

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF MONROE COUNTY, ILLINOIS MAY 7, 2018

The meeting of the County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois was called to order at 8:00 a.m. Chairman Robert Elmore, Commissioner Delbert Wittenauer, and Commissioner Vicki Koerber were present.

The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Others present included County Clerk Dennis Knobloch and Sheila Wetzler, along with Press Corps representatives – Joe Leicht of the Monroe County Independent and Alan Dooley of the Republic Times. Also present were Ron Schultheis and Ed McLean.

There being a quorum present, meeting was called to order by Chairman Elmore.

There were no Public Comments.

The following Accounts Payable having been approved for payment, Commissioner Wittenauer moved that the same be allowed and that vouchers be issued against their respective funds of the County Treasurer for payment. Motion seconded by Commissioner Koerber, and so declared all voting Aye, none Nay, and none Absent. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND

10-8 Video	229.00
1 st National Bank of Waterloo	8,619.94
ADP, LLC	2,683.00
Americom Imaging Systems, Inc.	161.58
Americom	6,944.00
Annmarie Marcuson	23.13
Axis Forensic Technology, Inc.	275.00
Beneflex	1,157.00
Bob Barker Company Inc.	94.94
Bruce Whipple	139.99
City of Waterloo	13,690.08
Coast to Coast	204.00
Coins for Anything, Inc.	1,624.00
Columbia Quarry Company	1,569.43
Communications Revolving Fund	527.87
Culligan-Schaefer Water Centers	29.88
Egyptian Workspace Partners	561.59
Gateway Industrial Power	450.00
Gillan Graphics	10.00
GreatAmerica Financial Services	152.49
Harrisonville Telephone	3,198.39
John Deere Financial	57.94
K&D Printing	233.25
Kara Welch	200.00
Kelton Davis	12,068.67
Kone Inc.	660.74
Kyle Waddington	99.98

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Leon Uniform Company Inc.	127.98
McCarthy, Leonard & Kaemmerer, L.C.	4,825.00
Motorola	374.95
Municipal Electronics	142.09
Nabers Shop	131.06
Oak Hill	10,784.00
O'Reilly Auto Parts	20.81
Pamela Monroe	35.97
Platinum Technology Resource, LLC	2,234.72
Prairie Farms Dairy, Inc.	360.00
PTS of America LLC	3,100.50
Quality Collision	1,325.36
Quill Corporation	687.19
R P Lumber Co Inc.	34.00
Ray O'Herron Co Inc.	130.10
Rejis Commission	266.00
ReliableSanitation Service Inc.	2,524.41
Richland Pet Cremation & Memorials	32.00
Robert Elmore	197.29
Robert W. Dickerson	161.82
Secure Document Destruction	40.00
Security Envelope Company	354.77
Sidebarr Technologies	99.00
Sirchie Finger Print Laboratories	62.65
St. Clair/Monroe County CASA	1,200.00
St. Louis Regional Crime Stoppers	250.00
Starbeam Supply Co.	137.67
Tessco	65.47
Thomson Reuters-West Publishing Corp.	1,823.36
Toshiba Financial Services	246.00
US Bank Equipment Finance	239.80
UPS	7.78
V "Red" Smith	20.00
Walmart Community	350.98
Waterloo Animal Hospital	887.87
Waterloo Lumber Company Inc.	41.11
Watson's Office City	126.39
Wayne's One Stop	245.75
WEX	5,440.46

HEALTH TAX FUND

1 st National Bank of Waterloo	780.80
Coast to Coast Equipment	162.00
Coast to Coast	1,286.17
Motorola	34.00
Stericycle Inc.	345.70

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AMBULANCE SERVICE FUND

1 st National Bank of Waterloo	2,070.24
4Imprint, Inc.	1,542.09
Airgas Mid America	173.44
Andres Medical Billing, Ltd.	3,603.95
Bound Tree Medical LLC	632.77
Harrisonville Telephone Company	143.49
Mertz Ford	5,554.95
Monroe County General Fund	29,939.00
Motorola Solutions	396.00
Shirleen Schaefer	126.00
Walmart Community/RFCSELLC	66.51
Warner Communications Corp.	167.50
Wells Fargo Vendor Fin Serv	115.99
WEX	2,259.52
Zoll Medical Corporation	393.60

