**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**

**March 12th, 2024**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Griggs @ 2:00 p.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 February 27th, 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion passed by vote.

Mr. Griggs stated that he does not approve with donating ARPA funds to the Rise Community Market. Mr. Griggs said that we need to keep the funds with the County since we are hurting, and not a help business. Mr. Essex agreed with Mr. Griggs.

The Board decided not to make a ARPA donation to the Rise Community Market.

Jake Johnson from Bellwether sent a budget proposal to the board. The board asked Mr. Price to see if they would come to a meeting in person.

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Griggs second the approval of Resolution 03122024-A: accepting proposals for furnishing materials for Motor Fuel Tax 24-00000-00-GM and Motor Fuel Tax 24-01000-00-GM. Motion passed by vote.

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Griggs second the approval of Resolution 03122024-B for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code for County Unit Road District 2023 MFT – Amended

Dennis Manganello with SBA presented the board with the 2024-2025 Insurance Renewal, and went through it with them. The County is looking at a 2.9% increase.

**Claims:**

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Griggs second the approval to pay claims between February 27th, 2024 – March 12th, 2024. 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.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Sims made motion, and Mr. Griggs second the approval to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by vote. Meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Zachary C. Price, County Clerk