

March 6, 2013

SHELBY COUNTY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

March 13, 2013 – 9:00 A. M. in Courtroom B

1. Call to Order – Prayer – Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes
4. Chairman Cannon – Resignation and Declaration of Vacancy Diana Wagner, Shelby County Supervisor of Assessments; Appointment of Marlene Waggoner as Shelby County Supervisor of Assessments to Fill Vacancy Created by Resignation of Diana Wagner
5. Kristie Warfel, CEFS Transportation Director – Modification to the IDOT Section 5316 Job Access Reverse Commute CY 2013 Grant Application; Approval of Contract Agreement with Gorski Reifsteck for Design Services for Fixed Facility at Property Located at 1505 W. S. First Street, Shelbyville, Illinois
6. County Treasurer Debbie Page – Request Approval for Automation Fee
7. Sheriff Michael Miller – Sheriff's Merit Commission Changes
8. County Highway Engineer Alan Spesard – Highway Engineer's Report: Resolution to Award Road Oil Bids; Petition from the Village of Sigel for Replacement of Bridge with Pipe, Project Updates
9. EMA Coordinator/Zoning Administrator Jared Rowcliffe – EMA/Zoning Reports: Resolution to Rezone Property owned by Joshua Porter in Big Spring Township from AG to GB for Auto Repair Shop
10. Chairman Updates
11. Chairman Appointments
12. Correspondence
13. Public Body Comment
14. Adjournment

Prayer today is given by Pastor Tim Boyd of the First Christian Church of Cowden

**Cinnamon rolls hosted by the Shelby County 4-H Federation
COFFEE - Jury Room B - 8:30 A. M.**

Please silence cell phones during the Board meeting.

SHELBY COUNTY BOARD MEETING

March 13, 2013 – 9:00 A.M.

The Shelby County Board met on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at 9:00 A.M. at the Courthouse in Shelbyville, Illinois.

Chairman Bruce Cannon called the meeting to order. Pastor Tim Boyd of the First Christian Church of Cowden said the prayer and all present recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

County Clerk Jessica Fox called the roll. John Warner was absent.

Following the roll call, Chairman Cannon thanked Yolanda Nation and the 4-H Federation representatives who treated the County Board to cinnamon rolls before the meeting. Jason Becker briefed the board on the activities planned to celebrate 4-H Week beginning March 16th.

Minutes for the February 13, 2013 board meeting were presented for approval. Mulholland moved to approve the minutes as presented. Wetherell seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote. (20 yes, 0 no)

Chairman Cannon announced that after 35 years of employment with Shelby County, Supervisor of Assessments Diana Wagner has decided to retire effective April 1, 2013. Mrs. Wagner recommended Marlene Waggoner be appointed to fill the vacancy left by her resignation. The vacancy was declared and Chairman Cannon appointed Marlene Waggoner to fill the unexpired term created by the resignation of Diana Wagner. Bennett made motion to approve the appointment of Marlene Waggoner as Shelby County Supervisor of Assessments, Robertson seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (20 yes, 0 no). County Clerk Fox administered the Oath to Mrs. Waggoner and she was congratulated on her appointment.

Kristie Warfel, CEFS Transportation Director, addressed the board to present Kristie Warfel, CEFS Transportation Director – Modification to the IDOT Section 5316 Job Access Reverse Commute CY 2013 Grant Application. Warfel explained to the board that this modification would separate Effingham and Shelby Counties. Kearney moved to approve the Job Access Reverse Commute CY 2013 Grant Application as presented. Hunter seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (20 yes, 0 no).

County Treasurer Debbie Page requested approval from the board for a \$10.00 automation fee to be collected from tax buyers for parcels purchased at the annual tax sale, and help to protect the county legally. This fee will help to pay any costs related to the automation of property tax collections and delinquent property tax sales. Wetherell made the motion to approve the automation fee, Bennett seconded the motion which passed by voice vote (19 yes, Barr voting no).

Sheriff Mike Miller addressed the board to report that the Sheriff's Merit Commission on January 23, 2013 approved amending the Rules and Regulations reinstating the Sergeants' positions that had previously been repealed in 2006. Sheriff Miller explained that this change was made in order for him to promote deputies to the rank of Sergeant in the future should he feel the need. Attorney Liz Nohren, legal counsel for the Sheriff's Merit Commission answered questions from the board. Sheriff Miller also informed the board that he would like to re-activate the auxiliary deputy program and would be submitting a resolution for county board approval at the April meeting. Discussion followed. Mulholland made motion to approve the Sheriff's Merit Commission amendment as requested, Clark seconded this motion which passed by voice vote (20 yes, 0 no). (Copy of Amendment attached to these minutes).

Alan Spesard, County Highway Engineer presented the Highway Engineer's Report and a petition from the Village of Sigel for Replacement of a Bridge with Pipe and a Resolution to award road oil bids. Mr. Spesard updated the board that IDOT had recently awarded the contracts for both the Oklahoma and the Neoga Road Bridges and that the highway department would be making the Cold Mix to be used by the County and some of the Townships on March 26 and 27.

Wetherell made motion to approve the Petition from the Village of Sigel for replacement of a bridge with pipe. Simpson seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (20 yes, 0 no). (Petition attached to these minutes).

Robertson made motion to approve the Resolution to award the Road Oil bids to Howell Paving. Warren seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (19 yes, 0 no, Cruitt abstains). (Resolution attached to these minutes).

EMA Coordinator/Zoning Administrator Jared Rowcliffe highlighted the EMA/Zoning report previously mailed to the board for their review. (Report attached to these minutes). Mr. Rowcliffe presented for approval a Resolution to Rezone Property owned by Joshua Porter in Big Spring Township from AG to GB for Auto Repair Shop. This request has been reviewed and approved by both the Planning Commission and Board of Appeals. Discussion was held regarding the Hydraulic Fracturing Seminar that Rowcliffe attended along with Amling, Simpson and Warren recently in Springfield. IEMA has declared March Severe Weather Preparedness Month.

Strohl made motion to approve the Resolution to Rezone the Joshua Porter property in Big Spring Township from AG to GB. Behl seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (20 yes, 0 no). (Resolution attached to these minutes).

Shelby County Board Meeting
March 13, 2013

Chairman Cannon called for committee reports. (Committee reports are attached to these minutes). Reports were given and items presented for follow-up or for public awareness are as follows:

Public Buildings Chair Warren reported that the Circuit Clerk's office had another leak, and the roof would need to be repaired in the very near future. He also stated that the committee would be meeting next week to discuss the Courthouse roof repair, the CEFS design agreement with Gorski Reifsteck for design services for fixed facility at the property located at 1505 W. S. First Street, Shelbyville, as well as designating some handicapped parking spaces closer to the new entrance.

Legislative Committee Chair Amling stated that the Committee had come up with a schedule for county board members to provide a person or minister of their choosing to provide prayer for the meetings through the end of the year, and the Clerk's office would be mailing this schedule in the near future. Discussion was held. Amling reported the committee had met with Dove and Dove regarding the Ameren Transmission Line that has the potential to impact Shelby County landowners and would like to present a resolution at the April meeting expressing Shelby County's support for the original Ameren route. Amling also said the committee has recommended that Assistant State's Attorney Marvin Hanson be the Ethics Committee Advisor, and will seek approval for this as well as the forming of an Ethics Commission at the April 2013 meeting.

Insurance Chair Bennett said she would have the County's insurance carrier look into liability associated with auxiliary officers.

Chairman Cannon made the following committee appointments:

Richard Hayden to replace John Warner on the Public Health Committee
Fred Killam, Board of Appeals
Bruce Steinke, Board of Appeals to replace Phillip Strohl who resigned
Dave Young, Sheriffs Merit Commission

Clark made motion to approve Chairman Cannon's appointments. Mulholland seconded said motion which passed by voice vote (19 yes, Bennett no)

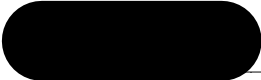
There was no correspondence to report to the board and no public body comment

At this time, Steve Melega, Public Health Administrator reported to the board that Public Hearings would be held for the proposed amendments to the Private Sewage Disposal Code. These meetings are scheduled for March 26, 2013 at the Illinois State Fair Grounds in Springfield.

Robert Jordan reported that former Shelby County Board member Marvin Jordan had passed away.

There was no further business to come before the Shelby County Board.

Clark made motion to assess mileage and per diem for the March meetings, to pay the bills/payroll as approved by the committees and adjourn until the next regular meeting to be held on April 10, 2013. Bennett seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote (20 yes, 0 no) and the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 A.M.


Jessica Fox
Shelby County Clerk and Recorder

3/13/13

REGULAR MEETING

		ROLL CALL			QUESTIONS									
			3/13/2013	/ 2013	ON MOTIONS TO		ON MOTIONS TO		ON MOTIONS TO		ON MOTIONS TO		ON MOTIONS TO	
COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS		MILEAGE	A.M.	P.M.	AYE	NAY	AYE	NAY	AYE	NAY	AYE	NAY	AYE	NAY
217	AMLING, ROBERT	35	✓											
110	BARR, KENNETH	50	✓											
116	BEHL, ROBERT H.	42	✓											
117	BENNETT, BARBARA	40	✓											
45	CANNON, BRUCE	26	✓											
133	CLARK, GLENN "DICK"	12	✓											
99	CRUITT, DAVID		✓											
214	DURBIN, JESSE	12	✓											
105	GERGENI, GARY	26	✓											
177	HAYDEN, RICHARD	44	✓											
144	HUNTER, ROBERT JR.	49	✓											
193	JORDAN, ROBERT N.	31	✓											
64	KEARNEY, KAY		✓											
206	LENZ, LARRY	26	✓											
7	MULHOLLAND, FRANK		✓											
181	ROBERTSON, ROBIN		✓											
221	SIMS, TERRY JOE	24	✓											
274	SIMPSON, ROBERT	32	✓											
46	STROHL, DON	45	✓											
4	WARNER, JOHN		Absent											
329	WARREN, JAMES	28	✓											
44	WETHERELL, DALE	46	✓											

Diana Wagner

Supervisor of Assessments
P.O. Box 416
Shelbyville, Illinois 62565

Phone:
217/774-5579
Office Hours: 8-4 Monday-Friday

February 13, 2013

Mr. Bruce Cannon, Chairman
Shelby County Board
315 East Main Street
Shelbyville, IL 62565

Dear Bruce,

After giving it much thought I have decided that after 35 years of service to Shelby County I am ready to retire, so it is with mixed emotions that I hereby announce my retirement from the position of Shelby County Supervisor of Assessments effective April 1, 2013.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve the citizens of Shelby County and I truly appreciate all of the support I have received over the years.

I am very grateful to have had such a wonderful staff and I would like to thank them for all of their hard work and dedication. I would also like to extend my appreciation to my fellow elected officials and all employees of Shelby County for their assistance and support.

I recommend Marlene Waggoner be appointed to finish my term of office. Marlene has all of the statutory qualifications to fill this position and I am confident she will do an excellent job.

Sincerely,


Diana Wagner

Shelby County Board

P.O. Box 230
Shelbyville, Illinois 62565

Phone:
217/774-4421

February 13, 2013

John Shambo, Chairman
Republican Central Committee
304 N. Broadway
Shelbyville, IL 62565

Dear John:

This is to inform you that Supervisor of Assessments Diana Wagner has submitted a letter of resignation effective April 1, 2013.

Mrs. Wagner has recommended Marlene Waggoner, a 30 year employee of the Supervisor of Assessments office be appointed to fill the vacancy created by her retirement.

Sincerely,

Bruce Cannon, Chairman
Shelby County Board

Shelby County Board

P.O. Box 230
Shelbyville, Illinois 62565

Phone:
217/774-4421

February 13, 2013

Dennis Fisher, Chairman
Democratic Central Committee
609 W. N. Second Street
Shelbyville, IL 62565

Dear Dennis:

This is to inform you that Supervisor of Assessments Diana Wagner has submitted a letter of resignation effective April 1, 2013.

Mrs. Wagner has recommended Marlene Waggoner, a 30 year employee of the Supervisor of Assessments office be appointed to fill the vacancy created by her retirement.

Sincerely,

Bruce Cannon, Chairman
Shelby County Board



March 04, 2013

Shelby County
Democrat Party

Central

Committee

P.O. Box 171

Shelbyville, IL 62565

Chairman

Dennis Fisher
(217)294-0475

Vice Chairman

John Warner
(217)855-2839

Treasurer

Delbert Lenz
(217)620-1092

Secretary

Brenda Brooks
(217)259-6577

Dear County Clerk Fox:

After meeting with the Officeholders of the Central Committee, we would like to recommend Marlene Waggoner to replace the retiring Diana Wagner.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact myself at 217-294-0475.

Sincerely,

Dennis Fisher
Chairman

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Jessica Fox
SHELBY COUNTY CLERK

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
)
County of Shelby)

CERTIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT
SHELBY COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS

TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I, Jessica Fox, County Clerk of the County aforesaid, do hereby certify that

MARLENE WAGGONER

was duly appointed to serve as:

SHELBY COUNTY SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS

FOR THE UNEXPIRED 2 YEAR TERM April 1, 2013 through November 30, 2014
(Vacancy created by the resignation of Diana Wagner)

Dated: March 13, 2013




(Shelby County Clerk)



**Illinois Department
of Transportation**

**Downstate Area Programs
5316 Job Access Reverse Commute
Grant Application**

Illinois Department of Transportation

Section 5316 Job Access Reverse Commute

CY 2012 Grant Application

All applications are to be submitted to the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) or Human Services Transportation Planning (HSTP) Regional Coordinator for your county.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND THIS APPLICATION TO THE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION OR THE DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND INTERMODAL TRANSPORTATION

SUBMITTED BY

Shelby County

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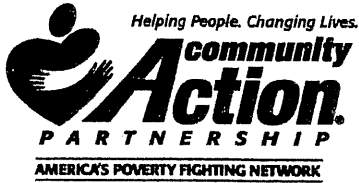
Jessica Tox
SHELBY COUNTY CLERK

See File for Application

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C.E.F.S. Economic Opportunity Corporation

"Community Action Agency"



1805 S. Banker Street, P.O. Box 928
Effingham, IL 62401-0928
PHONE: (217) 342-2193 ~ FAX: (217) 342-4701
EMAIL: cefs@cefseoc.org
WEBSITE: www.cefseoc.org

PAUL D. WHITE
Chief Executive Officer

March 19, 2013

John Edmondson, Section Chief, Service Coordination and Compliance
Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation
100 West Randolph Street, Suite 6-600
Chicago, IL 60601

RE: Section 5316 Job Access Reverse Commute

Dear Mr. Edmondson,

Enclosed is the Revised Section 5316 Job Access Reverse Commute (JARC) for Shelby County.

The original application narrative included Effingham County and IDOT requested Effingham County stay separated from Shelby County. The grant application has been revised along with the budget. The revised budget is \$193,900 with a local match of \$193,900.

Please contact me at 217/342-2193 ext. 161 if you have additional questions.

Sincerely,

Kristie L. Warfel
CIPT Program Director

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Jessie Lee
SHELBY COUNTY CLERK

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(35 ILCS 200/21-245)

Sec. 21-245. **Automation fee.** The county collector in all counties may assess to the purchaser of property for delinquent taxes an automation fee of not more than \$10 per parcel. In counties with less than 3,000,000 inhabitants:

(a) The fee shall be paid at the time of the purchase if the record keeping system used for processing the delinquent property tax sales is automated or has been approved for automation by the county board. The fee shall be collected in the same manner as other fees or costs.

(b) Fees collected under this Section shall be retained by the county treasurer in a fund designated as the Tax Sale Automation Fund. The fund shall be audited by the county auditor. The county board, with the approval of the county treasurer, shall make expenditures from the fund (1) to pay any costs related to the automation of property tax collections and delinquent property tax sales, including the cost of hardware, software, research and development, and personnel and (2) to defray the cost of providing electronic access to property tax collection records and delinquent tax sale records.

(Source: P.A. 93-415, eff. 8-5-03.)

AMENDMENT
TO
RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES
OF THE
DEPUTIES' MERIT COMMISSION
FOR
SHELBY COUNTY, ILLINOIS

COPY

ADOPTED BY COMMISSION: January 23, 2013

APPROVED BY COUNTY BOARD: March 13, 2013

PUBLISHED: March 1, 2013

POSTED AND DISTRIBUTED: March 13, 2013

Stephen B. Thompson, Chair
Richard I. Downs, Secretary
David Young, Member

Elizabeth E. Nohren, Attorney

Hon. Mike Miller, Sheriff

AMENDMENT
TO
RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES
OF THE
COUNTY OF SHELBY
STATE OF ILLINOIS

As adopted by the Commissioners of the Sheriff's Department Deputies' Merit Commission of Shelby County, Illinois, on January 23, 2013, effective March 13, 2013.


CHAPTER IV – OTHER APPOINTMENTS

SECTION 3: SERGEANT – REINSTATED.

- a) REINSTATED.
- b) REINSTATED.
- c) REINSTATED.
- d) REINSTATED.
- e) REINSTATED.

In all other terms and respects, the said RULES, REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES as Adopted by this Commission on January 26, 1994, shall, and do hereby, remain in full force and effect.

Enacted pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/3-8009 this 23rd day of January, 2013, by a majority vote of the said Deputies' Merit Commission in regular meeting assembled.


Stephen B. Thompson, Chair

ATTEST:


Elizabeth E. Nohren, Attorney

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TO: THE SHELBY COUNTY BOARD

WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE, HAVING EXAMINED THE ATTACHED


RESOLUTION X


PETITION _____


AGREEMENT _____

DO HEREBY RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF SAME BY THE COUNTY BOARD.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE







RESOLUTION

13-6

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SHELBY COUNTY BOARD that the following items of material for the maintenance of Section 13-00000-00-GM be awarded to Howell Paving, Inc. Mattoon, IL. These were submitted at a letting held on March 8, 2013.

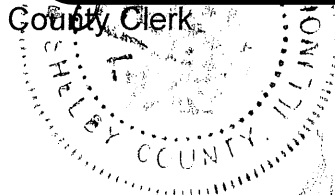
48,000 GALS	BITUMINOUS MATERIAL SEAL COAT: HFE-150 ASPHALT EMULSION	\$2.335/GAL \$112,080.00
18,000 GALS	BITUMINOUS MATERIAL SEAL COAT: HFE-300 ASPHALT EMULSION	\$2.335/GAL \$42,030.00
800 GALS	MC-30 OR MC-70 LIQUID ASPHALT (F&A)	\$3.80/GAL \$3,040.00
300 TONS	M 19-07	\$76.00/TON \$22,800.00

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF SHELBY)

I, Jessica Fox County Clerk in and for said County in the State aforesaid, and keeper of the records and files thereof, as provided by statute, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, perfect, and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the County Board of Shelby County at its regular meeting held in Shelbyville, Illinois on March 13, 2013.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County at my office in Shelbyville in said County this 13th day of March 2013 A.D.

County Clerk



Vill. of Engel

TO: THE SHELBY COUNTY BOARD

WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE ROAD AND BRIDGE COMMITTEE, HAVING EXAMINED THE ATTACHED

RESOLUTION _____

PETITION X

AGREEMENT _____

DO HEREBY RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF SAME BY THE COUNTY BOARD.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

County of Shelby } ss.

~~Road District of Village of Sigel~~

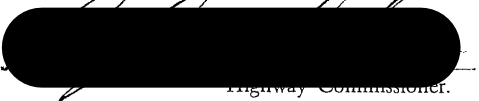
To the County Board of Shelby County, Illinois:

The undersigned, Highway Commissioner of the ~~Road District of Village of Sigel~~ in said County, would respectfully represent that Bridge 6003 needs to be replaced over the tributary to Henry Creek where the same is crossed by the highway located in Sigel at a point near SW 1/4 NE 1/4 of Section 14; T9N; R6E 3rd PM in said Road District, for which said work the ~~Road District of Village of Sigel~~ is

responsible; and the cost of which work will be twenty - six thousand Dollars, which sum will be more than .02 per cent of the full, fair cash value of all the taxable property in said Road District, as equalized or assessed by the Department of Revenue, and the tax rate for road purposes in said Road District was in each year for the 2 years last past not less than the maximum allowable rate provided for in Section 6-501 of the Illinois Highway Code.

Wherefore, the said Highway Commissioner hereby petitions you for aid, and for an appropriation from the "County Bridge Fund" in the County Treasury of a sum sufficient to meet one half the expenses of said bridge or other work, said Road District being prepared to furnish the other half of the amount required.

Dated at Shelbyville, this 11th day of March, 2013

X 
Highway Commissioner.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,

County of Shelby } ss.

