

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2022

STATE OF ILLINOIS )  
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COUNTY OF PIATT )

On roll call the following Board Members and County Officers responded: County Board Members, Shannon Carroll, Jerry Edwards, Todd Henricks, Gail Jones, Randy Shumard, and Ray Spencer; Sheriff Mark Vogelzang, State’s Attorney Sarah Perry, and County Clerk Jennifer Harper. On proclamation by Sheriff Vogelzang, the Honorable County Board was declared to be in session pursuant to adjournment.

MOTION was made by Carroll, seconded by Jones, that the minutes of the September 12, 2022, meeting be approved as read and recorded. On voice vote, motion carried.

MOTION was made by Edwards, seconded by Shumard, that the report be approved and filed for audit. The report is filed on page . On voice vote, motion carried.

Dustin Harmon, Bellwether LLC, Administrator in and for Piatt County, gave an update regarding the FY23 tentative budget, a working draft will be available soon, along with scheduling a Special County Board Meeting.

James A. Reed – Goose Creek Township – Made comment regarding the proposed windfarm and solar projects wanting to be placed in Piatt County.

Amber Warmbier – Monticello Christian Academy – Made comment regarding the Piattran  
or.

Evan Smith – Willow Branch Township - Made comment regarding the Piattran Director and personnel agenda.

Samantha Koon – Monticello - Made comment regarding the Piattran Director and personnel action.

Alan Moore – Apex/Goose Creek Wind Farm - Made comment regarding the proposed windfarm project wanting to be placed in Piatt County.

Ken Hermann – Goose Creek Township - Made comment regarding the proposed solar project wanting to be placed in Piatt County.

Barbara Lamont – Made comment regarding the proposed windfarm project wanting to be placed in Piatt County.

Claudia Coil – Mansfield - Made comment regarding the proposed windfarm project wanting to be placed in Piatt County.

John Jordan – Mansfield – Made comment regarding the proposed windfarm project wanting to be placed in Piatt County.

Sandy Coil – Mansfield – Thanked the Zoning Board and County Board for their service.

Tim Gadbury – Transportation Assistant Director – Made comment regarding the Piattran Director.

Tom Ryan – New Leaf Energy - Made comment regarding the proposed solar project in Piatt County.

Shelly Crawford Stock – Monticello Chamber – Made comment regarding the Piattran Director.

Dave Oliger – Statement read aloud - Made statement regarding the proposed windfarm project wanting to be placed in Piatt County. The statement is recorded on page

Phil Hult/Kim Campbell/Dirk Mol – Heartland Pathways - Statement read aloud - Made statement regarding the proposed windfarm project wanting to be placed in Piatt County. The statement is recorded on page

Merv Peters and Family - Statement read aloud - Made statement regarding the proposed windfarm project wanting to be placed in Piatt County. The statement is recorded on page

William Bates - Statement read aloud - Made statement regarding the proposed windfarm project wanting to be placed in Piatt County. The statement is recorded on page

Walter Probsch – Savoy - Statement read aloud - Made statement regarding the proposed windfarm project wanting to be placed in Piatt County. The statement is recorded on page

Elaine Beazly – Monticello - Statement read aloud - Made statement regarding the proposed windfarm project wanting to be placed in Piatt County. The statement is recorded on page

### CONSENT MOTION FOR FOLLOWING ITEMS

MOTION was made by Carroll, seconded by Henricks that the following items be approved, filed, recorded, and Chairman Spencer be authorized to sign on behalf of the County if applicable. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes, Carroll, Edwards, Henricks, Jones, Shumard, and Spencer. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

- a. Appointment – Rob Bross – Emergency Telephone System Board – term to expire January 1, 2023 - recorded on page
- b. Resolution – for Maintenance (County Motor Fuel Tax)– recorded on page
- c. Executive County Board & Committee Session Minutes – recorded on page

### HIGHWAY RESOLUTION BID ITEMS FOR PIATT COUNTY

Eric Seibring, County Engineer, in and for the County of Piatt, presented a Resolution for bid items for Section 23-00000-00-GM. The Resolution is recorded on page

MOTION was made by Carroll, seconded by Henricks that the Resolution be adopted, and Chairman Spencer be authorized to sign on behalf of the County of Piatt. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes, Carroll, Edwards, Henricks, Jones, Shumard, and Spencer. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

### EXECUTIVE COUNTY BOARD AND COMMITTEE SESSION MINUTES

MOTION was made by Carroll, seconded by Henricks, that all Executive County Board and Committee Session Meeting Minutes remain private and closed to the public.

