**Fayette County Board Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2024**

**Convene**

Jacob Harris, Chairperson, called the County Board of Fayette County and State of Illinois regular session meeting to order at the Fayette County Courthouse, Courtroom A, 221 S 7th Street, Vandalia, Illinois, on March 12, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance: Glenda Bartels, *Present*; Michael L Butts, *Absent*; Casey Cameron, *Absent*; Patrick Click, *Present*; Merrell H Collins, *Present (via Zoom)*; Jacob Harris, *Present*; Doug Knebel, *Present*; Mack Payne, *Present*; Scott L Ray, *Present*; Ryan Tompkins, *Present*; Ashley Towler, *Present*; James Wehrle, *Present*; Joe A Wills, *Present;* District 7, *Vacant*

The Board met for the following purposes:

1. To consider and allow claims and bills against the County.

2. For the purpose of transacting any and all other business that may properly be presented to the County Board.

The meeting opened with the Pledge to the Flag.

**Public Comment**

None

**Roll Call of Department Heads**

Dustin Harmon, Administrator, *Present*; David Harris, Coroner, *Present*; Kendra Craig, Health Dept. Administrator, *Present*; Brenda Mathis, States Attorney, *Present;* Michelle Hagy, Treasurer, *Present*; Lucas Mette, Public Defender, *Absent*; Ronnie Stevens, Sheriff, *Present*; Ryan Parks, Supervisor of Assessments, *Present*; Julie Wollerman, ROE, *Absent*; Michael Maxey, Highway Dept. Administrator, *Present*; Jill Schoenhoff, Probation, *Present*; Rachel Denning, EMA Coordinator, *Absent*; Kathy Emerick, Circuit Clerk, *Absent*; Jessica Barker, Clerk & Recorder, *Present*

**Department Head Reports**

Michelle Hagy, Treasurer, written report submitted. See **Exhibit A** for detailed information.

Ronnie Stevens, Sheriff, written report submitted. See **Exhibit B** for detailed information.

Rachel Denning, EMA Coordinator, written report submitted. See **Exhibit C** for detailed information.

Jessica Barker, Clerk & Recorder, written report submitted. See **Exhibit D** for detailed information.

**Approval of Prior Minutes**

Patrick Click made a motion to approve prior board minutes dated February 13, 2024. Mack Payne second the motion. The motion was passed by vote.

**County Board Committee Report**

Committee #1 (Finance) – Jacob Harris said that the items will be on this Agenda for discussion.

Animal Control – Merrell Collins mentioned that he was contacted by the village for the lack of the response to calls. He called them down for now but they will let him know if anything changes.

Public Building Commission – Mack Payne said that PBC has an item on the agenda for discussion about rebuild.

Economic Development Commission – Patrick Click said that they will have a meeting with PBC will have a meeting April 2 in the Lincoln Room at 5:00 pm. This meeting will be with consulting groups Goldberg Group out of Kansas.

Special Use Committee – Ashley Towler mentions broadband is interested in the county.

CEFS – Glenda Bartels let the board know that there is 1 retiree from the CEFS Board and the Treasurer is looking for a replacement.

ILLINOISouth Tourism – They are needing a new member.

SCIRP DC – Planning on meeting in Effingham. EPA encouraged applying for a Grant. Bellwether is working on the application.

**Administrator Report**

Dustin Harmon, Bellwether, mentioned that for Solar Projects we need more information on State requirements. There will be an up tick in applicants and it may cause a wait list. He is looking for more grants and help to make our application look more attractive.

**Persons to Address Board**

None

**Consent Agenda**

Patrick Click made a motion to approve $16,000 ARPA request to do repairs on courthouse brick. Mack Payne second the motion. Glenda Bartels (Yes); Michael Butts (Absent); Casey Cameron (Absent); Patrick Click (Yes); Merrell Collins (Abstain); Jacob Harris (Yes); Doug Knebel (Yes); Mack Payne (Yes); Scott Ray (Yes); Ryan Tompkins (Yes); Ashley Towler (Yes); James Wehrle (Yes); Joe Wills (Yes); District #7 (VACANT). The motion was passed by roll call vote.

