**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**

**April 11th, 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. Essex made motion, and Mr. Sims second the approval of the April 11th, 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion passed by vote.

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Sims second the approval of County Trustee Deeds 01-23-002-01-23-005. Motion passed by vote.

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Sims second the approval of a resolution to approve county contribution for the participation in the States Attorney’s Appellate Prosecutor’s Program.

EMS Director Susan Bigham stated to the board that the $40,000 anticipation warrant for the Ambulance can be tabled until the April 25th, 2023 meeting.

Mr. Essex made motion, and Mr. Sims second the approval to re-appoint Janice Parker & Wayne Ledbetter for 3-year terms until 2025. Motion passed by vote.

County Clerk Zachary C. Price wanted to discuss with the board about purchasing new election tabulators, and possibly using ARPA to pay for it. Mr. Price explained that the last three elections that he ran there was major issues in every single one, because the equipment is so out of date and becoming obsolete. Mr. Price gave a rough estimate of $109,000 but that was using an old quote. The board agreed that the county needs new equipment, and will more than likely let him order them, but the board would like to discuss with Treasurer Maria Watkins to see about possible other ways to purchase. Mr. Price agreed with them, and stated that he would have a more updated quote for all the machines at the next meeting. Topic was tabled until the April 25th, 2023 meeting.

Under Board Member Comments:

Mr. Griggs wanted to point out one board that he sits on and represents Alexander County, the Southern Illinois Economic Development Authority (SIDA). Mr. Griggs stated that we need to make sure that we have this board in the book of appointments. Mr. Price said he will contact Warren Ripley the Executive Director of SIDA to get more information, and add it to the book of appointments.

Mr. Griggs want to state that he received an email notice of a new nation opioid settlements involving Teva, Allergan, CVS, Walgreens, and Walmart – Reference #: CL-384197. Mr. Griggs stated that he sent the email to Mrs. Watkins, and Mr. Gowin to have them apply by the deadline of April 18, 2023.

Mr. Sims made motion, and Mr. Essex second the approval to pay claims between March 29th, 2023 – April 11th, 2023. Motion passed by vote.

Mr. Sims made motion, and Mr. Essex 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. 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 10:31 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Zachary C. Price, County Clerk