HIGHWAY FUND

1 st National Bank of Waterloo	7.39
Aaron Metzger	147.40
Al's Auto Waterloo	62.30
Aramark Uniform Services	1,957.46
Asphalt Sales and Products Inc.	891.25
ATSSA	139.50
Bel-O Sales & Service	60.00
Columbia Quarry Company	101.88
Dave Schmidt Truck Service	104.94
Equipment Service Co. Inc.	485.75
Fountain Water District	44.16
Harrisonville Telephone Co.	42.05
Iron Crafters Inc.	16.50
John Deere Financial	539.85
John Fabick Tractor Company	12.88
Leaf	299.00
Nabers Shop	2,391.82
Quill	48.40
Roger's Redi-Mix Inc.	654.00
Schwarze Trailer Repair, Inc.	99.50
Shady Brook Lawn & Garden	75.00
Sunset Ford	205.67
V "Red" Smith Pest Control Inc.	25.00
Waterloo Lumber Co.	54.50
Watson's Office City	210.00

FEDERAL MATCHING AID FUND

Columbia Quarry Company	9,307.10
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BRIDGE FUND

Huebner Concrete Contracting Inc.	3,960.00
Road District 10	1,212.44

COUNTY MFT

Columbia Quarry Company	133.80
Monroe County Highway Fund	41,969.56

ROAD MFT

Columbia Quarry Company	2,122.64
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CIRCUIT CLERK DOCUMENT STORAGE

Goodin Associates Ltd	650.00
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Pam Jacobs came to the meeting to discuss the University of Illinois Extension Service. She said that the University would like to enter into a multi-year lease with all of the Extension offices so they don't have to do this work annually. Ms. Jacobs said she had a lease document that was for a two-year period using the same annual lease fee. Commissioner Koerber said she didn't like the idea that the county didn't have the opportunity to adjust the lease amount from year to year. Ms. Jacobs said the lease could be reviewed annually and adjusted if necessary. Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Koerber to approve the multi-year lease following review and approval of the lease document by the State's Attorney. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Chairman Elmore said he wasn't happy that St. Clair and Madison Counties are still not making proportionate contributions to support the Extension Service in their Counties. He said he also received comments from Daniel Rahe, a member of the Extension Service Board, who said he wasn't happy that money is being taken from the group's reserve fund to cover shortfalls in the contributions from St. Clair County and Madison County. Chairman Elmore said Mr. Rahe will be coming to the next County Board meeting to discuss this situation.

Ms. Jacobs said she has always pledged to keep the Monroe County office as the lead office in the three-County arrangement, and that situation still continues. She said Madison and St. Clair Counties do help to bring some Federal funding to the Unit, and that helps to cover some of the expenses in these other two Counties. Ms. Jacobs said it would also be impossible to keep all of the current programs going if Monroe County would separate from Madison and St. Clair.

Ms. Jacobs said the local Extension Service has not received any state match funding since 2015, but the State has promised that the equivalent of 10 months' worth of payments will be received by Monroe County this year. She produced copies of two different annual budgets – one that included the State match funding and one that did not include the State match funding. Motion was made by Commissioner Koerber, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to approve both forms of the budget, allowing Ms. Jacobs to use the one that matches the eventual actions of the State of Illinois regarding their funding of the Extension Service. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

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Sheriff Rohlffing came to the meeting to present a detailed report of the programs and activities in the Monroe County Sheriff's Department. Chairman Elmore said he felt there was a lot of misinformation being passed along following the April 16th report of the Sheriff, and Chairman Elmore wanted to make sure everyone had all of the facts about the Sheriff's Department. He said Monroe County continues to grow, and Sheriff Rohlffing and his Department have done a great job of keeping up with the challenges produced by a growing population. Sheriff Rohlffing agreed that information has been put out to the public that was inaccurate, and he wanted to present the facts.

Sheriff Rohlffing presented the following information:

In 2016, I requested 2 deputies and 1 corrections officer in our budget due to an increase in calls of service and safety in jail. State jail inspectors every year cited jail staff was low. The last new hire was in 2007, when the prior Sheriff requested additional personnel.

In March, 2017, we had an emergency hire due to two of our corrections officers being off duty from non-work-related injuries.