James Wehrle made a motion to table the Washington School roof repairs to the April Board Meeting. This will be pending till after the PBC meeting. Joe Wills second the motion. The motion was passed by vote.

Patrick Click made a motion to approve the low bids from the Motor Fuel Tax letting held on February 6, 2024, for road oil and materials. The letting was for the County and various Road Districts. Mack Payne second the motion. Glenda Bartels (Yes); Michael Butts (Absent); Casey Cameron (Absent); Patrick Click (Yes); Merrell Collins (Abstain); Jacob Harris (Yes); Doug Knebel (Yes); Mack Payne (Yes); Scott Ray (Yes); Ryan Tompkins (Yes); Ashley Towler (Yes); James Wehrle (Yes); Joe Wills (Yes); District #7 (VACANT). The motion was passed by roll call vote.

Patrick Click made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-03-12-A-2: Resolution Opposing Sanctuary State Status. Mack Payne second the motion. Glenda Bartels (Yes); Michael Butts (Absent); Casey Cameron (Absent); Patrick Click (Yes); Merrell Collins (Abstain); Jacob Harris (Yes); Doug Knebel (Yes); Mack Payne (Yes); Scott Ray (Yes); Ryan Tompkins (Absent); Ashley Towler (Yes); James Wehrle (Yes); Joe Wills (Yes); District #7 (VACANT). The motion was passed by roll call vote.

Patrick Click made a motion to approve the Pivot Solar Application. Mack Payne second the motion. Glenda Bartels (Yes); Michael Butts (Absent); Casey Cameron (Absent); Patrick Click (Yes); Merrell Collins (Abstain); Jacob Harris (Yes); Doug Knebel (Yes); Mack Payne (Yes); Scott Ray (Yes); Ryan Tompkins (Yes); Ashley Towler (Yes); James Wehrle (Yes); Joe Wills (Yes); District #7 (VACANT). The motion was passed by roll call vote.

Patrick Click made a motion to approve the Hercules Solar Application. Mack Payne second the motion. Glenda Bartels (Yes); Michael Butts (Absent); Casey Cameron (Abstain); Patrick Click (Yes); Merrell Collins (Abstain); Jacob Harris (Yes); Doug Knebel (Yes); Mack Payne (Yes); Scott Ray (Yes); Ryan Tompkins (Yes); Ashley Towler (Yes); James Wehrle (Yes); Joe Wills (Yes); District #7 (VACANT). The motion was passed by roll call vote.

**Items Continued from Finance Committee**

Patrick Click made a motion to approve the Agreement and related Addenda with the Illinois Department of transportation to resurface the 6th Street and Main Street sideroad approaches, in the Village of Ramsey, in conjunction with the proposed U.S. resurfacing project. Joe Wills second the motion. Glenda Bartels (Yes); Michael Butts (Absent); Casey Cameron (Absent); Patrick Click (Yes); Merrell Collins (Abstain); Jacob Harris (Yes); Doug Knebel (Yes); Mack Payne (Yes); Scott Ray (Yes); Ryan Tompkins (Yes); Ashley Towler (Yes); James Wehrle (Yes); Joe Wills (Yes); District #7 (VACANT). The motion was passed by roll call vote.

**Old Business**

None

**New Business**

Patrick Click made a motion to table the discussion on the Macis Group’s efforts to obtain funding for new Courthouse and Jail. Mack Payne second the motion. The motion was passed by vote.

Mack Payne made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-03-12-B: Resolution opposing funding related to the immigrant crisis. Joe Wills second the motion. The motion was passed by vote.

