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County of Boone)

Boone County Board
2nd day December Session
December 21, 2016

The County Board of Boone County in the State of Illinois convened in session at the County Board Room at the Boone County Administration Campus in the City of Belvidere in Boone County on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 6:30 pm pursuant to adjournment of the Organizational County Board Meeting, December 5, 2016.

1.1 The Board was called to order by the Chairman and he proceeded to the dispatch of business. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and Chairman Johnson introduced Pastor Allan Buss from Immanuel Lutheran Church to give the invocation.

2.1 ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Karl Johnson, Chairman
Jeff Carlisle, Vice Chairman
Sherry Branson
Denny Ellingson
Sherry Giesecke
Carl Larson
Raymond Larson
Jessica Muellner
Bernard O'Malley
Brad Stark
Catherine Ward

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Marshall Newhouse – (entered at 7:15 PM)

AGENDA

3.1 Ken Terrinoni said that someone would like to speak about Storm Ready and asked that they be allowed to do so under Public Comment. Motion by Brad Stark and second by Denny Ellingson to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

MINUTES

4.1 Motion by Cathy Ward and second by Sherry Branson to approve the minutes of the County Board meetings of November 16, November 29 and December 5, 2016 as presented. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS AND RECOGNITION

5.1 None

PUBLIC COMMENT

6.1 Brad Bartell introduced Mr. Mike Bardau from the National Weather Service who explained the Storm Ready Program. He said that it was determined that Boone County now is one of 30 counties in Illinois that is recognized as Storm Ready. He congratulated Boone County, Chairman Johnson, Chief Bartell and the Sheriff's Office for all of the hard work they have done to meet the requirements of Storm Ready.

Chairman Johnson commented on a letter that he placed at each board members desk that touched on the residents that speak in public comment. He asked and required that the board is treated with respect and in return the board will treat the public the same.

Robert Christianson, 234 Northway Park Road, Machesney Park, was the next to speak under Public Comment. He reminded the board their function is to represent the people of Boone County. He commented on the open house of the new Animal Services Building.

Steve Cavaliere, 135 Shadowbrook, Capron, spoke about utilizing Grants available.

COMMUNITY AGENCIES REPORTS

COUNCIL ON AGING

7.1 Denny Ellingson introduced Darryl Davis who is the chairman of the Boone County Council on Aging. He said despite the State being behind 11.1 billion dollars in its bills, their budget is quite strong.

GROWTH DIMENSIONS

7.2 Sherry Giesecke said they are hosting an event with the Chamber of Commerce for businesses at the Museum on January 4 called Wired Wednesday. This is to help with interaction with businesses.

CASA

7.3 Jeff Carlisle gave the report. He said they have lost a few advocates and are trying to get more. He said this is an extremely difficult and busy time working with the kids.

BOARD OF HEALTH

7.4 Amanda Mehl, Administrator of the Health Department, said the Director of Environmental Services, Bill Hatfield, is retiring after 25 years of service. She highlighted the Departments partnership with Animal Services in dealing with rabies.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS

7.5 No report.

GENERAL CONSENT ITEMS

8. Motion by Sherry Giesecke and second by Jeff Carlisle to approve the General Consent Agenda. Cathy Ward asked that the Public Safety Sales Tax Transfer of \$1,404,051 be voted on separately. Roll Call on all items other than the Public Safety Sales Tax Transfer to the General Fund: 11-ayes; 1-absent (Newhouse). Motion carried.

Motion by Denny Ellingson and second by Ray Larson to approve the transfer of \$1,404,051 from the Public Safety Sales Tax Fund to the General Fund. Roll Call: 10-ayes: 1-nay (Ward); and 1-absent (Newhouse). Motion carried.

PLANNING, ZONING AND BUILDING

ORDINANCE 16-16

9.1 Motion by Denny Ellingson and second by Ray Larson to approve 22-2016; Erickson, 431-433 Pembroke Road SW: The applicant is requesting approval of the re-plat of Lots 265 and 266 of Candlewick Lake, Unit 4 into Lot GG, Unit 4 and the vacation of the utility/drainage easement between the two lots. Staff (Approved); (PZ 4-0); Hilary Arthur, Planner, explained the request. Motion carried.

FINANCE, TAXATION & SALARIES

10.1 Motion by Sherry Giesecke and second by Jeff Carlisle to approve claims with the understanding that Karl Johnson abstain from voting on all claims presented by William Charles and Associates and HD Supply and Denny Ellingson abstains from voting on all claims presented by Conserv FS. (Approved 5-0). Roll Call: 11-ayes; 1-absent (Newhouse). Motion carried.

