

ALEXANDER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
2000 WASHINGTON AVENUE
CAIRO, IL 62914

Chairman: Joe Griggs

Vice Chairman: Bruce Sims

Member: L. Steve Essex

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING

January 17, 2023

Meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairman, Joe Griggs.

Present: Chairman, Joe Griggs

Vice Chairman, Bruce Sims

L. Steve Essex

Mr. Sims motion for the approval of the January 3, 2023 board meeting minutes and Mr. Griggs second the motion. All voted yea.

James Cunningham and Diane Shelley with HUD came before the board to discuss communication and collaboration to provide the best assistance to our community as possible. Mr. Cunningham provided an update on the Connell Smith building. At this time, they are getting specifications from an engineering firm on the stability of the Shuemaker building. There will be a community meeting on January 18, 2023 at 2:30 p.m. at the Cairo Public Library to focus on a redevelopment plan. There are 51 families that need to be relocated so Jackson County Housing is assisting with the vouchers but the vouchers could be used anywhere in the United States. They also made they board aware that they will need a signoff from the county for the demolition. Nathan Bullard the Highway Engineer would also be included in this matter.

Signatures were obtained from Mr. Griggs as Chairman for the Southern 14 Workforce Investment Board Inc. Agreement and the 2022 Tax Levy Confirmations for County Tax, and County Road & Bridge Fund.

Mr. Sims motion to approve the Supplement Resolution 1-17-2023-A for the County Unit Road District Motor Fuel and was second by Mr. Essex. All voted yea.

Mr. Essex motion and Mr. Sims second the motion to approve the Supplement Resolution 1-17-2023-B for the County Highway Motor Fuel. All voted yea.

Mr. Griggs signed an amendment letter to the Sheriff's salary for the treasurer. A PTAX 451 will accompany the board letter to Illinois Dept. of Revenue.

Mr. Griggs also signed letter of audit engagement with Beussink, Hey & Stroder, LLC for the courthouse and circuit clerk audit for 2022.

Mr. Griggs appointed Nathan Bullard as Alexander Co. Floodplain Coordinator as of January 17, 2023 with a \$6,000.00 salary per year in addition to his engineer salary.

Maria Watkins, Treasurer, discussed fund balances and the payment of the county's outstanding bills. At this time, she is working on the amounts on interfund loans and the accuracy of the amounts before they are paid. She also made the board aware that there will be a change in revenue from the state for replacement tax due to the funds being used for the changes in the sheriff's salary.

The board also discussed operation safety concerns with Mr. Bullard. Mr. Bullard updated the board on safety measures he has implemented such as safety training and safety apparel.

Mr. Essex motion to approve claims from January 3, 2023 to January 17, 2023 and second by Mr. Sims. All voted yea.

Motion to approve Alexander County EMA claims were made by Mr. Essex and second by Mr. Sims. All voted yea.

Mr. Essex motion to approve Alexander County Ambulance claims and Mr. Sims second the motion. All voted yea.

Motion to approve Alexander County Highway Department claims was made by Mr. Essex and second Mr. Sims. All voted yea.

Motion to approve Alexander County Payroll was made by Mr. Essex and second by Mr. Sims. All voted yea.

Mr. Griggs appointed Tim Brown to the Alexander Co. Port Authority Board for a 3-year term ending June 1, 2024, Resolution 1-17-2023C.

Mr. Griggs appointed Erik Z. Gowin to the Alexander Co. Port Authority Board for a 3-year term ending June 1, 2025, Resolution 1-17-2023D.

Mr. Essex motion to adjourn at 12:15 a.m. and second by Mr. Sims. All voted yea.

Respectfully submitted

Tara Harris

Deputy Clerk