

FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD ADDITIONAL MEETING AT  
5:30 PM

MINUTES OF MEETING

Aug 3, 2020

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**CALL TO ORDER**

The Additional Meeting of the County Board was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis. Due to the Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19), Governor J B Pritzker has ordered everyone to wear masks and to observe social distancing, this meeting will temporarily be held at Tino's on the Tee Banquet Room located at the Rend Lake Golf Course, 12476 Golf Course Dr. Whittington, Illinois.

**ROLL CALL**

Secretary, Greg Woolard, called the roll. Members in attendance were John Gulley, Matt Donkin, Neil Hargis, Larry Miller, Alan Price, Jack Warren and Kevin Weston. Randall Crocker and Ray Minor were absent.

Also attendances were Gayla Prather, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; Phillip Butler, States Attorney; Darla Fitzjerrells, Director of Court Services; Marty Leffler, Coroner; Jim Muir, Circuit Clerk; Mike Rolla, County Engineer; and Steve Vercellino, County Treasurer; and other interest parties.

**PLEDGE**

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis lead everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis asked the public if there were comments at this time. No comments.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Kevin Weston made a motion to accept the minutes of the July 21st Regular County Board Meeting Minutes. Alan Price seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**COUNTY CLAIMS**

John Gulley made a motion to pay the claims on file. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that a closed session is not needed at this time.

**RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**COUNTY COURTHOUSE - DISCUSSION**

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the first item on the agenda is the discussion about the County Courthouse and asked if anyone had anything to discuss. No one needs to discuss anything.

**EMLING & HOFFMAN PC AUDITS - AGREEMENTS**

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is agreement with Emling & Hoffman P.C. Certified Public Accountants for the years ended November 30, 2020 through November 30, 2022. The agreement is for Emling & Hoffman P.C. to audit the financial statements of the governmental activities. John Gulley reported the agreement is a three year contract and he read the amounts that they will be changing for all three years - for November 30, 2020 the cost is \$49,600, for November 30, 2021 the cost is \$50,500, and for November 30, 2022 the cost is \$51,400.

John Gulley made a motion to accept the agreement as presented. Jack Warren seconded the motion. On roll vote, all voted yes.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2020-09.

**COUNTY HIGHWAY SHED - CONSTRUCTION APPROVAL**

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the approval of the County Highway Shed construction and he asked Mike Rolla, County Engineer to explain. Mike Rolla, County Engineer, presented a contract agreement for the New County Highway Shed and he gave his recommendation from Erwin Construction at a cost of \$470,499.00 and is asking for approval. Larry Miller says he has a problem with paying that amount.

Alan Price made a motion to approve the agreement as presented. Kevin Weston seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes, except Larry Miller voted no.

Said agreement is made a part of these minutes as Agreement No. 2020-10.

**SHERIFF'S VAN & CELL  
INSERT CAGE - LEASE  
/ PURCHASE -  
APPROVAL**

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis informed the County Board that the next item on the agenda is the agreement to be approved for a lease / purchase for Sheriff's Van & Cell Insert Cage and he asked Phillip Butler, States Attorney to explain. Phillip Butler, States Attorney, said that this was a used van and not a new van so it does not have to be bid out. Sheriff Dave Bartoni reported it is an extended van it has around 3,200 miles. John Gulley reported that the County in the past has brought in revenue from the Federal System in the amount around \$500,000.

Larry Miller made a motion to approve the purchase of the van and cell insert cage for the Sheriff's Department. Matt Donkin seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said bid proposal is made a part of these minutes.

**US BANK CREDIT CARD  
- SOUTHERN  
ILLINOISAN**

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the claim to US Bank Credit Card for the Southern Illinoisan in the amount of \$90.00.

Alan Price made a motion to paid the claim for US Bank Credit Card for the Southern Illinoisan. John Gulley seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said US Bank Credit Card for the Southern Illinoisan claim & invoice is made a part of these minutes.

**WELLINGTON  
ENVIRONMENTAL**

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the claim to Wellington Environmental for the removal of all asbestos prior to demolition of the Courthouse in the amount of \$213,140.00.

Alan Price made a motion to paid the claim for Wellington Environmental. John Gulley seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said Wellington Environmental claim & invoice is made a part of these minutes.

**SKUTA CONSTRUCTION  
INC.**

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the claim to Skuta Construction Inc. for disconnecting and installing water hydrant on the north side of the courthouse and relined sewer line from manhole in the amount of \$5,350.00.

Alan Price made a motion to paid the claim for Skuta Construction Inc. John Gulley seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said Skuta Construction Inc. claim & invoice is made a part of these minutes.

**CONCEPTE OF ILLINOIS  
- CIRCUIT CLERK**

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the claim to Concepte of Illinois for a firewall to be added for VPN access for State's Attorney and Probation in the amount of \$995.00.

Alan Price made a motion to paid the claim for Concepte of Illinois. John Gulley seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said Concepte of Illinois claim & invoice is made a part of these minutes.

**CIRCUIT CLERK  
OPERATIONS FUND**

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis stated that the next item on the agenda is the claim to Circuit Clerk Operation Fund for a new computer in the Circuit Clerk's office in the amount of \$1,713.00.

Alan Price made a motion to paid the claim for Circuit Clerk Operation Fund. John Gulley seconded the motion. On roll call vote, all voted yes.

Said Circuit Clerk Operation Fund claim & invoice is made a part of these minutes.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis asked the Board if there were any questions. Matt Donkin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Alan Price seconded the motion. There being no further business Vice-Chairman Neil Hargis declared the meeting adjourned.



Neil Hargis  
Interim Chair



Greg Woolard  
County Clerk and Recorder