~~Road District of Village of Sigel~~

I, the undersigned Highway Commissioner of the ~~Road District of Village of Sigel~~ County aforesaid, hereby state that I have made a careful estimate of the probable cost of the

(Here state the description of the work asked for.)


Pipe Culverts - 20,000

Labor, Equip, Mat'l - 6,000

TOTAL - \$26,000

and I do estimate that the probable cost of the same will be twenty - six thousand Dollars.

Witness my hand, this 11th day of March, 2013

X 
Highway Commissioner.

PETITION FOR COUNTY AID TO BUILD
OR REPAIR BRIDGE, CULVERT OR
DRAINAGE STRUCTURE
ROAD DISTRICT OF

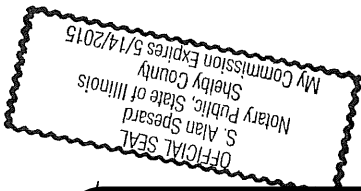
Village of Sigel

Shelby

COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Filed this _____ day of _____

County Clerk.



Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 11th day of March, 2013

Highway Commissioner of said Road District of Village of Sigel being duly sworn, on oath says that twenty - six thousand Dollars mentioned in the estimate to which this affidavit is attached is necessary, and that the same will not be more expensive than is needed for the purpose required.

STATE OF ILLINOIS,
County of Shelby }
Road District of Village of Sigel } ss.

Zoning/EMA Report
Shelby County Board Meeting 3-13-2013

Zoning

Planning Commission and Board of Appeals recommend Petition for Zoning Amendment by Joshua Porter, Section 18 of Big Spring Township, and 6.84 acres is approved. Mr. Porter seeks a Zoning Amendment from Ag to GB, to operate an auto repair business.

Planning Commission and Board of Appeals will meet this month on 3-21 and 3-28, respectively.
On the agenda, petition to rezone:

Discuss Communication Tower Ordinance Revisions

1 Building Permits Issued in February.
-1 New Residence

Attended Enbridge Pipeline informational meeting on 2-13-13.
Attended Farm Bureau's Ameren Transmission line informational meeting on 2-28-13.
Attended Illinois Association of County Board Members seminar on Hydraulic Fracturing on 3-4-13.

EMA

Attended Pipeline Safety training on 2-25-13.

Rural Emergency Addressing Committee will meet on March 14th at 6:00pm.

Received re-allocation of 2012 EMPG grant funds of \$1,036.88. Total grant amount is \$17,066.29.

February Building Permit Log

<u>Permit #</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Township</u>	<u>Parcel ID</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Fee</u>
13-008	2/11/2013	Rick and Jodi Allen	06;Clarksburg	0319-06-	New Residence	\$ 175.00

Resolution Number: 13-7

Applicants: Joshua Porter

Whereas, petition by Joshua Porter, wishing to rezone their property, that is currently zoned Agriculture(Ag) to General Business(GB), to develop an automotive repair business. The property is located at S18 T10N R6E BEG SW COR NW SW - N 740.74' SE'LY 396.39' S 750.24' W 403' TO POB 6.84 AC (Section 18 of Big Spring Township). The entire area of said property will be rezoned.

Whereas, hearings with respect to this rezoning request concerning the said real estate have been held before the Shelby County Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals;

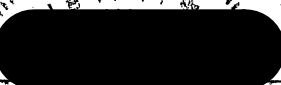
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the County Board of Shelby County assembled this 13th day of March, 2013, that the rezoning request for the said real estate be approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Zoning Administrator be, and he is, hereby directed to issue Notice of District Change to the owner of the said real estate.

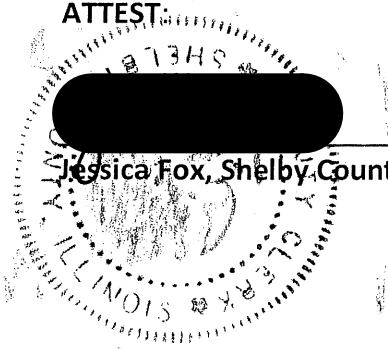
Duly adopted and approved this 13th day of March, 2013.



**Bruce Cannon, Chairman
Shelby County Board**

ATTEST:


Jessica Fox, Shelby County Clerk



REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION #11
Mandated Duties
(Fiscal Year 2013)

	Dec 12-Feb 13	Mar 13-May 13	Jun 12 -Aug 12	Sept 12-Nov 12
Committees & Boards				
Regional Board of School Trustee Meetings	0		0	2
Reorganization/Detachment Hearings	0		0	1
Regional Office of Education Committee Meetings	1		1	1
Professional Development Advisory Committee Meetings	1		0	1
GED				
GED Applications Received	68		85	65
Candidates completing exam - initial exam	42		61	44
Candidates Retested	25		27	19
Candidates who have met score requirements	32		34	31
Official Transcripts issued	30		64	28
Bus Drivers				
Initial Bus Driver Courses Held	2		2	5
Initial Bus Driver Course Participants	19		40	36
Refresher Bus Driver Courses Held	8		7	5
Refresher Bus Driver Course Participants	189		153	108
Student Services				
Grant Funded Employees (TAOEP, RSSP, ROE/ISC, IVPA, Pathways)	21		19	19
Number of Students in "Beacons"	18		15	20
Number of Students in "Bridges" (Safe Schools Program)	75		43	51
Number of Students in "Pathways" (Alternative Educ. Prog.)	58		48	50
Home School Packets to Parents/Guardians	6		18	21
Home Schooled Students Registered	2		6	14
Truancy Letters Sent to Parent/Guardian	69		9	57
Truancies Referred to State's Attorney	5		1	4
Health/Life Safety				
Buildings Inspected	35		0	26
Building Permits Issued / Occupancy Permits Issued/ Demolitions	2		5	3
Amendments processed / 10 Year Surveys processed	7		0	0
Maintenance Grants	0		23	0
Compliance Visits				
Neoga C.U.S.D. #3				10/22/12
Shiloh C.U.S.D. #1				10/29/12
Marshall C.U.S.D. #C-2				11/26/12
Charleston	2/11/2013			
Sullivan	2/4/2013			

Minister Selection

Barb Bennett

2 yr Terms

Bob Nunter

Robert Jordan

Kay Kearney

Larry Long

Robin Robertson

Bob Simpson

Joe Sims

Don Strohl

John Warner

Dale Wetherall

Rob Ameling

4 yr Terms

Ken Barr

Rob Behl

Bruce Cannon

Dick Clark

Dave Cruitt

Jessie Durbin

Richard Hayden

Sara Sargini

Frank Mollaband

Jim Warren

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MAR 12 2013

Jessica Joy
SHELBY COUNTY CLERK

Animal Control

2-27-2012

AC Office

9:00am - 9:30am

Brad Hudson

Bob Jordan

Kay Kearney

Joe Sims

Reviewed and approved payroll and bills

Read a letter from the Extension Office requesting donation for a trophy - agreed to contribute \$2500 for the Dog Show Awards

Discussion about Stun Gun - legal in Illinois
However the supplier will not ship to an Illinois address because they are illegal in Chicago
- Committee to check out other ways to obtain a Stun Gun for Animal Control

National Volunteer Week in April

- Brad seeing if we could use some volunteer work around The Pound
- An Eagle Scout Candidate has expressed interest in making improvements to the pound for his project.

F I L E D

FEB 27 2013

Jessica Doye
SHELBY COUNTY CLERK

**SHELBY COUNTY AIRPORT and LANDING FIELD COMMISSION
TREASURER'S REPORT
February 4, 2013**

F O L E D
FEB 20 2013
Shelby County Clerk
SHELBY COUNTY CLERK

Beginning Balance			
Deposits			
Bank Interest			
Heartland Payment Systems--Credit Card Fuel Sales			
Fuel Sales--Checks & Cash			
Money from State for IL Project 2H0-4149			
Northland Insurance Check for Regulator and Regulator Rent			
Transfer from Busey			
Rent			
	December 3, 2012		
		\$ 9.44	\$ 44,646.08
		\$ 1,655.44	
		\$ 209.34	
		\$ 55,142.79	
		\$ 11,710.10	
		\$ 3,125.92	
		\$ 2,750.00	
		\$	\$ 74,603.03
			\$ 119,249.11

Bills Received and Paid

Heartland Payment Systems--Fees	\$ 132.90
Illinois Department of Revenue--Sales Tax Payments	\$ 201.00
Shelbyville Ace Hardware--Misc. Supplies & Furnace Install Mat.	\$ 218.70
R. L. Wempen Lumber, Inc.--Alum Rf Cig. Back Hangar Insul & Water Heater	\$ 977.07
Steve Wempen--Bookkeeping December, 2012-January 2013	\$ 400.00
Express Services Inc.--FBO 12-02-2012--01-27-2013	\$ 7,500.00
Consolidated Communication--December 2012/January 2013	\$ 331.34
Scott Jetson--Misc. Supplies	\$ 83.40
Connely's Building Center--Back Hangar Repair	\$ 37.76
Knearem's--Install New Furnace in Office/ Supply 2 for Back Hangar	\$ 4,485.00
Ameren CIPS--Gas December 2012/ January 2013	\$ 349.89
Arrow Energy--2000 Gallon 100LL Avgas	\$ 9,019.52
City Area Water--Sewer Department--Nov-Dec 2012/ Jan 2013	\$ 42.98
Shelby Electric Cooperative--December 2012/ January 2013	\$ 1,797.12
Reber Welding--Truck Bolts	\$ 32.44
Downt's Insurance--Courtesy Car Insurance	\$ 317.00
Albion Radio--NDB Repair	\$ 1,809.62
Secretary of State--Title & License for Courtesy Car	\$ 105.00
Robin robertson--Tree Trimming in Front of Beacon	\$ 300.00
Shelbyville Insurance--Commissioners Insurance	\$ 1,393.00
Hanson's--Payment of IL Project 2H0-4149	\$ 55,142.79
Albion Radio--NDB Maint. Jan, Feb, March 2013	\$ 420.00
Shelbyville Disposal--Feb. 2013/feb. 2013	\$ 268.00
U S Postal Service--P O Box Yearly Fee	\$ 70.00

Shelby County State Bank			
BuseyBank			
Farm Agency Account			
Certificates of Deposit			
Total			
		\$ 33,814.58	\$ 33,814.58
		\$ 85,434.53	\$ 85,434.53
		\$ 33,814.58	\$ 33,814.58
		\$ 118.45	\$ 118.45
		\$ 67,843.05	\$ 67,843.05
		\$ 65,399.89	\$ 65,399.89
		\$ 167,175.97	\$ 167,175.97

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CHECK NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION	BUDGET ACCT NOS.	DEBITS	CREDITS	BALANCE
	3-Dec-12	Balance Shelby County State Bank				\$ 44,646.08
	3-Dec-12	Heartland Payment Systems--Deposit			\$ 159.16	\$ 44,805.24
	3-Dec-12	Heartland Payment Systems--Fees		\$ 68.15		\$ 44,737.09
	4-Dec-12	Illinois Department of Revenue--Sales Tax Payment		\$ 166.00		\$ 44,571.09
4529	5-Dec-12	City Area Water-Sewer Department	022-7810.12-023	\$ 11.80		\$ 44,559.29
4530	5-Dec-12	R. L. Wempen Lumber, Inc.--Fibered Alum Rf Coating	022-7444.12-023	\$ 32.42		\$ 44,526.87
4531	5-Dec-12	Arrow Energy	022-8010.12-023	\$ 9,019.52		\$ 35,507.35
4532	5-Dec-12	Shelbyville Ace Hardware--Back Hangar Repair	022-7444.12-023	\$ 116.54		\$ 35,390.81
4533	5-Dec-12	Reber Welding--Truck Bolts	022-7441.12-023	\$ 32.44		\$ 35,358.37
4534	5-Dec-12	Shelby Electric Cooperative	022-7810.12-023	\$ 844.30		\$ 34,514.07
4535	5-Dec-12	Scott Jefson--Misc. Supplies	022-7000.12-023	\$ 37.09		\$ 34,476.98
4536	5-Dec-12	Connolly's Building Center--Back Hangar Repair	022-7444.12-023	\$ 37.76		\$ 34,439.22
4537	5-Dec-12	Scott Jefson--Wal-Mart Back Hangar Mat.	022-7444.12-023	\$ 46.31		\$ 34,392.91
4538	5-Dec-12	Down's Insurance--Courtesy Car	022-6120.12-023	\$ 317.00		\$ 34,075.91
4539	5-Dec-12	Albion Radio--NDB Repair	022-7442.12-023	\$ 1,809.62		\$ 32,266.29
	7-Dec-12	Heartland Payment Systems--Deposit			\$ 37.68	\$ 32,303.97
4540	7-Dec-12	Express Services, Inc.--FBO 12-02-2012	022-5210.01-023	\$ 750.00		\$ 31,553.97
4541	7-Dec-12	Secretary of State--Title & License for Courtesy Car	022-7441.12-023	\$ 105.00		\$ 31,448.97
4542	10-Dec-12	Robin Robertson--Trim Tree by Beacon	022-7442.12-023	\$ 300.00		\$ 31,148.97
4543	12-Dec-12	Express Services, Inc.--FBO 11-11-2012	022-5210.01-023	\$ 750.00		\$ 30,398.97
4544	12-Dec-12	VIOD				
4545	12-Dec-12	Shelbyville Insurance--Commissioners Insurance	022-6120.12-023	\$ 1,393.00		\$ 29,005.97
	17-Dec-12	Heartland Payment Systems--Deposit			\$ 156.90	\$ 29,162.87
4546	20-Dec-12	Express Services, Inc.--FBO 12-09-2012. 12-16-2012	022-5210.01-023	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 27,662.87
4547	20-Dec-12	Hanson's--IL Project 2H0-4149	022-7442.12-023	\$ 18,536.12		\$ 9,126.75
	20-Dec-12	Money From State for IL Project 2H0-4149			\$ 55,142.79	\$ 64,269.54
4548	20-Dec-12	Hanson's--IL Project 2H0-4149	022-7442.12-023	\$ 34,607.08		\$ 29,662.46
4549	20-Dec-12	Hanson's--IL Project 2H0-4149	022-7442.12-023	\$ 1,999.59		\$ 27,662.87
	20-Dec-12	Heartland Payment Systems--Deposit			\$ 73.20	\$ 27,736.07
	31-Dec-12	Heartland Payment Systems--Deposit			\$ 92.15	\$ 27,828.22
	31-Dec-12	Bank Interest			\$ 5.82	\$ 27,834.04
4550	2-Jan-13	Consolidated Communications	022-7810.12-023	\$ 165.83		\$ 27,668.21
4551	2-Jan-13	City Area Water-Sewer Department	022-7810.12-023	\$ 19.38		\$ 27,648.83
4552	2-Jan-13	Express Services--FBO 12-23-2012	022-5210.01-023	\$ 750.00		\$ 26,898.83
4553	2-Jan-13	Albion Radio--NDB Maint. Jan, Feb, March 2013	022-7442.12-023	\$ 420.00		\$ 26,478.83
	2-Jan-13	Heartland Payment Systems--Fees		\$ 64.75		\$ 26,414.08
	4-Jan-13	Heartland Payment Systems--Deposit			\$ 626.91	\$ 27,040.99
4554	10-Jan-13	Express Services, Inc.--FBO 12-30-2012/01-06-2013	022-5210.01-023	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 25,540.99
4555	10-Jan-13	Kneartem's--New Furnace for Office & 2 for Back Hangar	022-7444.12-023	\$ 4,485.00		\$ 21,055.99
4556	10-Jan-13	Shelbyville Disposal	022-7444.12-023	\$ 268.00		\$ 20,787.99
4557	11-Jan-13	Shelbyville Ace Hardware--Misc. for Furnace Installs	022-7444.12-023	\$ 102.16		\$ 20,685.83

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4558	11-Jan-13	Ameren CIPS--Gas		022-7810.12-023	\$	105.14		\$	20,580.69	
4559	11-Jan-13	Shelby Electric Cooperative		022-7810.12-023	\$	952.82		\$	19,627.87	
4560	11-Jan-13	Steve Wempen--Bookkeeping December-2012		022-5220.12-023	\$	200.00		\$	19,427.87	
	14-Jan-13	Heartland Payment Systems--Deposit					\$	28.10	\$	19,455.97
	17-Jan-13	Northland Insurance Check for Regulator & Reg. Rent					\$	11,710.10	\$	31,166.07
	18-Jan-13	Heartland Payment Systems--Deposit					\$	136.81	\$	31,302.88
4561	18-Jan-13	Express Services--FBO 01-13-2013		022-5210.01-023	\$	750.00		\$	30,552.88	
4562	18-Jan-13	U S Postal Service--PO Box Yearly Fee		022-9900.12-023	\$	70.00		\$	30,482.88	
	22-Jan-13	Heartland Payment Systems--Deposit					\$	32.37	\$	30,515.25
	23-Jan-13	Heartland Payment Systems--Deposit					\$	206.84	\$	30,722.09
	23-Jan-13	Illinois Department of Revenue--Sales Tax Payment					\$	35.00	\$	30,687.09
	25-Jan-13	Heartland Payment Systems--Deposit					\$	105.32	\$	30,792.41
4563	26-Jan-13	Express Services--FBO 01-20-2013		022-5210.01-023	\$	750.00		\$	30,042.41	
4564	30-Jan-13	Express Services--FBO 01-27-2013		022-5210.01-023	\$	750.00		\$	29,292.41	
4565	30-Jan-13	Consolidated Communications		022-7810.12-023	\$	165.51		\$	29,126.90	
4566	30-Jan-13	Ameren CIPS--Gas		022-7810.12-023	\$	244.75		\$	28,882.15	
4567	30-Jan-13	Steve Wempen--Bookkeeping January 2013		022-5220.12-023	\$	200.00		\$	28,682.15	
4568	30-Jan-13	R. L. Wempen Lumber, Inc.--Hangar Insul. & Water Htr.		022-7444.12-023	\$	944.65		\$	27,737.50	
	31-Jan-13	Bank Interest					\$	3.62	\$	27,741.12
4569	1-Feb-13	City Area Water-Sewer Department		022-7810.12-023	\$	11.80		\$	27,729.32	
	4-Feb-13	Transfer from Busey Bank					\$	3,125.92	\$	30,855.24
	4-Feb-13	Rent--Barry Brunken \$170, K. Baker \$255, AJ Wiss \$170								
		Leo Bachman \$170, R. Howie \$680, A Krause \$170								
		J. Livesay \$285, K. Carter \$255, S. Wempen \$510								
		Jeff Green \$85								
		Fuel Sales					\$	2,750.00	\$	33,605.24
	4-Feb-13	Board Meeting--February 4, 2013					\$	209.34	\$	33,814.58

SHELBY COUNTY AIRPORT---CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

ISSUEING FACILITY	ACCT. NO.	OPG. DATE	AMOUNT	APY RATE	MAT. TERM	NEXT MAT.	BALANCE	
SHELBY COUNTY STATE BANK	4485	11-May-84	\$ 10,000.00	0.65	182 Days	8-Apr-11	Closed	
SHELBY COUNTY STATE BANK	5280	14-May-85	\$ 10,000.00	0.65	182 Days	12-Apr-11	Closed	
SHELBY COUNTY STATE BANK	18512	15-Feb-06	\$ 20,000.00	NA	182 Days	15-Feb-13	\$ 23,458.37	
SHELBY COUNTY STATE BANK - MOWEAQUA	5100001126	20-Nov-08	\$ 20,226.22	0.65	182 Days	20-May-11	Closed	
SHELBY COUNTY STATE BANK - MOWEAQUA	5100001127	20-Nov-08	\$ 20,000.00	0.65	182 Days	20-May-11	Closed	
BUSEY BANK	125662	15-Feb-06	\$ 20,000.00	NA	1 Year	15-Feb-12	Closed	
BUSEY BANK	3340077	19-Nov-08	\$ 20,000.00	NA	1 Year	19-Nov-13	\$ 21,156.98	
BUSEY BANK	3340117	19-Nov-08	\$ 20,000.00	NA	7 Months	19-Jul-13	\$ 20,784.54	
Total							\$	65,399.89

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CHECK NO.	DATE	DESCRIPTION OF TRANSACTION	DEBITS	CREDITS	BALANCE
	31-Aug-12	Beginning Balance - Busey Bank 2011-2012			221.56
687	7-Sep-12	Transfer to Shelby County State Bank	98.11		123.45
	1-Oct-12	Shelby County Treasurer			123.45
688	5-Oct-12	Transfer to Shelby County State Bank	15,166.95		123.45
	15-Oct-12	Replacement Tax--7th Allocation			123.45
689	3-Nov-12	Transfer to Shelby County State Bank	617.95		741.40
		Balance Correction for \$5 Bank Fee			123.45
			5.00		118.45
	18-Dec-12	Replacement Tax--8th Allocation			118.45
	19-Dec-12	Shelby County Treasurer			118.45
	20-Dec-12	Shelby County Treasurer			118.45
	21-Dec-12	Shelby County Treasurer			118.45
	15-Jan-13	Replacement Tax--1st Allocation			118.45
690	2-Feb-13	Transfer to Shelby County State Bank	3,125.92		118.45

SHELBY COUNTY AIRPORT and LANDING FIELD COMMISSION

MINUTES OF MEETING

December 18, 2012

Tad Mayhall calls the meeting to order.