Updated the department servers that were over 10 years old. We were not receiving updates from our CAD system for over 3 years. Updated work stations in the Jail to include our 911 center that was outdated, not working properly, and not supported by Windows. Also updated laptop computers in the patrol cars that were over 8 years old.

Issued new shotguns to deputies due to old ones falling apart on the range during qualification.

Issued tasers to all deputies instead of sharing in order to reduce liability and injuries to personnel.

Created a security committee for the courthouse to address the security needs. Assigned a deputy to the courthouse for security during business hours. In 2017, we went to single door access to the courthouse for the public. With the events going on anymore we have to prepare for everything in order to keep our citizens safe. We installed a security camera system to ensure employee safety.

We updated our security system at the jail to ensure employee safety and reduce liability. We also updated our cell check system to a digital system which shows exact times of every duty our corrections officers perform. This will also reduce liability.

Increased training opportunities for deputies, corrections and dispatchers. This is a profession where you never stop learning.

Established crime tip hotline and website.

Began aggressive intruder training for businesses and school officials.

Joined the DEA Task Force in April 2016, which has generated \$131,093.88.

Updated our policies/procedures that are 25 years old and went to the Lexipol system in order to reduce liability and injuries.

Issued trauma bags for active shooter situations.

Secured AED's in all the patrol cars through the Sheriff's Department calendar and the City of Columbia donating their old ones.

Downloaded Active 911 on department cell phones for emergency call outs after updating our issued cellphones to personnel.

In 2017, we created the Aggressive Criminal Enforcement Unit (ACE) to target drug dealers, burglars, sex offenders, and those that wish to prey on our youth and elderly. Felony drug arrests are up 2,400% since 2014.

Switched to Chevrolet Tahoes due to the discontinuation of the Chevrolet Impala. Any equipment purchased for Impalas after 2015 will be obsolete. This created better access to rural

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areas and were cheaper than 2016 patrol car options. These 2-year-old Tahoes are from the Kansas Highway Patrol and the cost is \$19,000 per Tahoe to further save money. The Chevrolet Impalas are rotated out of service at 100,000 miles but it is anticipated the Tahoes will last 50,000-75,000 more miles.

Received three Humvees through the government surplus program for extreme weather conditions and emergencies: example – floods, extreme snowfall, tornado damage.

Received a search and rescue boat through federal surplus - \$300,000 asset.

Received the Howard Buffett K-9 Grant valued at \$73,000. The grant included a K-9, training, Chevrolet Tahoe, mobile laptop and all the equipment needed.

Received a second free K-9 valued at \$10,000 from a private donor and all the training was paid for. This canine was forced to retire due to severe medical issues.

In February 2017, we received \$13,000 in donations from three local businesses, one citizen and the Oddfellows organization. With these donations we will be able to purchase a second canine at no cost to the taxpayers and ensure coverage with a canine 7 days a week. In April the handler started the K-9 academy with his new partner.

Received a free Livescan machine to digitally take fingerprints which is valued at \$65,000. The prints can be submitted to the State Police and FBI to additionally reduce the cost of mailing ink cards.

We reduced many costs in the Jail. In September 2016, we also started using the Nursing Home to make the meals for the inmates which has cut our meal costs from \$15 a day to \$5.49 a day. For the first year this saved taxpayers about \$100,000. The commissary system has been revamped and is generating funds for purchasing equipment for the Jail. In 2014, the commissary system generated \$5,151.52 and in 2017, it generated \$41,844.49. Through the commissary system we can now take bond on a machine in the lobby which frees up administrative personnel.

In 2017, the County Board approved a bond fee and that has generated \$2,983 for 2018 so far. We also conducted a fee study that showed the fees that we collect are severely low compared to costs.

We came in under budget in 2015, 2016 and 2017, despite many challenges that we faced operationally.

The Sheriff is responsible for maintenance and security of the courthouse, jail, annex building and Regional Superintendent of Schools building. All of these buildings are over 25 years old and need updating, including new roofs.

In 2017, EMA was placed under the Sheriff which would also show an increase in my operations.

The Sheriff provided information showing that calls have increased from 6,431 in 2012 to 13,247 in 2017, and traffic stops during that same time period have increased from 1,223 to 2,014. Sheriff Rohlring explained the details of the DEA Asset Forfeiture program showing the \$131,093.88 that has been collected to date. He also explained that pending final decisions, the County will be receiving a percentage of more than \$2.9 million in assets that have been seized through this program. He provided a breakdown showing that expenses for the DEA officer have been \$183,809.27 from April 2016 to April 2018. The Sheriff also provided all of the details of the Federal inmate housing program showing that this also provides profit for the County.

