**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**

**February 2nd, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Griggs @ 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call of Board Members

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

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Griggs second the approval of the January 17th, 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion passed by vote.

Mr. Essex mad motion, and Mr. Griggs second the approval of Trustee Resolutions 01-23-001, 01-23-002, 01-23-003, 01-23-004, 01-23-005. Motion passed by vote.

Tiffany George with Southern Five had to reschedule until the February 14th, 2023 meeting to provide an update on Ambulance Grant, and to provide an update on the FEMA account closeout.

Treasurer Watkins wanted to discuss Highway Department insurance reimbursement, but had to table until next board meeting. The board asked the Highway Engineer Nathan Bullard if he knew of what it was about. Mr. Bullard stated that last board meeting week Shannon forgot to write the check for General Fund. Mrs. Watkins called him to find out where the check was. They had a disagreement on when it needed to be brought in. Mr. Bullard states they pay their insurance a month a head, and Mrs. Watkins asked him to prove that. The board had stated that they didn’t think they needed to be brought into this, and the two departments could figure this out, but since Mrs. Watkins said she will address it at the next meeting, it was tabled until the February 14th, 2023 meeting.

Assessor Matlock had to reschedule her GIS discussion until the February 14th, 2023 meeting.

County Clerk Price presented the board with a $6,000 proposal from Bellwether for a cost study for his office. Mr. Price informed the board that the state is raising the RHSP program fee another $9 on July 1, 2023, so the state will now receive $18 of our $65 recording fee. Which right now General Fund receives $27 for each recording and in July it will lower to $18.

Mr. Price reminded the board that the County Board is who approves the Recorders recording fee. Mr. Price stated that if the County Board is going to approve the Recorders recording fee, that they will need accurate information on the price that it could be set at, and that’s why Mr. Price is asking for a cost study to be done in his office.

Mr. Griggs said he wanted to look into my information about this cost study, and wanted Mr. Price to check to see if his Microfilm account could afford it, and to table it until the February 14th, 2023 meeting.

Highway Engineer Mr. Bullard stated that his Engineering Agreement with BFW will be brought up at the February 14th, 2023 meeting.

There was a letter to the board informing them of the Olive Branch Christian Academy building is up for sale. The board asked that this be part of new business since they are interested in the property to possibly become the new ambulance station.

ACEMA Director Mike Turner left a letter for the board, informing them of the GAN for the 2021 annual EMPG Grant. This letter showed that there was a reduction to $9,790.38, due to not spending as much money as originally requested. Mr. Turner states that the letter need to be signed by the Board Chairman, and he will return it to IEMA. Mr. Griggs asked that this be part of new business, and signed the document.

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Griggs second the approval to pay claims between January 17th, 2023 – February 2nd, 2023. Motion passed by vote.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Griggs second the approval to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by vote. Meeting was adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Zachary C. Price, County Clerk