**Alexander County Board of Commissioners Minutes**

**2000 Washington Avenue**

**Cairo, IL. 62914**

Chairman: Joe Griggs Vice Chairman: Bruce Sims

Commissioner: L. “Steve” Essex

**(Amended)**

**Minutes of Regular Meeting**

**February 28th, 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 February 14th, 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion passed by vote.

Cheryl Graff Regional Office of Education Superintendent presented the FY23 Quarterly report. There is a teacher, and bus drivers’ shortage.

Heather Rose with Southern Five presented the bid winner to the board for accept the bid. Weissinger Construction made a bid of $420,207, which is under budget, and allows for any extra work that is needed later.

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Sims second the approval of Weissinger Construction’s bid offer of $420,207 for renovation of the Ambulance base. Motion passed by vote.

Ms. Rose reminded the board that the Highway department put a grant in for a side arm mower, but the Highway Engineer has decided a dump-truck is needed more. Ms. Rose needed approval from the board to approve the grant adjustments from a side arm mower to a dump-truck.

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Sims second the approval of the grant adjustments from a side arm mower to a dump-truck. Motion passed by vote.

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Sims second the approval of Resolution 02-28-23-A: Accepting Materials Bids for the 2023 MFT General Maintenance. Motion passed by vote.

Treasurer Watkins wanted to remind the board that March is a three-pay period month, and General Fund is looking low. Mrs. Watkins stated that if the state reimbursement this month is $70,000 - $75,000 she might have to make a transfer from ARPA to General Fund.

Mrs. Watkins also stated that Ambulance account is low, and will possibly need a Interfund Loan for $25,000 from ARPA to Ambulance. Mrs. Watkins, and Ambulance Director Susan Bigham agreed they didn’t need to do it right now, but wanted to give the board a heads up.

The board stated that the ARPA to General for the three-month pay period, and Interfund Loan for Ambulance sound like a good idea if they have too.

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Sims second the approval to pay claims between February 15th, 2023 – February 25th, 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.

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Sims second the approval to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by vote. Meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Zachary C. Price, County Clerk