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COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

BROWN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

January 13, 2025

The adjourned meeting of the members of the Brown County Board convened January 13, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Brown County Courthouse. Said meeting being adjourned from the Annual meeting held in September, 2024. The meeting was called to order by Deputy Gerald Roberts, with the Honorable David Ferrill, Chairman of the Board, presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION: Mark Yingling, gave the invocation.

ROLL CALL: David Ferrill, present; Ethan Koch, present; Rob Akright, present; Bob Willis, present; Mark Yingling, present; Mick Myers, present; Karl Groesch, present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION by Myers, second by Willis, to approve the minutes of the December meeting as presented or with changes.

ROLL CALL: Myers, yes; Groesch, yes; Koch, yes; Akright, yes; Willis, yes; Yingling, yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: N/A

LITTLE CREEK DRAINAGE DISTRICT: Board member, Mark Yingling, stated that the weather has slowed down the progress on the project. Concrete and dirt work has been done. A representative from Little Creek Drainage District will be on the agenda for March to present to the County Board.

SPECIAL USE LIQUOR PERMIT: Chairman of the Board, Dave Ferrill, informed the board that Sportsman's has applied for a special use liquor license for February 1, 2025. The Delta Fowl banquet has outgrown its current place and is moving the event to Garthaus Ag which is in the County. Sportsman's has provided all the proper paperwork to obtain the permit.

DISPOSAL OF EXCESS FURNITURE/SUP OF ASSESSMENTS: MOTION by Yingling, second by Groesch, to approve the disposal of excess furniture from the Supervisor of Assessments office.

ROLL CALL: Yingling, yes; Myers, yes; Groesch, yes; Koch, yes; Akright, yes; Willis, yes. Motion carried.

HEALTH INSURANCE: MOTION by Myers, second by Koch, to rescind the motion to change the County's health insurance that was to go into effect January 1, 2025.

ROLL CALL: Myers, yes; Groesch, yes; Koch, yes; Akright, yes; Willis, yes; Yingling, yes. Motion carried.

HIGHWAY BID TAB SEC #25-XX000-00-GM: MOTION by Yingling, second by Groesch to approve the Highway bid tab Sec 25-XX000-00-GM as presented.

ROLL CALL: Yingling, yes; Myers, yes; Groesch, yes; Koch, yes; Akright, yes; Willis, yes. Motion carried.

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ROLL CALL: Myers, yes; Groesch, yes; Koch, yes; Akright, yes; Willis, yes; Yingling, yes. Motion carried.

VERSAILLES SOLAR DECOMMISSIONING PLAN: Mark Yingling will work with State's Attorney and address any changes to the decommissioning plan that Solar Stone had submitted. Mr. Yingling will respond back to Solar Stone with any changes that will need to be made.

BROWN/SCHUYLER JOINT EMERGENCY TELEPHONE SYSTEM BOARD: Board asked that Brian Gallaher send out further details on this project and will be added to the February agenda. Board felt that more time is needed to look over the project due to several new board members not familiar with the project.

Per Brian Gallaher, approximately three years ago Schuyler County Board Chairman, Chet Esther, reached out to the Brown County Board Chair to inquire if Brown County would be interested/willing to take over handling 911 calls for Schuyler County. Presently McDonough County handles Schuyler County 911 calls but they are requesting that Schuyler pay McDonough additional fees and Schuyler is not pleased with the present arrangement. Brown County Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) met and discussed Schuyler's request and feels that it would be beneficial for both parties as it would generate additional revenue that will provide the opportunity to have a second dispatcher on duty in the 911 center at all times. Presently we are only able to staff the 911 center with one dispatcher. This agreement would only include handling Schuyler County's 911 calls, no administrative calls. The State 911 law stipulates that all revenue generated for 911 service for a particular county goes to the County that handles those calls. Schuyler County's annual revenue is comparable to Brown County which is \$185,000 for 2024. Another reason that this arrangement is felt to be beneficial is that Brown and Schuyler already share other services, for example: Supervisor of Assessment, Schuyler houses Brown County inmates, Probation officer and the two Highway Departments work together.

