

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, November 20, 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, Kate Rollman, Jami Crest, David Crest, Angie Messmer, Jamie Scherrer, Terry Schmitt, Shawn Rider, Shawn Healy, Kassy Scates, U of I, Cynthia Smith, David Smith, Lori Downen, and 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 October 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 \$1,044,755.38 for the month ending October, 2024. Receipts total for the month of February was \$192,836.92 and expenditures in the amount of \$155,879.96. **Attachment: A**

Motion #2 by Warren Rollman and seconded by Gary Vickery to accept the Financial Report for the month ending, October 31, 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**

In New Business:

Motion #5 by Warren Rolman, seconded by Randy Drone to approve a quote in the amount of \$2,500 for painting of the courthouse fire escapes. Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote. 5-0.

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Mary Jo Agin with CASA of Southeastern Illinois, presented their FY25 budget. CASA requested \$6,000 for expenses. **Attachment: C**

Motion #6 by Randy Drone, seconded by Lisa Coonse to approve the \$6,000 request from CASA. Funding will be provided through the Tribal Fund.

Chairman Andrew Lunsford with the advice and consent of the board, appointed Jamie Scherrer to the Saline Valley Conservancy District for a five (5) year term.

Angie Messmer, University of Illinois Extension, approached the board requesting \$40,000 for the Gallatin County University of Illinois Extension office.

Chairman Andrew Lunsford stated that the voters of Gallatin County had voted “no” on funding the Extension through tax dollars, and it would be immoral to go against the wishes of the voters.

Kelly Foster approached the board stating that the board could fund the University of Illinois Extension through a line item in the county budget. Board Member Warren Rollman explained to Ms. Foster that at the October board meeting, Doug Harlan with the University of Illinois Extension had stated previously that if there was no tax levy there would be no Extension in the county.

Motion #7 by Randy Drone, seconded by Gary Vickery to approve the Capital Improvement Fund Ordinance. Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote. 5-0. **Attachment: E**

Motion #8 by Warren Rollman seconded by Gary Vickery to approve the Fiscal Year 2025 County Budget Ordinance. Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried. 4-1. **Attachment: F**

Motion #9 by Warren Rollman, seconded by Gary Vickery to approve the FY25 Gallatin County Tax Levy. Motion Carried. 5-0. **Attachment: G**

Motion #10 by Randy Drone, seconded by Warren Rollman to approve the 2025 Board Meeting Schedule. Motion Carried. Roll Call Vote. 5-0. **Attachment: H**

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