**Alexander County Board of Commissioners Minutes**

**2000 Washington Avenue**

**Cairo, IL. 62914**

Chairman: Joe Griggs Vice Chairman: Bruce Sims

Commissioner: L. “Steve” Essex

**Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**November 20th, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Sims @ 10:00 a.m.

**Roll Call of Board Members:**

* Joe E. Griggs: Absent
* Bruce Sims: Present
* L. Steve Essex: Present

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Sims second the approval of the November 7th, 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion passed by vote.

Discussion of part-time employee work hours policy was tabled until the December 5th, 2023 meeting.

Approval of 2023-2024 budget, and budget amendments were tabled, and the board called for a Special Board Meeting on November 29th, 2023.

Treasurer Watkins stated that with the 1st distribution that there is a voucher to approve paying back highway the money that was borrowed years back. The voucher is for $10,000 of the $30,000 that is still owed.

There was a brief discussion about the Ambulances finance situation, and how they will be struggling next year. Mrs. Watkins advised possibly lowering the amount in the budget for Tort & Liability, and Workers Compensation, and put that towards the Ambulance department. Mr. Price, and Mrs. Watkins said they would look into seeing if this is possible and legal. Mr. Price did state that the max rate for a levy for the Ambulance department has a max rate capped by the state.

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Sims second the approval of Resolution 11202023, the Joint Resolution of Alexander County, and Pulaski County Illinois of a full-time Public Defender. Motion passed by vote.

**Claims:**

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Sims second the approval to pay claims between November 7th – November 20th, 2023. Motion passed by vote.

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Sims second the approval to pay EMA claims. Motion passed by vote.

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Sims second the approval to pay Ambulance Department claims. Motion passed by vote.

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Sims second the approval to pay Highway Department claims. Motion passed by vote.

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Sims second the approval to pay Alexander County Payroll. Motion passed by vote.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Sims second the approval to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by vote. Meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Zachary C. Price, County Clerk