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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 Thursday, October 12, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. for a regular meeting.

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

Absent: None

Others: Lori Hise- Supervisor of Assessments, Brittney Lane-G.C. Jamie Scherrer, Justin Hastie-County Engineer, Douglas Dyhrkopp-G.C. State’s Attorney, Kate Rollman, Christina Stanford; Deputy Recorder, Tracy Gabriel; Deputy Clerk, Steve Galt-G.C. EMA, Tammy Galt, Terry Schmitt, and Shannon Bradley.

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 September 14, 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 $911,618.37 for the month ending September 30, 2023. Receipts total for the month of September was $340,313.66 and expenditures in the amount of $137,612.72. **See Attachment:A**

Motion #2 by Warren Rollman and seconded by Gary Vickery to accept the Financial Report for the month ending, September 30, 2023. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried. 5-0

Motion #3 by Warren Rollman and seconded by Gary Vickery to pay the County Corporate bills as presented. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried. 5-0. **See Attachment: B**

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

In Old Business:

Justin Hastie, County Engineer, present updates on ongoing County Highway Projects. Future projects include; Forrest Road Overlay, Pounds Road Overlay, and Ridgway New Haven Blacktop Overlay with safety shoulders. **See Attachment: D**

In New Business:

Financing of the GIS flyover was tabled to a later date.

Motion #5 by Randy Drone, seconded by Lisa Coonse to approve the Regional Office of Education funding for FY24 in the amount of $11,905 annually. **See Attachment:E**

Board Member Drone asked why the salary of the EMA Director had been cut by $2,000 for the upcoming 2024 Fiscal Year. Warren Rollman responded by reporting that when the budget meeting was held it was apparent that cuts needed to be made and that they started with the pay of that position because it is substantially more than neighboring counties.

Motion #6 by Randy Drone, seconded by Lisa Coonse to reinstate that salary to the original amount of $12,018.00 for FY24. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried. 3-2, with Warren Rollman and Chairman Andrew Lunsford voting against the motion.

Motion #7 by Warren Rollman, seconded by Lisa Coonse to approve the FY24 Tentative Budget. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried. 4-1. **See Attachment: F**

Motion #8 by Warren Rollman, seconded by Gary Vickery to start a Public Defender special fund. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried. 5-0.

Motion #9 by Randy Drone, seconded by Warren Rollman to accept bids for the 2026 ambulance contract. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried. 5-0. **See Attachment: G**

Motion #10 by Randy Drone, seconded by Lisa Coonse for approval of the 2024 Gallatin County Board meeting schedule. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried. 5-0. **See Attachment: H**

Motion #11 by Randy Drone, seconded by Gary Vickery to accept Resolution #10122023 setting election judge pay at $245 per day. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried. 5-0. **See Attachment: I**

Steve Galt, Gallatin County EMA Director, presented a letter of retirement to the board. Mr. Galt is retiring after 35 years of service to Gallatin County. **See Attachment: J**

Motion to adjourn by Lisa Coonse, seconded by Randy Drone. Aye 5 Nay 0.