LINE-ITEM TRANSFER: MOTION by Myers, second by Akright to approve the line-item transfer for Township Motor Fuel of \$40,000 from Equipment Use to Materials.

ROLL CALL: Myers, yes; Groesch, yes; Koch, yes; Akright, yes; Willis, yes; Yingling, yes. Motion carried.

LINE-ITEM TRANSFER: MOTION by Myers, second by Akright to approve the line-item transfer for Township Motor Fuel of \$40,000 from Equipment Use to Salaries.

ROLL CALL: Myers, yes; Groesch, yes; Koch, yes; Akright, yes; Willis, yes; Yingling, yes. Motion carried.

BUDGET AMENDMENT: SHERIFF DRUG ASSET FORFEITURE: MOTION by Yingling, second by Myers, to approve the budget amendment for the Sheriff Drug Asset Forfeiture fund: Increase income line item: Public Safety Tax from \$0 to \$30,000.

ROLL CALL: Yingling, yes; Myers, yes; Groesch, yes; Koch, yes; Akright, yes; Willis, yes. Motion carried.

ANNUAL REPORTS: CIRCUIT CLERK: MOTION by Akright, second by Myers to approve the Annual report for the Circuit Clerk as presented.

ROLL CALL: Akright, yes; Willis, yes; Yingling, yes; Myers, yes; Groesch, yes; Koch, yes. Motion carried.

PRAIRIE POWER EASEMENT: MOTION by Willis, second by Groesch, to approve the easement between the County of Brown and Prairie Power Inc as presented and to give Dave Ferrill the authority to sign documents on behalf of the County.

ROLL CALL: Willis, yes; Yingling, yes; Myers, yes; Groesch, yes; Koch, yes; Akright, yes. Motion carried.

2024 BROWN COUNTY MULTI-JURISDICTIONAL NATURAL HAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN:
MOTION: by Akright, second by Groesch to adopt the 2024 Brown County Multi-Jurisdictional Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan as presented.

ROLL CALL: Akright, yes; Willis, no; Yingling, yes; Myers, yes; Groesch, yes; Koch, yes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS: Dave Ferrill informed the board that 9 to 12 months ago that the County was notified that the Pea Ridge township shed was owned by the County. County would like to get this put back in the Pea Ridge Township's name as owner. State's Attorney will be looking into the process of getting this switched over.

NEW BUSINESS: Mick Myers, stated that the Highway Department did a great job during the last big snow storm. He had heard several compliments on how the roads looked.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Highway: N/A

Finance: N/A

Ambulance: N/A

Sheriff: N/A

Civil Defense: N/A

Sup. Of Assessments: N/A

State's Attorney: N/A

Treasurer: N/A

Insurance: N/A

West Central Mass Transit: Bob Willis, asked Brian Gallaher and Curt Hannig if there was an Emergency Plan in place with the Mass Transit? Yes, was the reply from both.

CLAIMS: MOTION by Groesch, second by Yingling, to approve the claims against the following funds as presented by the respective committees:

General	Highway	Engineering
Equipment Rental	Ambulance	Equipment Rental
Civil Defense	Recorders	GIS
Sheriff Various Small Accounts	Ambulance	
Highway Construction	Sheriff Asset. Fort.	

ROLL CALL: Groesch, yes; Koch, yes; Akright, yes; Willis, yes; Yingling, yes; Myers, yes. Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: N/A

CLOSING: MOTION by Myers, second by Akright, to adjourn until **Monday, February 10, 2025**, at the Brown County Courthouse at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL: Myers, yes; Groesch, yes; Koch, yes; Akright, yes; Willis, yes; Yingling, yes. Motion carried.

MEETING ADJOURNED. (8:14 P.M)

Respectfully,

Jenny Welty
Clerk of the Board