Members present at meeting:

Commissioners--Tad Mayall, Jim Looft and Steve Wempen

County Board Members--Bob Jordan

Airport Manager--Scott Jefson

The Minutes were read by all. Jim makes a motion to approve the minutes. It was seconded by Tad and approved by all saying aye.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed. Tad made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report. It was seconded by Steve and was approved by all saying aye.

Managers Report

New water heater is installed and working. Also, because of the high amount lime granules, installed an inline water filter to eliminate the toilet supply problems. Shampooed carpet in conference room after bad water heater leaked and repaired water fountain after a connection blew apart.

Got the insulation for the back hangar but not installed yet.

We have a courtesy car now with current title, license and insurance and need to print up a guide line/rules/signature sheet. We also need to update our info with the FAA.

Some discussion followed on what all should be listed on the courtesy car check sheet.

Got the fuel filter at the gas pump relocated and the area cleaned up.

Robin Robertson trimmed the tree in front of the beacon tower.

Scott mentioned the condition of the furnace in the office and about purchasing an additional two furnaces to put in the back hangar.

Also talked to the EAA chapter in Decatur about having a young eagles event and they were very receptive of coming down and helping us, but suggested having some of our local pilots come and help. They also suggested having some kind of snack time and running from about 9:00 AM till 1:00 PM and see how it goes. Scott suggested having a small one first and get a feel for it, then have a larger event at a later date. Some discussion on the idea followed.

Scott mentions the electricians are planning on starting on the vault project January 7th, weather permitting. They have also brought all their equipment and parked inside the fence.

Also we have a bid to remove the two stumps out front.

The furnaces were discussed some more and it was decided that we purchase them from Knearems but Scott would install the two in back hangar and that Knearems would inspect them.

There are no leaks in the back hangar anymore after mopping the seams with the fibered aluminum roof coating and will work on front hangar when the weather warms up.

Scott mentions that Bob Howie might be leaving, but in the mean time Curt Crosby will be getting one of the four hangars as of January 1st and that Bob might make a couple others available.

There was some discussion on the use of the office space if the corner hangar became available. It could be used for a future EAA chapter or possibly a Medivac unit.

There's more discussion on holding an EAA event and will pursue in the spring. Also, when the new project gets started, let the newspaper know about it and what it's about so the public will know what's going on at their airport.

There's also some discussion about talking with the visitors center out at the dam about selling some their souvenirs out at the airport.

Scott also mentions that the construction workers that are working our project are wanting a house or apartment to rent while they are here. Some discussion followed.

Jim Looft gives an update on the red tractor being repaired over at Farm Pride at Mattoon.
After some discussion, Tad makes a motion to have the tractor repaired for up to \$6500.
Steve seconded it and all agreed by saying aye.

Tad also made a motion to purchase the furnaces from Knearems. Jim seconded it and all agreed by saying aye.

Bob Jordan mentions that Bruce Cannon thought it might be a good idea that Scott get a license or some kind of permit to purchase and spray weed killer along the fences or where ever, just to keep everybody happy.

Tad makes a motion to adjourn and Jim seconds it. All agreed by saying aye.

~~Tad makes a motion to adjourn and Steve seconded it.~~

Fees & Salary

March 12, 2013

Attending: Barb Bennett
Kay Kearney
Dave Cruitt

Bills were presented & approved.

FILED

MAR 12 2013

Jessica Joy
SHELBY COUNTY CLERK

March 12 2013

Meeting called to order

Present were Robert Hunter Gary Gerguji
Robin Robertson Jim Warner Frank Mulholland Jay Stoltz
Absent was John Warner

Bills were presented

Motion made by Robert Hunter seconded by
Gary Gerguji to pay bills All approved

John Warner Absent

Motion made by Robin Robertson seconded by
Frank Mulholland to adjourn All approved

FILED

MAR 12 2013

Jessica Cox
SHERBY COUNTY CLERK

Health Dept Mtg

March 12, 2013

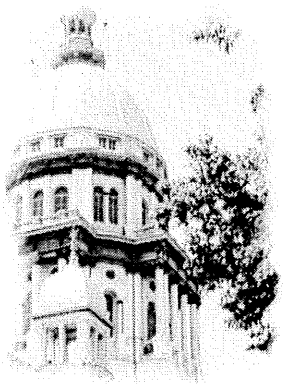
Those attending: Barb Bennett
Bob Hunter
Kenny Barr
Jessie Durbin

Bills were presented & approved.

FILED

MAR 12 2013

Jessie Durbin
SHELBY COUNTY CLERK



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February 22, 2013



Rep. Lang calls for permanent tax hike

On Wednesday, Deputy Majority Leader Lou Lang (D-Skokie) called for the two-year old temporary income tax hike to become permanent as a way to shrink a \$96 billion deficit in five state retirement systems. The income tax increase is due to expire at the end of 2014.

House Bill 2375 would also increase the retirement age to 67 and increase employee contributions by 3 percentage points. Since 2011, new state employees must work until age 67 before retiring, while current employees may retire at 60 with full benefits after eight years of state work.

Lang's legislation does not call for any reduction in pension benefits, however, it does shift downstate teacher pension costs to local school districts. It also does not end business tax breaks as proposed by public employee unions.

In addition to **House Bill 2375**, three other pension reform proposals are on the table: **Senate Bill 1** (Cullerton), **House Bill 98** (Nekritz) and **Senate Bill 35** (Biss).

Illinois House members spent most of the week in committees; the Senate was not in session and will return to Springfield on February 27. At this time, we are tracking over 300 bills that may impact counties directly. This Statehouse report provides a summary of key legislation in committees and new bills introduced since the last report. The list is not all inclusive, nor it is a roster of bills favored or opposed by the association. If you have questions regarding any legislation, please contact our office at 217-528-5331.

House Bills

HB 59 (Hays)
ELEVATOR SAFETY ACT
Status: Tabled

Excluding Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will, allows any other county and any municipality that lies within, to set up its own inspection system for elevators and lifts by local ordinance.

HB 89 (Franks)
PROPERTY TAX – FALLING EAV
Status: House Revenue Committee
Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL) to freeze property taxes during years of declining assessments.

HB 90 (Franks)
HOMESTEAD PROTECTION
Status: House Revenue Committee
Authorizes counties to establish a homestead protection program under which the county treasurer may make payments from the indemnity fund to pay the delinquent taxes on the primary residence of eligible taxpayers.

HB 95 (McSweeney)
PTELL – EXTENSION LIMITATION
Status: House Revenue Committee
Freezes property tax levies for a three-year period. Under current law, property tax extensions in non-home rule counties are effectively capped by the rise in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). HB 95 would reset the formula to ensure a 0% property tax levy increase.

HB 126 (Gordon-Booth)
SCAVENGER SALES
Status: House Rules Committee
Amends the Property Tax Code concerning scavenger sales. Provides that any taxing district in which the property is located (instead of the county only) may bid as trustee for all taxing districts and no cash need be paid.

HB 168 (Kay)
TELECOMM TOWERS
Status: Counties & Townships Comm.
Amends the Counties Code. Provides that a facility shall not be approved by the county board or constructed in an unincorporated area within 1,000 feet of a municipal jurisdiction boundary except where the facility has already been authorized by an annexation agreement with such municipality.

HB 943 (Yingling)
FOIA – GOVT. ASSOCIATIONS
Status: State Govt. Admin. Committee
Amends the Freedom of Information Act. Specifies that the term "public body" includes any association of units of local government or any not-for-profit corporation with membership consisting of units of local government.

HB 945 (Yingling)
RURAL FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
Status: Counties & Townships Comm.
Provides that rural fire protection districts shall be governed by an elected, rather than an appointed, board of trustees consisting of 5 members with 4 year terms.



Bill advances to adjust early voting

The employees of Illinois' election authorities will be spending the Easter holiday with their families instead of their co-workers if legislation filed by Rep. Renee Kosel (R-New Lenox) and Republican Leader Tom Cross (R-Oswego) continues to advance.

House Bill 1560 would exempt election authorities from staying open for early voting on the Easter holidays, while providing additional voting hours during the last week of early voting. It also requires notice be given to the State Board of Elections of any closure and public notice for the subsequent extended hours. The bill passed unanimously out of the Executive Committee Wednesday.

Sales tax borrowing

Senate Bill 622 arrived in the House after being approved by the Executive Committee earlier this week. The bill as amended calls for the transfer of \$6.2 million from the Local Government Tax Fund in order to fund the regulation of medical professionals. The State would then be required by statute to repay the amount of that transfer over the next three years by making three payments of \$2.2 million from the Illinois State Medical Disciplinary Fund to the Local Government Tax Fund.

HB 956 (Moffitt) COUNTIES CODE – SOLICITATION Status: House 2nd Reading

Requires the charitable organization seeking an exemption from the prohibition on charitable solicitation to also provide the county with a list of 3 alternate solicitation locations.

HB 961 (DeLuca) LOCAL GOVT. DISTRIBUTIVE FUND Status: House Revenue Committee

Provides that from each income tax payment the Department of Revenue receives it must deposit certain amounts directly into the Local Government Distributive Fund.

HB 983 (McSweeney) ALTERNATIVE REVENUE BONDS Status: Cities & Villages Committee

Imposes new limits on alternative revenue bonds. Provides that a petition to initiate a backdoor referendum concerning the issuance of bonds may be filed within 90 (instead of 30) days of publication of the authorizing ordinance and notice. It must be signed by 5% of the registered voters or 500 registered voters, whichever is less.

HB 994 (Tracy) FIRE PROTECTION – IMMUNITY Status: House Judiciary Committee

Amends the Local Governmental and Governmental Employees Tort Immunity Act. Expands the term "local public entity" to include a private person, organization, or corporation, that provides support to a fire department, fire protection district, or rescue squad during an emergency when activated at the request of the fire chief, fire protection district, or rescue squad district.

HB 1008 (Sandack) FOID – FIREARM TAX Status: House Judiciary Committee

Provides that a unit of local government may not impose any tax, fee, or other assessment other than the normal sales tax rate for goods, on any firearms, attachments or ammunition.

HB 1020 (Mayfield) COUNTIES CODE – DEMOLITION Status: House 2nd Reading

Concerning the expedited removal of certain buildings that are a continuing

hazard to the community, repeals the requirement for a building to be residential and 2 stories or less in height.

HB 1024 (Beiser) FIREARM OWNERS ID Status: House Judiciary Committee

Provides that a county may not regulate firearms or impose greater restrictions on the acquisition, possession, transportation, carrying, and transfer of firearms, attachments and ammunition.

HB 1037 (Tryon) FARMLAND PRESERVATION Status: Counties & Townships Comm.

Provides that Boone, DeKalb, DuPage, Grundy, Kane, Kankakee, Kendall, Lake, McHenry, and Will county may levy an annual tax for farmland preservation and green development purposes.

HB 1039 (Tryon) PROPERTY TAX BILLS – PENSIONS Status: House Revenue Committee

Provides that each property tax bill shall contain a separate statement for each of the taxing districts setting forth the dollar amount of tax due that will be used by the taxing district to pick up or otherwise pay its employees' contributions to a public pension fund.

HB 1045 (Franks) LOCAL GOVT. CONSOLIDATION Status: House 2nd Reading

Extends the final report date of the Local Government Consolidation Commission to September 30, 2013.

HB 1051 (Bradley) CRIMINAL CODE – FIREARMS Status: House Judiciary Committee

Provides that a unit of local government may not regulate the transportation of firearms and ammunition, components, or accessories for firearms.

HB 1053 (Sullivan, Jr.) PROPERTY TAX – OPEN SPACE Status: House Revenue Committee

Provides that land containing hotels or lodging facilities, club houses, banquet facilities, tennis or other courts, swimming pools, commercial or industrial facilities, retail shops, or land and parking areas serving any of those improvements shall be valued at its fair cash value and not as open space land.

HB 1142 (Cassidy)

UNWANTED FIREARMS

Status: House Judiciary Committee

Provides that each county shall establish a program that allows individuals to turn in unwanted firearms. Requires implementation without reimbursement.

HB 1193 (Berrios)

INCOME TAX ACT – OFFICIALS

Status: House Revenue Committee

Provides that, within 60 days after the Dept. of Revenue or Illinois Independent Tax Tribunal issues a final decision that any elected official has failed to file a return required under the Act or failed to pay all or a portion of the tax due, that elected official must either pay all such delinquent amounts, together with any penalties, or resign from elective office.

HB 1198 (Sosnowski)

COUNTIES CODE – ZONING

Status: Counties & Townships Comm.

Provides that a special use may be passed at a county board meeting by a simple majority of the elected county board members, unless requirements for a written protest against the proposed special use are met. In those cases, a vote of three-fourths of all the members of the county board is required. **Note:** Would allow a small number of landowners to force County Boards to a 3/4 vote on any special use permit.

HB 1201 (Sosnowski)

MUNICIPAL CODE – WIND FARMS

Status: Cities & Villages Committee

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that a municipality may prohibit any electric generating wind device from locating less than 1,400 feet from a residence within its corporate limits. **Note:** Such a ban would extend into unincorporated county lands.

HB 1248 (Gordon-Booth)

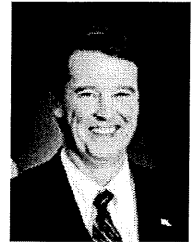
ELECTION CODE – SUPERCEDING COUNTY BOARD

Status: House Executive Committee

Amends the Election Code. Permits the establishment of a county board of election commissioners, by referendum initiated by the county board, in a county with a population of less than 200,000 but more than 175,000 persons that has a municipality with a municipal board of election commissioners.

Bradley introduces fracking regulation bill

Rep. John Bradley (D-Marion) has filed a bill as chief sponsor that regulates hydraulic fracturing in Illinois. **House Bill 2615** establishes Illinois Department of Natural Resources as the regulatory agency to issue permits, enforce the Act, and adopt rules. Fracking has taken place in Illinois for decades, but has remained largely unregulated. Proponents say the fracking industry will create jobs in Illinois, while opponents say the lack of regulation has resulted in incidents of pollution and contamination.



Fracking is the process of extracting natural gas from shale rock layers deep within the earth. The industry is eyeing southern Illinois' New Albany shale deposits. Among other provisions, **House Bill 2615** prohibits high volume horizontal hydraulic fracturing operations performed without a permit and regulates where fracking operations are proposed, planned, or occurring may be located. It also provides requirements for permit applications, insurance, water-quality monitoring, enforcement and penalties.

House Bill 2615 has bi-partisan support and a good chance of passing as it was negotiated by officials from industry, environmentalists, agriculture, and Attorney General Lisa Madigan. Co-sponsors include Reps. David Reis, Mike Bost, Naomi Jakobsson, Ann Williams, Mike Fortner, Michael Tryon, Wayne Rosenthal, Brad Halbrook, David McSweeney, John Cavaletto, Charles Meier, Adam Brown, Pam Roth, Dwight Kay, Jil Tracy, Norine Hammond, Chad Hays, David Harris, C.D. Davidsmeyer, Josh Harms, Dennis Reboletti, Jeanne Ives, Patricia Bellock, Joe Sosnowski and John Cabello.

New House Bills

HB 1259 (Fortner)

IMRF SELF MANAGED FUND

Status: House Rules Committee

Allows participants in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) to elect to participate in a self-managed program of retirement benefits instead of the program of traditional retirement benefits currently offered.

HB 1269 (Fortner)

ELECTIONS CODE

Status: House Executive Committee

With respect to nomination petitions for independent candidates to appear on the general election ballot, makes the minimum signature requirement the same as that for an established party candidate seeking the same office (now, a higher minimum), permits circulation not more than 75 (now, 90) days before the filing deadline, and makes the filing deadline 75 days after the general primary (now, between 141 and 134 days before the general election).

HB 1278 (Senger)

PTELL – AGGREGATE EXTENSION

Status: House Revenue Committee

Amends the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law. Provides that, for levy years 2014 and later, the taxing district's aggregate extension base is the greater of (A) the taxing district's last preceding aggregate extension limit or (B) the taxing district's last preceding aggregate extension, subject to adjustments for taxing districts in 2 or more counties, merged or consolidated taxing districts, and adjustments by a rate increase or decrease factor. Provides that the term "aggregate extension limit" means the district's last preceding aggregate extension if the taxing district had utilized the maximum limiting rate permitted without referendum.

HB 1282 (Senger)

PREVAILING WAGE ACT

Status: House Labor Committee

Excludes from the scope of the Act the removal of trees and limbs along roadways and parkways when that work is not part of other construction.

HB 1307 (Roth)

**PROPERTY TAX ALLOCATION ACT
Status: House Rules Committee**

Concerning economic development project costs, exempts certain ad valorem tax rebates for economic development project areas that are located in Grundy County from being considered in the sum total of all reasonable or necessary costs incurred by the county incidental to an economic development project.

HB 1405 (Bradley)

**COUNTIES CODE – SPECIAL FUNDS
Status: Counties & Townships Comm.**

Provides that in a county that maintains a countywide map through a GIS, a charge may be added to specified filing fees in order to defray the cost of providing automated access, in addition to electronic access, to the county's GIS or property records. Also provides that amounts from the Animal Control Fund may be used to aid in costs incurred for enforcement of the Act or any county or municipal ordinance relating to public health and public nuisances, in addition to animal control.

HB 1444 (Zalewski)

IMRF – AMORTIZATION

Status: House Pensions Committee

Provides that the Board shall determine the amortization period to be used in calculating the amount to be contributed by participating municipalities and participating instrumentalities in order to adjust for changes in the Fund's unfunded accrued liabilities. The amortization period shall not exceed 30 years for municipalities or 10 years instrumentalities.

HB 1484 (Currie)

CHICAGO TEACHER COST SHIFT

Status: House Pensions Committee

Amends the Chicago Teacher Article of the Illinois Pension Code. Shifts future funding responsibility from the Chicago Board of Education to the State.

HB 1485 (Mautino)

**TITANIUM METALS DEVELOPMENT
Status: House Revenue Committee**

Creates the Illinois Titanium Powdered Metals Development Advisory Committee within DCEO. The Committee shall assist with the growth and development of the titanium powdered metals industry and creation of a consortium or center that conducts and supports titanium powdered metals research, promotion, and marketing activities in the State.

HB 1490 (Kay)

PUBLIC LABOR RELATIONS ACT

Status: State Govt. Admin. Comm.

Provides that arbitration panels hearing security employee, peace officer, firefighter, and paramedic disputes must not take into consideration the ability of a unit of government to raise taxes or impose new taxes when determining the financial ability of that unit of government to pay the costs associated with those employees' wages and other conditions of employment.

HB 1496 (Kay)

PTELL – VOTER REFERENDA

Status: House Revenue Committee

Provides that, in a county that is not subject to the Law, the registered voters may file a petition with the county clerk requesting the county board to submit to the voters of the county the question of whether to make all non-home rule taxing districts that have all or a portion of their EAV situated in the county subject to the Law. If 10% of the voters sign the petition, then the county board shall submit the question.

HB 1513 (Bost)

FIREARMS – LOCAL REGULATION

Status: House Judiciary Committee

Provides that any existing or future local ordinances or resolutions imposing any registration requirement on firearms are invalid or void.

HB 1521 (Cabello)

**PROPERTY TAX LEVY REDUCTION
Status: House Revenue Committee**

Provides that, beginning in taxable year 2013 and concluding in 2017, the county clerk shall reduce the property taxes levied by each taxing district to a level that is not greater than that district's levy in the previous year. The clerk may increase or decrease the portion of a total tax levy, provided that it is based solely on a change in the EAV of the taxpayer's property.

HB 1588 (Currie)

COUNTIES RECORDING FEES

Status: House Rules Committee

Establishes a \$1 per document recording fee for certain filers for any document that affects an interest in real property other than documents which solely relate to an easement for water, sewer, electricity, or other public service. \$0.50 of the \$1 fee shall be deposited in the Recorder's Automation Fund and may not be expended for any other purpose.

HB 2233 (Sosnowski)

OPEN MEETINGS ACT

Status: House Rules Committee

Deletes a provision that authorized a public body to hold closed meetings to consider collective negotiating matters between it and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees.

