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

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Sims second the approval of the March 14th, 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion passed by vote.

Mr. Sims made motion, and Mr. Essex second the approval of Trustee Resolutions 03-23-100 thru 03-23-019. Motion passed by vote.

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Sims second the approval of ACEMA’s FY2022 EMA Grant Agreement. Motion passed by vote. Mr. Griggs signed.

Leslye Krampe with Conexon presented the board with information about rural parts of the county getting broadband internet, because of a $2.4 million grant they received from the FCC. Mrs. Krampe discussed how she was going to meet with Southern Illinois Electric Co-op (SIEC) since they have also started working on getting fiber optics to all the properties that they serve.

Linderlake, a Right-Of-Way acquisition company, sent a letter and a Right-Of-Way Easement on behalf of Western Kentucky Telecommunications (WKT). Linderlake is a company that is assisting WKT with getting Right-Of-Way Easements for the fiber optics grant that SIEC received. Linderlake sent a Right-Of-Way Easement for an Alexander County owned property: 09-01-477-003. Mr. Griggs signed the Right-Of-Way Easement.

There was a discussion about the Bunge appraisal, and how the board needs to hire an appraiser to get the appraisal of Bunge done soon. The board spoke with a Mr. Russel Sloan out of Kentucky, who stated that he would start work as soon as possible, depending on when Bunge will let him on site. Mr. Sloan stated that the appraisal would take 30-45 days once hired. After a discussion about other possible appraisers, the board decided that Mr. Sloan should do the appraisal.

Mr. Sims made motion, and Mr. Essex second the approval to hire Russel Sloan to do the appraisal of Bunge on behalf of Alexander County.

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Sims second the approval of the joint funding agreement for Phase I and Phase II engineering for the Grapevine Trail bridge replacement over Clear Creek. Motion passed by vote.

Mr. Griggs appointed Nat Bullard as the Entity Administrator for the System for Award Management (SAM) system to replace Jeff Denny. Mr. Griggs signed the document for Mr. Bullard.

Mr. Essex mad motion, and Mr. Sims second the approval of Trustee Resolution 02-23-036. Motion passed by vote.

EMS Director Susan Bigham informed the board that she is needing to have a $40,000 antiquation warrant on the April 11th, 2023 agenda to be approved.

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Sims second the approval to pay claims between March 15th, 2023 – March 28th, 2023. Motion passed by vote.

Mr. Sims made motion, and Mr. Essex 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. Sims made motion, and Mr. Essex 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. Sims made motion, and Mr. Essex second the approval to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed by vote. Meeting was adjourned at 11:18 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Zachary C. Price, County Clerk