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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, April 11, 2024 at 6:30 p.m. for a regular meeting.

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

Absent: None

Others; Jamie Scherrer, Marty Wooden-EMA Director, Kate Rollman, Jami Crest, David Crest, Angie Messmer, Jeffrey Resch, Barbara Resch, Terry Schmitt, Kassy Scates, Melissa Heath, Nanci Berger.

Attest: Deanna Bryant, County Clerk

Chairman Andrew Lunsford called the meeting to order.

Motion #1 by Randy Drone, seconded by Lisa Coonse to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2024 meeting. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried. 5-0. **Attachment: A**

The Financial Report was given by David Barker, County Treasurer. He reported the County Corporate Fund had an ending balance of $846,254.37 for the month ending March 31, 2024. Receipts total for the month of March was $134,086.43 and expenditures in the amount of $177,304.04.

Motion #2 by Randy Drone and seconded by Gary Vickery to accept the Financial Report for the month ending, March 31, 2024. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried. 5-0. **Attachment**: **B**

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

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

In Old Business:

**Attachment: C**

**County Highway Agenda**

22-00086-00-BR: Peabody Haul Bridge Federal Aid Agreement is approved and work can begin.

20-09126-00-BR: Ridgway Township Murphy Street Bridget, the final pay estimate has been submitted.

19-0083-00-BR: Work on the Wood Pile Bridge on the Shawneetown New Haven Blacktop is slated to begin, Thursday, April 25, 2024.

23-09127-00-BR: Ridgway Township Bridge – Jackson New Hope Road, survey completed.

23-01119-00-BR: Asbury Township Bridge- Downen Road, survey completed.

Motion #5 by Randy Drone, seconded by Lisa Coonse to approve Resolution accepting County Highway material bid. Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote. 5-0. **Attachment: D**

Motion #6 by Randy Drone, seconded by Lisa Coonse to approve Resolution accepting Road Districts material bid. **Attachment: E**

Doug Dyhrkopp, Gallatin County State’s Attorney sent a letter to the board informing them that the Courthouse renovations have been completed and the final bill has been paid. **Attachment: F**

In New Business:

Motion #7 by Randy Drone, seconded by Lisa Coonse to approve the quote of $5,5870.00 for bird proofing the carport. Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote. 5-0. **Attachment: G**

Motion # by Warren Rollman, seconded by Gary Vickery to approve the hiring of Bellwether Consulting for the FY25 budget and levy preparation. Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote. 5-0.

Motion #9 by Lisa Coonse, seconded by Warren Rollman to reschedule the May 16, 2024 board meeting to Tuesday, May 14, 2024. Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote. 5-0.

Discussion was had about the reasoning behind the ballot question being on the agenda as it had been at the March meeting. Warren Rollman explained that there had been a complaint filed stating that the item was not on the agenda correctly. Mr. Rollman then read the letters that had been sent to the Illinois Attorney General’s Office stating that it was their believe that the Gallatin County Board violated the Open Meetings Act. **Attachment: H**

Motion #10 by Warren Rollman, seconded by Gary Vickery to approve Resolution the University of Illinois Extension Tax Levy question on the November General Election ballot. Motion Carried. 3-2. **Attachment: I**

Angie Messmer with the University of Illinois Extension presented the FY25 agreement between County of Gallatin and University of Illinois Extension. No motion was made.

Motion #11 by Gary Vickery, seconded by Lisa Coonse to approve EMA Operations Budget Amendment. **Attachment:J**

Marty Wooden, Gallatin County EMA Coordinator approached board about the river gauge at Old Shawneetown. The U.S. Geological Survey is going to begin charging for the river gauge. The first-year cost would be $7,750. Marty Wooden is going to reach out to state legislators and municipalities to discuss sharing the cost. Warren Rollman will be sending letters on behalf of the board to all local and federal officials.

Marty Wooden also discussed with board setting up a “Disaster Line of Succession”. The board agreed to Mr. Wooden creating the document.

During public comment Nanci Berger with the University of Illinois Extension spoke on the programs that she facilitates with children in Gallatin County.

Motion #12 by Randy Drone to move to Executive Session at 7:20. Motion Carried

Motion# 13 by Randy Drove to adjourn Executive Session at 7:33. Motion Carried

Motion to adjourn made by Randy Drone. Motion Carried. Ayes 4-Nay 0.