HB 2326 (Chapa LaVia)

FOIA – COMMERCIAL PURPOSE

Status: House Rules Committee

Makes several changes to the Freedom of Information Act including allowing public bodies to charge a fee for the cost of materials, equipment, and personnel used to copy or produce a record in response to a request made for a commercial purpose. Also authorizes a fee to be charged for the first 50 pages of copies requested and for paper used to create an electronic record.

HB 2327 (Riley)

COURT DOCUMENT STORAGE

Status: House Rules Committee

Authorizes county boards to require the circuit court clerk to charge and collect a court automation fee of up to \$25 (instead of \$15) and a court document fee of up to \$25 (instead of \$15).

The Seventh U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has denied Attorney General Lisa Madigan's request for a full hearing on the issue of right to carry. The Court, by a 6-4 vote, declined to revisit the December ruling by a three-judge panel ordering the state legislature to join 49 other states in allowing citizens some form of right to carry guns in public. Madigan must now decide whether to drop the case or appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Senate Bills

SB 41 (Munoz)

PROPERTY TAX CODE

Status: Senate Revenue Committee

Allows the chief county assessment officer to record a tax lien against property that was granted one or more erroneous homestead exemptions.

SB 1158 (Stears)

TRUCK FLEET FEES

Status: Senate Executive Committee

Imposes a \$40 per vehicle fee statewide on anyone registering 10 or more vehicles of specified types. Fees would be deposited into an alternative fuels fund.

SB 1222 (Murphy)

LOCAL GOVT. EMPLOYEE RAISE

Status: Senate Labor Committee

Counties, Townships and Municipalities would be required to hold a public hearing, before increasing the pay of any officer or employee by more than six percent a year.

SB 1224 (Murphy)

PENSION CODE – NO SICK

Status: Senate 2nd Reading

Ends the practice of using unused vacation and sick time to increase pension benefits or to establish service credit.

SB 1228 (Link)

PROPERTY TAX CODE – COUNSEL

Status: Senate Revenue Committee

With respect to tax objection complaints, provides that the custodian of the funds for each taxing district that may be affected by the complaint has the right to representation by counsel of its own choosing and is not required to accept representation by the State's Attorney.

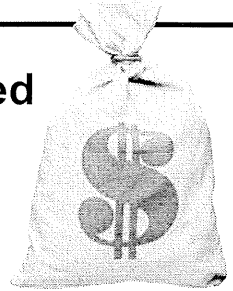
SB 1253 (Holmes)

OCCUPATIONAL DISEASES

Status: Senate Insurance Committee

Creates a legal presumption that any firefighter who develops Parkinson's disease is presumed to have developed the disease as a result of his or her employment. This would likely cause a significant increase in workers' compensation costs for local governments and goes against recent reform efforts that have sought to assure that injuries are actually linked to an employee's work.

FY14 Budget Address delayed to March 6



Current law requires the Governor to present his budget and make a budget address to the General Assembly and the people of Illinois on the third Wednesday in February, which in 2013 is February 20. A bill with partisan sponsorship, **House Bill 156**, was enacted to enable the Governor, for one year only, to delay this key speech until March 6. Gov. Quinn signed the bill into law on February 19, as the second law of the 98th General Assembly (Public Act 98-2). The State's ongoing budget crisis is blamed by observers for forcing the chief executive to demand more time to write and present this essential planning document. Pension costs, unionized employee pay and benefits, health care, and other exponentially increasing spending lines are creating a widening picture of unsustainability for the State's overall strategy of levying taxes, borrowing money, and spending appropriated funds.

New Senate Bills

SB 1302 (Althoff)

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACT

Status: Senate Assignments

Provides that the term "employment" does not include service performed after December 31, 2013 in the employ of certain governmental entities if the service is performed on a temporary basis as a public safety employee and the pay received for the service during the calendar quarter is less than \$1,000.

SB 1341 (Lightford)

OPEN SPACE LAND

Status: Senate Agriculture Committee

Provides that a local government defined as "distressed" under criteria adopted by the Department of Natural Resources shall be eligible for assistance up to 90% (rather than 50%) for the acquisition of open space lands and for capital development and improvement proposals, provided that no more than 10% of the amount appropriated under this Act in any fiscal year is made available as grants to distressed local governments.

SB 1403 (Noland)

PROPERTY TAX CODE – PROTESTS

Status: Senate Revenue Committee

Provides that, if a taxpayer objects to all or any part of a property tax for any year based on an assessment, the taxpayer may elect to (i) pay all of the tax due or

(ii) pay the amount of tax due for the year for which a tax objection complaint will be filed in compliance with Section 23-10, minus the amount attributable to any portion of the amount of the reduction in assessed value. Contains provisions concerning notice and penalties.

SB 1404 (Haime)

PROPERTY TAX – JUDGMENT SALE

Status: Senate Revenue Committee

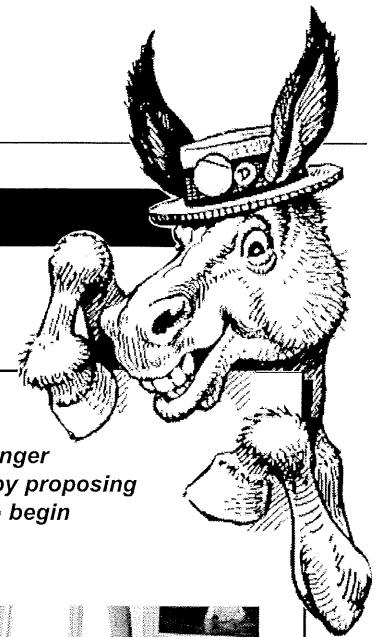
Provides that notices of application for judgment and sale may be sent by first class mail (instead of registered or certified mail).

SB 1405 (Martinez)

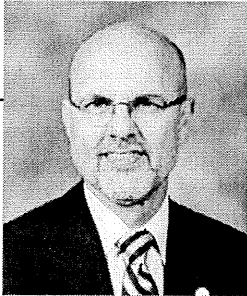
LOCAL TAX COLLECTION OFFSETS

Status: Senate Revenue Committee

Amends the Local Tax Collection Act. Provides that the amount to be paid to each municipality or county under the Act shall not include credit memoranda and shall not include the following amounts: (i) an amount equal to the amount of refunds made during the second preceding calendar month by the Department on behalf of such county or municipality; (ii) an amount the Department determines is necessary to offset any amounts which were erroneously paid to a different taxing body; and (iii) any amount which the Department determines is necessary to offset any amounts which are payable to a different taxing body but were erroneously paid to the municipality or county.



MAJORITY REPORT: News from the Democrat Caucuses



"Illinois' aging gas lines are a real public safety hazard," said Senator Dave Koehler. "And it's only going to get worse the longer we go without replacing them. Today, I've taken the first step by proposing legislation that will give gas distributors the tools they need to begin upgrading Illinois' pipelines."

Koehler proposes gas upgrade plan

Illinois has nearly 2,000 miles of cast- and wrought-iron gas mains – many more than 60 years old. The federal government has identified these aging gas lines as a major public safety risk and issued a call to action to replace them as soon as possible.

According to the U.S. Department of Transportation, Illinois had 27 gas incidents caused by old, substandard gas lines between 2002 and 2011. Though the state had no fatalities, there were several injuries and more than \$7 million in property damage during this time period.

Senate Bill 1665 sponsored by Senator Dave Koehler (D-Peoria) will make it easier for gas distributors to recover the cost of natural gas pipeline upgrades, making Illinois more competitive with neighboring states like Indiana, Missouri and Kentucky, which already have similar laws. It also enables gas companies to move gas meters to the outside of buildings and install modern tracking technology, reducing the need for manual meter readings and cutting customer costs. Outdoor meters make it easier for firefighters to shut off gas mains during emergencies.

The Illinois Commerce Commission keeps its strong oversight and review powers under the Gas Upgrade plan and gains new authority to penalize gas distribution companies if they don't meet annual performance and transparency goals.

Illinois Senate approves rules change

A rules change approved in the Senate, **Senate Resolution 54**, will allow citizens who collect 10 or more signatures for a legislative proposal to have their ideas submitted to the Senate. The proposals for new laws would be reviewed by a special Senate committee for possible consideration as legislation. Sponsored by Senate President John Cullerton (D-Chicago), SR 54 passed on a vote of 57-0.

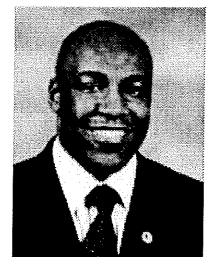


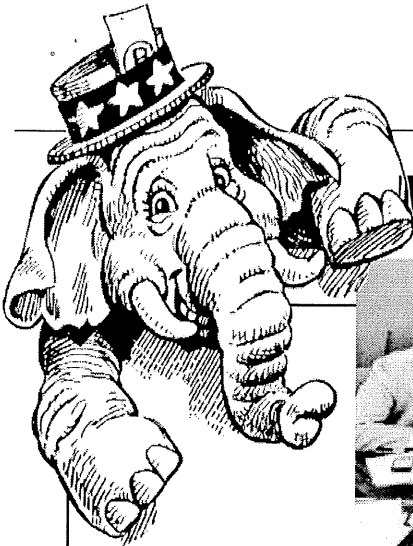
Nursing home care disclosure

Senator John Sullivan (D-Quincy) speaks as a witness with Donna Ginther of the Health Care Council of Illinois about **Senate Bill 1197** before the Senate Human Services Committee. The bill aims to protect a nursing home residents' funds by requiring facilities at the time of admission to provide each resident or resident's guardian with a written statement explaining to the resident their obligation to comply with the asset and income disclosure requirements of the federal Social Security Act. Failure to comply with asset and income disclosure requirements may result in the denial of Medicaid eligibility.

Raoul to lead concealed carry negotiations

Senator Kwame Raoul (D-Chicago) filed legislation on February 5 that will become a negotiated concealed carry proposal. Senate President Cullerton designated Raoul to bring together all voices in the gun debate to develop a legislative response to Judge Richard Posner's December ruling, which set a 180-day deadline for action. Language drafted in the course of negotiations will be added to **Senate Bill 1337**. The Illinois General Assembly has until June 9, 2013, to change the law.





MINORITY REPORT: News from the Republican Caucuses



"By adopting these common-sense concepts, taxpayers will not only be able to see how their tax dollars are being spent today – but what their tax and government spending obligations are into the future as well," said Rep. Tom Cross (right) with Rep. Ron Sandack at a tele-press conference in Plainfield earlier this month.

Sandack, Cross unveil new transparency initiatives

Reps. Ron Sandack (R-Downers Grove) and Tom Cross (R-Oswego) unveiled a three-point set of transparency initiatives to make state and local government more accountable to taxpayers. The goal is to provide every property taxpayer with an annual itemized breakdown of the spending outlays they are billed for to support units of local government; including school districts, municipalities, library and park districts, community colleges and more.

Transparency initiatives would include provisions to:

- Expand the Illinois Transparency Portal (ITAP) (**House Bill 1555**) to include all taxing bodies, levies and debts; including pension and retiree health care liabilities and government spending in Illinois;
- Require a State Debt Impact Note (**House Bill 1556**) be prepared on all legislation to tax, spend or generate revenue, such as levies and fees;
- Create an Illinois Review Board (**House Bill 1557**) to evaluate the taxes, spending, and debt of each taxing body and require the Board to publish the findings for taxpayer review.



Rep. David Reis (R-Olney) joined other downstate lawmakers on Friday to announce a preliminary framework agreement on regulatory standards for hydraulic fracturing. "Today's agreement protects the environment yet promotes investment and exploration of new natural resources. This industry will create much needed jobs and economic activity for Southern and Southeastern Illinois and the state as a whole," said Reis who served as the chief House Republican negotiator on the contentious issue.

Crundwell scandal inspires anti-corruption bills

Prison is where Rita Crundwell will be for a long time and the ex-Dixon Comptroller's massive theft has sparked new legislation to prevent similar crimes in the future. Rep. Tom Demmer (R-Rochelle) grew up in Dixon and Crundwell's nearly \$54 million theft frustrated him, so he put it into writing; a set of anti-corruption bills that will soon go to committees for discussion.

The three-bill "Dixon Package" was filed on February 13th. **House Bill 1562** would require two signatures to open a county or municipal account. It would also require the county board to review the books kept by the county treasurer twice a year. This is because in Crundwell's case, she faked nearly 160 State invoices. The second bill, **House Bill 1561**, increases the penalty for forgery to a Class 2 felony (3 to 7 years) when the forged document appears to be a governmental invoice or receipt. The third measure, **House Bill 1563**, would increase the severity of a felony charge based on how much money is stolen.

Crundwell was sentenced on February 14 to 19½ years in prison for misappropriation of funds totaling an estimated \$53 million against the taxpayers of Dixon, a small city in northwestern Illinois.



New Senate Bills *continued*

SB 1418 (Hunter)

HYDRAULIC FRACTURING BAN

Status: Senate Assignments

Imposes a moratorium on the process of hydraulic fracturing in Illinois to allow two years for a science-based investigative task force to study the issue.

SB 1430 (Syverson)

COUNTIES CODE – BORROWING

Status: Senate Local Govt. Committee

Provides that the county board may borrow money for county purposes from one fund for the use of another fund, as long as it is repaid within the current fiscal year; and may borrow money from any financial institution, provided that the money shall be repaid within 10 years.

SB 1431 (Syverson)

COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS

Status: Senate Assignments

Authorizes a county board member in any county (now, in a county having fewer than 40,000 inhabitants) to concurrently hold the office of member of the board of education, regional board of school trustees, board of school directors, board of a community college district, or board of school inspectors.

SB 1432 (Collins)

LOCAL PROPERTY REHAB

Status: Senate Revenue Committee

Provides that property owned by an entity created by county or municipal ordinance for purpose of acquiring troubled property and returning it to productive use is exempt from property taxation.

SB 1469 (Sullivan)

WIND ENERGY FACILITY

Status: Senate Energy Committee

Requires an operator of a commercial wind energy facility on land owned by another to enter into an agricultural impact mitigation agreement with the Department of Agriculture. Provides that the operator is responsible for deconstruction of a wind energy facility.

SB 1493 (Link)

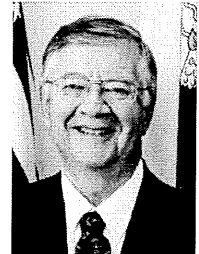
HORSE RACING LOCAL PAYMENTS

Status: Senate Executive Committee

Provides that payments of a percentage of the pari-mutuel handle from an inter-

Moffitt files legislation to aid 911 funding with cellphone tax

Calls to local law enforcement and emergency personnel have increased dramatically in recent years, due in part to increased cell phone use. However, funding has not kept pace. As landline numbers continue to dwindle, placing some county call centers on the brink of closing, Rep. Don Moffitt (R-Galesburg) decided to act. He filed **House Bill 1212** that would raise cellular device charges to \$1.00 dollar per month, up from the current 73 cents. It requires the State Treasurer to deposit \$.80 per surcharge into the Wireless Service Emergency Fund for distribution to the 9-1-1 authorities. The 911 Act was to expire April 1, but has been extended to July 1, 2013.



track wagering location licensee to the municipality and county in which it is located must be paid by the licensee on a monthly basis no later than the 10th of the month following the month such handle was generated.

SB 1519 (Connelly)

TOOL AND DIE ABATEMENT

Status: Senate Revenue Committee

Allows any taxing district to order the county clerk to abate all or a portion of the taxes levied by the taxing district on certain tool and die business property.

SB 1533 (Rose)

FIREARMS – LOCAL REGULATION

Status: Senate Assignments

Provides that a local government may not require registration, reporting of the sale or transfer of a firearm, or may not keep a firearms registry.

SB 1593 (Rose)

ENTERPRISE ZONE ACT

Status: Senate Assignments

Provides that, in calendar year 2013, DCEO may certify an additional 10 Enterprise Zones in counties with a population of less than 50,000.

SB 1669 (Althoff)

PREVAILING WAGE ACT

Status: Senate Assignments

Provides that by passage of a resolution, a county, municipality, school district, or township may exempt all local public works projects undertaken from the requirements of the Act.

SB 1679 (Link)

LINE OF DUTY COMPENSATION ACT

Status: Senate Assignments

Includes court security officers in the definition of "law enforcement officer".

SB 1692 (Althoff)

OPEN MEETINGS – ASSOCIATIONS

Status: Senate Assignments

Amends the Open Meetings Act and the Freedom of Information Act. Specifies, in both Acts, that the term "public body" includes any association of units of local government, any not-for-profit corporation with membership consisting of units of local government, or any other entity with members consisting of units of local government irrespective of whether the entity is organized pursuant to the Illinois Constitution or other law of this State.

This is a partial listing. Additional new House and Senate bills will be included in the next report.



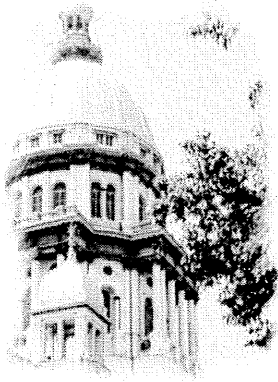
Important Dates

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Deadline: Introduction of House Bills

March 6, 2013

Governor's Budget Address



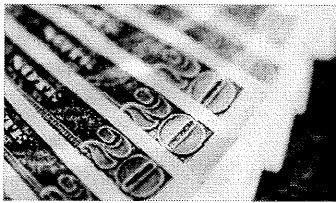
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LGDF in jeopardy once again!

Although this comes as no surprise, plans are now being discussed in Springfield that would **TAKE AWAY ADDITIONAL REVENUES** from counties. We have confirmed reports that the Local Government Distributive Fund (LGDF) is again being discussed as a potential source for lawmakers to use in order to balance the state budget. It appears that the Governor's office and some legislators are supportive of either reducing (\$240 million) or "capping" LGDF for FY2014. The negative impacts of such a choice would be profound.

LGDF revenue is NOT the State's money. It has always been provided to counties and municipalities since the income tax was instituted in 1969. The State collects the money on behalf of local governments for efficiency. State legislators must understand that cutting millions from cities and counties affects every Illinois citizen. **Please contact your Representatives and Senators and let them know that you OPPOSE the decreased LGDF.**

This statehouse report provides an overview of House and Senate committee and floor actions on legislation that may impact county government. Throughout the report, we have identified several bills for which we need our membership to take action. This list is not all-inclusive. Should you have questions regarding any legislation, please contact our office at 217-528-5331.

Senate Committee Action

The following bills have passed committee and arrived in the Senate.

SB 1341 (Lightford) OPEN SPACE LAND GRANTS Status: Senate 2nd Reading

Allows local governments defined as "distressed" by the Department of Natural Resources to be eligible to receive a 90% reimbursement (now 50%) for acquisition of open space lands, capital development and improvement proposals. This would be accomplished by specifying 10% of total money used for OSLAD grants be directed to distressed local governments.

SB 1404 (Haine) PROPERT TAX – JUDGMENT SALE Status: Senate 2nd Reading

Changes the notification requirements for judgment and sale of tax delinquent properties. Notices could be sent by first class mail, rather than by registered or certified

mail. Although the bill was approved by committee, the sponsor agreed to work on changes to the measure before moving forward.

SB 1430 (Syverson) COUNTIES BORROWING MONEY Status: Senate 3rd Reading

Allows a county to borrow from a local bank instead of having to use a tax anticipation warrant as long as the funds are repaid within two years. This was requested by Winnebago County as a way to save taxpayer's money because they believe they can borrow short term more cheaply from a bank rather than issues a tax anticipation warrant.

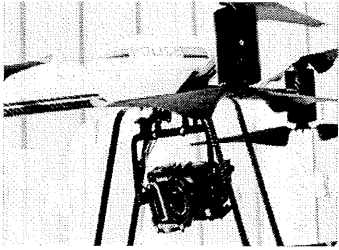
SB 1471 (Holmes) LOCAL GOVT CONSOLIDATION Status: Senate 3rd Reading

Extends the filing date that the Local Government Consolidation Commission must submit its report to the General Assembly to September 20, 2013.

Sales tax borrowing bills passes



Senate Bill 622 sponsored by Senate President John Cullerton (D-Chicago) and House Speaker Michael Madigan (D-Chicago) has passed both Houses and now heads to the Governor's desk. The bill borrows \$6.6 million from the Local Government Tax Fund (sales tax revenue) in order to fund a medical regulatory unit within the Illinois Dept. of Financial and Professional Regulation. The money would be used to rehire staff to expedite the licensing process for doctors. The bill calls for the money to be repaid in three installments of \$2.2 million. IACBMC along with other local government organizations are skeptical that the funds will actually be replaced and don't see why local governments are once again footing the bill to fix a state created problem.



Drone legislation introduced

Whether drones are in use in Illinois today is unclear. Police departments aren't required to disclose ownership of the small, remotely piloted devices used primarily for video surveillance. Sen. Daniel Biss (D-Evanston) has introduced legislation that would change that. The Federal Aviation Administration recently lifted its own regulations on domestic law enforcement drones, and twenty states are considering stepping into the gap, either by imposing a moratorium on the technology or by limiting its use.