**COMMITTEE #2 (Claims, Purchasing & Printing)**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| DIV Vital Records | Certified death cert. | $ 16.00  |
| Community Resource Ctr. | Full time staff | $ 15,794.08  |
| The Stewart Law Firm | Courthouse, FOP, HWY Negotiations | $ 781.25  |
| KNR Wireless | Email web hosting co. offices | $ 335.16  |
| FNB Comm. Bank | ACH credit/debit trans., Maint. Fee | $ 56.16  |
| Office Source | Office supplies - County Clerk | $ 240.27  |
| Konica Minolta Systems | Copier maint. - Treasurer | $ 40.00  |
| BEE Consultg. & Comp. | PIPS software support - Sheriff | $ 360.00  |
| Motorola Solution | Radio connection to ISP - Sheriff | $ 92.00  |
| Joe's Auto Repair | Oil Change - Sheriff | $ 97.00  |
| Kohl Wholesale | Inmate Food - Sheriff | $ 1,235.49  |
| Watts Copy Systems | Copier - State's Attorney | $ 146.00  |
| Vandalia Leader Union | Ads - State's Attorney | $ 44.83  |
| IL Prosecutor Services | Subscription - State's Attorney | $ 225.00  |
| Watts Copy Systems | Copier - Public Defender | $ 123.50  |
| Ameren IP | Electricity - Animal Control | $ 423.49  |
| Republic Services | Trash - Sheriff | $ 371.84  |
| Global Technical Systems | Jail radio upgrade - Sheriff | $ 35,088.00  |
| Fayette Water Co. | Water - Animal Ctrl. | $ 42.48  |
| Dona Goodin | Weekend help-Animal Ctrl. | $ 720.00  |
| Gabriel Valencia | Weekend help-Animal Ctrl. | $ 120.00  |
| Carmen Valencia | Weekend help-Animal Control | $ 120.00  |
| Edwards Plumbing | Clogged Line - Animal Control | $ 275.00  |
| Dpt. Of Financial & Prof | Cert. Euthanasia Tech-Animal Control. | $ 150.00  |
| Dpt. Of Financial & Prof | App Controlled Subs-Animal Control | $ 5.00  |
| Vandalia Leader Union | Elections ad | $ 150.95  |
| FNB Visa | Drug Court Graduation | $ 40.32  |
| The Macis Group | Consulting Service  | $ 4,000.00  |
| VISA | IACCR & Office Supplies-County Clerk | $ 377.60  |
| VISA | Office Supplies - Treasurer | $ 71.09  |
| McDowell's Service | Vehicle repairs - Sheriff | $ 195.50  |
| VISA | Training., Supplies, Food - Sheriff | $ 2,404.05  |
| South Central FS | Fuel - Sheriff | $ 4,421.51  |
| VISA | Wash car, lunch - Coroner | $ 120.47  |
| WEX Bank | Fuel - Sheriff | $ 1,543.41  |
| LEON Uniform Co. | Badges - Sheriff | $ 352.00  |
| South Central FS | Fuel - Coroner | $ 233.99  |
| Jade Pryor | Grand jury transcripts-State's Attorney | $ 888.00  |
| Thomson Reuter's | Library Plan charges - State's Attorney | $ 84.76  |
| Thomson Reuter's | Online subscription-State's Attorney | $ 507.89  |
| Thomson Reuter's | Online subscription-Circuit Clerk | $ 507.90  |
| Mac's Fire & Safety |   | $ 392.25  |
| Liberty Utilities | Heat - Courthouse | $ 636.92  |
| Liberty Utilities | Heat - Jail | $ 444.13  |
| Orkin | Yearly Pest Control - Sheriff | $ 2,902.92  |
| Philpot Plumbing | Pump Holding Tank - Animal Control | $ 200.00  |
| South Central FS | Fuel - Animal Control | $ 399.71  |
| St. Peter Vet Clinic | Vet Services - Animal Control | $ 358.76  |
| Elan Financial Serv. | Food, supplies - Animal Control | $ 554.39  |
| South Central FS | Gas - Probation | $ 48.55  |
| LEAF | Copier - Chief Judge | $ 221.00  |
| Blind Society | Court Reporter Luncheon-Chief Judge | $ 286.46  |
| Peerless | Courthouse Phones | $ 89.72  |
| CIC | 2nd Half of Payroll Training Cost | $ 3,000.00  |
| Office Source | Table & chairs for oval office | $ 1,834.40  |
| Bellwether LLC | Administrator Services | $ 7,000.00  |
| Office Source | Cases of copy paper for courthouse | $ 1,835.20  |
| Office Source | Stamp for Office - County Clerk | $ 65.95  |
| ISA | Annual Dues - Sheriff | $ 725.00  |
