

# 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 Thursday, October 17, 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; Doug Dyhrkopp, State's Attorney, Jamie Scherrer, Marty Wooden-EMA Director, Shannon Bradley-G.C. Sheriff, Kate Rollman, Jami Crest, David Crest, Angie Messmer, Jamie Scherrer, Terry Schmitt, Shawn Rider, Shawn Healy, Harry Clore-U of I, Doug Harlan- U of I, Kassy Scates, U of I, Pam Barbee-Southern 14 Workforce Development, Chad Wargel, Lori Hise.

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 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 \$1,007,798.42 for the month ending September, 2024. Receipts total for the month of February was \$372,841.93 and expenditures in the amount of \$145,036.91. **Attachment: A**

Motion #2 by Gary Vickery and seconded by Randy Drone to accept the Financial Report for the month ending, September 30, 2024. 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 Randy Drone seconded by Lisa Coonse to pay Road and Bridge bills. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried. 5-0.

In Old Business:

Justin Hastie, Gallatin County Engineer provided updates on projects. **Attachment: B**

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In New Business:

Deanna Bryant, County Clerk presented the board with the FY25 Liability Insurance Proposal for consideration. The county policy will see an increase of 17% with a final cost being \$86,224. **Attachment: C**

Motion #5 by Randy Drone, seconded by Lisa Coonse to approve the FY25 Liability Insurance Policy. Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote. 5-0.

Pam Barbee with Southern 14 Workforce Development made her yearly visit to the board to provide updates on the program. She informed the board that if anyone was looking for an employee to help with a big or small project to reach out to her.

Board Member Warren Rollman proposed an idea of how to keep the Gallatin County 4-H running in the county if the voters of the county vote to no longer levy taxes for the University of Illinois Extension. Mr. Rollman's proposed that the 4-H would have to submit a budget request to the Gallatin County Board for approval. He also requested the 4-H would be required to have a bank account at a Gallatin County bank. He would also like to see them submit bills to the Gallatin County Board monthly for approval.

Doug Harlan with the University of Illinois Extension informed the board that if the voters vote to no longer levy taxes for the U of I Extension that 4-H would no longer exist in the county. Mr. Harlan also informed the board that the county couldn't have 4-H without the University of Illinois Extension.

Gallatin County State's Attorney Doug Dyhrkopp presented the FY25 Appellate Prosecutor Contract.

Motion #6 by Randy Drone, seconded by Lisa Coonse to approve the FY25 Appellate Prosecutor Contract. Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote. 5-0. **Attachment: D**

Motion #7 by Gary Vickery, seconded by Randy Drone to approve the County Board Publications Budget Amendment. Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote. 5-0. **Attachment: E**

Motion #8 by Lisa Coonse seconded by Randy Drone to reschedule the November County Board meeting from November 14 to November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried. 5-0.

Dustin Harmon with Bellwether Consulting presented the FY25 Tentative Fiscal Budget to the board.

Motion #9 by Warren Rollman, seconded by Gary Vickery to approve the Tentative FY25 Gallatin County Government Budget. Motion Carried. 5-0. **Attachment: F**

Motion #10 by Warren Rollman, seconded by Randy Drone to pass the 2025 Courthouse Holiday Schedule excluding the Juneteenth Holiday. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried. 5-0. **Attachment: G**

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Kelly Foster asked why the board was only excluding the Juneteenth holiday and Mr. Rollman responded, "Well for one, we already have too many holidays, and it's a fake holiday created by the democrats to pander to black voters."

Deanna Bryant, County Clerk updated the board on the \$55,000 Polling Place Accessibility Grant that she has received. She informed the board that the city has agreed to cut out the curb on the sidewalk to make a truly handicapped accessible parking place on the west side of the Courthouse.

Angie Messmer with the University of Illinois Extension handed out papers to the board regarding the programs that the University of Illinois Extension currently have. Mrs. Messmer also gave the board a letter from the Tri State Food Bank that stated if the University of Illinois Extension was no longer in Gallatin County that the food truck would no longer be coming to New Haven.

Motion to adjourn by Randy Drone. Ayes 5 Nay 0. Motion Carried.