Senate Bill 1587, called the Freedom from Drone Surveillance Act, permits the use of a drone by a law enforcement agency if it is attempting to locate a missing person and is not undertaking a criminal investigation or if the agency is using the drone solely for crime scene photography.

SB 1534 (Rose) **DEFERRED COMP – ROTH IRA**

Status: Senate 2nd Reading
Allows for state employees in the deferred compensation plan to also participate in Roth IRA plans. Additionally, instructs CMS and local governments to amend their plans to allow designated Roth IRA contributions and in-plan rollovers to designated Roth accounts.

SB 1657 (Holmes) **BOARD OF REVIEW AFFILIATIONS**

Status: Senate 2nd Reading
Provides that no more than two members of a board of review shall be affiliated with the same political party.

SB 1674 (Collins) **FORECLOSURE FEE REFUND**

Status: Senate 2nd Reading
This is a follow-up measure clarifying provisions of an expedited foreclosure bill approved in 2012. It affects collections, fees, processes, and time frames for clerks of courts and the borrower.

SB 1679 (Link) / SB 1748 (Noland) **LINE OF DUTY – COURT SECURITY**

Status: Senate 2nd reading
These are identical bills that include court security officers in the definition of the term "law enforcement officer." Law enforcement officers get compensation if they are killed in the line of duty, this will now extend to court security officers.

SB 1795 (Martinez) **HOUSING RECORDING FEES**

Status: Senate 2nd Reading
This bill was introduced in response to legal action regarding the constitutionality of how the Rental Housing Support

Program fees are collected. Under the bill, the recording of any document relating to real property will be charged \$1, with fifty cents of the fee deposited into the County General Revenue Fund and fifty cent deposited in the Recorder's Automation Fund. The Recorder will collect \$9 (now \$10) for the Rental Housing Support Program State surcharge on any real estate related document.

SB 1812 (Link) **DEMAND DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS**

Status: Senate 2nd Reading
In addition to other investments permitted by law, allows any treasurers and custodians of funds to deposit funds into demand deposit accounts.

SB 1824 (Sullivan) **LOCAL MEMORIAL MAINTENANCE**

Status: Senate 2nd Reading
Addresses an issue in current law wherein local governments may by ordinance construct memorials, but can not appropriate funds for this maintenance. This bill addresses this situation by allowing counties to appropriate funds to maintain veterans' memorials that are erected; by allowing townships and municipalities to allocate funds for the maintenance of memorials through proposition, and Park Districts that lease land for the use of a memorial may transfer the maintenance of the memorial to the organization holding the lease.

SB 1843 (Mulroe) **COUNTY INMATE TRANSFER**

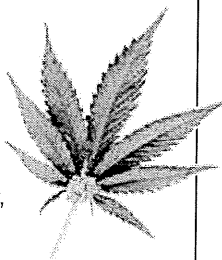
Status: Senate 2nd Reading
Seeks to ensure that the correct county is reimbursed for the fees associated with the transfer of a juvenile offender by defining "transfer case" in the Probation and Probation Officers Act.

SB 1846 (Mulroe) **COURT PRO BONO PROGRAM**

Status: Senate 2nd Reading
Intended to simplify the process for identifying which low-income clients are eligible to have their court fees waived by eliminating unnecessary and duplicative court hearings. Instead they will be able to use the current streamlined process used by legal service agencies. The goal is to improve the administration of justice in the courts and improve efficiency for overburdened legal aid organizations.

Medical marijuana bill approved

On Wednesday, the House Human Services Committee passed legislation by an 11-4 vote to legalize medical marijuana in Illinois. Under **House Bill 1**, medical marijuana use would only be allowed to patients with qualifying conditions, such as cancer, multiple sclerosis and HIV. Rep. Lou Lang (D-Skokie), the bill's sponsor, is optimistic this version will pass as it includes tighter regulations than past failed measures. "This is clearly model legislation for the country if we pass it," said Lang. The Illinois Association of Chiefs of Police and Illinois Sheriffs' Association are officially opposed.



Senate Bills in the House

These bills have passed the Senate and arrived in the House.

SB 10 (Steans) Harris MARRIAGE FAIRNESS ACT **Status: House 2nd Reading**

Creates the Religious Freedom and Marriage Fairness Act. Provides all laws of this State applicable to marriage apply equally to marriages of same-sex and different-sex couples and their children.

SB 48 (Martinez) Soto REPEAL PUBLIC ACT 92-876 **Status: House Rules Committee**

Repeals the Unified Child Support Services Act. Healthcare and Family Services proposed this bill and contend that State's Attorneys are not utilizing the unified services program. It was never used because no county was able to fulfill all of the requirements to enter into the contract.

SB 104 (Althoff) Franks MINIMUM WAGE LAW – OVERTIME **Status: House Rules Committee**

Provides that overtime compensation provisions do not apply to any employee who is a member of a bargaining unit recognized by the Illinois Labor Relations Board and whose union has contractually agreed to an alternate shift schedule as allowed by specified provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938.

Democrats push forward to ban assault weapons

The Illinois House on Tuesday voted in favor of bans on semi-automatic assault weapons and large-capacity ammunition magazines, though the proposals still face contentious battles before they could become law. The House must approve the full piece of legislation for it to move to the Senate. Republican legislators in the Illinois House refused to cast votes.

Resolution to abolish Lt. Governor position approved by committee

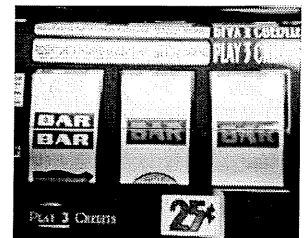
Illinois voters may have the opportunity to decide whether the state should have a Lieutenant Governor. Rep. David McSweeney (R-Barrington Hills) filed **House Joint Resolution Constitutional Amendment (HJRCA 18)** as chief sponsor, a measure that would abolish the post as part of his effort for greater government efficiencies. McSweeney has garnered bipartisan support, including 28 additional house members to sign on as co-sponsors. Rep. Jack Franks (D-Marengo) and Leader Tom Cross (R-Oswego) are the chief co-sponsors of the legislation. McSweeney's legislation passed the State Government Committee by a vote of 16-4.



According to House Republican staff, the state could save approximately \$2 million a year by doing away with the office. "I urge my colleagues to join me and get this done," added McSweeney. "A meaningful budget cut to the bureaucracy is a great start to prove that we're serious about cutting spending." If HJRCA 18 is approved, it would be placed on the 2014 ballot for voters to decide. Under the legislation, the Attorney General would be next in line to assume the duties of Governor if necessary.

New internet gambling legislation introduced

A new gaming bill is making its way through the Illinois Senate. **Senate Bill 1739** sponsored by Sen. Terry Link (D-Gurnee) would expand land-based gambling options and also introduce internet gambling. The legislation comes just 48 hours after Governor Quinn vetoed a similar bill that would have authorized a casino in Chicago.

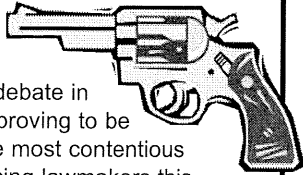


Senate Bill 1739 includes the authorization of a Chicago casino; slot machines at horse racing tracks and at O'Hare and Midway airports in Chicago; four new casinos outside Chicago (one each in Rockford, Danville, the Chicago south suburbs and Lake County); legalized internet gambling (iGaming); and a ban on political contributions by those holding gambling licenses. Under the bill, all riverboats may become land based and new boats/casinos can be land based as well.

Unlike previous gaming bills, **Senate Bill 1739** creates a new Division of Internet Gaming under the Department of the Lottery. The Division shall be charged with the administration, regulation and oversight of Internet-based gaming (iGaming) which allows wagering on casino-based games, including poker. The revenues and fees will be used to fund the Illinois Gaming Board, pay old bills, provide a local share to communities where the facilities are located, and, ultimately, provide funding to the Education Assistance Fund, which will also be used to pay teacher pension costs.

The Senate Executive Committee approved the bill on a 10-4-1 vote. It now goes before the full Senate.

Concealed-carry debate continues



The gun debate in Illinois is proving to be one of the most contentious issues facing lawmakers this session. The appellate ruling has started the clock ticking. The General Assembly has until June 9, 2013 to pass a concealed-carry proposal.

Illinois House votes to cap pensions

In a preliminary vote Tuesday, Illinois House members voted 65-7 in favor of an amendment that would cap a state retiree's pensionable salary to what is called the Social Security wage base, now at \$113,700, adjusted annually for inflation. It was the first time a pension proposal has been approved in the House in two weeks' of test votes on reform measures. However, the votes are just a prelude to next week, when comprehensive pension bills are expected to be considered in both House and Senate committees.

The move is estimated to save \$632 million in fiscal year 2014 starting July 1, which is small when considering the \$96.8 billion shortfall of full pension funding. Republicans boycotted the vote as they did last week on other proposals.



House Committee Actions

The following bills have passed committee and arrived in the House.

HB 22 (Flowers) AIDS VACCINE

Status: House 2nd Reading

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that group and individual policies of accident and health insurance and managed care plans must provide coverage for a vaccine for acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS) that is approved for marketing by the federal Food and Drug Administration and that is recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service.

HB 1201 (Sosnowski) WIND FARMS

Status: House 3rd Reading

Amends the Illinois Municipal Code. Provides that a municipality may prohibit any electric generating wind device from locating within its corporate limits. This shall apply only to devices permitted after the effective date of the amendatory Act.

HB 1203 (Sosnowski) PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION

Status: House 3rd Reading

Amends the Counties Code. Provides that the notice required for a text or map amendment shall not include a metes and bounds legal description of the property affected, provided that the notice includes the common street address or addresses and property index number ("PIN") of all the parcels of real property contained in the affected area.

HB 1233 (Sacia) HOSPICE PROGRAM LIMIT

Status: House 2nd Reading

Amends the Hospice Program Licensing Act. Provides that on and after the effective date of the amendatory Act, the number of licensed hospice residences shall not exceed the following: (i) five hospice residences located in counties with a

population of 700,000 or more; (ii) five hospice residences located in counties with a population of 200,000 or more but less than 700,000; and (iii) five hospice residences located in counties with a population of less than 200,000.

HB 1256 (Gordon-Booth) FLASHING YELLOW SIGNALS

Status: House 2nd Reading

This bill is intended to improve traffic flow at lights with flashing yellow arrows. Requires vehicles facing a flashing yellow arrow indication to proceed only as indicated by the arrow and to yield the right of way to other vehicles. Pedestrians must give the right of way to vehicles lawfully within the intersection at the time the flashing yellow signal is first displayed.

HB 1444 (Zalewski) IMRF AMORTIZATION

Status: House 3rd Reading

Provides that the Board shall determine the amortization period to be used in calculating the amount to be contributed by participating municipalities and participating instrumentalities in order to adjust for changes in the Fund's unfunded accrued liabilities. The amortization period shall not exceed 30 years for municipalities or 10 years for instrumentalities. Allows participating employees to withdraw additional contributions only to the extent permitted by the Internal Revenue Code of 1986.

HB 1457 (Bradley) NURSING HOME CARE ACT

Status: House 2nd Reading

Provides that to protect a residents' funds, a facility shall place any monthly allowance to which a resident is entitled in that resident's personal account, or give it to the resident, unless the facility has written authorization from the resident or the resident's guardian (now, the resident or the resident's guardian or if the resident is a minor, his parent) to handle it differently.

BILL PASSES TO ADJUST EARLY VOTING: House Bill 1560 has passed both Houses. If signed by the Governor, it will exempt election authorities from staying open for early voting on the Easter holidays, while providing additional voting hours during the last week of early voting.

New House Bills

HB 2396 (Sosnowski)
ELECTIONS – HOME RULE BALLOT
Status: House Executive Committee
Provides referendum language to cease being a home rule unit of local government.

HB 2404 (Currie)
JUVENILE DELINQUENCY AGE
Status: House Judiciary Committee
Changes the definition of delinquent minor to include a person who was under 18 (rather than 17) years of age when he/she committed an offense classified as a felony.

HB 2460 (Arroyo)
ROAD FUND APPROPRIATION
Status: House Rules Committee
Beginning with FY 2014, all Road Fund Monies shall be appropriated to provide 50% to DOT District 1 and 50% to be divided among the remaining districts.

HB 2481 (Reboletti)
LOCAL GOVERNMENT REDUCTION
Status: Counties & Townships Comm.
Amends the Counties Code. Adds a Division addressing local government reduction and efficiency. Provides the General Assembly's findings regarding units of local government and possible inefficiencies. Provides that in certain counties, the county board may enact an ordinance proposing the dissolution of a unit of local government and, upon the effective date of that ordinance, the chairman of the county board shall issue an audit of the unit. Following the return of this audit report, the county board may adopt an ordinance to dissolve the unit.

HB 2482 (Cabello)
COUNTY CODE – STATEMENTS
Status: Counties & Townships Comm.
Requires the annual budget to contain a detailed statement showing any bonuses or increase in any salary, wage, stipend, or other form of compensation for every agency, department, or any other entity receiving an appropriation from the county.

HB 2489 (Phelps)
COUNTY ROAD FUNDS
Status: House Transportation Comm.
Extends the time counties have to obligate funds allocated to them under the Illinois Highway Code by 24 months.

Sosnowski: "Open the door on union arbitration hearings"

Rep. Joe Sosnowski (R-Belvidere) is fighting for increased transparency during labor contract arbitrations by introducing legislation aimed at eliminating the ability for government entities to negotiate labor contracts behind closed doors.

Rockford Mayor Larry Morrissey says the plan will benefit taxpayers in Rockford and around the state. "In these binding and mandatory arbitrations, witnesses give testimony under oath, decisions are made by an unelected arbitrator, and taxpayers are often forced to pay huge salary and benefit increases," says Morrissey. "There is no excuse for this work being done in the dark. Our City Council could never do this. Everyone, including arbitrators, should be subject to the Open Meetings Act so the public can see their work and hold the process accountable."

House Bill 2233, which has been referred to the State Government Administration Committee, would remove the state statute that authorizes a public body to hold closed door meetings to consider collective bargaining agreements or deliberate salary schedules for a class of employees.



HB 2505 (Soto)
CLERKS OF COURTS FEES
Status: House Executive Comm.
Amends the Clerks of Courts Act. Provides that unless an amount or percentage is otherwise provided by statute, for fines, fees, and costs collected and disbursed by the Circuit Court Clerk pursuant to statute, the county board may require the Circuit Court Clerk in its county to retain not less than 1% nor more than 5% for deposit in the Circuit Court Clerk Operation and Administrative Fund.

HB 2615 (Bradley)
HYDRAULIC FRACTURING ACT
Status: House Revenue Committee
Creates the Illinois Hydraulic Fracturing Regulatory Act. Prohibits high volume horizontal hydraulic fracturing operations performed without a permit. Regulates where high volume horizontal hydraulic fracturing operations are proposed, planned, or occurring may be located.

HB 3105 (Sosnowski)
VIDEO GAMING ACT
Status: House Rules Committee
Provides that the governing body of a municipality or a county board of a county in which video gaming has not

been prohibited may pass an ordinance to limit the number of video gaming terminals permitted to operate and place restrictions on the locations of the video gaming terminals.

HB 3293 (Sente)
COUNTY OFFICIAL STIPENDS
Status: House Rules Committee
Provides that assessors, county treasurers, coroners, sheriffs, recorders of deeds, clerks of the circuit court, and other county officers whose terms of office begin on or after the effective date of the amendatory Act shall not receive a stipend.

HB 3393 (Cabello)
ILLINOIS INCOME TAX ACT
Status: House Rule Committee
Provides that, if the rate of tax is reduced because the State has exceeded the State spending limit, then, beginning with the first distribution to occur after the effective date of the reduction, the State Comptroller shall order transferred and the State Treasurer shall transfer each month from the General Revenue Fund to the Local Government Distributive Fund an amount equal to 1/10 of the net revenue realized under Act during the preceding month.



MAJORITY REPORT: News from the Democrat Caucuses



"These two great campuses deserve to have an equal say in their governance," Senator Bill Haine said. "A geographical balance on the board of trustees has been generally accepted by past administrations. This bill simply codifies that balance."

Haine bill restructures SIU board and ensures balance

Senator Bill Haine (D-Alton) introduced legislation that would reconstitute Southern Illinois University's board of trustees. **Senate Bill 2406** would create new rules affecting the makeup of the board that oversees the SIU's Carbondale and Edwardsville campuses.

The current board is made up of eight voting members: seven appointed by the governor and one student selected by the student body. There is one additional non-voting student representative. The new bill would require that, of the seven gubernatorial appointed board members, three of the appointees must be graduates of SIU Carbondale and three must be graduates of SIU Edwardsville. It would also extend voting privileges to the second student representative.

The rule requiring the board to be balanced between alumni from the two campuses is based on a prior informal practice. The new bill would formalize the process and insure that each campus have equal representation. If **Senate Bill 2406** is passed and signed by the governor, then all current trustees would need to be reappointed. The bill is currently awaiting assignment to a Senate committee.

Jurisdiction of Thomson prison to federal government passes Senate

The sale of Thomson Correctional Center is one step closer to being reality. **Senate Bill 30**, which passed the Senate on March 1, allows the state to grant jurisdiction of the prison to the federal government.

"Unfortunately, this process has taken years. However, we are finally to a point where we are handing over control of the facility to the federal government," said Senator Mike Jacobs (D-Moline). "This process must be approved by the legislature and the governor to be official. This is the next step in that process."

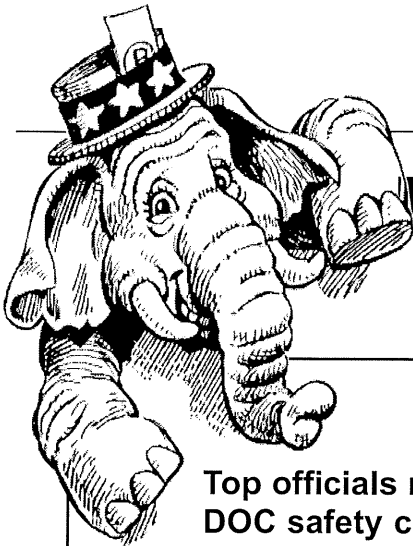
The Thomson correctional facility, built in 2001, cost the state \$140 million dollars to construct; however, it has never been operational because the state lacked the funds to open the facility. The Justice Department agreed to purchase Thomson in October of 2012 for \$165 million. Once operational, the facility should provide over 1,000 jobs in Northwestern Illinois.



Cullerton reacts to budget address

Senate President John Cullerton released the following statement regarding Governor Pat Quinn's FY14 Budget Address: "Today, Governor Quinn introduced a plan that appears balanced and holds the line on spending. I appreciate that his plan also reflects our true liabilities in entitlements and pensions. This year another \$1 billion pension payment diverts our attention from every other budget priority. The inescapable truth is the enormity of our pension costs continues to crowd out essential services. Nowhere is that more evident than in education. Because of rising pension costs, the Governor's budget understandably includes painful cuts. However, we should all consider this an unacceptable option and work to fully restore education funding. This reality reinforces why pension reform remains my top priority this session. For that reason I have notified all pension reform senate sponsors to present their bills before the Senate Executive Committee within a week."





MINORITY REPORT: News from the Republican Caucuses

Top officials meet in response to DOC safety concerns

State Senators Kyle McCarter (R-Lebanon), Dave Luechtefeld (R-Okawville) and Sam McCann (R-Carlinville) met with Department of Corrections Director S.A. Godinez and his top management team on Wednesday, February 27 about problems in the state's correctional system.

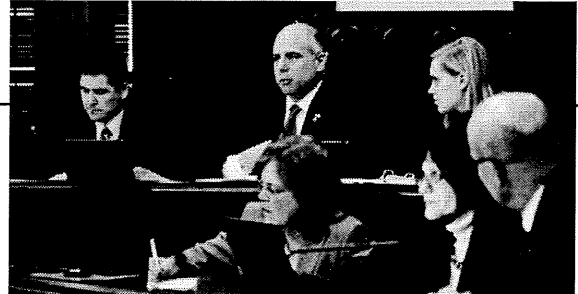
"We had a very direct discussion with Director Godinez," said McCarter. "What we are looking for is a comprehensive plan to stabilize the situation in our prisons. Given the extent of over-crowding, due to closures like Tamms, we must make sure that our correctional officers (CO) are not put in dangerous positions."

Inmate attacks on CO's are a serious concern. Inmate on inmate assaults have also increased which adds to the challenges facing CO's to keep order in the prisons.

