

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE MCHENRY COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

October 6, 2023

10:00 AM

Chairman Nelson called the meeting to order. Commissioners Bryan Bruner, Duane Drader, Lance Johnson and Armann Anderson present.

The board opened the public hearing for comment on the proposed county budget for 2024. David Medalen questioned Commissioner Johnson who oversees Red Cross Township, as to the reason he placed \$22,000 worth of gravel on 71<sup>st</sup> St NE, when just three years ago, \$24,000 was spent to re-clay and gravel that road. Commissioner Johnson stated it needed more gravel. Medalen also questioned why Poplar Grove and Red Cross Townships have been budgeted to receive 18 mills when they should have ample funds. Medalen also asked why there has been no progress on building a new shop in Upham when the funds were budgeted. Medalen left the meeting.

There being no other budget concerns brought to the board, a motion was made by Bruner and seconded by Anderson to approve the budget as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Kelsey Siegler-McHenry County Emergency Manager, Joe Lies-NE Regional Emergency Response Coordinator, and Misty Rodriguez-NW Regional Emergency Response Coordinator joined the meeting to provide information on the roles and responsibilities of County Emergency Managers. Joe mentioned it is the responsibility of the Emergency Manager to write the EMPG grant which provides funding the Emergency Manager position. It is also their responsibility to write the grant which provides the funding for a contractor to write the Hazard Mitigation Plan. It is not the Emergency Managers responsibility to write grants for other entities, but they are asked to inform entities with the grant opportunities. Joe commended Kelsey on her work, as she has gone above and beyond what has been required of her. For instance, the state requires one LEPC meeting a year. McHenry County holds three. She also maintains a Facebook page with information regarding upcoming weather events, fire index ratings and other situations that may be of interest. Kelsey will start providing the commission with quarterly reports, as she is required of with the state, to help the board stay abreast of the situations she is involved in and the work that is done behind the scenes.

The board discussed the employment of the seasonal road personnel as well as the Blade Operator I position. A motion was made by Drader and seconded by Bruner to lay off both employees on October 15<sup>th</sup> or when the road mowing is complete, whichever comes first. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Drader to extend the Murex Petroleum overweight permit for another six months. Motion carried unanimously.

At 12:45 PM, a motion was made by Drader and seconded by Anderson to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Darlene Carpenter, Auditor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Brady Nelson, Chairman