### ORDINANCE – NON-ELECTED OFFICIALS/DEPARTMENT HEADS (Process of Changing Compensation)

Dustin Harmon, Bellwether LLC, Administrator in and for Piatt County, presented an Ordinance for the process of changing compensation for Non-Elected Officials/Department Heads. The Ordinance is recorded on page

MOTION was made by Edwards, seconded by Jones, that the Ordinance be adopted, and Chairman Spencer be authorized to sign on behalf of the County of Piatt. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes, Edwards, Henricks, Jones, Shumard, Spencer, and Carroll. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

### LANDMARK STATUS – LIZARD RUN CREEK

A recommendation for a Local Landmark Designation of the Lizard Run Creek was presented.

MOTION was made by Shumard, seconded by Carroll, that the recommendation be adopted. On roll call the vote was as follows: Nays, Shumard, Spencer, Carroll, Edwards, Henricks, and Jones. 0 ayes, 6 nays, motion failed.

PUBLIC HEARING RULES & PROCEDURES

NO MOTION MADE

TEXT AMENDMENT TO PIATT COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

Keri Nusbaum, Piatt County Zoning Officer, in and for the County of Piatt, resented Text Amendments to Article IX of the Piatt County Ordinance. The Text Amendments are recorded on page

MOTION was made by Carroll, seconded by Edwards that the Amendment be granted. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes, Carroll, Edwards, Henricks, Jones, Shumard and Spencer. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

ZONING ORDINANCE – SPECIAL USE PERMIT  
(Nexamp Solar, LLC – Cerro Gordo Township)

Keri Nusbaum, Piatt County Zoning Officer, in and for the County of Piatt, presented an application of a Zoning Ordinance for a Special Use Permit for a 3 MW Ground mounted Community Solar Farm. The Ordinance is recorded on page

MOTION was made by Henricks, seconded by Shumard, that the Ordinance be adopted, and Chairman Spencer be authorized to sign on behalf of the County of Piatt. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes, Henricks, Jones, Shumard, Spencer, Carroll, and Edwards. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

ZONING ORDINANCE – SPECIAL USE PERMIT  
(New Leaf Energy Inc./329 Frontier Piatt LLC – Goose Creek Township)

Keri Nusbaum, Piatt County Zoning Officer, in and for the County of Piatt, presented an application of a Zoning Ordinance for a Special Use Permit for a 4 MW Ground mounted Community Solar Farm. The Ordinance is recorded on page

MOTION was made by Carroll, seconded by Jones, that the Ordinance be adopted, and Chairman Spencer be authorized to sign on behalf of the County of Piatt. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes, Carroll, Edwards, Henricks, Jones, Shumard, and Spencer. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

DISCUSSION OF REFERENDUM

Discussion was held for possible Referendum regarding future Windfarms in Piatt County.

AGREEMENT – WINDFARM SHARED REVENUE

NO MOTION MADE.

RESOLUTION - COMPENSATION  
(Sheriff's Chief Deputy & Jail Superintendent)

Dustin Harmon, Bellwether LLC, Administrator in and for Piatt County, presented a Resolution for Establishing the Compensation of the Sheriff's Chief Deputy and Jail Superintendent.

MOTION was made by Shumard, seconded by Edwards, that the Resolution be adopted, and Chairman Spencer be authorized to sign on behalf of the County of Piatt. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes, Shumard, Edwards, and Henricks. Nays, Spencer, Carroll, and Jones. 3 ayes, 3 nays, motion fails.