10.2 Motion by Sherry Giesecke and second by Bernard O'Malley to approve to place on layover the corrected FY 2017 Highway Fund Budget. (No motion made at committee). The budget is being adjusted for \$60,000 for property maintenance and \$63,000 for new equipment. This was a scrivener's error. It does not affect the General Fund. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 17-05

10.3 Motion by Sherry Giesecke and second by Jeff Carlisle to approve Resolution 17-05 Supervisor of Assessments' Salary, 2017. (Approved 5-0). Roll Call: 11-ayes; 1-absent (Newhouse).

RESOLUTION 17-06

10.4 Sherry Giesecke brought up for discussion a referendum for Public Sales Tax in April, 2017. In order for a referendum to be placed on the ballot, the last day for approval by the board is January 17th. It would have to be decided at this meeting or Mr. Terrinoni said another option would be to have a special board meeting prior to the 17th. This is a tax on items and gasoline, not on food, medicine or titled property such as cars and farm equipment. It is a sales tax at retail so everyone pays it. A sample resolution was at each member's desk. There was much discussion. Sheriff Ernest explained the needs of his department. He said the buildings need repair. He also said we need to educate the public to explain how this tax works. The burden cannot be put on the homeowner. This would be the fairest tax. Cathy Ward said we have to be very specific with the wording of the referendum. Sherry Giesecke explained this is a user tax.

Discussion continued. Brad Stark said it's very important to get the wording right on the referendum since it's a contract with our voters and taxpayers.

(Chairman Johnson noted that Marshall Newhouse entered the meeting at 7:15 PM).

Mr. Newhouse asked the best way to provide the appropriate wording? Tricia Smith, the State's Attorney, responded that the language follows the state statute that is written today. Chairman Johnson said this additional tax would not cover all of the expenses of the jail. It would help alleviate some of the stress on the General Fund. Denny Ellingson pointed out a correction needed in the wording of the resolution and also wondered if "in Boone County" should be added. There was discussion about this tax applying to Amazon and mail orders. Mr. Terrinoni said these are Occupation Retail Taxes paid at places of business he doesn't know if in the future it could apply to cyberworld. He also said the more you stray from statute the more you run the risk of a challenge of the validity of the tax. Motion by Sherry Branson and second by Jessica Muellner to approve Resolution 17-06 as it is written with one correction, to change the wording to read "to impose an increase" instead of "to impose in increase." Marshall Newhouse raised a question "can we be guaranteed that this half cent will provide the 1.4 million?" Sherry Giesecke feels the real driving force that hurts us is the accessibility to products. She also said a plan needs to be put together to educate the public. Jeff Carlisle said he will talk to his peers that deal with internet sales tax. If we could tap into the internet with this kind of sales tax it would enhance our support. Chairman Johnson continued the discussion by saying people would still be paying more in Winnebago even if we raised taxes ½ cent. There was discussion on how much of a roll the members can take as a board to promote the referendum. Mr. Terrinoni said a citizen group will be needed to work on this to help it pass. Roll Call: 12-ayes: Motion carried.

ROADS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

11.1 Motion by Brad Stark and second by Denny Ellingson to approve phone system with Rockford IT not exceed \$1,650.00 for the new animal services building. (Budgeted). Roll Call: 12-ayes. Motion carried.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

12.1 Motion by Jeff Carlisle and second by Sherry Giesecke to approve veterinarian services agreement with Dr. Dan Lendman (Approved 5-0). Roll Call: 12-ayes. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE & LEGISLATIVE

RESOLUTION 17-01

13.1 Motion by Marshall Newhouse and second by Jessica Muellner to approve Resolution 17-01 authorizing execution and amendment of Downstate Operating Assistance Grant Agreement (Approved 3-0). Mr. Newhouse explained this is first of two resolutions that will allow the County to make use of grants from the State of Illinois to continue on with our public transportation system. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 17-02

13.2 Motion by Marshall Newhouse and second by Jessica Muellner to approve Resolution 17-02 authorizing execution and amendment of Section 5311 Operating Assistance Grant Agreement (Approved 3-0). Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 17-03

13.3 Motion by Marshall Newhouse and second by Jessica Muellner to approve Resolution 17-03 and accompanying letter for US EPA Brownfields Grant Application (Approved 3-0). Motion carried.

13.4 Motion by Marshall Newhouse and second by Sherry Giesecke to approve cyber liability insurance rider (Approved 3-0). Roll Call: 12-ayes. Motion carried.

CITY-COUNTY COORDINATING.

14.1 Upon a like vote of the Belvidere City Council, motion by Cathy Ward and second by Jeff Carlisle to approve ARC GIS software upgrade at a cost of \$14,700 split 50/50 with the City of Belvidere. (Budgeted.) (Approved 8-0). Mr. Terrinoni explained this is necessary to keep our GIS modern. Roll Call: 12-ayes. Motion carried.

