# PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD WEDNESDAY, MAY 14, 2025 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 14th day of May, A.D. 2025, at the hour of 9 o'clock in the morning and was called to order by Chair Todd Henricks.

On roll call the following Board Members and County Officers responded: County Board Members, Michael Beem, Willaim Chambers, Jerry Edwards, Todd Henricks, and Gail Jones; Sheriff Mark Vogelzang, State's Attorney Sarah Perry, and County Clerk Jennifer Harper. Absent, County Board Member Paul Foran. On proclamation by Chair Henricks, the Honorable County Board was declared to be in session pursuant to adjournment.

## **MINUTES**

MOTION was made by Edwards, seconded by Beem, that the minutes of April 9, 2025, regular meeting be approved as read and recorded. On voice vote, motion carried.

#### COUNTY TREASURER'S REPORT

MOTION was made by Beem, seconded by Edwards, that the report be approved and filed for audit. The report is filed on page . On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes, Beem, Chambers, Edwards, Henricks, and Jones. Absent, Foran. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion carried.

#### ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Dustin Harmon, Bellwether LLC, Administrator in and for County of Piatt, Discussed the RFP for the generator at the Office Building and networking for the courthouse. In addition, they will be gathering the variance reports at the end of May to send out to the Department heads.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

John Hannah – Blue Ridge Highway Commissioner – Roth -Special Use Permit Revocation Craig Ehrl – Special Use Permit – Plunk – No Comment Deena Carico – Village of Mansfield President – Roth – Special Use Permit Revocation Jack Plunk – Special Use Permit – Plunk – No Comment Lindsey McEntire – Solar Easement in New Business – No Comment

#### CONSENT MOTION FOR FOLLOWING ITEMS

MOTION was made by Edwards, seconded by Chambers 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, Edwards, Henricks, Jones, Beem, and Chambers. Absent, Foran. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion carried.

- a. Appointment Michael Morgan Piatt County Board of Review Recorded on page-
- b. Appointment Kathleen Lattz Housing Authority of Piatt County Commissioner -Recorded on page –
- c. Appointment Andrew Buffenbarger Piatt County Sheriff's Office Merit Commission - Recorded on page-
- d. Appointment Dr. Mitch Hammel Piatt County Mental Health Board of Directors Member - Recorded on page –
- e. Appointment Christopher Forman Piatt County Mental Health Board of Directors Member - Recorded on page –
- f. Appointment Michael Beem Piatt County Mental Health Board of Directors
  Member Recorded on page –
- g. Highway County Bridge Fund Petition Recorded on page -
- h. Ordinance Zoning -Yard Variation 1525 N 1000 East Rd, Monticello (Monticello Township) – John Reed - Recorded on page –
- Ordinance Zoning Special Use Permit for Residential Development Christopher & Jack Plunk/Walnut Grove – (Sangamon Township)- Recorded on Page -

### HEART - NETWORK IT REFRESH (COURTHOUSE)

Kerry Loveless, Heart Technologies, discussed the updates on the network IT refresh at the Courthouse.

NO MOTION was made.

## ACCESS EASEMENT ON PIATT COUNTY LAND (Piatt County Public Safety Building/Sheriff's Office)

Lindsey McEntire, SOL Source Power and Suzanne Wells, presented plans of an Access Easement on Piatt County land located at the Public Safety Building/Sheriff's Office. The Access Easement will be drawn up by SOL Source Power and reviewed by Piatt County State's Attorney, Sara Perry. The Access Easement is recorded on page

MOTION was made by Beem, seconded by Jones, that the Access Easement be approved. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes, Beem, Chambers, Edwards, Henricks, and Jones. Absent, Foran. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion carried.

### ZONING ORDINANCE – YARD VARIATION (104 W. Meade, White Heath- Nathan Caudill – Sangamon Township)

Keri Nusbaum, Piatt County Zoning Officer, in and for the County of Piatt, presented an application of a Zoning Ordinance for a Yard Variation to construct a garage with reduced setbacks from the property lines. The Zoning Board of Appeals did not recommend the approval. The documentation is recorded on page

MOTION was made by Edwards, seconded by Chambers, that the County Board not adopt the Ordinance. On voice vote, motion carried.

# HIGHWAY RESOLUTION – TO AWARD BLUE RIDGE TOWNSHIP (Replace Culverts)

NO MOTION

## MONTICELLO SQUARE WIFI ACCESS – COURTHOUSE AS HUB

Callie McFarland, City of Monticello, presented a preliminary plan to have the Courthouse be the HUB as the WIFI access for the Monticello Square. More information to come as this initial approval is to start the grant process.

MOTION was made by Beem, seconded by Jones, to approve the Courthouse as the Monticello Square WIFI access HUB. On voice vote, motion carried.

## WINDOW COVERINGS – FIRST FLOOR & COURTROOM 2

Keri Nusbaum, Piatt County Zoning Officer, in and for the County of Piatt, presented an estimate for window coverings for the first floor and Courtroom 2 of the Courthouse. The quotes are recorded on page

MOTION was made by Edwards, seconded by Jones, that the window coverings be approved for the first floor and courtroom 2. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes, Edwards, Henricks, Jones, Beem, and Chambers. Absent, Foran. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion carried.

## HEART IT TRANSITION UPDATE

NO MOTION – Already gave in Old Business.

#### CONSENT MOTION FOR CLAIMS

MOTION was made by Beem, seconded by Chambers 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, Chambers, Edwards, Henricks, and Jones. Absent, Foran. 5 ayes, 0 nays, 1 absent, motion carried.

- a. County Claims \$322,488.53 Highway Claims \$127,885.45 Total – \$450,373.98 – recorded on page -
- b. Paid Out Claims \$852,135.45 recorded on page -
- c. Mental Health Claims \$186,221.77 recorded on page -
- d. Transportation Claims \$86,466.60 recorded on page -
- e. Nursing Home Claims \$241,418.73 recorded on page -
- f. Maple Point Claims \$41,890.27 recorded on page -
- g. Maple Point Funded Depreciation \$8,000.00 recorder on page -

## ADJOURNMENT

At 10:17 a.m., MOTION was made by Edwards, seconded by Beem, that the Honorable County Board adjourn to Wednesday the 11th day of June, A.D. 2025, at the hour of 9 o'clock of the forenoon. On voice vote, motion carried. Nay, Henricks.

Piatt County Clerk