"Given the state's poor financial condition, and the impact the facility closures will have on both staff and inmates, we have to monitor the situation very closely," said McCann.

Financial challenges facing the correctional system were addressed, specifically the issue of costly overtime, which is about \$45 million annually. Commitments to hire people for secretarial positions were also discussed, which will allow DOC to move CO's back into security. DOC did promise weekly reports on efforts to balance staffing, eliminate overtime and save money in the department.

"The Director stood firm in his defense of the closure of Tamms Correctional Center, segregation policies, and some staffing issues, stated Luechtefeld. "The Department



did agree with us in our conclusion to get more clerical staff hired, to ensure that security staff are not bogged down with paperwork and are allowed to concentrate on security duties."

"This is not where the discussion with Corrections ends, added McCarter. "My colleagues and I will remain vigilant and hold the Director and his management team accountable."

Bost opposes cell phone ban



Rep. Mike Bost (R-Murphysboro) voted against the cellphone ban approved on March 1 by the Illinois House. "Banning the use of cellphones while driving is nothing but government being the ultimate big brother," said Bost. "What's next? Banning the use of pens and paper or listening to music in the car? Our government

needs to stay out of our personal lives and focus on governing not dictating."

House Bill 1247 provides that a person may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using a cellphone. The cellphone ban will allow drivers to use hands-free devices such as Bluetooth headsets.

Bivins works with Comptroller to protect students

Sen. Tim Bivins (R-Dixon) pledged his support for legislation proposed by State Comptroller Judy Baar Topinka (at right) to protect Illinois students by removing polling places from public and private schools. Sen. Bivins and State Rep. Jack Franks (D-Woodstock) will sponsor the legislation in the General Assembly. The two lawmakers and the Comptroller were joined at a State Capitol press conference March 5 by representatives from the Police Benevolent and Protective Association, the Illinois Chiefs of Police Association, and several sheriff's departments.

Bivins has also introduced a school-safety legislative package (**Senate Bills 1931, 1932, 1933**) with ideas ranging from architectural standards for school building construction to a School Crime Watch program.



House Bills in the Senate

These bills have passed the House and arrived in the Senate.

HB 956 (Moffitt) Mulroe COUNTIES CODE – SOLICITATION

Status: Senate Assignments

Requires the charitable organization seeking an exemption from the prohibition on charitable solicitation to provide the county with a list of 3 alternate solicitation locations. If the county determines that the applicant's location cannot be permitted due to significant safety concerns, such as high traffic volumes, poor geometrics, construction or past accident history, then the county may deny the application for that location and must approve one of the 3 alternate locations following the order of preference submitted by the applicant on the alternate location list.

HB 984 (Mautino) Martinez RECORD FEES

Status: Senate Assignments

Amends the Clerks of Courts Act. Provides that certain fees imposed for automated record keeping shall be paid by the defendant upon a judgment of guilty or grant of supervision for a violation (instead of "conservation violation") under certain Acts.

HB 1020 (Mayfield) Link BUILDING DEMOLITION

Status: Senate Assignments

Amends the Counties Code. Concerning the expedited removal of certain buildings that are a continuing hazard to the community, repeals the requirement for a building to be residential and 2 stories or less in height.



Important Dates

March 22, 2013

DEADLINE: Substantive House and Senate Bills out of Committee

March 23-April 7: SPRING BREAK

ACTION NEEDED!

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HB 89 • HB 95 • HB 1310 • HB 1499 • HB 1521 • HB 3041



While some of the details of these bills differ, the general concept of each is to prevent tax-capped local governments from collecting revenue that is sufficient to cover their costs. This would affect not only counties, but also municipalities, townships, schools, and other units of government that are subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL). Currently under the tax-cap statute, the extension limitation (what is essentially the "tax cap") may be increased each year by the amount of either 5% or the increase in the Consumer Price Index – whichever is less. The purpose of this increase is to allow the capped taxes to keep up with rising costs due to inflation. Under these bills, the extension limitation could not be increased at all despite any increase in inflation.

- The bills set a State policy that says that the revenues of a community should not be sufficient to meet its costs. The minimal CPI-increase permitted by PTELL is designed only to allow local governments to cover inflationary increases in expenses. Counties would be forced to further cut essential services.
- Local governments have already faced cuts through decreased tax revenues. For years, local governments have responded to this dour economic situation by cutting costs and services in order to balance their budgets. A further reduction in revenue would prevent local governments from being able to provide services at even the reduced levels that have become the new norm.
- The reduction under each of these bills does not just apply if EAV decreases – it will become a permanent part of the tax rate. Because PTELL caps growth when EAV's rise, the reduction in a district's tax base would be long term. A district would not fully recover these revenue reductions as the economy improves.
- Many local governments spend the majority of their property-tax levy on pension contributions. Already the state statutes require higher contributions than counties are allowed to tax for. These bills would just make the problem worse.

In addition to the Illinois Association of County Board Members, these bills are opposed by the following organizations:

Illinois Municipal League	Lake County Municipal League
Township Officials of Illinois	DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference
Metro Counties of Illinois	Barrington Area Council of Governments
Metropolitan Mayors Caucus	West Central Municipal Conference
Northwest Municipal Conference	Illinois Assn. of County Clerks & Recorders
Southwest Conference of Mayors	Illinois Library Association
Will County Governmental League	South Suburban Mayors & Managers Assn.
School Management Alliance	

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2013

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Jessica Joy
SHELBY COUNTY CLERK

- **Roll Call** Bruce Cannon, Dave Cruitt, Jesse Durbin, Larry Lenz
 - Also in attendance: Alan Spesard, County Engineer
- **Discussion on closed bridge in Cold Spring Township:**
 - Representatives from Cold Spring Township discussed need for bridge
 - Bruce Cannon recommended that the committee look at bridge priorities and get back to Bob Simpson
- **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
 - Previous minutes of meeting was approved
- **Review Claims** Monthly payroll and claims from the County Bridge, County Highway, FASM, Co. MFT, Local Bridge, Township Construction, Township MFT accounts were reviewed and signed by committee members
 - Committee recommended approval of claims
- **New Business:**
 - Resolution to award oil bids
 - Committee recommended approval of bids
 - Petition to replace closed bridge in Village of Sigel with Pipe
 - Committee recommended approval of petition
 - Planning on using Cty Highway additional tax revenue on repair to Moweaqua Road
 - Fiber Optic Line for faster internet service planned for Tower Hill and Shelbyville going to Schools
 - Ash Grove Highway Commissioner has request bridge 3037 to be replaced
 - Lawsuit on Clarksburg Blacktop – Greg Williams accident
 - Water line to be installed along Lakewood County Highway
 - Jim Warren asking for cost estimate for courthouse parking lot
 - Bruce wants Highway dept. to estimate costs of asphaltting parking lot
 - Unknown Haz Matl spill found near Clarksburg rrxing project reported to EPA, Shelby Coop, and Union Pacific Railroad; dirt blocking migration placed by Highway Commissioner
 - Repair to Track Hoe under carriage tracks - (8000 hours)
 - Neoga Road Bridge Bid: Low Bid Depew and Owen at \$750,988 (estimated at \$990K)
 - Oklahoma Bridge Bid: Low Bid A.J Walker at \$569,200.68 (estimated at \$713K)
 - Making Cold Mix on March 25th and 26th
- **Old Business:**
 - Cold Spring Highway Commissioner requests recently closed bridge to be replaced; – Cold Spring commissioner asked for low water crossing
 - Notified of contaminated soil in Village of Herrick – State’s Attorney is contacting an environmental lawyer for review
 - We have a significant backlog of design projects: Neoga Road Bridge (Major bridge federal grant – shooting for a March 2013 letting); Shelbyville Township RRxing approach (100 % State funding – due in December 2013); Clarksburg rrxing approach (100% State funding – due June 2013); Oklahoma Bridge (80% federal funding; \$200K DCEO grant funding); Prairie/Richland township bridges (80% federal funding; 16% state; 4% local); Rural township funding submittal for rrxing approach; Repair bridge in Windsor Township (50/50 with township) December 10th; Clarksburg Cty Highway rrxing approach; 2 Okaw township rrxing approaches
 - December 10th: Received Subpoena from Kanoski & Associates on maintenance records for flashing lights on Moweaqua/Il Rte 51 – deposition will probably occur on March 18th.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 11, 2013

- Windsor closed bridge – repair of cap and timber piles by Schmidt Construction
 - Status of Computer upgrades – asked Dave Woods for recommendations
 - Have updated cost estimates for upgrading Oconee road and for Assumption Road
- **Adjournment: Next meetings scheduled for April 5th and 8th**

Cold Spring Township
Attendance
3/11/2013



- Pipeline
- one way out
- Herrick Fire District
- UPS

Bruce

- Priorities

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE

Meeting Minutes

March 8th, 2013

- **Roll Call** in alphabetical order: Bruce Cannon, Dave Cruitt, Jesse Durbin, Larry Lenz
 - Also in attendance: Alan Spesard, County Engineer
- **New Business:**
 - Township and County road oil bids were opened and publicly read
 - Road trip to look at bridge in Cold Spring Township.
- **Adjournment:** Next meeting scheduled for March 11, 2013

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Jessica Cox
SHERBY COUNTY CLERK

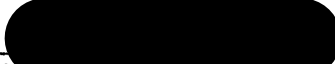
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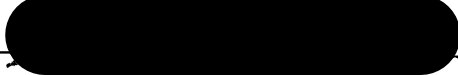
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TWP. CONSTRUCTION FUND
TWP. MOTOR FUEL TAX FUND

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE









HIGHWAY PAYROLL ACCOUNT

DATE: March 1, 2013

NAME	REG. HRS.	REG. HR. RATE	OVER T.	OVER T. RATE	REG. PAY	O.T. PAY	TOTAL PAY
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K. Petard	244	23.32		34.98	1864.40		1864.40
S. Short	386	22.52		33.78	1800.22		1800.22
M. Lorton	172	19.46		29.19	1555.68		1555.68
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**KASKASKIA
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**PROTECTING
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Welcome—Steve Jurgens

Welcome to the Kaskaskia Watershed Association (KWA) Annual Summit and thank you for your interest. We strive to keep our program relevant to current events. Hopefully after today's presentations you are able to agree that we have accomplished just that!

I realize that it is a trite and overused expression, but times truly are and have been changing for stakeholder participation in the Kaskaskia River Watershed. The Ecosystem Partnership structure that existed when the Kaskaskia Watershed Association was chartered no longer exists. Likewise, Southwestern Illinois Resource Conservation & Development District (RC&D) has evolved into Heartlands Conservancy and now plays a different support role for the KWA. Also, we are all well aware that the various state and federal agencies do not have as much staff time or financial resources to technically support our watershed effort. Hopefully that makes us even more appreciative of what they are able to currently provide!

Our opportunity to pro actively support the river (portions which have serious degradation issues) and watershed sustainability lies beyond just seeking State and Federal funding. Three or so years ago efforts were initiated to work with community planners and elected leaders to plan for flood control. Two years ago with the support of the State of Illinois the KWA initiated a water supply plan for the watershed, which proved to be timely as the Midwest drought intensified in 2012. This year we are able to expand our water quality effort to a new level by cooperating with agricultural organizations and agribusiness. Meanwhile many of the organizations and individuals that helped start the four partnerships are still voluntarily coming to the table to coordinate a viable watershed effort, but the KWA will need to be even more creative.

What the Kaskaskia Watershed Association will look like a few years from now is unknown. Will it even exist? Will the long term degradation of portions on the river be reversed? That said, I would humbly suggest serious effort be placed on inclusiveness. Otherwise by default the effort becomes exclusive. One challenge for our current KWA board is that we, as individuals, not be so agenda driven that we push new (younger) stakeholders and their ideas away. We only have to look at our State and Federal Government to witness the results of not being considerate, respectful and open to other perspectives. We can only have viable discussions and problem solving opportunities when all perspectives are at the table.

Anyone here today that would like to be more involved in the future of the Kaskaskia River Watershed just let us know of your interest. Hopefully, here and across our nation we can reignite the spirit of and peer appreciation for volunteerism.

Sincerely,
Steve Jurgens
Steve Jurgens, President of KWA

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Jean Payne



Jean is President of the Illinois Fertilizer & Chemical Association, which represents over 1,100 members of agricultural input supply and service industry. The IFCA office is headquartered in Bloomington, Illinois.

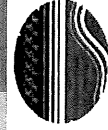
She is involved in the management of the Association, including oversight of the regulatory and legislative issues that impact the industry. Jean is also responsible for promoting membership, facilitating the communication of issues that affect IFCA members and organizing the IFCA winter Convention and summer Midwest Ag Industries Equipment Exposition.

Jean received a B.A. in English from Illinois State University. She has served on the Board of Directors for the Ag Retailers Association, the Fertilizer Institute, the Mid America Crop Life Association and the American Agronomic Stewardship Alliance. She is a member of the College of Agriculture Advisory Committee for both the University of Illinois and Southern Illinois University. She also represents the fertilizer and chemical industry on Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan's Ag Advisory Committee.

Jean and her husband Rae reside in Bloomington, Illinois.

Dan Schaefer

Dan has worked for 30 years as an agronomist, helping customers increase their yields through better crop management practices. Today, Illinois agriculture is faced with serious challenges: we must increase our yields to feed a growing population and we must also accept our growing responsibility to keep nutrients for the crop and minimize impact on the environment. In 2008, the United States EPA set standards for the states in the Chesapeake Bay to meet water quality standards for nutrients and took control from the states. In 2009, the Florida Wildlife Federation sued the state of Florida for not enacting standards to protect water quality and they won. In Illinois, we are under threat of lawsuit similar to Florida, as well as Region 5. The United States EPA is threatening to take over the Illinois EPA NPDES program for point sources that discharge N & P. In order to prevent regulations we are changing the way we sustain ag research, applied on-farm research, and providing outreach to ensure that Illinois growers and maximizing yield and minimizing environmental impact. We will discuss and describe these activities and their success in Illinois. For more information: Illinois Council on Best Management Practices, <http://illinoiscbmp.org/> and Keep it for the Crop by 2025, <http://www.kit2025.org>.



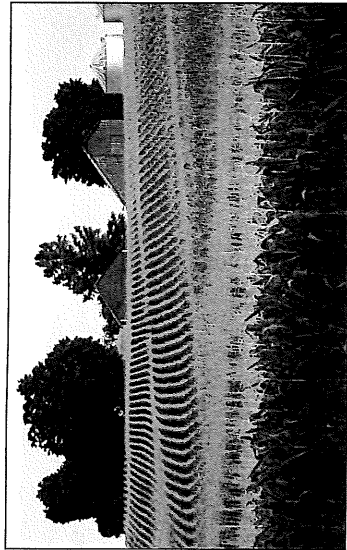
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Mike Plumer

Michael Plumer is currently a consultant with Conservation Agriculture in the U.S. and Internationally, with experience in programming, nationally and in over 10 countries. He is also the coordinator of the Illinois Council on Best Management Practices. Plumer is conducting programming and research in cover crops, conservation and watershed water quality issues.

Plumer received a B.S. in agricultural science at the University of Illinois (Gamma Sigma Delta) and an M.S. in plant and soil science at the Southern Illinois University. Plumer was an Extension Educator with the University of Illinois Extension in Ag and Natural Resources for over 34 years.



H. Vernon Knapp

Vern Knapp is a Senior Hydrologist with the Illinois State Water Survey and has worked at the Survey for more than 34 years. He has authored over 50 reports on Illinois' surface water resources, and is a regional expert on stream hydrology, surface water supplies, droughts, and hydrologic trends related to climate variability and human impacts. His focus in recent years has been on Illinois' regional water supply planning process and the drought vulnerability of surface water supplies.

Allie McCreary

Ms. McCreary joined HeartLands Conservancy in June 2011 as an Environmental Programs Technician. Allie assists with mapping, preparing reports, creating informational materials, facilitating public engagement on key resource issues, and leads the series of outreach treks throughout Southwestern Illinois for HeartLands Conservancy. Prior to this, Ms. McCreary studied outdoor recreation, geographic information systems (GIS), resource-management partnerships and public outreach.

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KIC 2025



"Keep it for the Crop by 2025" or KIC by 2025 for short is a program that seeks to educate the agricultural sector, dedicate significant resources towards research to reduce nutrient losses and enhance nutrient efficiency, educate suppliers and farmers, and measure adoption of in-field practices to enhance nutrient stewardship beginning in six priority watersheds and expanding over the years to a state-wide program.

Illinois is challenged to increase good production and protect our valuable water resources from nutrient impairment. The Council on Best Management Practices, in partnership with state agencies and other nutrient stakeholders, is committed to making measurable progress in the adoption of enhanced nutrient stewardship practices to protect water quality.

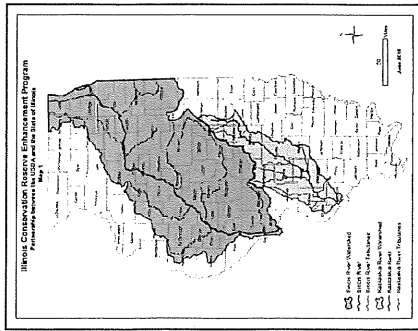
On September 1, 2011, CBMP held a press conference at the Farm Progress Show in Decatur, IL to announce the official start of KIC 2025. Work will begin in six priority watersheds identified by IEPA: Lake Bloomington, Lake Decatur, Vermilion River (Illinois Basin), Salk Fork Vermilion River (Wabash Basin) and Lake Mauvaise Terra Creek.

CREP UPDATE

CREP, Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program, is a federal, state and local partnership designed to help agricultural producers protect environmentally sensitive land, decrease erosion, restore wildlife habitat, and safeguard ground and surface water. In 2010, it was expanded to include the Kaskaskia River Watershed. Since then, the Kaskaskia watershed has 2212.59 acres enrolled in the program. By county they are: Bond – 237.49 acres, Clinton – 34.65 acres, Douglas – 24.90 acres, Fayette – 752.00 acres, Madison – 401.50 acres, Montgomery – 170.80 acres, Moultrie – 153.60 acres, Shelby – 399.45, Washington – 38.20. The conservation practices implemented on these acres have been designed to reduce sedimentation and nutrient runoff, improve water quality and enhance fish and wildlife habitat.

CREP, as the title says, is an enhancement over the regular CRP program. With the CRP program landowners have the option to sign up for 15 year, 35 year and permanent easements on CRP land. They maintain ownership of the land and can use it for hunting, fishing, and many other recreational activities. Landowners can charge a fee to allow others to use the property in CREP for hunting. Annual payments with CREP are 20% or 30% more than the regular CRP payment.

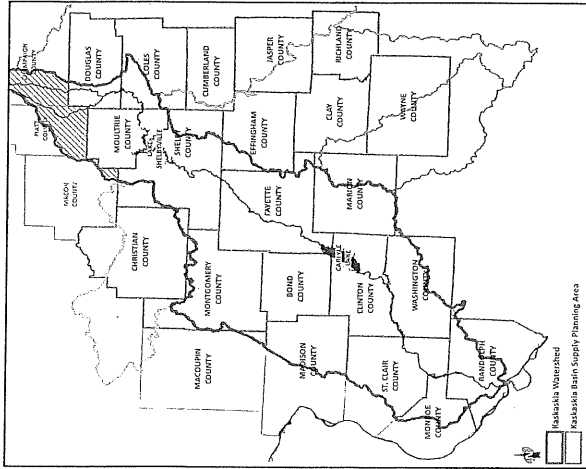
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Comprehensive Evaluation and Plan for the Regional Water Supply of the Kaskaskia River Basin through 2050

What: The Comprehensive Evaluation and Plan for the Regional Water Supply of the Kaskaskia River Basin assesses water supply and water demands within the Kaskaskia Basin through the year 2050. The plan is a result of the Governor's Executive Order 2006-01 and is the third regional water supply plan in the State of Illinois. The Water Supply Plan provides allows communities, industry, state agencies, and others to mindfully plan for future water use in the Kaskaskia Basin.

Who: The report was produced by a committee composed of stakeholders representing a variety of backgrounds (i.e., agriculture, industry, environment, counties) & geographic portions of the Kaskaskia Basin. The committee began meeting in 2010, Committee members met monthly to discuss various topics that influence water supply and demands in the Basin. Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) - Office of Water Resources, US Army Corps of Engineers, and Illinois State Water Survey provided technical assistance. HeartLands Conservancy, Hoelscher Engineering, and SCI Engineering provided planning assistance. Funding for the project was through the IDNR and Illinois Clean Coal Institute.



Where: The Comprehensive Evaluation and Plan analyzed water use and supply in 22 counties within and adjacent to the Kaskaskia Basin watershed. Those counties outside the watershed were included because they are part of a smaller watershed, not likely to receive regional planning efforts and because water use and demands in these counties affect use and demands of water within the Kaskaskia Basin. A small portion of the northern Kaskaskia watershed was excluded from this study because water supply and demands had been considered in a previous Regional Water Supply Plan.

