murphy Street Bridge, working with bridge office regarding hydraulic modeling. Waiting on local FHWA office to schedule kickoff meeting with IDOT on the Peabody Haul Bridge replacement. IDOT has completed review of plans on the Wood Pile Bridge North of town on the Shawneetown New Haven Blacktop. Plans have been submitted to IDOT and scheduled for June 16th letting got the Eldorado Blacktop overlay. **See attachment: A**

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Doug Dyhrkopp, State's Attorney reported that the contractor has received the necessary electrical parts and the courthouse will be close February 21, 2023 for repairs to be completed.

In New Business:

Motion #5 by Randy Drone seconded by Lisa Coonse to accept the Gallatin County Trustee Resolutions. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried 5-0 **See Attachment B.**

Lori Hise, Supervisor of Assessment presented the Transfer of Open Space Parcels from Gallatin County Hazard Mitigation. Aye 5 Nay 0 **See Attachment C.**

Steve Galt, Gallatin County EMA Director, approached the board about appointing a three-person negotiating team to negotiate a new 911 intergovernmental agreement with Saline County. The committee will be: Chairman Andrew Lunsford, Randy Drone and Gary Vickery.

Motion #7 by Randy Drone seconded by Lisa Coonse to accept the Circuit Clerk Annual Report. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried. 5-0. **See Attachment D.**

Motion #8 by Randy Drone seconded by Gary Vickery to approve a resolution for the ARPA Fund request for a cost study for Recording/GIS. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried. 5-0. **See Attachment E.**

Motion #9 by Randy Drone seconded by Gary Vickery for a courthouse dumpster from PSD in the amount of \$70 bi weekly. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried 5-0.

Board Member Warren Rollman presented the University of Illinois Fees showing six Southern Illinois counties with population, and the amount the U of I spend per person for each county. **See Attachment F.**

Board Member Rollman spoke about the U of I not having a physical office in the county, which makes Gallatin County one of four counties in the state to not an office.

Angie Messmer, U of I Director, spoke to the board about the programs they offer to the residents of Gallatin County. They are working to get the mobile food pantry up and going, along with providing items needed for a garden at the Golden Circle in Ridgway.

Motion #10 by Warren Rollman to eliminate the University of Illinois Extension Tax Levy. Motion Failed.

Motion #11 by Randy Drone seconded by Gary Vickery for Justin Hastie, County Engineer to pursue a completely new County Highway building.

Motion #12 by Randy Drone seconded by Lisa Coonse for emergency purchase of a truck for the County Highway Department.

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Board Member Warren Rollman thanked Judge Thomas Foster and Circuit Clerk Brittney Lane for setting up microphones in the courtroom for the board meetings.

Motion #13 by Randy Drone seconded by Lisa Coonse to accept the estimate of \$19,290.00 from Green Valley Lawn Care for Gallatin County Courthouse lawn landscaping. **See Attachment: G**

Gallatin County Resident Jami Crest asked to see a report from the University of Illinois Extension office that shows the hours spent in Gallatin County.

Motion to adjourn made by Randy Drone seconded by Gary Vickery. Motion Carried.