Commissioner Wittenauer said there are plans to remodel the interior of the Annex Building following the move by the Health Department to a new facility. It only makes sense to replace the roof at the same time, so problems with the existing roof do not cause damage to the

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remodeled interior. Chairman Elmore said he agreed that the Annex roof needs to be considered first. Sheriff Rohlring said that work can begin as soon as the County Board feels it is necessary.

There was discussion of the Federal Inmate Program. Commissioner Koerber said she wanted clarification that these are not violent offenders. Sheriff Rohlring said they are primarily drug offenders, felons in possession of firearms and white collar crimes, so to answer her question – no, they are not violent offenders, and many of the locals who are arrested are more violent than the Federal Inmates. Sheriff Rohlring said Sheriff Kelley also houses some Federal Inmates, but he got away from it, because many of those brought in were Spanish-speaking individuals, and the language barrier caused a lot of problems. Sheriff Rohlring said the reason he initiated the program was to try to bring in more funding to help pay for the necessary staff at the Jail. He said nearly every surrounding County participates in the program. Commissioner Wittenauer said since you're making money with this program, you will be able to refund some of the money that has been appropriated in the Sheriff's Department budget. Sheriff Rohlring said all money that comes in goes back to the County, and helps reduce the cost of the operation.

Sheriff Rohlring said in 2017, the Federal Inmate program brought in \$109,553.73, and the only expense that is not reimbursed is the meal cost, which last year was \$15,048.95. The overage is used to pay for the expenses of Jail staff.

Commissioner Wittenauer asked if any of the Asset Forfeiture monies or the Federal Inmate monies can be used to help defray the cost of the new roof for the Jail. Sheriff Rohlring said he would check on that.

Sheriff Rohlring said one of the K-9 officers has started a fund that is being supported by various donations, and this is now covering the cost of supporting the K-9 program. He said the commissary fund is now bringing in enough to cover to cost of a Jailer.

Chairman Elmore commended Sheriff Rohlring for the good work he is doing in running the County Sheriff's Department. Commissioner Koerber said Monroe County is one of the only Illinois counties growing at this point, and a lot of that population increase is due to quality of life.

Brian Hooten and Mike Schneider came to the meeting to discuss the Jail roof. Mr. Hooten said he looked at the money in his project fund, and he felt the best option for moving forward with some work that needs to be done is to replace the roof on the Monroe County Jail.

Chairman Elmore said due to the Judge's schedule, he would like to ask Mr. Hooten and Mr. Schneider to delay their presentation for a few minutes. They both agreed.

Judge Doyle, State's Attorney Chris Hitzemann, Courtney Schweickhardt, Circuit Clerk Lisa Fallon and a representative of the St. Clair County Probation Office were in attendance to discuss the operation of the probation office. Mr. Hitzeman said he has been working with Human Support Services regarding the Adult Redeploy Program. He said they are working on a grant that is due next week, and one of the things included is funding for an additional Probation Officer. Mr. Hitzemann said the County Board will have to authorize this extra position, because the Probation Officers currently have a contract that includes a no-layoff clause. That means if

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the position is created, and at some point down the road, the grant is no longer available, the County would be responsible for maintaining this new Probation Officer position. Mr. Hitzemann said the grant should cover the cost of the Probation Officer at this time. Commissioner Koerber said but if the grant is not approved in the future, the County would have to continue the position, and would also have to cover any costs for that individual. Mr. Hitzemann said yes, that was true. The cost for this new officer including fringe benefits is about \$57,000. Discussion revealed that several other surrounding Counties have previously applied for these grants, and they have been successful in receiving the grants, and in having them renewed in successive years. Commissioner Koerber asked who decides who will be hired for this position. Courtney Schweickhardt said it would be decided by the Probation Director, the Chief Judge of the Circuit, and Judge Doyle.

