

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING OF THE
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD**

JANUARY 30, 2012

The special meeting of the County Board of Washington County, Illinois was held at the courthouse in Nashville, Illinois on January 30, 2012 for the purpose of viewing materials and listening to a presentation on the new judicial building given by Image Architect of Carbondale, Illinois.

Present and presiding were Chairman David Meyer and Thomas Ganz, County Clerk and Clerk of the Board.

Others present were Matt Wolf, John Parkinson, Phil, Dennis Hatch and Julie Kozuszek.

Following the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Meyer called the meeting of the Washington County Board to order at 7:05pm.

No roll call was taken but all 15 members of the board were present.

Suedmeyer gave an update on the courthouse windows. He told the board that by March 16th the window project on the courthouse should be done. The windows are due in 2 weeks and the storm windows in 3 weeks. He also told the board that 5 of the old windows are broken and need to be replaced.

Suedmeyer told the board that the courthouse doors will be replaced and card reader locks will be installed because the Sheriff thinks there are too many keys floating around.

John Parkinson of Image Architect told the board that the purpose of them being here tonight was just to present to the board some of the options the board might want to pick for the new judicial building. There are no decisions to be made tonight. Options that were presented were brick, door locks, tile and carpet.

Parkinson told the board that they would like to go out for bids in April and come before the board in May with a decision. He is looking at ground breaking June/July and completion next year with the dedication on the 4th of July 2013.

A motion was made by Harriss and seconded by Schorfheide to adjourn. The meeting of the Washington County board adjourned at 8:55pm.

Thomas Ganz

County Clerk & Clerk of the Board

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDING OF THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD**

JANUARY 10, 2012

The reconvened and adjourned meeting of the County Board of Washington County, Illinois was held at the courthouse in Nashville, Illinois on January 10, 2012 for the purpose of transacting county business that might come before the board.

Present and presiding were Chairman David Meyer and Thomas Ganz, County Clerk and Clerk of the Board.

Others present were Mitch Burdick, Linda Tragesser, Charlie Parker, Tom Speedie, Steven Stilt, Nick Howes, Julie Kozuszek, Jarrett Kaufman and Mark Styninger.

Following the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Meyer called the meeting of the Washington County board to order at 7:00pm.

Roll call was taken by Clerk Ganz with 14 members present and 1 absent. Those present were Riechmann, Shubert, Meier, Harriss, Maschhoff, Gill, Schorfheide, Suedmeyer, Evans, Ruggles, Kurwicky, Hohlt, Spenner and Meyer. Lisk was absent.

Chairman Meyer asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the December 13, 2011 meeting. With no corrections a motion was made by Kurwicky and seconded by Riechmann to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Mitch Burdick, County Engineer, gave his monthly report to the board at this time. (Informational) Burdick told the board that this year's fuel bids were awarded to Gateway FS.

Claims Against the County Report was presented to the board for approval.

TO THE CHAIMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD: YOUR COMMITTEE ON JANUARY 9, 2012 HAS EXAMINED ALL CLAIMS PRESENTED AND RECOMMENDS PAYMENT TO THE FOLLOWING AND THE CLERK BE DIRECTED TO ISSUE ORDERS ON THE TREASURE TO THE CLAIMANTS FOR THE AMOUNTS ALLOWED. **(See Exhibit A)** A motion was made by Evans and seconded by Hohlt to accept the claims as presented. Roll call vote was taken with 14 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

The State's Attorney Monthly Report was presented to the board. **(See Exhibit B)** A motion was made by Spenner and seconded by Shubert to accept the report as presented to the board. Motion carried.

The County Clerk & Recorder's Monthly Report was presented to the board for approval. **(See Exhibit C)** A motion was made by Harriss and seconded by Ruggles to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

The Sheriff's Monthly Report was presented to the board for approval. **(See Exhibit D)** A motion was made by Gill and seconded by Riechmann to accept the report as presented. Motion carried. Sheriff Parker told the board that the county is currently housing 14 federal prisoners.