| Cains Drug Store | Meds - Sheriff | $ 58.95  |
| HIS Pharmacy | Meds - Sheriff | $ 531.74  |
| LEON Uniform Co. | Polos - Sheriff | $ 135.93  |
| Goodin Assoc. | PCJIMS Annual Maint. - State's Atty. | $ 3,545.00  |
| IL Property Assmt. Inst. | Seminars, Workshop - S of A | $ 2,425.00  |
| Fourth Judicial Circuit JJC | CLE Reg. Fee - Public Defender | $ 75.00  |
| Quill | Office supplies - Probation | $ 81.97  |
| Madison Co. Detention Ctr | Detention/housing - Probation | $ 480.00  |
| Circuit Clerk Gen. Fund | Phone, sub., meals, supplies - Circuit  | $ 417.28  |
| Circuit Clerk Gen. Fund | Phone, sub, meals, supplies - Circuit  | $ 1,802.16  |
| Circuit Clerk Gen. Fund | Phone, sub, supplies - Circuit Clerk | $ 577.89  |
| Mac's Fire & Safety | Annual fire ext. inspection-Sheriff | $ 392.25  |
| City of Vandalia | Water & Sewer - Courthouse | $ 72.96  |
| City of Vandalia | Water & sewer - Jail | $ 805.98  |
| Platinum | Election Contract | $ 16,988.58  |
| Platinum | Test Deck - 2024 GP Election | $ 2,917.56  |
| Platinum | VBM - 2024 GP Election | $ 1,596.91  |
| Platinum | Election Supplies | $ 140.67  |
| The Wellness Loft | Direct Service Provider - Probation | $ 7,067.51  |
| Options Lab Inc. | Gloves - Probation | $ 120.00  |
| Total Court Services | GPS Monitoring/Court Facts - Probation | $ 326.78  |
| Affordable Shred | Shredding - Circuit Clerk | $ 100.00  |
| FNB | Safe Deposit Box Rental-Circuit Clerk | $ 45.00  |
| Office Source | Desk for payroll person (ARPA) | $ 3,040.00  |
| Marketicity | Website design & development release | $ 960.00  |
| Marketicity | Website design & development | $ 3,838.60  |
| Marketicity | 6 Month Premium Hosting for Website | $ 834.00  |
| Konica Minolta | Copier - County Clerk | $ 449.53  |
| Konica Minolta Prem. Fin. | Copier - Treasurer | $ 57.75  |
| South Central FS | Fuel & Tires | $ 724.02  |
| Verizon Wireless | Air Cards - Sheriff | $ 650.32  |
| P.F. Pettibone & Co. | 10 Citation Books- Sheriff | $ 321.40  |
| AT & T Mobility | Mobile Phones for Department - Sheriff | $ 694.79  |
| Konica Minolta | Copier - Sheriff | $ 142.87  |
| GFI Digital | Copier Supplies - Sheriff | $ 29.12  |
| Gibbs Tech. Leasing | Copier - Sheriff | $ 222.25  |
| Galls, LLC | Duty boots - Sheriff | $ 120.00  |
| AXON Enterprise, Inc. | Signal for squads - Sheriff | $ 547.20  |
| David Harris | Supplemental Medicare Ins. Reimb. | $ 243.09  |
| Verizon | Cell Phone - Coroner | $ 122.00  |
| Sangamon Co. Coroner | Autopsy | $ 1,425.00  |
| Zach Thomas | Autopsy Assistant | $ 200.00  |
| Konica Minolta | Printer/Copier - Coroner | $ 55.10  |
| Sherri Gad | Transcript - State's Attorney | $ 212.00  |
| Elan Financial Serv. | Office Supplies & Equip – ST Attorney | $ 1,267.85  |
| Amanda Pearson | Grand Jury Transcripts-State's Attorney | $ 896.00  |
| Ramey News-Journal | Publication costs - S of A | $ 90.00  |
| Lucas Mette | Reimb Business Cards-Public Defender | $ 69.25  |
| Professional Plumbing Gr. | Faucet and Parts – Sheriff | $ 749.90  |
| Mac's Fire & Safety | FireExtinguishRecharged/Tested-Sheriff | $ 36.00  |
| Ameren IP | Electricity - Courthouse | $ 1,057.41  |
| Ameren IP | Electricity - Jail | $ 1,436.19  |
| Ameren IP | Electricity - Washington Sch. Bldg. | $ 94.22  |
| Casey Hunter | Mileage - County Clerk | $ 24.66  |
| Addison Morell | Mileage & meals - Probation | $ 150.42  |
| Goodin Assoc. | PC JIMS Imaging License | $ 544.00  |
| Taylor Lock & Key | Fix Lock - Sheriff | $ 112.50  |
| Rebecca Schulte | Reimb. for Cupcakes-Chief Judge | $ 26.28  |
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|  | **TOTAL** | **$155,946.19**  |