Commissioner Koerber said she felt this was a good program, but she didn't like the idea that the County Board may be forced to continue the position in future years without any guarantee of additional grant funding. Judge Doyle said he was very supportive of the program, and felt it would be of great benefit to those who pass through the Monroe County Court system. He said any programs that can help put people back on the right path rather than putting them in our already-crowded Jail system is a benefit to all. Chairman Elmore asked how many people use this program currently. Ms. Schweickhardt said currently there are six people in the program, and it has been successful for all but one of the participants.

Ms. Schweickhardt said Monroe County has more people using probation services than most of the surrounding Counties, and most of them have several additional officers plus a secretary. Commissioner Koerber said her concern is that the grant being discussed is from the State of Illinois, and she was concerned about the stability of the grant. Commissioner Wittenauer asked if we are guaranteed the grant award. Mr. Hitzemann said the application is being prepared and is due next week, and there is no guarantee of award. Commissioner Wittenauer asked if this delegation was asking the County Board to establish this position even if the grant is not awarded. Ms. Schweickhardt said they were not asking for that today, but they may be back to revisit that in the future. Commissioner Koerber said she would like to see statistics on the current workload of the Monroe County Probation office. Ms. Schweickhardt said she would provide that to the County Board. Commissioner Wittenauer asked about activity in the surrounding Counties. Ms. Schweickhardt said that Perry and Washington Counties are sharing an officer at this time, and Randolph County has two officers plus a secretary.

Mr. Hitzemann asked how many people are currently being served by the Probation Officer. Ms. Schweickhardt said about 540 people are currently under her supervision in some form.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Koerber to approve the addition of a Probation Officer upon receipt of the State of Illinois grant. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried. Commissioner Koerber asked if Ms. Schweickhardt could present a semi-annual report to the County Board regarding the activities of her office. Ms. Schweickhardt said she could do that.

Brian Hooten and Mike Schneider returned to the meeting to discuss the Jail roof. Mr. Schneider said the roof is about 12,500 square feet, and the current roof is original to the 35-year old building. Multiple patches and repairs have been done to the roof. Mr. Schneider said the current

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roof is white beaded insulation sandwiched in between two thin layers of concrete with a total insulation value of R-5. He said what is being proposed for replacement is about five and a half

inches of polystyrene material, with a light-colored roof membrane instead of the current black roof, and that would bring the roof value to R-30. Mr. Schneider said you will save on energy costs, and this will mean no more roof leaks. Mr. Hooten said there have been two leaks already this year.

Mr. Schneider said a rough cost estimate on the new roof is about \$12.40 per square foot or \$150,000, and the roof would have a 30-year warranty. Mr. Hooten said there is some money in the project fund – just about that amount. Mr. Schneider said that does not guarantee that the bids will come in at the amount of the estimate. Mr. Hooten said he knew the County Board was talking about replacing the Annex roof, but he feels it is more important to do the Jail roof first. Commissioner Koerber asked if this roof could be added on to in the case of new Jail construction or addition. Mr. Schneider said that would not be a problem. Mr. Schneider said he can set up the bid notice so the bids come in at the end of May, and then they can be opened at the first County Board meeting in June. Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Koerber to go out for bids to replace the Jail roof. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Anmarie Marcuson came to the meeting to discuss the Courthouse switchboard. She said the hope is that the switchboard can be shut down. Ms. Marcuson said the Zoning office is becoming busier, and it is sometimes hard to find someone from another office to “sit” the switchboard if Laura is busy with her other duties, or is out of the office. She said we also receive a lot of calls at the Courthouse that are for other government offices like the City of Waterloo, the Post Office, the Driver’s License facility, etc. Ms. Marcuson said they would like to do a six-month trial of shutting down the switchboard. Commissioner Koerber said we need to make sure that all of the offices are covered, because currently the Coroner’s office is not a part of the County system. Ms. Marcuson said she is also checking with HTC to see if we could transfer calls directly to the City of Waterloo.

Ms. Marcuson said that HTC has also come up with some new program that could provide some cost savings to the County. She said representatives of HTC would like to come to the next County Board meeting to explain this change.