The Emergency Ambulance & Rescue Service Monthly Report was presented to the board for approval. **(See Exhibit E)** A motion was made by Shubert and seconded by Schorfheide to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

Mark Styninger, County Coroner, gave his quarterly report to the board. **(Informational)** Styninger told the board that he would like to purchase a boat for aquatic rescues in the county.

At this time Chairman Meyer called for committee reports.

County Building Committee – Suedmeyer told the board that the committee has looked into a new postage machine with Pitney Bowes. The new quote is \$393 per month. The new machine will not be as fast as the old one. The committee's recommendation is to go with the new machine and sign into a 63 month agreement. A motion was made by Suedmeyer and seconded by Maschhoff to go with the new agreement. Motion carried.

Direct Energy was discussed with the board. Suedmeyer asked permission of the board to negotiate energy costs with Consumer Energy Solutions, Inc.. Suedmeyer told the board that the 24 month contract is the best available rate right now. A motion was made by Riechmann and seconded by Spenner to give Suedmeyer permission to negotiate. Motion carried.

Victor Lopez of Prophecy 1 told the board that the Blue Book and calendar updates are being put on the website as of now. Lopez said he hoped to go live on January 15, 2012 and the full system would be up by mid-summer.

Suedmeyer told the board that he would like to have a special meeting sometime soon so the board could look at the different types of bricks, interior wall finishes and ceilings. It was decided the meeting will be on January 30, 2012 at 7:00pm in the big courtroom upstairs.

A motion was made by Suedmeyer and seconded by Gill to go into executive session according to Sec. 2(C)(6) sale or lease of county property. Roll call vote was taken by Clerk Ganz with 13 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried. The board entered executive session at 7:45pm.

The board returned to regular session at 7:50pm.

Suedmeyer informed the board about the coal waste at Prairie State Power Plant as asked permission of the board to talk with them about the problem. A motion was made by Shubert

and seconded by Schorfheide to give him permission to meet with them to discuss the matter.
Motion carried.

A motion was made by Suedmeyer and seconded by Harriss to pay all bills, utilities, insurance, payroll and overtime. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Kurwicki and seconded by Spenner to adjourn until February 14, 2012 at 7:00pm. Motion carried. The meeting of the Washington County Board adjourned at 7:55pm.

Thomas Ganz

County Clerk & Clerk of the Board

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD
DECEMBER 13, 2011**

The reconvened and adjourned meeting of the County Board of Washington County, Illinois was held at the courthouse in Nashville, Illinois on December 13, 2011 for the purpose of transacting county business that might come before the board.

Present and presiding were Chairman David Meyer and Thomas Ganz, County Clerk and Clerk of the Board.

Others present were Linda Tragesser, John Felchlia, John Parkinson, Mitch Burdick, Mary Lietz, Julie Kozuszek, Nick Howes, Dave Voltz, Charlie Parker, Cindy Barczewski, Ronda Groennert, Sharon Kolweier and Sharon Frederking.

Following the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Meyer called the meeting of the Washington County board to order at 3:00pm.

Roll call was taken by Clerk Ganz with 15 members present and 0 absent. Those present were Spenner, Riechmann, Shubert, Meier, Harriss, Maschhoff, Gill, Schorfheide, Lisk, Suedmeyer, Evans, Ruggles, Kurwicky, Hohlt and Meyer.

Chairman Meyer asked if there were any corrections to the minutes to the November 8, 2011 meeting. With no corrections a motion was made by Ruggles and seconded Lisk to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Mitch Burdick, County Engineer, gave his monthly report to the board at this time. On behalf of the Road & Bridge Committee, Burdick presented two resolutions pertaining to failing drainage structures. **(See Exhibits A&B)** A motion was made by Riechmann and seconded by Kurwicky to accept the resolutions as presented. Motion carried.

Burdick presented a resolution to participate in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program. **(See Exhibit C)** A motion was made by Evans and seconded by Shubert to accept the resolution. Motion carried.