**FAYETTE COUNTY EMA CLAIMS**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Elan Financial Serv. | Supplies, Training & Equipment. | $ 879.74  |
| GTSI | Remote Control Cable | $ 97.30  |
| AT&T | Cell Phone | $ 44.43  |
| IESMA | Membership Dues | $ 159.00  |
| IESMA | Training | $ 250.00  |
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|  | **TOTAL** | **$ 1,430.47**  |

**HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT CLAIMS**

|  |  |  |
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|  | **COUNTY BRIDGE** |  |
| Gonzalez Companies | Engineering Services | $ 1,770.00  |
| Gonzalez Companies | Engineering Services | $ 4,337.50  |
| Gonzalez Companies | Engineering Services | $ 1,112.50  |
|  |  |  |
|  | **Sub Total** | **$ 7,220.00**  |
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|  | **COUNTY HIGHWAY** |   |
| ADS Electric | Service Call | $ 125.00  |
| Ameren Illinois | Electric Bill | $ 600.00  |
| Brenda Daniels | Mileage for February | $ 160.80  |
| Clement Communications | Safety Posters | $ 216.58  |
| Crossroads Truck Equip. | Parts | $ 16.14  |
| Culligan | Water & Rent | $ 47.60  |
| D.C. Pest Control | Monthly Inspection | $ 35.00  |
| David Milam | Boot Allowance | $ 150.00  |
| Decker Supply Co. | Signs | $ 205.55  |
| Deere Credit, Inc. | Equipment Lease | $ 11,778.00  |
| Don Lovett | Mileage  | $ 91.12  |
| Fayette Co. Treas. | Postage January | $ 43.86  |
| Fayette Water Co | Rural Water | $ 40.00  |
| Frailey's Diesel Repair | Repairs | $ 3,655.39  |
| John Deere Financial | Parts | $ 991.58  |
| Jo's Cleaning | Cleaning Office | $ 329.98  |
| Konica Minolta Danka | Copier | $ 123.21  |
| Leader Union | Letting Notice | $ 70.40  |
| Liberty Utilities | Gas Bill | $ 400.00  |
| Martins Welding | Repairs | $ 229.04  |
| McKay Napa Auto | Parts | $ 347.81  |
| Payroll Account | Pay End Date 2-9-2024 | $ 1,597.60  |
| Payroll Account | Pay End Date 1-26-2024 | $ 10,230.40  |
| Payroll Account | Pay End Date 2-9-2024 | $ 10,230.40  |
| Payroll Account | Pay End Date 1-26-2024 | $ 1,597.60  |
| Progressive Chemical, Inc. | Supplies | $ 1,043.21  |
| Rush Truck Center | Parts | $ 263.71  |
| SARCO Hydraulics, Inc. | Repairs | $ 3,033.17  |
| Scott's Farm Service Inc. | Repairs | $ 3,945.50  |
| South Central FS | Fuel Bill | $ 4,723.84  |
| South Central FS | Tire Fees | $ 20.00  |
| Sperry Service, Inc. | Repairs | $ 215.73  |
| Swetland Comm. | E-Mail Service | $ 75.00  |
| Verizon Wireless | Cell Phone Bill | $ 118.51  |
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| **Sub Total** |  | **$ 56,751.73**  |
|  | **ENGINEERING** |   |
|  |   |   |
| Payroll Account | Pay End Date 2-9-2024 | $ 2,556.66  |
| Payroll Account | Pay End Date 1-26-2024 | $ 2,909.61  |
| Payroll Account | Pay End Date 2-9-2024 | $ 2,460.92  |
| Payroll Account | Pay End Date 1-26-2024 | $ 2,088.80  |
|   |  | **$ 10,015.99**  |
| **Sub Total** |  |  |
|  | **FEDERAL AID MATCH** |  |
|  |   |   |
| Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick | Engineering Services | $ 5,735.00  |
|   **Sub Total** |  | **$ 5,735.00**  |
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|  | **GRAND TOTAL** | **$79,722.72**  |

