

County Commissioner's Record No. 32

State of Illinois)
 SS February 8th, 2019
County of Union)

I. Call Meeting to Order

The Union County Board of Commissioners met for a regular meeting in the Union County Courthouse Community Room at 08:30am. County Chairman Max Miller called the meeting to order.

II. Roll Call

Commissioners in attendance are, Kent Pitts, Bobby Toler Jr., Dale Foster and Max Miller. David Gould is absent.

III. Approval of Minutes

None

IV. Public Comments

None

V. Committee Reports

Mr. Toler and Mr. Miller announced that the 911 merging process with Alexander County is almost done. Mr. Miller wanted to let Mrs. Crystal Gurley know that she has done an outstanding job with this merger.

Mr. Miller also announced that he, County Administrator Angie Johnson, County Assessor Tammy Robinson, County Treasurer Leigh Burns and County Clerk Lance Meisenheimer all met to see the timeline for this year's property tax process. Mr. Miller announced that all parties met and seems to be ahead of schedule at this point of the season.

VI. Building Permits

14-00-12-281 & 14-0012-289, James and Lisa Stone, permit is for a shed that is recommended for approval by County Engineer Kevin Grammer. Mr. Foster made a motion to approve the permit and Mr. Pitts seconded the motion.

Kent Pitts	Yes
Bobby Toler Jr.	Yes
Dale Foster	Yes
Max Miller	Yes

David Gould Absent
Motion Passes

Mr. Grammer then let the board now that the new gas system is up and running. Mr. Grammer also had an update on the Timber Deck Brides and that they have removed eleven of those this year so far. He hopes to get ten more out this year. The county had a total of 105 and is now down to 53.

VII. County Finances
None

VIII. Old Business

A. Revolution Recycling Discussion

Mr. Miller stated that Angie Johnson reached out to the City of Jonesboro to see if they would want to take over the recycling bin located behind the Ambulance Service Office Building and the Mayor advised that they did not want to take over the bin. Mr. Miller voiced that he did not think it was worth the \$7700.00 a year for the tax payers of Union County. The bins initially were paid for by a grant but the grant is no longer available. The rest of the board then agreed with Mr. Miller that the bins are not needed. Administrator Johnson asked if the board would keep it through March since a Girl Scout Troop is going to be using it for a project on March 23rd. The Board then agreed that they would keep it through the end of March of 2019 but then cancel it after the end of the month.

IX. New Business

A. Approve Payment of Bills

Mr. Foster made a motion to approve the payment for the bills and Mr. Pitts seconded the motion.

Kent Pitts	Yes
Bobby Toler Jr.	Yes
Dale Foster	Yes
Max Miller	Yes
David Gould	Absent
Motion Passes	

B. School Violence & Prevention Grant Update–Southern Five RPC, Tiffany George

Ms. George explained that the Southern Five has received a \$357,375.00 grant for all the Union County School to be used for security with the help of the Union County Sheriff's Office. The grant requires a 25% match and the schools will be providing that match. Ms. George also explained that there would be a MOU attached so that all three roles will be defined between the Schools, the County and Southern Five. Mr. Toler mentioned that the Southern Five and Ms. George do a great service for the county and they are very easy to work with. They have helped a lot with this grant and have done a lot of the hard work that has gone along with this grant.

C. Fidlar Presentation on New Recording Software-Danielle Westerfield and Greg Bachman

Mr. Bachman spoke on the current software that the County Clerk's Office is using is more than 12 years old and has reached its last upgrade for recording land records and vital records. The state is now pressuring for the use of newer technology that the old software is unable to do. With the new software and equipment, they offer an offsite secure server that will keep the records safe from being hacked or natural disaster, safe for the county and its network system. Mr. Bachman went on to explain that offering all of these records online can prove to be a revenue generator for the county since land record companies can then access them online and pay a fee to use that service that Fidlar offers. Mr. Bachman and Mrs. Westerfield then went over the potential revenues that the county could make by going over other counties in comparable sizes of their services offered by Fidlar. The land records for Union County are digitally backed up to mid-1988 and Mrs. Westerfield stated that more revenue could be gained the further back that the records go. Fidlar also offer a free service that is offered for online use as well were Death, Marriage and Birth certificates can be requested online and a fee collected that will go to the county. Property Fraud Alert is another free service that is offered by Fidlar and is free for the public of Union County to sign up for. It is designed to alert the public if their name is indexed by the county, it alerts the person of such. Land records have become one of the biggest hit identity theft crimes now today. The County Assessor, Tammy Robinson spoke and said how the new software would benefit her office as well to so that it would streamline a lot of manually entered data that her office staff has to spend a lot of time on as well. Fidlar left a quote for the new software update for the board to review.

D. Procure Services Proposal for Ambulance Cot Maintenance
Director of the Ambulance Service, Grant Capel asked to have this item tabled until further notice.