A resolution was presented by Burdick to accept the Motor Fuel Tax Funds. **(See Exhibit D)** A motion was made by Gill and seconded by Meier to accept the resolution. Motion carried.

Claims Against The County Report was presented to the board for approval.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD: YOUR COMMITTEE ON DECEMBER 12, 2011 HAS EXAMINED ALL CLAIMS PRESENTED AND RECOMMENDS PAYMENT TO THE FOLLOWING AND THE CLERK BE DIRECTED TO ISSUE ORDERS

ON THE TREASURE TO THE CLAIMANTS FOR THE AMOUNTS ALLOWED. (See **Exhibit E**) A motion was made by Gill and seconded by Lisk to accept the claims as presented. Roll call was taken with 14 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried

The State's Attorney Monthly Report was presented to the board. (See **Exhibit F**) A motion was made by Schorfheide and seconded by Kurwicki to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

The County Clerk & Recorder's Monthly and Yearly Reports were presented to the board for approval. (See **Exhibits G & H**) A motion was made by Spenner and seconded by Suedmeyer to accept both reports as presented. Motion carried.

The Sheriff's Monthly Report was presented to the board for approval. (See **Exhibit I**) A motion was made by Maschhoff and seconded Hohlt to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

Cindy Barczewski, Circuit Clerk, gave her bi-annual report to the board. (Informational) Barczewski told the board that her office is on line now with Gov Pay which is a way of paying tickets, etc. with credit cards. The full report is on file in the office of the County Clerk.

Sharon Kolweier, Supervisor of Assessments, gave her quarterly report to the board at this time. She told the board that the aerial maps were delivered to her office in mid-November. They are in color and much sharper than the ones used in the past. She also told the board that Plat books have been ordered.

Ronda Groennert, Treasurer, gave her quarterly report to the board. (Informational) She informed the board that the tax sale has been set for January 9, 2012.

The Emergency Ambulance & Rescue Service Monthly Report was presented to the board for approval. (See **Exhibit J**) Felchlia presented new proposed ambulance fees to the board for approval. When asked if the county needed these increases Felchlia told the board that the department hasn't raise fees in a number of years but all the surrounding counties have increased their fees and he just wanted to stay in line with them. A motion was made by Shubert and seconded by Hohlt to accept the report and the fee increases. Roll call vote was taken with 12 ayes and 2 nays. Motion carried. Those voting nay were Riechmann and Kurwicki. The rate increases will go into effect December 14, 2011 at midnight.

Suedmeyer told the board that the water line from the water tower on the county lot behind courthouse runs north on the lot. He has talked to the city about the matter. A motion was made by Ruggles and seconded by Riechmann to go back to the city and work out some type of an easement with them. Motion carried.

The Washington County Board Meeting Schedule for 2012 was presented to the board for approval. (See Exhibit K) Roll call vote was taken with 12 ayes and 2 nays. Motion carried. Those voting nay were Riechmann and Suedmeyer.

At this time Chairman Meyer called for committee reports.

Personnel, Policy & Appointments Committee – Shubert submitted the following names for appointments.

Barbara Mills	Mental Health Board	12-13-11 thru 01-01-16
Kevin Meyer	“ “ “	12-13-11 01-01-16
Mitch Burdick	SW IL Planning Comm.	12-13-11 01-01-14
Eric Brammeier	St. Libory Fire Dist	12-13-11 01-01-15

A motion was made by Shubert and by Spenner to accept the as presented for appointments. Motion carried.

John Parkinson of Image Architect show the board new designs of the New Judicial Building. The designs showed what the new roof options and entrances might look like.

Sharon Frederking, Health Department Administrator, gave her quarterly report to the board. (Informational)

A motion was made by Harriss and seconded by Suedmeyer to pay all bills, utilities, insurance, payroll and overtime. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hohlt and seconded by Spenner to adjourn until January 10, 2012 at 7:00pm. Motion carried. The meeting of the Washington County Board adjourned at 4:40pm.