14.2 Upon a like vote of the Belvidere City Council, motion by Cathy Ward and second by Jeff Carlisle to approve quote from TRC for landfill consulting at a cost of \$15,250 split 50/50 with the City of Belvidere. (Budgeted). (Approved 8-0). Mr. Terrinoni explained if there are still ground water impacts even after 20 years, we still have an obligation. This will help the consultant finish the project. There was discussion. Roll Call: 12-ayes. Motion carried.

14.3 Upon a like vote of the Belvidere City Council, motion by Cathy Ward and second by Jeff Carlisle to approve quote from TRC for landfill annual reports to the Illinois EPA at a cost of \$27,800 split 50/50 with the City of Belvidere. (Budgeted). (Approved 8-0). Roll Call: 12-ayes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY

15.1 No motions.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

16.1 COMMUNITY BUILDING

Cathy Ward said they are in the process of a huge renovation.

16.2 UCCI

Ken Terrinoni said the educational event is January 24 & 25 in Springfield. Mr. Terrinoni explained this meeting to the new board members. He also talked about the Leadership Academy.

16.3 CAA (Community Action Agency)

Cathy Ward said they had not met this month.

16.4 911 BOARD

Marshall Newhouse reported the monthly expenses were approved. The committee is looking forward to the implementation of the Ninja project.

16.5 OTHER COMMITTEES

Bernard O’Malley said the Veterans Assistance Committee was understaffed over the summer and have hired two new employees. The state approved that the administrator would be on IMRF. The State said the size of the commission has to be reduced.

Chairman Johnson spoke about RMAP coming up with a new identity. They will be Region One.

16.6 SCHEDULING OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

January	03, 2017	Roads & Capital Improvements	6:00 PM
January	04, 2017	Planning, Zoning & Building	6:00 PM
January	05, 2017	Health & Human Services	6:00 PM
January	09, 2017	Public Safety	6:00 PM
January	09, 2017	Administrative & Legislative	6:45 PM
January	10, 2017	Finance	6:00 PM
January	11, 2017	City-County Coordinating	6:30 PM
January	18, 2017	County Board	6:30 PM

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

17.1 None.

NEW BUSINESS

18.1 None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

19.1 Chairman Johnson said there will be a Board Retreat Feb. 4th or 11th.

20 EXECUTIVE SESSION

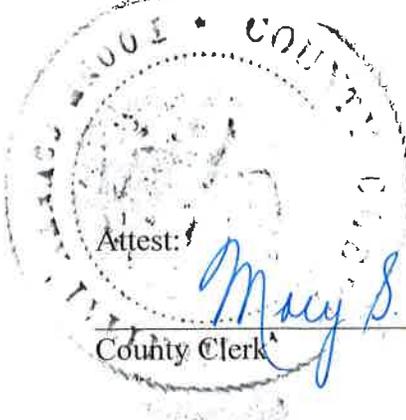
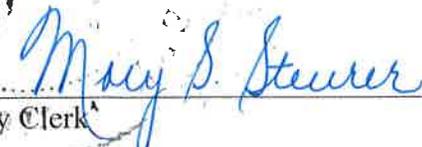
None.

22. ADJOURNMENT

22.1 Motion by Jeff Carlisle and second by Denny Ellingson to adjourn until January 18, 2017. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.



 County Board Chairman


 Attest:


 County Clerk

**CONSENT AGENDA SUMMARY
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Fund Transfers

FROM	TO	AMOUNT OF TRANSFER
SA Compliance Fund	General Fund	\$27,511
Court Security	General Fund	\$57,000
Document Storage	General Fund	\$133,789
Document Storage	Employee Health	\$15,000
Geographic Information Systems	General Fund	\$10,000
Bond, Public Safety Tax	General Fund	\$1,404,051
Recorder's Automation	General Fund	\$31,362
Animal Services	General Fund	\$10,000
General Fund	Employee Health	\$687,500
General Fund	2015 Bonds	\$307,625
Highway	Employee Health	\$152,067
Highway	Tort	\$12,700
Circuit Clerk's Automation	General	\$82,748

**Road Projects
No Projects**

Raffle Permits

The following Applications for License to Conduct a Raffle have been approved by the Raffle Administrators:

1. Raffle: Belvidere Family YMCA (Class D)
2. Raffle: Capron Lions Club (Class A)0

Donations

The following donations have been approved by standing committees:

3. Marjorie Carlson: Cash Donation in the amount of \$100.00
4. Robert and Christine Balgemann: Cash Donation in the amount of \$300.00
5. Tina Kobs: Cash Donation in the amount of \$100.00
6. Blackhawk Bank (Belvidere and Beloit): Cash Donation in the amount of \$525.00