Kevin Koenigstein came to the meeting to provide an update on the IMRF program. He said due to current stock market activity, our current funding level (for the calendar year ending on December 31, 2017) is excellent. The current level compared to previous years is as follows –

2014 level – 98.43%
2015 level – 93.83%
2016 level – 93.74%
2017 level – 103.43%

He said the levels for the SLEP fund (Sheriff’s Dept. employees) is also in good shape, over 100% for the calendar year ending 12/31/2017, and the history of that fund is as follows –

2014 level – 104.01%
2015 level – 86.31%
2016 level – 93.43%
2017 level – 100.34%

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Mr. Koenigstein said the contribution rates for calendar year 2018 are 8.48% for IMRF and 13.78% for SLEP. The preliminary rates for calendar year 2019 are 6.46% for IMRF and 13.37% for SLEP. He said the average rate projection for units of government for 2019 is 9.06% compared to our 6.46% for IMRF, and 20.50% compared to our 13.37% for SLEP.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Koerber to proclaim May 22, 2018 as National Maritime Day in Monroe County, Illinois. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Koerber to reappoint Mark Brandt and Matthew Ty Lindhorst to the Waterloo Community Fire Protection District. All voting aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 18-34

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that the following individuals be reappointed to the Waterloo Community Fire Protection District for a term of three years with term to commence on May 1, 2018 and term to expire on April 30, 2021 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Mark Brandt
6154 Maeystown Road
Waterloo IL 62298

Matthew Ty Lindhorst
2017 Links Lane
Waterloo IL 62298

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo this 7th day of May, 2018.

Motion: Wittenauer
Aye: Three
Absent: None

Second: Koerber
Nay: None

Robert Elmore, Chairman

Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

Delbert Wittenauer, Member

Vicki Koerber, Member

Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Koerber to reappoint Glenn Stumpf to the Columbia Fire Protection District. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION 18-35

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that Glenn F. Stumpf, 9474 D Road, Columbia, Illinois be reappointed to the Columbia Fire Protection District for a term of three years with term to commence on May 1, 2018 and term to expire on April 30, 2021 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo this 7th day of May, 2018.

Motion: Wittenauer
Aye: Three
Absent: None

Second: Koerber
Nay: None

Robert Elmore, Chairman

Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

Delbert Wittenauer, Member

Vicki Koerber, Member

Motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Koerber to reappoint Michael Conrad to the Columbia Fire Protection District. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 18-36

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that Michael Conrad, 218 Goodhaven Street, Columbia, Illinois be reappointed to the Columbia Fire Protection District for a term of three years with term to commence on May 1, 2018 and term to expire on April 30, 2021 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo this 7th day of May, 2018.

Motion: Wittenauer
Aye: Three
Absent: None

Second: Koerber
Nay: None

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Motion was made by Commissioner Koerber, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to reappoint Randy Scheibe to the Valmeyer Fire Protection District. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 18-37

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that Randy Scheibe, 621 KK Road, Valmeyer, Illinois be reappointed to the Valmeyer Fire Protection District for a term of three years with term to commence on May 1, 2018 and term to expire on April 30, 2021 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo this 7th day of May, 2018.

Motion: Koerber
Aye: Three
Absent: None

Second: Wittenauer
Nay: None

Robert Elmore, Chairman

Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

Delbert Wittenauer, Member

Vicki Koerber, Member

Motion was made by Commissioner Koerber, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to reappoint Joe Gregson to the Hecker Fire Protection District. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION 18-38

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that Joe Gregson, 7164 State Rt. 156, Waterloo, Illinois be reappointed to the Hecker Fire Protection District for a term of three years with term to commence on May 1, 2018 and term to expire on April 30, 2021 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo this 7th day of May, 2018.

Motion: Koerber
Aye: Three
Absent: None

Second: Wittenauer
Nay: None

Robert Elmore, Chairman

Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

Delbert Wittenauer, Member

Vicki Koerber, Member

Motion was made by Commissioner Koerber, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to reappoint Brian Coats to the Maeystown Fire Protection District. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 18-39

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that Brian Coats, 1317 Mill Street, Maeystown, Illinois be reappointed to the Maeystown Fire Protection District for a term of three years with term to commence on May 1, 2018 and term to expire on April 30, 2021 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo this 7th day of May, 2018.

Motion: Koerber
Aye: Three
Absent: None

Second: Wittenauer
Nay: None

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Delbert Wittenauer, Member

Vicki Koerber, Member

Motion was made by Commissioner Koerber, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to reappoint Ronald Stumpf to the Fountain Water District. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 18-40

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois that Ronald Stumpf, 3320 Steppig Road, Columbia, Illinois be reappointed to the Fountain Water District with term to commence on May 1, 2018 and term to expire on April 30, 2023 or until a successor is appointed and has qualified.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo this 7th day of May, 2018.