RESOLUTION - COMPENSATION  
(Assessor's Office Employees)

Dustin Harmon, Bellwether LLC, Administrator in and for Piatt County, presented a Resolution for Establishing the Compensation of the Assessor's Office Employees. The Resolution is recorded on page

MOTION was made by Edwards, seconded by Shumard, that the Resolution be adopted, and Chairman Spencer be authorized to sign on behalf of the County of Piatt. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes, Edwards, Henricks, Shumard, Spencer, and Carroll. Nays, Jones. 5 ayes, 1 nay, motion carried.

RESOLUTION - COMPENSATION  
(Non-Union Employees)

Dustin Harmon, Bellwether LLC, Administrator in and for Piatt County, presented a Resolution for Establishing the Compensation of the Non-Union Employees. The Resolution is recorded on page

MOTION was made by Shumard, seconded by Carroll, that the Resolution be adopted, and Chairman Spencer be authorized to sign on behalf of the County of Piatt. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes, Shumard, Spencer, Carroll, Edwards, Henricks, and Jones. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

AGREEMENT – OFFICE BUILDING RENTAL SPACE  
(Statewide Pretrial Services)

Shannon Carroll, Board Vice-Chair, in and for the County of Piatt, presented an agreement/contract, to be received within 30 days from the State of Illinois for rental space at the Office Building. The agreement is recorded on page

MOTION was made by Carroll, seconded by Edwards, that the Agreement/Contract be accepted, and Chairman Spencer be authorized to sign on behalf of the County of Piatt. On roll

call the vote was as follows: Ayes, Carroll, Edwards, Henricks, Jones, Shumard, and Spencer. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

#### BELLWETHER – LETTER OF AGREEMENT FOR ADMINISTRATION SERVICES

Ray Spencer, Piatt County Board Chairman, in and for the County of Piatt, presented a letter of agreement between Piatt County and Bellwether LLC for Administrative Services. The Letter of Agreement is recorded on page

MOTION was made by Shumard, seconded by Jones, that the Letter of Agreement be approved. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes, Shumard, Spencer, Carroll, Edwards, Henricks, and Jones. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

#### CONSENT MOTION FOR CLAIMS

MOTION was made by Henricks, seconded by Jones, that the following claims be approved, filed, recorded, and that the County Clerk and County Treasurer be authorized to issue county warrants in compliance therewith. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes, Henricks, Jones, Shumard, Spencer, Carroll, and Edwards. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

- a. County Claims – \$152,973.49 – Highway Claims - \$657,310.50  
Total – \$810,283.99 – recorded on page
- b. Paid Out Claims - \$1,364,496.32 – recorded on page
- c. Mental Health Claims – \$155,229.81 - recorded on page
- d. Transportation Claims – \$98,835.86 - recorded on page
- e. Transportation Capital Account - \$2,024.40 – recorded on page
- f. Nursing Home Claims - \$226,627.77 – recorded on page
- g. Nursing Home Funded Depreciation - \$4,771.99 – recorded on page
- h. Maple Point Claims - \$121,707.47 – recorded on page
- i. Election Claims – Election Judge School - \$1,780.00 – recorded on page

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION was made by Edwards, seconded by Shumard, to go into executive session pursuant to 5ILCS 120/2 Section 2(c) 1, The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes, Edwards, Henricks, Jones, Shumard, Spencer, and Carroll. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. The Board took a short recess then went into executive session at 11:00 a.m.

MOTION was made by Henricks, seconded by Edwards, to return to regular session. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes, Henricks, Jones, Shumard, Spencer, Carroll, and Edwards. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried. The board returned to open session at 12:05 a.m.

PERSONNEL ACTION

MOTION was made by Jones, seconded by Spencer to terminate the Piatt County Transportation Director. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes, Jones, Spencer, Carroll, and Edwards. Nays, Shumard and Henricks. 4 ayes, 2 nays, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:10 p.m., MOTION was made by Jones, seconded by Carroll, that the Honorable County Board adjourn to Thursday the 10th day of November, A.D. 2022, at the hour of 9 o'clock of the forenoon. On voice vote, motion carried. Nay, Henricks

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Piatt County Clerk