# PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2023 WEDNESDAY, A.M.

# STATE OF ILLINOIS ) ) SS COUNTY OF PIATT )

The County Board of Piatt County convened in the County Board Room in the Courthouse in the City of Monticello, County of Piatt, and State of Illinois on Wednesday, the 13th day of December, A.D. 2023, at the hour of 9 o'clock in the morning and was called to order by Sheriff Mark Vogelzang.

On roll call the following Board Members and County Officers responded: County Board Members, Michael Beem, Jerry Edwards, Paul Foran, Todd Henricks, Gail Jones, and Kathleen Piatt; 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.

#### <u>MINUTES</u>

MOTION was made by Edwards, seconded by Beem, that the minutes of the November 8, 2023, meeting be approved as read and recorded. On voice vote, motion carried.

### COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION was made by Edwards, seconded by Beem, that the report be approved and filed for audit. The report is filed on page . On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes, Edwards, Foran, Henricks, Jones, Piatt, and Beem. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Dustin Harmon and Jake Johnson, Bellwether LLC, Administrator in and for Piatt County, made a statement that the FY Budget Variance report will soon be distributed. In addition, Jake is working on an allocation report for ARPA, lastly there is new legislation for recording fees that will be an easy transition as the cost study earlier this year was prepared for these changes.

### CONSENT MOTION FOR FOLLOWING ITEMS

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

- Appointment –Lisa M. Russell– Housing Authority of Piatt County term to expire May 30, 2024 - Recorded on page -
- b. Resolution of Appointment –Josh Lieb– Willow Branch Drainage District No. 5 term to expire – September 30, 2026 - Recorded on page -
- c. Resolution Awarding County Motor Fuel Tax Aggregate Bids- Recorded on page -
- Resolution Awarding Township Motor Fuel Tax Aggregate Bids– Recorded on page -
- e. Resolution Highway –Awarding Willow Branch Township Aggregate Bids -Recorded on page -
- f. Resolution Transportation Title VI Policy Recorded on page -
- g. Transportation (Piattran) Procurement Policy Recorded on page -
- h. Resolution Appellate Prosecutor Recorded on page -
- i. Meeting Dates of Building & Grounds Committee- Recorded on page -
- j. Meeting Dates of Mental Health Recorded on page -
- k. Meeting Dates of Mapping Committee Recorded on page -
- 1. Meeting Dates of Road & Bridge Committee Recorded on page -
- m. Meeting Dates of Transportation Committee Recorded on page -
- n. Meeting Dates of Zoning Board of Appeals Recorded on page -
- o. Meeting Dates of Piatt County Nursing Home Recorded on page -
- p. Meeting Dates of EMA Committee Recorded on page -
- q. Meeting Dates of County Claims Recorded on page -

# PURCHASE OF EMA MOBILE UNIT

Aaron Leynes, Piatt County EMA Director, in and for the County of Piatt, presented a mobile unit recommended for purchase to be used by EMA. The documentation is recorded on page

MOTION was made by Beem, seconded by Edwards, that the mobile unit be purchased from Champaign County in the amount of \$40,000, using funds from contingency, and Chair Henricks be authorized to sign on behalf of the County of Piatt. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes, Beem, Edwards, Foran, Henricks, Jones, and Piatt. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

#### EMPLOYEE 2023 BONUS

MOTION was made by Edwards, seconded by Beem, to allow an employee bonus of \$100 net, not to exceed \$4000.00, using funds from contingency (excluding Elected Officials and Employees covered by Union Contracts). On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes, Beem, Edwards, Foran, Henricks, Jones, and Piatt. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

#### ABANDONED PROPERTY

A discussion regarding abandoned property in unincorporated/rural areas took place. State's Attorney Perry stated this is a lengthy process and will proceed with filing cases under ordinance violations.

#### EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK UPDATE

Jake Johnson, Bellwether LLC, Administrator in and for Piatt County, presented an updated version of the Employee Handbook, the handbook is recorded on page

MOTION was made by Beem, seconded by Foran, to adopt the recommended language to update the Employee Handbook for compliance with legislation changes effective January 1, 2024. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes, Beem, Edwards, Foran, Henricks, Jones, and Piatt.

# DEVELOPMENT & CONSTRUCTION OF A MULTI-GENERATIONAL PLAYGROUND (On the North State Street Complex)

Scott Porter, Director of Piatt County Nursing Home, requested the item be tabled.

# 2024 MEETINGS OF THE PIATT COUNTY BOARD

The schedule of meeting dates for the Piatt County Board for the calendar year 2024 was presented and is recorded on page

MOTION was made by Edwards, seconded by Jones, to accept the schedule as written. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes, Edwards, Foran, Henricks, Jones, Piatt, and Beem. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

#### 2024 COURTHOUSE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The schedule of holidays for 2024 to be observed by the Courthouse employees was presented and is recorded on page

MOTION was made by Edwards, seconded by Jones, that the schedule be posted and published as provided by law. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes, Edwards, Foran, Jones, Piatt, and Beem. Nays, Henricks. 5 ayes, 1 nay, motion carried.

#### **CONSENT MOTION FOR CLAIMS**

MOTION was made by Beem, seconded by Piatt 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, Beem, Foran, Edwards, Henricks, Jones, and Piatt. 6 ayes, 0 nays, motion carried.

- a. County Claims \$1,099,563.78 Highway Claims \$52,076.90 Total – \$1,151,640.68 – recorded on page
- b. Paid Out Claims \$741,296.67 recorded on page
- c. Mental Health Claims \$175,959.55 recorded on page
- d. Transportation Claims \$117,746.13 recorded on page
- e. Transportation Capital Account \$2500.00 recorded on page
- f. Nursing Home Claims \$223,485.65 recorded on page
- g. Maple Point Claims \$49,136.56 recorded on page

# ADJOURNMENT

At 10:21 a.m., MOTION was made by Piatt, seconded by Beem, that the Honorable County Board adjourn to Wednesday the 10th day of January, A.D. 2024, at the hour of 9 o'clock of the forenoon. On voice vote, motion carried. Nay, Henricks.

Piatt County Clerk