Motion: Koerber
Aye: Three
Absent: None

Second: Wittenauer
Nay: None

Robert Elmore, Chairman

Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

Delbert Wittenauer, Member

Vicki Koerber, Member

Motion was made by Commissioner Koerber, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to increase the minimum auction sale bid for the Delinquent Tax Liquidation Program to \$750 to help defray increased program costs. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION 18-41

WHEREAS, this County Board of Monroe County, Illinois, has heretofore entered into a certain written "PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT" with Joseph E. Meyer & Associates, Inc. (or its predecessor) originally dated November 06, 1995 and providing for the creation and administration of a Delinquent Tax Liquidation Program; and

WHEREAS, said Agreement, as extended and amended, remains in full force and effect including costs of obtaining title to tax delinquent properties and conveying such properties through public auctions, have substantially increased; and

WHEREAS, increasing the minimum auction sale bid to \$750.00 per property will serve to defray such increased program costs;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Monroe County, Illinois, that the minimum auction sale bid for properties first offered at public oral and sealed bid auction sales through the Delinquent Tax Liquidation Program shall be, and is hereby, increased to \$750.00 per parcel; and

FURTHER, that the increase in minimum bid hereby effected shall be applied so as to increase by \$100.00, to a total of \$450.00, the minimum fee paid to the said Joseph E. Meyer & Associates, Inc., for its services on account of the sale of any property pursuant to said Agreement, and to increase the proceeds accruing to the Taxing Districts by an additional \$50.00 per property; and

FURTHER, that any properties that are not sold upon first offering may be re-offered at a reduced selling price as may be deemed appropriate by the Treasurer and this County Board; and

FURTHER, that the Chairman of this County Board is hereby authorized to enter into and to subscribe, on behalf of this County Board, the written "ADDENDUM TO PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT" presented to this meeting and providing for the increase in minimum auction sale bid hereby approved and effected, and that all other terms and provisions of the said "PROFESSIONAL SERVICE AGREEMENT", as heretofore amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the County Board of Monroe County, Illinois, this 7th day of May, A.D., 2018.

County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

County Clerk

Motion was made by Commissioner Koerber, with a second by Commissioner Wittenauer to approve the Resolution protecting the 2nd Amendment rights of the citizens of Monroe County. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

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RESOLUTION 18-42

Resolution opposing the passage of HB1465, HB1467, HB1468, HB1469, SB1657, any trailer bill, or any bill similar to, or any bill where the 100th Illinois General Assembly desires to restrict the Individual right of U. S. Citizens as protected by the Second Amendment of the United States Constitution.

WHEREAS, the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms is guaranteed as an Individual Right under the Second Amendment to the United States Constitution and under the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and;

WHEREAS, the Right of the People to Keep and Bear Arms for defense of Life, Liberty, and Property is regarded as an Inalienable Right by the People of Monroe County, and;

WHEREAS, the people of Monroe County, Illinois derive economic benefit from all safe forms of firearms recreation, hunting and shooting conducted within Monroe County using all types of firearms allowable under the United States Constitution, and;

WHEREAS, HB1465 is a violation of the 4th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution requiring responsible persons under 21 to surrender lawfully owned firearms or face becoming instant felons; fails to define how to relinquish firearms; only allows possession at the Sparta shooting complex, but fails to provide similar exemptions for recreational shooting at gun clubs, private ranges or under supervision of responsible adults or parents, unless certified as a firearms instructor;

WHEREAS, HB1467 is a violation of the 4th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution requiring persons to immediately relinquish lawfully owned bump stocks or trigger cranks, while also failing to provide where and how to relinquish firearms devices, thus creating instant felons upon passage;

WHEREAS, HB1468 contains broad and unclear definitions which will cause confusion amongst firearm owners and dealers as to which type of firearm is subject to 72-hour wait period; bans nonresidents from purchasing certain long guns defined loosely as assault weapons, puts dealers in jeopardy of unknowingly violating the law;