**COUNTY BOARD MEMBER’S PAY**

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| Glenda Bartels | Finance | $ 85.56  |
|  | Board Meeting 3-12-24 | $ 50.00  |
|  |   | $ 135.56  |
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| Michael Butts | ABSENT |   |
|  |  | $  |
|  |  |   |
| Casey Cameron | ABSENT |   |
|  |  | $  |
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| Pat Click | Finance | $ 71.90  |
|  | Board Meeting 3-12-24 | $ 50.00  |
|  |  | $ 121.90  |
|  |  |  |
| Merrell H. Collins | Hwy, FOP, Finance, PBC, Solar, Claims | $ 320.20  |
|  | Board Meeting 3-12-24 | $ 50.00  |
|  |  | $ 370.20  |
|  |  |  |
| Jacob Harris | Finance, Special Use | $ 128.24  |
|  | Board Meeting 3-12-24 | $ 50.00  |
|  | Chairman | $ 500.00  |
|  |  | $ 678.24  |
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| Douglas L Knebel | Finance | $ 42.68  |
|  | Board Meeting 3-12-24 | $ 50.00  |
|  |  | $ 92.68  |
|  |  |  |
| Mack Payne | Finance, Hwy, Solar, SCRIPDC, PBC | $ 347.40  |
|  | Board Meeting 3-12-24 | $ 50.00  |
|  |  | $ 397.40  |
|  |  |  |
| Scott Ray | Claims, Finance | $ 82.68  |
|  | Board Meeting 3-12-24 | $ 50.00  |
|  |  | $ 132.68  |
|  |  |  |
| Ryan Tompkins | Insurance | $ 46.03  |
|  | Board Meeting 3-12-24 | $ 50.00  |
|  |  | $ 96.03  |
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| Ashley Towler |  Special Use, FOP | $ 195.04  |
|  | Board Meeting 3-12-24 | $ 50.00  |
|  |   | $ 245.04  |
|  |   |  |
| James Wehrle | Finance | $ 50.72  |
|  | Board Meeting 3-12-24 | $ 50.00  |
|  |  | $ 100.72  |
|  |   |  |
| Joe A. Wills | Finance | $ 117.72  |
|  | Board Meeting 3-12-24 | $ 50.00  |
|  |  | $ 167.72  |
|  |  |   |
| **Total** |  | **$ 2,538.17**  |

**Motion/Vote – Claims**

Doug Knebel made a motion to approve the Committee 2, EMA, Highway Claims and Board Member Pay from February 13, 2024 – March 12, 2024. Joe Wills second the motion. Motion was passed by vote.

**Board Member’s Comments and Non-Action Items**

Mack Payne said that the board is on the right track with the Macis Group. Mike is doing a great job working hard to find the county funds.

Jacob Harris gave credit to the board, county employees and department heads that they are the best this county has had.

**Adjournment**

Patrick Click made a motion to adjourn this meeting. Joe Wills second this motion. Motion passed by vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 pm.

**Submitted:**



Jessica Barker

Fayette County Clerk and Recorder