

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD  
FEBRUARY 14, 2012**

The reconvened and adjourned meeting of the County Board of Washington County, Illinois was held at the courthouse in Nashville, Illinois on February 14, 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, Stephen Stilt, Dave Voltz, Dale Wojtkowski, Students from Kaskaskia College, Bill Jansen, Charlie Parker, Julie Kozuszek, Tom Speedie, Nick Howes and John Felchlia.

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 Shubert, Meier, Harriss, Maschhoff, Gill, Schorfheide, Lisk, Suedmeyer, Evans, Ruggles, Kurwicki, Hohlt, Riechmann and Meyer. Spenner as absent.

Chairman Meyer asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the January 10 & 30, 2012 meetings. With no corrections a motion was made by Kurwicki and seconded by Schorfheide to accept the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Mitch Burdick, County Engineer, gave his monthly report at this time. (Informational)

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

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD: YOUR COMMITTEE ON FEBRUARY 13, 2012 HAS EXAMINED ALL CLAIMS PRESENTED AND RECOMMENDS PAYMENT TO THE FOLLOWING AND CLERK BE DIRECTED TO ISSURE ORDERS ON THE COUNTY TREASURER TO THE CLAIMANTS FOR THE AMOUNTS ALLOWED. (See Exhibit A) A motion was made by Riechmann and seconded by Harriss 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. An amended ordinance to the Sanitary Landfill Code (**ORDINANCE #021-01**) was presented to the board for approval. A motion was made by Hohlt and seconded by Shubert to accept the ordinance as presented. (See Exhibit B) Roll call vote was taken with 13 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Harriss and seconded by Ruggles to accept the State's Attorney report as presented. **(See Exhibit C)** Motion carried.

**The County Clerk & Recorder's Monthly Report** was presented to the board for approval. **(See Exhibit D)** Ganz told the board that the State Board of Elections will be coming to Washington County on March 7th to inspect all election equipment. This is the first time in over 20 years they have done this. He said he didn't foresee any problems. A motion was made by Gill and seconded by Lisk to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

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

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

**Zoning Request #001-12 – Benjamin Gass – Ordinance to amend zoning map – (ORDINANCE #012-02)** to rezone 6.08 acres from Ag. to R-1 for rural residential uses. The board was told that a survey is required and being done at this time. **(See Exhibit G)** A motion was made by Schorfheide and seconded by Gill. Roll call was taken with 13 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

At this time Chairman Meyer called for Committee Reports.

**Finance Committee Report** – Suedmeyer presented an agreement to the board for Krehbiel & Associates, LLC to perform the county audit. A motion was made by Suedmeyer and seconded by Hohlt to accept the agreement as presented. Motion carried.

**Ambulance Committee** – John Felchlia addressed the board about the department moving their service region. Currently they are with Good Sam in Mt. Vernon but are considering moving to Region 4 which is in the Metro East. The resource hospital would be Anderson Hospital in Maryville until the new St. Elizabeth Hospital is completed.

Suedmeyer told the board that the committee has decided to change IT companies. After interviewing 4 companies the recommendation of the committee is to go with Miken Technologies out of St. Louis. The cost would be \$2713.30 per month for the first year and they review the contract at the end of the year. A motion was made by Suedmeyer and seconded by Hohlt to go with Miken. Suedmeyer was asked why the county was changing IT companies. He told the board that the county was having problems with billing; ordering hardware and that monthly cost continue to rise. As for Kevin White the county has had no problems and he has done a great job. A roll call vote was called for. Roll call vote was taken with 13 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried. Miken will start servicing the County February 15, 2012.

A waterline easement between Washington County and the City of Nashville was presented to the board. **(See Exhibit H)** A motion was made by Suedmeyer and seconded by Riechmann to accept the easement as presented. Motion carried.

Keri Garrett and Kathy Donnelly appeared before the board to explain truancy in the county. They explained how there used to be 18 days of unexcused absence before a student was truant and now it has been moved to 9 days and at that time the student is considered chronic truant and the matter is turned over to the State's Attorney. It was reported that in the three counties the office serves there are nearly 300 students being served by the program now.

Dale Wojtkowski from Biddleborn addressed the board about the coal ash at Prairie State Energy. He said the bottom line is that coal ash is not an inert substance and contains many contaminants that are hazardous to our health not to mention the mess that the dust itself creates. The board has made many decisions throughout the years with the total disregard of the residents of the area surrounding the Prairie State plant (ie Biddleborn). These decisions have greatly benefited the county and the decision surrounding your vote stands to generate more capital for Washington County. I feel that it is very unfair for the county to authorize this toxic waste dump at the expense of the local residents. You are getting millions (7+) and we are getting nothing but pollution. Wojtkowski then handed out some information that he obtained from the Sierra Club.

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

A motion was made by Schorfheide and seconded by Gill to adjourn until March 13, 2012 at 7:00pm. Motion carried. The meeting of the Washington County Board adjourned at 8:15pm.

Thomas Ganz

County Clerk & Clerk of the Board