Thomas Ganz

County Clerk & Clerk of the Board

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE
WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD**

NOVEMBER 8, 2011

The reconvened and adjourned meeting of the County Board of Washington County, Illinois was held at the courthouse in Nashville, Illinois on November 8, 2011 for the purpose of transacting county business that might come before the board.

Present and presiding were Chairman David Meyer and Thomas Ganz, County Clerk and Clerk of the Board.

Others present were Rick Greten, Mitch Burdick, Julie Kozuszek, John Felchlia, Linda Tragesser, Charlie Parker, Mick Howes and Mary Lietz.

Following the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Meyer called the meeting of the Washington County Board to order at 7:05pm.

Roll call was taken by Clerk Ganz with 14 members present and 1 absent. Those present were Spenner, Riechmann, Shubert, Meier, Harriss, Maschhoff, Gill, Schorfheide, Lisk, Suedmeyer, Evans, Ruggles, Kurwicky and Meyer. Hohlt was absent.

Chairman Meyer asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the October 11, 2011 meeting. With no corrections a motion was made by Kurwicky and seconded by Gill to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Mitch Burdick, County Engineer, gave his monthly report to the board. On behalf of the Road & Bridge Committee, Burdick presented a resolution to the board for the repair of a sub-standard box culvert on Highline Rd. in Ashley Township. **(See Exhibit A)** A motion was made by Gill and seconded by Lisk to accept the resolution as presented. Motion carried.

Burdick told the board that Mockingbird Rd. has been completed at the final cost of \$240,791.95. The final portion due by the county is \$78,016.48.

Claims Against the County Report was presented to the board for approval.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD: YOUR COMMITTEE ON NOVEMBER 7, 2011 HAS EXAMINED ALL CLAIMS PRESENTED AND RECOMMENDS PAYMENT TO THE FOLLOWING AND THE CLERK BE DIRECTED TO ISSURE ORDERS ON THE TREASURER TO THE CLAIMANTS FOR THE AMOUNTS ALLOWED. **(See Exhibit B)** Evans pointed out to the board that the claims for the month of October totaled \$223,590.03. A motion was made by Evans and seconded by Riechmann to accept the claims as presented. Roll call vote was taken with 13 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

The State's Attorney Monthly Report was presented to the board. (See Exhibit C) Kozuszek told the board that she has been asked to look into drawing up an ordinance to help defray medical expenses for prisoners. The Finance Committee will look into the matter before anything is done.

Kozuszek also told the board that she would like to look into hiring another person, an attorney that can work more than 2 days per week. She told the board that she is not up to full staff and has no money since her salary line item has been cut. She also told the board that she is in need of more work space. Her staff is having to share desk space and she would like to look into getting cubicles. A motion was made by Spenner and seconded by Riechmann to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

A resolution for the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, was presented to the board for approval. (See Exhibit D) A motion was made by Schorfheide and seconded by Kurwicki to accept the resolution as presented. Motion carried.

The County Clerk & Recorder's Monthly Report was presented to the board for approval. (See Exhibit E) A motion was made by Schorfheide and seconded by Ruggles to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

The Sheriff's Monthly Report was presented to the board. (See Exhibit F) A motion was made Gill and seconded Riechmann to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

The Emergency Ambulance & Rescue Service Monthly Report was presented to the board for approval. (See Exhibit G) A motion was made by Shubert and seconded by Spenner to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

Zoning Request #010-11 – J&J Investments – Ordinance to amend zoning map – (ORDINANCE #011-14) to rezone 4 acres from Ag. To Commercial. (See Exhibit H) A motion was made by Spenner and seconded by Shubert to accept the request as presented. Roll call vote was taken with 13 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

Zoning Request #011-11 – Kelly Melton – Ordinance to amend zoning map – (ORDINANCE #011-15) to rezone 2.4 acres from Ag. to R-1 for rural residential uses. (See Exhibit I) A motion was made by Shubert and seconded by Suedmeyer to accept the request as presented. Roll call vote was taken with 13 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Southwestern Illinois Metropolitan And Regional Planning Commission Agreement was presented to the board. (See Exhibit J) A motion was made by Shubert and seconded by Suedmeyer to accept the agreement as presented. Motion carried.

