**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**

**August 15, 2023**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Griggs at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

Joe E. Griggs: Present

Bruce Sims: Present

L. Steve Essex: Present

Mr. Sims made motion, and Mr. Griggs second the approval of the August 1, 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion passed by vote.

Heather Rose with Southern Five provided the board with a wish list for the ambulance base. The board looked over the list and were in agreeance based off the ambulance director’s input. Mr. Essex motion to approve the ambulance base wish list for USDA-RD CF and Mr. Sims second the motion. Motion passed by vote.

Motion for approval of the June 20th, 2023 Executive Session minutes were made by Mr. Essex and second by Mr. Griggs. Motion passed by vote.

The board discussed with Susan Bigham, Ambulance Director, the concerns of future expenses and revenue pertaining to the ambulance department. There are currently enough monies for payroll and health insurance this meeting. The board and director will be working together to keep the ambulance up and running.

Jeff Stroder, with Beussink, Hey & Roe gave feedback of the December 1, 2021-November 30, 2022 audit and noted that the overall audit is in compliance. There were several overbudget accounts and issues with internal control items which were the noncompliance issues. Also, control weakness was discussed with the highway department payroll. The circuit clerk’s audit which is a separate audit had no issues found except for the clean up of old cases. Discussion of the lost funds totaling over $63,000 was brought up, all checks were recovered due to taxpayers reissuing checks. Currently the cash has not been recovered and will be a lost to the taxing districts. The board asked the auditor to include them in future reporting prior to completing the audit.

Resolution 08152023-A for the Opiod Settlement Agreement was tabled.

Mr. Essex motion to approve the software license with Platinum Technology Resource, LLC and Mr. Sims second the motion. Motion passed by vote.

Mr. Sims made motion, and Mr. Essex second the approval to pay claims between August 1, 2023-August 15, 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. Essex made motion, and Mr. Sims second the approval to pay Highway Department claims. Motion passed by vote.

Motion to approve Alexander County payroll was made by Mr. Essex and second by Mr. Sims. Motion passed by vote.

Mr. Sims made motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:25 a.m. and second was made by Mr. Essex. Motion passed by vote.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tara Harris, Deputy County Clerk