**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 14th, 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: Present
* L. Steve Essex: Present

Mr. Sims made motion, and Mr. Essex second the approval of the February 28th, 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion passed by vote.

Dennis Manganello with SBA presented the board with the 2023-2024 Blue Cross Blue Shield renewal. Mr. Manganello explained that the average increase of insurance is 8%-10%. Blue Cross Blue Shield was able to come in with an 7.2% increase, with a $7,500 admin credit, which would average out the increase to 4.5% for the year, with the current plan we already have in place.

Mr. Manganello explained that there are two more plan options offered this year to southern counties, and wanted to explain them. There was a long discussion of the different plans that were offered, and the discussion of the union contracts and benefits being equal to or better came up. Mr. Bullard stated that the two plans are not equal to or better than what is already in place.

After a long discussion the board decided they wanted to stay with the plan they already have in place.

Mr. Sims made motion, and Mr. Essex second the approval of County Trustee Quitclaim Deed Resolutions: 01-23-001, 01-23-02, 01-23-005, 02-23-001 thru 02-23-068. Motion passed by vote.

The board tabled the discussion, and approval of the FY2022 EMA Grant agreement, until they had more time to read and review the document.

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Sims second the approval of the Thirty-Third Judicial Circuit of Missouri Juvenile Detention Contract. Motion passed by vote.

Assessor Leslie Matlock came to discuss the Bungee appraisal. Ms. Matlock explained that Bungee has filed an appraisal, but the appraisal is their 2019 appraisal, because that is the newest one, they had to file. Ms. Matlock advised the board to get an appraisal done as soon as possible, to not hold up the tax cycle to long, and because if no appraisal gets done, the assessed value will drop on Bungee and the county will lose revenue.

The McClure East Cape Public Water District submitted a request to reappoint Charles Webb to the Board of Directors, term limit May 1, 2023 – April 30, 2028. Mr. Griggs reappointed Charles Webb to the McClure East Cape Public Water District Board of Directors.

Treasurer Maria Watkins wanted to discuss with the board about outstanding interfund loans. Mrs. Watkins explained that there is an outstanding interfund loan dating back to 2009, for the amount of $84,300 from Unemployment. Mrs. Watkins also stated that General Fund has a loan to Tort & Liability for $40,000.

The board asked to have Chris Kaufman appointing to the Southern 14 Workforce Board on the next agenda for the 3/28/2023 board meeting.

Mr. Sims made motion, and Mr. Essex second the approval to pay claims between March 1st, 2023 – March 14th, 2023. Motion passed by vote.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Sims made motion, and Mr. Essex second the approval to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by vote. Meeting was adjourned at 12:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Zachary C. Price, County Clerk