Recommendations of the Final Plan include:

1. Continued regional, stakeholder-driven, communication on key water supply and demand issues in the Kaskaskia Basin
2. Support of grassroots water conservation efforts
3. Awareness of and proactive planning for the potential for water shortages in drought conditions

The document is now available to view at:
www.HeartLandsConservancy.org

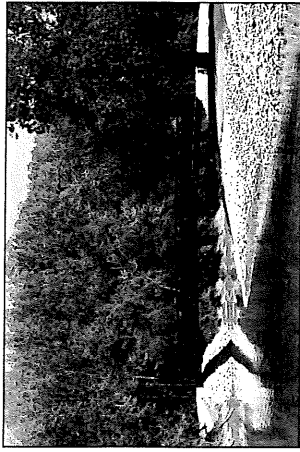
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Carlyle Lake Trail Designated as National Trail

The Carlyle Lake Multi-Use Trail has been designated a national recreation trail by the U.S. Department of the Interior for 2012. National recreation trail designation recognizes those trails that link communities to recreational opportunities on public lands and in local parks across the nation. The first national trails were established in the early 1970s.

The Carlyle Lake trail is a successful partnership between the City of Carlyle and the Corps. The 10.3-mile multi-use trail system connects the City of Carlyle to Carlyle Lake and passes through numerous recreation areas and diverse, scenic wildlife habitat ranging from lake, forest, agricultural fields, restored prairie and wetland areas. Visitors also pass along historical and interpretive points of interest including the Carlyle Lake Dam, the General Dean Suspension Bridge (listed on the National Register of Historic Places), and the Goshen Trail. The Carlyle Lake Project has received a certificate of designation, national recreation trail markers, and a letter of congratulations from the Secretary of the Interior, Ken Salazar.



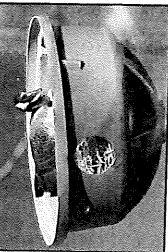
Shelbyville-Woods Lake Partnership

Woods Lake is a 30 acre lake adjacent to Lake Shelbyville near Sullivan, Illinois. The lake is currently under renovation to provide the public a user friendly experience that previously was not available. Construction projects include: installing a new water structure, constructing an accessible dock, pier and parking area, road work, upgrading the boat ramp, and placing permanent fish habitat structures made of rock and recycled concrete picnic tables. Each of these projects will provide improved access for visitors who may wish to launch a small boat, fish from the accessible pier, or take in some watchable wildlife opportunities.



The Woods Lake rehabilitation project is scheduled to be complete in 2016. Partnerships for this projects include the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, IDNR, Lake Volunteers Association, Central Illinois Sportsman's for Outdoor Accessibility, Kinder Morgan, Boys Scouts of America, and the Air National Guard. Without these partnerships and commitments this project would not be possible to create a satisfying experience for everyone.

Kaskaskia River State Fish and Wildlife Area



The Kaskaskia River State Fish and Wildlife Area consists of 16,000 acres of land and 2,200 acres of water which includes backwater sloughs and the main channel. Most of the land and water is owned by the state of Illinois. The area provides many different recreational opportunities including deer, turkey, and waterfowl hunting. The 2012-2013 waterfowl season had the second highest harvest of waterfowl in the last 10 years. The most popular waterfowl hunting with blinds and pits that were donated by the Mississippi Valley Duck Hunters of Illinois and the Delta Waterfowl Foundation. Despite Illinois Department of Resource's struggling budget, the success this area had this season and in past seasons continues to expand hunting opportunities and increase partnerships with local organizations.

Carlyle Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area has Record Breaking Waterfowl Seasons

Carlyle Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area certainly lived up to its reputation as one of the finest waterfowling spots in the Midwest this past hunting season. With 8,483 hunters taking 11,601 ducks during the 60 day regular duck season, Nov. 10 through Jan. 8, this year was the third highest harvest on record at the site.

This record setting pace started earlier with the sixteen day Early Teal Season in September, when 990 hunters took 1,446 Blue-Wing and Green-Wing Teal, the earliest migrating ducks. This was an all time record harvest for this special hunting season. This was followed by the Youth Duck Hunt held one week prior to regular duck season. During this two day weekend hunt, only hunters 15 years old or younger, are allowed to hunt while accompanied by a non-hunting adult. A total of 186 youth took part in this hunt and a total of 481 ducks were harvested. At 2.59 ducks per hunter, this was an excellent success rate, especially for young waterfowlers.

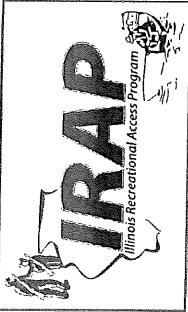
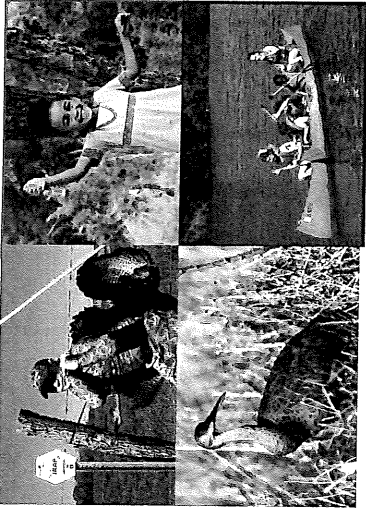
The Carlyle Lake State Fish and Wildlife Area is a 10,000 acre Illinois Dept. of Natural Resources site located at the upper end of Carlyle Lake. It is managed mainly for the waterfowl that migrate through the area each fall and spring. It is one of only five in the state that is fully funded through the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program, commonly called the Pittman-Robertson Act. This program, administered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, collects an 11% excise tax on guns, ammunition and archery equipment. This money is then put with a 25% match from state hunting license sales and is used for wildlife conservation. Additional funding for the site comes from the Illinois Duck Stamp Fund. Anyone wishing to duck hunt in the state must purchase a duck stamp. These funds are used for wetland habitat projects across the state and in the nesting areas of Canada.



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"Create a Experience

...YOU Can Make it Happen!"



- IRAP Public Access Activities:**
- Youth Turkey Hunting
 - Pond Fishing
 - Streambank Fishing
 - Canoe & Kayak Launch Sites
 - Birding
 - Outdoor Photography

II Recreational Access Program

Illinois Department of Natural Resources

MORE PLACES...

IRAP is leasing suitable turkey hunting property; ponds and impoundments; stream banks along public waterways for its new public access program aimed at getting more youth and families outdoors.



YOU can help make a MEMORY!

With a grant from the USDA—FSA, the Illinois Recreational Access Program leases private property from landowners to provide public access for specific activities in the Illinois and Kaskaskia River Watersheds. These activities are restricted to specific dates, times and number of persons allowed. All IRAP participants must first register with IDNR and make a reservation to use a specific site or a youth hunter must apply and be assigned a specific hunting area.

LANDOWNER Incentives and Options:

- Can sign up for one or more activities.
- Leases may be written for up to 3 years.
- Landowners will receive a yearly stipend for each IRAP activity they enroll in.
- Landowners will be provided liability coverage on their leased property for IRAP activities.
- May qualify for a wildlife management plan to be written or updated.

WANT TO KNOW MORE....

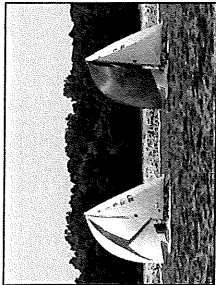
Go to IRAP's website at www.dnr.illinois.gov/conservation/irap
Or contact:

BOB CAVENY, IRAP Coordinator, at 217-782-6719
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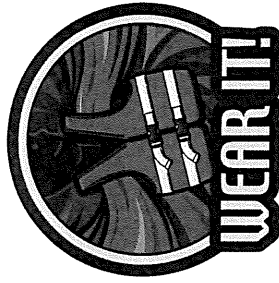
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Recreation at Carlyle Lake



The recreational opportunities available at Carlyle Lake draw enthusiasts from throughout the US. With the support of a diverse set of partners, Carlyle Lake provides the public with healthy, safe, high quality outdoor recreation opportunities that generate approximately \$70M in economic benefits annually. With 4 marinas, 14 launching ramps, and 10 campgrounds, the lake is perfect for hosting major sailing and fishing events. The Carlyle Lake State Fish and Wildlife Management Area is a premier water fowling location in the Mississippi Flyway drawing hunters from areas throughout the Midwest.

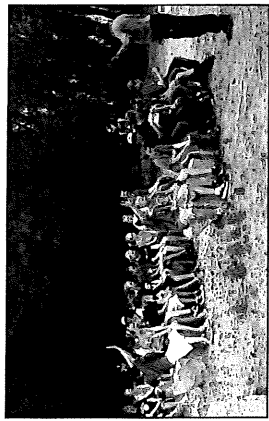
The main attraction for this economic engine is 26,000 acres of clean, flat water at Carlyle Lake. During the recreation season, May through November, the normal pool level is 445 ft NGVD. At 455 NGVD recreational activity can be impacted. Likewise, low water levels can impact recreation at Carlyle Lake. We thank the St. Louis Water Control Office of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for doing a great job of maintaining levels to keep recreation available year round.



Upcoming Events for 2013

Date	Event
May 3&4	Illinois High School Association State Bass Fishing Finals
May 19	Gateway Triathlon
May 25&26	Sailing for Vets
June 29	Fireworks Spectacular, CSA Open House and Luau
July 13	Kaskaskia River Duck Race
August 11	Tri Green Sprint and Olympic Triathlon
September 14&15	Whale of a Sail Regatta
September 28	Carlyle Lake 2k, 5k, 10k and Half Marathon
September 29	Regatta Bicycle Ride Featuring a Metric Century
October 18&19	Haunted Trail
November 10	Youth Pheasant Hunt

Kaskaskia River Confluence Trail and Heritage Area



Located at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Kaskaskia River Project, the Kaskaskia River Confluence Heritage Trail leads to where the Kaskaskia and Mississippi Rivers meet. This paved, one mile round trip hiking and biking trail is ideal for people of all ages and abilities. The trail winds through high quality bottomland forest and offers diverse native wildlife watching opportunities. When you reach the stone amphitheater and fire ring, relax and enjoy the spectacular experience of the Kaskaskia and Mississippi Rivers confluence. Special events and interpretive programs are conducted at the Confluence.

Thank You!

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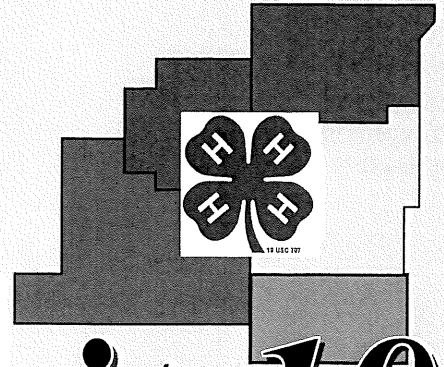


AGENDA

- 8:30-9:00** REGISTRATION
- 9:00-9:15** WELCOME—**STEVE JURGENS**—KWA President
- 9:15-9:30** **COLONEL CHRISTOPHER HALL**—U.S.A.C.E (Invited to Attend)
- 9:30-10:00** **JEAN PAYNE**—President, Illinois Fertilizer and Chemical Association “Keep it for the Crop Program and the New Nutrient Research and Education Council Program”
- 10:00-10:30** **DAN SCHAEFER**—Illinois Council on Best Management Practices “Nutrient Management Strategies in Illinois that Maximize Productions, Optimize Nutrients and Minimize Environmental Impacts
- 10:30-11:00** **MIKE PLUMER**—Coordinator of Illinois Council on Best Management Practices, “Use of Cover Crops in Nutrient and Soil Management”
- 11:00-11:30** QUESTION/COMMENTS ON MORNING SESSIONS
- 11:30-12:30** LUNCH AND NETWORKING
- 12:30-1:00** **JOAN STEMLER**—U.S.A.C.E—Water Control Update
- 1:00-1:30** **H. VERNON KNAPP**—Senior Hydrologist, Illinois State Water Survey— “The 2012 Drought and the Impact of Severe Droughts on Water Supply Availability in the Kaskaskia Watershed”
- 1:30-2:00** **ALLIE McCREARY**—Environmental Programs Technician, Heartlands Conservancy—”The Comprehensive Evaluation and Plan for the Regional Water Supply of the Kaskaskia River Basin through 2050”
- 2:00** CLOSING REMARKS—**STEVE JURGENS**



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Unit 19

Serving Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie and Shelby Counties

July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012	
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This report covers the first year doing business as a Multicounty Unit. A lot of thought and effort went into the creation of this new configuration and it wasn't just mine. The process of reorganizing University of Illinois Extension was driven by financial necessity addressing a need for more efficiency in delivering programming at the community level. While for the most part it was not something we asked for or wanted, it was something that had to be done.

As the process was unfolded meetings were held both formal and informal. An executive committee was also formed to provide guidance in working out the many details and help address concerns. A heartfelt thanks goes out to all that wanted to be part of making the process of consolidation successful. Volunteers that want to be part of the solution rather than the problem are the greatest there are

anywhere. Again thanks seems insufficient but that is all there is to offer.

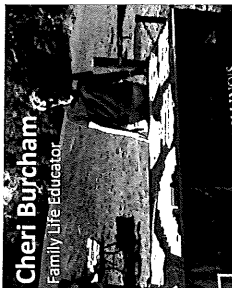
Before the July 1st official consolidation, work began to help staff and volunteers adjust. Local offices were kept open to keep a presence in each county for conducting business and delivering programs. Hopefully the first year went well and that any confusion was addressed and overcame easily.

The year had some great successes as you can see. The staff has worked together well in support of each other. There have been program offerings that were not possible before. We have also grown our collaborations within the communities to offer more. While we are not where we want to be, we are moving in the right direction.

Respectfully,
Jim Looft

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Family Life



Cheri Burcham
Family Life Educator

Some of the highlights from this past year in family life programming include:

196 fifth graders and 47 adults learned the dangers of ordinary household substances to young children.

48 fourth graders learned aging sensitivity awareness through participation in "Walk in My Shoes."

16 caregivers of older adults participated in the "Caregiving Relationships" series in which they learned about the importance of caring for themselves, the agencies and services that are available to help them, and good communication skills. They were also able to identify difficult emotions that caregivers experience, and the losses that will incur during the caregiving process. Specific actions that participants stated they would take due to the classes included checking into respite care at local facilities and agencies and reviewing all medications that the care receiver is taking.

75 parents and child care providers received information face-to-face and by webinar on a variety of early childhood education topics including: Prevention of Problem Behaviors; Difficult Transition Times; Effective Discipline; Toilet Teaching; and, Infant Night Waking.

As a Family Life Educator, I am responsible for educating our county residents in many areas of family relationships and human development. I have spent this past year providing information on a variety of topics to parents of young children, child care providers, social service agency personnel, older adults, those with chronic illness, caregivers and youth. Since I was originally assigned to cover Unit #19 and Unit #13, I tried to spend an equal amount of time in each Unit's territory, and this report does not reflect the work I accomplished in Unit #13. I really tried to focus this year on the areas of caregiving for older adults and young children, and healthy aging for older adults. I have made many contacts in our five-county area, and look forward to acquiring additional partnerships in the coming year. I hope to become more familiar with each county's educational needs and target my programming efforts toward those once our Unit completes the needs assessment process in the coming months. I am always open to suggestions for programs and can be contacted best by e-mail at cburcham@illinois.edu

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Dave Shiley

Local Foods Systems & Small Farms Educator

To meet the needs of producers and potential producers of local food systems and small farms in Unit 19, several program opportunities were offered.

The first opportunity was presented at Lake Land College using Eliminate/Collaborate distance learning technology. This was an organic gardening webinar. This webinar was also made available to Master Gardeners in the Unit.

Another learning opportunity in the fall of 2011 was the Fall Horticulture telenet series and was presented at Lake Land College. This series included presentations on Invasive Weeds, Sustainable Backyard Landscaping, and Community Gardens.



Local Food Systems & Small Farms



To further meet the needs of local vegetable producers a Basics of Production webinar series was developed and delivered in November and December. This series was developed in collaboration with Extension Educators Mike Roegge, Matt Montgomery and Paul Mariman. The series included presentations on Bramble and Strawberry production, Introduction to Pumpkin Production, Introduction to High Tunnel Production and Basics of Vegetable Production. Beginning in January 2012 and continuing for 10 weeks, a series of Best Management Practice webinars was developed by the Local Food Systems and Small Farms team of educators and specialists. This series was made available to residents in Unit 19 and continues to be available through archived versions within the Unit's website on the Local Food Systems and Small Farms page. I developed and presented the session on Managing Woodlands, presented in March 2012. Other topics offered to residents in Unit 19 included Companion Planting, Poultry Nutrition and Health, Raising Sheep and Goats, Soil Science, Using High Tunnels for Season Extension, Pasture Management, Are you Farm to School Ready, and Common Garden Insect Pests.

Other outreach activities to meet client needs included 12 interviews on the Four Rivers Ag Report program at WEIU, Eastern Illinois University focusing on issues related to local food systems and small farms. I also conducted three radio interviews with WHOW and WRJM radio stations to discuss current issues facing local vegetable producers, commercial row crop agriculture producers and small acreage owners.

Clients reached in the program priority area of:

1. Growing and Accessing Adequate Food = 589 direct contacts and 548 indirect and non face-to-face contacts
2. Protecting and Appreciating our Environment = 1,771 direct contacts, and 485 indirect and non face-to-face contacts

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Youth Development



Dana Homann

4-H Youth Development Educator

Health Jam

University of Illinois Extension, Unit 19, working in collaboration with community partners, conducted 4-H Health Jam, a nine-week program promoting healthy lifestyles and health careers education to youth.

Fifth grade youth from Lovington, Neoga and St. John's Lutheran School participated in an eight-week "Walk across Illinois."

Youth, grouped in teams of four, had the goal of each team member completing thirty minutes of daily physical activity. At the end of eight weeks, each team meeting their goal "walked" the equivalent of the 448 miles from northern to southern Illinois. Participants kept a daily log of steps walked using the pedometer they receive during the first week of the program. The youth met weekly with staff from University of Illinois (U of I) Extension. During these meetings (approximately 40 minutes), youth shared their personal progress on their "Walk across Illinois" and participated in additional learning activities about personal health. All youth who completed the "walk" received a t-shirt commemorating their success.

The 2011 4-H Health Jam began with a two-day hands-on educational experience, immersing

the youth in creative exercise activities, experiential study of body systems, exploration of health careers, and an assessment of personal eating habits. These two days were held at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center and Douglas-Hart Nature Center.

To measure impact, students complete a pre and post tests, administered by U of I staff. Of the 89 participants, 82 completed both the pre and post evaluation. All 82 demonstrated an increase in their knowledge after having participated in Health Jam.



bring a difference in their community and in the world. The hope is the 4-H NYSD experiment will increase youths' interest in sciences so our country is prepared to handle future universal challenges. 4-H encourages youth to become responsible, caring adults armed with the skills needed to help America maintain its competitive edge worldwide.

During the fourth annual 4-H NYSD, young people across the nation became scientists for the day. In 2011 experiment, *Wired for Wind*, youth engaged in the engineering design process of renewable wind energy technology, and the positive impact that they can have in communities across the country and world. In this three-part experiment, youth designed and built their own wind turbines, and mapped potential wind farms in Illinois. Youth navigated discussions on energy consumption as they discovered ways to reduce dependence on traditional energy sources. Youth in schools, 4-H clubs, after-school programs, camps and in affiliated organizations across the country built a wind turbine to gain an in-depth look at renewable energy technologies in the form of wind power. They also enhanced their science, engineering, technology and applied math skills through the design and creation of wind turbines, and adjusting variables like wind speed and blade pitch.



2011 4-H National Youth Science Day Innovation Awards

Congratulations to the 2011 Toyota Innovation Award winners! This year three 4-H National Youth Science Day events earned awards for their creativity, their ability to build momentum around their *Wired for Wind* events, and their commitment to community impact. To learn more about the winners, read their stories below.

\$4,000 Creativity Award Winner

University of Illinois Extension, Unit 19

On October 5, 2011, 75 fourth graders from Cumberland Elementary School visited Lake Land College campus where they spent three hours conducting the *Wired for Wind* experiment, led by Lake Land College technology division instructors.

During part of one experiment, youth designed, decorated, and tested their blades. The instructors demonstrated the need for clear paths for the wind. The youth learned they got better results when the turbines were separated a little as opposed to bunched up in a group. One work group heavily colored their blades with markers, in effect waxing their blades, so there was less surface friction between the paper and the wind. The result was a slightly higher voltage reading than the other work groups.