WHEREAS, HB1469 is a violation of the 4th Amendment to the U. S. Constitution requiring persons to immediately relinquish lawfully owned magazines, fails to provide how to properly relinquish banned magazines, creates instant felons if enacted as written, creates conflicts allowing for sale to out of state persons while stating possession is a felony, bans body armor worn as protection for those who employ the use of chain saws, motorcyclists, range officers and firearm instructors, shop owners and employees who work in dangerous neighborhoods or during night shifts;

WHEREAS, SB1657 and trailer bills will create economic hardship on lawfully owned and operated small business firearm dealerships, in effect forcing them to close; will create undue

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burdens and price increases on person to lawfully purchase firearms; will have a direct negative impact on local economies through job loss and sales tax loss; will create another layer of

burdensome government regulation on top of the heavy Federal regulations; imposes new fees on top of existing Federal license fees;

WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of Commissioners, being elected to represent the people of Monroe County, and being duly sworn by their Oath of Office to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and;

WHEREAS, the Illinois House of Representatives and the Illinois Senate, being elected by the People of the State of Illinois, and being duly sworn by their Oath of Office to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and;

WHEREAS, the Governor of Illinois, being elected to represent the People of the State of Illinois and being duly sworn by his Oath of Office to uphold the United States Constitution and the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and;

WHEREAS, proposed legislation, any bills similar to, under consideration by the Illinois State Legislature would infringe the Right to Keep and Bear Arms, and would ban the possession and use of firearms, magazines, body armor now employed by individual citizens of Monroe County, Illinois, for defense of Life, Liberty and Property, and would ban the possession and use of firearms now employed for safe forms of firearms recreation, hunting and shooting conducted within Monroe County, Illinois;

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation potentially violates the 5th Amendment failing to provide just compensation under the takings clause, 8th Amendment imposition against excessive fines and punishments on law abiding citizens by punitive forfeiture / relinquishment of lawfully owned property, and Ex Post Facto Law Clause of the United States Constitution.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE AND IS HEREBY RESOLVED, that the People of Monroe County, Illinois, do hereby oppose the enactment of any legislation that would infringe upon the Right of the People to keep and bear arms and consider such laws to be unconstitutional and beyond lawful Legislative Authority.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Monroe County Board demands that the Illinois General Assembly cease further actions restricting the Right of the People to keep and bear arms, and hereby demand that the Governor of Illinois veto all such legislation which restricts the Right of the People to keep and bear arms.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of Monroe County, Illinois is hereby directed to prepare and deliver certified copies of this Resolution to all members of the Illinois General Assembly, and to the Office of the Governor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if the Government of the State of Illinois shall infringe upon the inalienable rights granted by the Second Amendment, Monroe County shall become a "Sanctuary County" for all firearms unconstitutionally prohibited by the government of

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the State of Illinois, in that, Monroe County will prohibit its employees from enforcing the unconstitutional actions of the State Government.

Adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Monroe County, Illinois at Waterloo, this 7th day of May, 2018.

Motion _____ Aye _____
Second _____ Nay _____
Absent _____ Abstain _____

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Dennis M. Knobloch, County Clerk

Robert Elmore, Chairman

Delbert Wittenauer, Member

Vicki Koerber, Member

Chairman Elmore said the former TIGER grant program has gone away, and Aaron Metzger provided information saying there is a new grant program, and he will be submitting information to that program for Bluff Road improvements.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Koerber to proclaim May 20-26, 2018 as EMS Week. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Koerber to commend the Monroe County Ambulance Service on 40 years of organization. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried. Carla Heise recognized individual members of the Ambulance Service for the years they have been a part of that group. A video presentation was shown that detailed the history of the Ambulance Service from inception to modern day. Ms. Heise invited all in attendance to stop by the Ambulance Service on 5/23 for the Anniversary observance.

Commissioner Wittenauer reported that one of the damaged trees at Miles Cemetery has been taken down and cleaned up, and the second tree will be cut and cleared once the ground dries out a little more.

Ryan Weber came to the meeting to discuss his office printer. He has received various purchase options including monthly lease or outright purchase. After review he recommended approval of the outright purchase price of \$1,155.72 with annual maintenance fee of \$360. Motion to approve the purchase was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Koerber. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.

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There being no further business to come before the Board, motion to adjourn was made by Commissioner Wittenauer, with a second by Commissioner Koerber. All voting Aye, none Nay and none Absent. Motion carried.