E. Insurance Presentation - Hope Trust - Alex Snedeker

Mr. Snedeker wanted to introduce himself to the new members of the board and explain what all Snedeker and Hope Trust offers and does for the county. Mr. Snedeker explained that there are two sides to the company; the first is the liability and workman's compensation. The seconded is health insurance for the employee's benefit package. The Hope Trust was formed by 4 different counties in the state to help create stability for the rising health insurance costs. Today it is around 25 public entities that are in the Hope Trust. Mr. Snedeker pointed out that there was a 2.5% increase of cost with the Hope trust over the past 3 years averaged. Mr. Miller spoke up and stated that in one year, the county saved \$150,000.00 when switching to the Hope Trust. Clerk Meisenheimer asked how a family plan could be implemented for the employees with the current benefit options. Mr. Snedeker explained that the county could have "Dual Choice" and offer a family plan for the same cost for the county. A plan could be developed and brought to the insurance committee to be reviewed.

Kevin Kern then spoke on the property causality and work compensation side of the company. Mr. Kern passed out info on some upcoming ICRMT 2019 Seminars. These seminars are for safety training for department heads to attend. Mr. Kern also wanted the board to know that their Regional Risk Manager, Kyle Shell came a few weeks prior to meet with departments to go over trainings and procedures for keeping work compensation down. Mr. Kern stated that the ICRMT is also keeping new laws and procedures up to date with the county as well.

- F. Resolution Authorizing Local Match for Township Bridge Program Funding**
Mr. Foster made the motion to approve the Resolution for Project #Z2W0(420) & Job #C-99-521-13 and Mr. Pitts seconded the motion.

Kent Pitts	Yes
Bobby Toler Jr.	Yes
Dale Foster	Yes
Max Miller	Yes
David Gould	Absent
Motion Passes	

Mr. Toler made a motion to approve the Resolution for Project #4KC5(772) & Job #C-99-036-18 and Mr. Foster seconded the motion.

Kent Pitts	Yes
Bobby Toler Jr.	Yes
Dale Foster	Yes
Max Miller	Yes
David Gould	Absent
Motion Passes	

- G. Resolution Appointing Members to the Union County Hotel Operators' Occupancy Tax Board.**

Chairman Miller made the motion to appoint David Gould, Carol Hoffman, Ken Pinnon, Patrick Brumleve and Jeff Kelley with one vacancy to be filled later and Mr. Foster seconded the motion.

Kent Pitts	Yes
Bobby Toler Jr.	Yes
Dale Foster	Yes
Max Miller	Yes
David Gould	Absent
Motion Passes	

- H. 2017 County Audit Findings Update**

County Administrator, Angie Johnson then presented the seven findings that were noted by the auditor's findings and Mrs. Johnson gave the county's

responses. The seven findings will be attached with the minutes with the county's responses as well. Mr. Miller added after the presentation from Mrs. Johnson on the 2017-007 finding that corrective actions have been tried to be made since January of 2017 but certain office holders have not complied with the findings. He would like for all the office holders to comply with the findings and make the appropriate changes to fix this issue.

I. Six (6) Month Review of Executive Minutes

Mr. Foster made the motion that all the audio files up to 8/1/18 be destroyed and the Executive Session Minutes remained closed. Mr. Pitts then seconded the motion.

Kent Pitts	Yes
Bobby Toler Jr.	Yes
Dale Foster	Yes
Max Miller	Yes
David Gould	Absent
Motion Passes	

X. Executive Session

None

XI. Other Business

County Clerk, Lance Meisenheimer announced that his office has received a \$7500.00 grant from the IVRS for voter registration cyber security protection. Mr. Meisenheimer then stated that it can be used to pay for vender services that Platinum Technologies currently offers for the county.

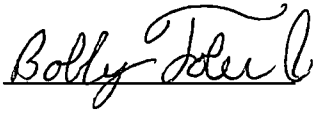
Circuit Clerk, Tiffany Busby announced that her office has generated around \$8000.00 extra in her Court Automation Fund in January of 2019. Mrs. Busby also reported that her office has made history with the IDROP (Illinois Debt Recovery Offset Portal) program by being set up the fastest in all 102 counties in the state. She reported that \$603,000.00 has been entered into the program to be garnished through state income taxes and state employee wages. \$459,000 is in state and \$142,000 is out of state. Mrs. Busby stated that with income tax season here, they should start seeing some of this money being collected. The board commended Mrs. Busby and her staff on getting this implemented.

XII. Adjournment

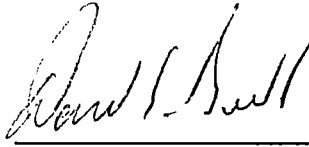
Mr. Foster made the motion to adjourn and Mr. Toller seconded the motion.

Kent Pitts	Yes
Bobby Toler Jr.	Yes
Dale Foster	Yes
Max Miller	Yes
David Gould	Absent
Motion Passes	

Meeting was adjourned at 10:03am



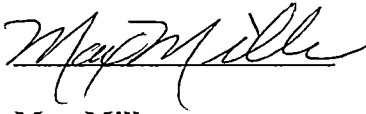
Bobby Toler Jr



David Gould



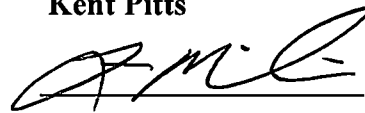
Kent Pitts



Max Miller



Dale Foster



Lance Meisenheimer