At this time Chairman Meyer called for Committee Reports.

Finance Committee Report – It was reported that the Supervisor of Assessment Office has decided to go with Rockwell to have new plat books printed. The agreement is for \$7000 to \$7500 for 100 to 150 books. The department will then be able to order bundles of 50 books at a time and there won't be as many left over when new ones are to be ordered again.

The Mental Health Budget & Levy was presented to the board for approval. (See Exhibit K) A motion was made by Schorfheide and seconded by Evans to accept them as presented. Roll call was taken with 13 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried. (ORDINANCE #011-16 & #011-17)

The University of Illinois Extension Budget & Levy was presented to the board for approval. (See Exhibit L) A motion was made by Shubert and seconded by Meier to accept the budget and levy as presented. Roll call vote was taken with 13 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried. (ORDINANCE #011-18 & #011-19)

The question came before the board of joining the National Association of County Officials, NACO. The annual fee is \$400. A motion was made by Riechmann and seconded by Spenner to join. Motion carried.

Suedmeyer told the board that the interest amount on the Bonds the county has taken out is due in the amount of \$62,868.69 by November 27, 2011. A motion was made by Suedmeyer and seconded by Maschhoff to pay the amount presented. Motion carried.

Insurance Committee – The board was informed that the insurance company wants the county to draft a manual with all safety policies. The board was also told that our workman comp claims are up by 30%.

Ambulance Committee – The board was informed that the Ambulance Department will be presenting new rates to the board at the December meeting and they will be effective as of December 1, 2011 if passed.

Personnel, Policy & Appointments Committee – Shubert presented the following names to the board for consideration to appointments.

Dr. Gary Goforth	Wash. Co. Health Board	11-08-11 thru	05-01-13
Brian Fletcher	9-1-1 Board	11-08-11	11-30-15
Mitch Burdick	9-1-1 Board	11-08-11	11-30-15
John Boczek	9-1-1 Board	11-08-11	11-30-15
Bradley Conant	Wash. Co. Planning Comm.	11-08-11	12-01-14
Mike Borrenpohl	Washington Co. Planning Comm.	11-08-11	12-01-14
Mark Baldwin	Nash. Masonic Cemetery Assoc.	11-08-11	12-01-17

Fred Johnson

Ashley Fire Dist.

11-08-11 Thru 04-01-12

A motion was made by Shubert and seconded by Gill to accept the appointments as presented. Motion carried.

The following salary increases were presented to the board for approval.

Robert White, Animal Control Warden will remain the same at \$23,000.

John Felchlia, Ambulance Administrator, \$47,000

Rick Greten, Safety \$6797.70, ESDA \$22,659 and Zoning \$15,861.30

A motion was made by Harriss and seconded by Maschhoff to accept the salaries as presented. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Suedmeyer and seconded by Ruggles to go into Executive Session according to 2(C)(2) negotiations and 2(C)(6) sale or lease of county property. Roll call vote was taken with 13 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried. The board entered into executive session at 8:45pm.

The board returned to regular session at 9:00pm

An agreement has been reached with the FOP contract. They will receive a 50 cent per year salary increase for 4 years, \$550 insurance premium cap plus dental and vision insurance. There will also be a drug testing policy set. A motion was made by Spenner and seconded by Lisk to accept the contract as presented. Motion carried.

The Washington County Budget & Levy was presented to the board for approval. (See **Exhibit M**) A motion was made by Maschhoff and seconded by Gill to accept the budget and levy. Roll call vote was taken with 13 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried. (**ORDIANCE #011-20 #011-21**)

A motion was made by Harriss and seconded by Gill to pay all bills, utilities, insurance, payroll and overtime. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Spenner and seconded by Kurwicki to adjourn until December 13, 2011 at 3:00pm. Motion carried. The meeting of the Washington County Board adjourned at 9:40pm.

Thomas Ganz

County Clerk & Clerk of the Board