The students were also provided a greater perspective on renewable energy when they visited a working turbine and a set of solar panels. Discussions during this portion of event centered on renewable energy and how Lake Land College is using solar panels, geothermal technology, and new wind turbines to grow their renewable energy sources. Other topics/activities included: transforming energy, terawatts, surface friction, blade size vs. rotational speed, and renewable energy technology.

This community event invited partnerships from University of Illinois Extension, Unit 19, Lake Land College, Cumberland Elementary School, University of Illinois Extension, State 4-H Office, and First Neighbor Bank.



Joe Tillman, renewable energy instructor and coordinator, assists fourth-grade student Jasmyne from Cumberland Elementary School with cutting out her wind turbine blades during the National Youth Science Day at Lake Land College.

Coles



Jessica Killough
Marketing/Communications

Coles County 4-H'er wins State Master Showmanship Contest

Each year during the county fair 4-H livestock exhibitors have the opportunity to compete in the Coles County Master Showmanship Contest. To compete, 4-H'ers must receive either senior champion or reserve senior champion in beef, sheep or swine. Exhibitors in the Master Showmanship Contest, sponsored by the Young Leaders of Coles County Farm Bureau, show a steer or heifer, a market or breeding lamb, and a market hog or breeding gilt. The winner of the Coles County Contest has the opportunity to represent the county at the State Fair Master Showmanship Contest. At the state contest exhibitors are judged on their handling of each of the three species; beef, sheep and swine. They are also quizzed by the judges on their knowledge of animal husbandry and livestock production. One winner is named for each species. Scores from all three species are tallied to determine the overall winner.

In 2011, Tyler Homann, a member of the South Siders 4-H Club, won the county contest and represented Coles County at the State Master Showmanship Contest held during the Illinois State Fair. Nearly 50 exhibitors from across Illinois competed in the State Master Showmanship Contest. Homann

placed first overall, and was the division winner for Sheep.

National 4-H Week

Every year, Coles County 4-H clubs participate in National 4-H week. This week is a chance for 4-H members to show 4-H pride and advocate the importance of 4-H to community members. Throughout the week 4-H'ers showed their 4-H pride. Members designated one day to "blitz their classrooms with green." During the blitz, members wore their 4-H shirts and other 4-H apparel. Also during 4-H week, current members invited their friends to attend meetings to learn more about 4-H. Members took homemade cookies to the county board to thank them for all their hard work. As a way to show the 4-H spirit to our community, 4-H'ers also put together first aid kits and distributed them at the mall during Farm Bureau Days.

County Opportunities

The 4-H Cooking workshop gave 4-H'ers the chance to work with a cooking instructor from Eastern Illinois University and learn how to prepare nutritious meals and snacks. Another exciting workshop held this year was the welding workshop. The Shooting Sports SPIN Clubs continue to be a popular club for the youth of Coles County to join. Coles County 4-H members also had the chance to participate in the

community members look forward to the 4-H Pork Chop BBQ. It is a big community wide event and draws a large crowd. The BBQ runs from 11 in the morning until 6:30 at night, and we are busy the whole time! This year the BBQ was one of our biggest fundraisers! 4-H'ers sold, all together, a total of 3,384 tickets. Our 4-H'ers really step up to help prepare for the BBQ and are a great asset the day of the BBQ.

Members come in before ticket sales start and bundle the tickets into groups of 25. They go out into the community and sell tickets to friends, family, neighbors, and members of the community who look forward to the BBQ every year. On the day of the BBQ, 4-H'ers are busy dishing out the meals to people, bundling bags of ice, and making sure everything is in order.

This year, despite several hours of rain, we still had 4-H'ers outside delivering meals to people at our drive-up. Many 4-H'ers are so dedicated they stay to work the whole day. 4-H family members and volunteers are also a large part of what makes our BBQ run so smoothly. With all the help from 4-H members, families, and volunteers, next year is sure to be a success too!

Cumberland



Katie Turkal
Program Coordinator

The past 4-H year has come and gone in a flash. It seems each year for me goes faster and faster. This past year 4-H members, parents, and the community enjoyed many of the same activities 4-H provided the year before, as well as some new activities.

Every year, 4-H members hold many of the same activities, workshops, and events. The Fall Bash kicks off our 4-H year. New members get to meet current 4-H members, 4-H Federation officers are elected, and bonding time is gained through lots of fun. A different family hosts the Fall Bash each year, offering a hay ride, bond fire, games, and activities. This is always a fun way to start the year. Other events during the year include the Achievement Program, where members are recognized for the accomplishments throughout the previous year, the Candy workshop, where members learn how to make different types of candy, as well as the cost it takes to make the candy (plus eating the candy is always a hit). A Skating Party is co-hosted by both Coles and Cumberland county 4-H Federations. Cumberland County

Operation Safe Kids, Butterfly project, and promoting 4-H during 4-H Week. New school programs that were done this past year were National Youth Science Day (NYSD) and Health Jam. NYSD focused on 4th grade students from Cumberland grade school. Members went to Lake Land College for the morning to learn about wind turbines. Three sessions were set up for the students: building a miniature wind turbine, placement of a wind farm, and blade pitch of a wind turbine. Students had an awesome time, and the Lake Land professors were excellent to work with. A youtube clip was put online and can be found under the heading 'Lake Land College - Wired for Wind Experiment'. Unit 19 was the recipient of the 2011 Toyota Innovation Award for the NYSD work with Lake Land and Cumberland grade school. Health Jam was a huge hit in the Neoga 5th grade class. 5th graders spent 8 weeks getting healthy. Once a week, I would spend time with the class talking about healthy eating, exercising, or healthy living in general. During those 8 weeks, the 5th grade spent 2 days outside of the

School programs are always an important part of reaching the community. School programs that have been done in the past in Cumberland County, and that continue are Welcome to the Real World for high school sophomores,

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classroom. One day was spent at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center, and the other day was spent at the Douglas Hart Nature Center in Mattoon. Student got to learn about different health professions by the health professionals that ranged from a Pharmacist to a karate instructor to a radiologist

technician. The kids also participated in the Walk Across Illinois program. Every student hit his or her goal and got a free t-shirt.

Many other activities happen throughout the year that benefit the kids and adults of the Cumberland

County community. We plan to incorporate new activities this year, and keep the activities that the community enjoys.

Moultrie-Douglas



Angie Welker
Program Coordinator

Farm Safety Day

In 2012 the Moultrie County and Douglas County advisory boards for Ag in the Classroom decided to combine the annual Farm Safety Day so that the day no longer had to be organized and put on twice. The day was a huge success we have 395 fifth grade students in attendance from all public schools within the boundaries of both counties, we also had a small group of Amish students attend as well. Students rotated through twelve stations as well as the Live Line demonstration given by Kyle Finley that was sponsored by Cargill. Stations students visited included; Disabilities, Chemical Look a Likes, Sun Safety, ATV Safety, Animal Safety, Hunter Safety, Grain Bin Safety, Tractor Safety, Railroad Safety Meth Prevention, JULIE and Personal Protection Equipment.

Operation Safe Kids

Operation Safe Kids is a five week program with in fourth grade classrooms. Topics presented included, confidence, kitchen safety, getting alone with others, first aid and personal safety. Arcola, Arthur, Atwood-Hammond and Villa Grove schools participated with a total 194 students completing Operation Safe Kids.

Community 4-H Clubs

Traditional 4-H community clubs are showing small growth throughout both counties and no decline in current membership. There are currently five clubs in Douglas County and three in Moultrie County. Total enrollment is currently one hundred and fifty seven members.

Shelby



Yolanda Nation
Program Coordinator

Shelby County 4-H had a total of 301 members for 2011-2012. Those 4-Hers are members from 18 different clubs with 14 being community clubs, 1 Cloverbud Club, and 3 specialty clubs.

Shelby County Federation had 15 members. Officers included: President – Jason Becker of the Strasburg Tailtwisters, Vice-President - Sydney Boehm of the Silver Spurs, Secretary – Lisa Parker of the Silver Spurs and Treasurer – Anne Jeggatz of Ful-O-Pep. The Federation team is responsible for most of the county 4-H activities that are held.

Activities held during the year:

- November – Federation was in charge of the 4-H Recognition Night program 16 members attended
- December - 4-H Craft Day, 4-Her's made various crafts and a Gingerbread house to take home and older 4-Her's and Federation members assisted. 40 4-Her's attended the event.



Federation Ornaments

- December – Federation members made Christmas Ornaments for the Corp of Engineers Visitor Center in Shelbyville. 8 members attended
- January – Officer Training Workshop 21 members attended.

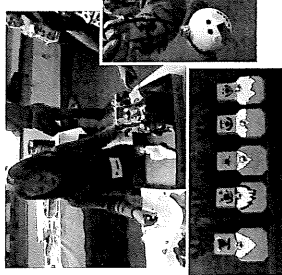


Officer's Training

- February – 4-H Fire-Up Federation members prepared various workshops for Fire-Up participants to attend and learn more about various projects. There was 11 Cloverbuds, 1st and 2nd year members who



4-H Fire-Up



Craft Day



County Board Meeting

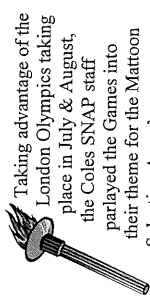
- The Amazing Race kicked off 4-H week on Saturday, March 17th. There were 8-4 person teams that participated in a County Scavenger Hunt. There were also Federation members and other volunteers that were in charge of the various stops. Members then met back at the 4-H Center and pizza which was donated by Shelby County HCE.

INEP



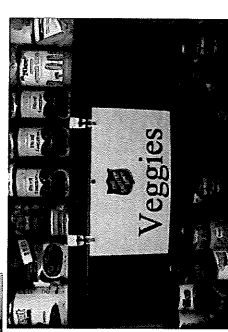
MaryBeth Massey
Mary Kay Spannagel
Susan Stollard

Illinois Nutrition Education Program (INEP)



Taking advantage of the London Olympics taking place in July & August, the Coles SNAP staff parlayed the Games into their theme for the Mattoon Salvation Army's summer camp. For 12 weeks activities centered around sports, exercise and nutrition. They participated in events such as relays which required teamwork but also individual competitions. One lesson challenged the youth to limit their time in front of "screens" of all types and increase their active time.

Nutrition lessons dealt with sports nutrition, healthy eating habits, snacks and fruits and vegetables. Making fruit kabobs was a highlight and most of the youth tried at least one new fruit. Despite the summer heat those involved enjoyed increasing their physical fitness.



INEP is making a difference in our communities.

Illinois Nutrition Education Programs (INEP) are funded by the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP-Ed) of the USDA. Working with national, state, and local partners, INEP provides basic nutrition, food safety, and food budgeting education to limited-resource audiences.



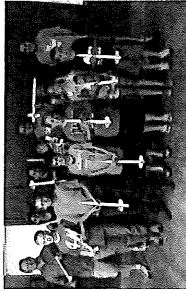
Building Healthier Families in Unit 19

The healthy choice isn't always the easy choice, especially on a limited budget. That is why Illinois Nutrition Education Program (INEP) staff at the University of Illinois Extension provide practical tips to help families prepare safe, healthy meals and be active every day.

During July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012 Extension INEP staff in Unit 19 provided education to 14,040 adults and 32,487 youth in your neighborhood communities. Our programs can be found in a variety of sites such as schools, community centers, SNAP and WIC offices, churches, libraries, shelters, food pantries, etc.

Through INEP, Extension is working to reach those most in need. By forming partnerships with community agencies and organizations, we reach individuals and families where they need services most. When INEP staff are able to reach members of the same family through a series of programming opportunities, this empowers a family to make changes not only for themselves but also for the betterment of the community.

Scrapbooking (2 held),
Aerospace, Cake Decorating,
Cooking 101 and Cooking 201.



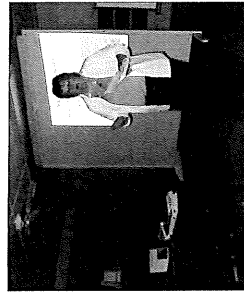
Rocket Workshop



Cooking 101 and 201 Workshops



Scrapbooking Workshop



Dana Homann, 4-H Leader's Meeting

- Wednesday 4-Her's wore their shirts to school to show their 4-H support.
- Thursday was the Public Speaking Contest. There were 3 contestants who all did a great job.
- Friday was Family Fun event to Shelby County 4-H. Various games were set up and Federation members brought refreshments. 4-Her's would earn tokens at each of the game stations and could then purchase various items such as candy, 4-H t-shirts, and various toys. Over 30 members attended and their families.

- April - Federation members met and made cards for an organization "Operation Write Home". Handmade cards are sent overseas to servicemen who can then fill out the cards and send to their loved ones. 10 members participated.

- Sunday was the annual skating party at Silver Stars Skating Rink in Mattoon. There were 38 4-Hers plus friends and family that attended.
- Monday the window displays were judged. Winning 1st place was the Shelby County Jr. Rifle Club done by Jackie Beck. 2nd place was the Silver Spurs and 3rd place was the Moweaqua Rustlers. All clubs were given special awards such as the largest Rainbow, the Most Bling, etc.
- Tuesday evening brought 4-Hers from all over the county to the 4-H Center for International Night. There were 8 clubs that participated and many attended in the food sampling.



Operation Write Home

- The 4-H Barbecue was in June. All clubs are involved in either cleaning and preparing for the BBQ, serving food or cleaning up. Over 1150 meals were served.
- Several workshops were held through the year helping to teach 4-Her's new skills to help them with their 4-H projects. Workshops included:



Amazing Race

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International Night

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Funding for the extension unit serving Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Moultrie and Shelby counties comes from a variety of sources. These sources of funding include county boards, donations, state matching funds, federal funds, state general revenue funds and user fees. Funding from county boards and donations are matched by the State of Illinois in the so called state matching funds. These funds are expended delivering educational and youth development programs in the counties mentioned above. The expenditures include salaries and office operations. The tables below breakdown of the funds received and the expenditures by their source.

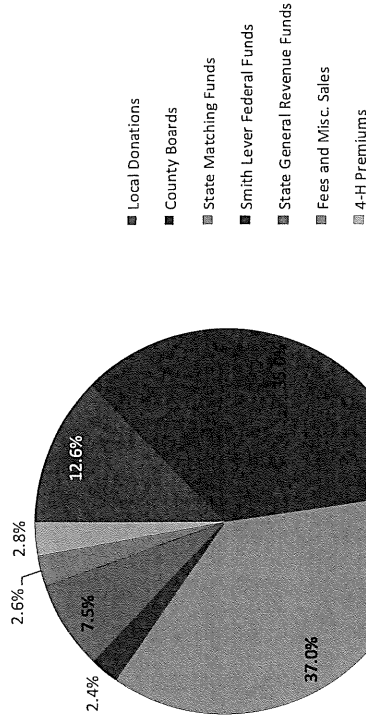
Sources of Funds

Local Donations	12.6%
County Boards	35.0%
State Matching Funds	37.0%
Smith Lever Federal Funds	2.4%
State General Revenue Funds	7.5%
Fees and Misc. Sales	2.6%
4-H Premiums	2.8%

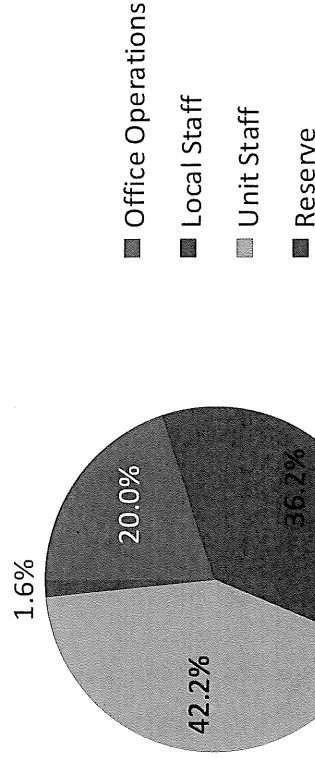
Uses of Funds

Office Operations	20.0%
Local Staff	36.2%
Unit Staff	42.2%
Reserve	1.6%

Sources of Funding FY2012



Uses of Funding FY2012



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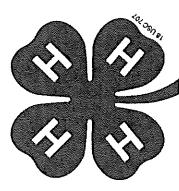
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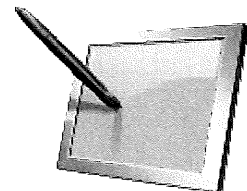
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2013 COUNTY BOARD MEMBER/MINISTER SELECTION SCHEDULE

The following County Board members are responsible for having their minister or a minister of their choice deliver prayer for the County Board meeting date listed.

Barb Bennett – March 13, 2013

Robert Hunter – April 10, 2013

Robert Jordan - May 8, 2013

Kay Kearney – June 12, 2013

Larry Lenz – July 10, 2013

Robin Robertson – August 14, 2013

Bob Simpson - September 11, 2013

Joe Simms – October 9, 2013

Don Strohl – November 13, 2013

John Warner – December 11, 2013

Please provide the name of the minister you have selected to deliver the prayer to the County Clerk's office so it can be listed on the County Board agenda. Thank you!

March 6, 2013

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Jessica Tox
SHELBY COUNTY CLERK

Mr. Bruce Cannon, Chairman

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RE: ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS COMMITTEE

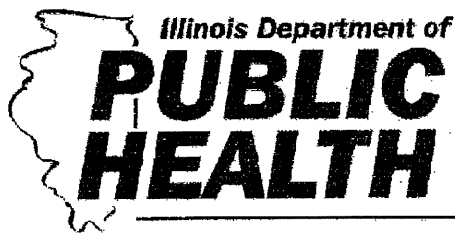
I wish to submit my resignation from the ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS COMMITTEE effective immediately.

It has been my pleasure to serve on this committee.


Phillip Strohl

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February 21, 2013

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Illinois Department of Public Health will be conducting a Public Hearing for the proposed amendments to the Private Sewage Disposal Code. Section 225/7(d) of the Private Sewage Disposal Licensing Act requires that the Department conduct a public hearing prior to adopting or amending the Private Sewage Disposal Code. The Hearing will be at the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Building, Illinois State Fair Grounds, Springfield. The Hearing will be from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM on March 26, 2013, in the DPH Training Room, Lake Level. Enter the Fairgrounds from Gate 7 and free parking for the Hearing will be only in Lot 21 east of the meeting site. Please sign in and out of the meeting at the main desk as you enter the building. Those wishing to comment must submit their comments in writing at the Hearing prior to speaking.

If you have any questions please contact Chad Moorman at 217-524-4137 or chad.moorman@illinois.gov.

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\$	82,568.13	PB	Automation Fund	\$	-
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\$	122,227.47	PB	Recording Fund	\$	-
\$	-				
\$	4,237.31	PB	Drug Traffic Fund	\$	-
\$	65,290.91	CD			
\$	33,814.63	MMD	Airport Fund	\$	118.45
\$	242,368.16	CD & MMD			
\$	666,272.14	MMD	Home Nursing Fund	\$	-
\$	-				
\$	-		W.I.C. Fund	\$	35,815.19
\$	-				
\$	46,891.85	MMD	Local Bridge Fund	\$	-
\$	-				
\$	-		Township Bridge Fund	\$	6,512.47
\$	-				
\$	-		Township Construction Fund	\$	369.13

\$ -	MMD		
\$ 1,056,117.92	MMD	Township Motor Fuel Tax	\$ -
\$ -			
\$ 1,149.55	PB	Estate Tax Fund	\$ -
\$ -			
\$ 276,235.27	PB	Minor Unknown Heirs Fund	\$ -
\$ -			
\$ 555.31	PB	Probation Drug Testing	\$ -
\$ 42,481.67	MMD		
\$ 174,411.28	PB	Drainage Fund	\$ 2,000.00
\$ -			
\$ 44,847.06	PB	Document Storage Fund	\$ -
\$ 82,157.74	MMD		
\$ 11,272.67	PB	Misc County Health Fund	\$ -
\$ 27,021.08	MMD		
\$ 5,586.60	PB	Litigation Fund	\$ -
\$ 208,504.38	CD		
\$ 212,060.07	PB	Revolving Loan Fund	\$ -
\$ -			
\$ 13,554.17	PB	Victim Impact Panel Fund	\$ -
\$ -			
\$ 771.00	PB	States Attorney Forf Fund	\$ -
\$ -			
\$ 8,615.48	PB	Rescue Squad Fund	\$ -
\$ -			
\$ 17,745.36	PB	DUI Equipment Fund	\$ -
\$ -			
\$ 237,604.80	PB	GIS Fund	\$ -
\$ -	CD		
\$ -	PB	Capital Improvement Fund	\$ 242,310.27
\$ -			
\$ -		Pet Population	\$ 13,996.61
\$ -			
\$ -	MMD	EMA Special Fund	\$ 56,417.83
\$ -			
\$ -		County Health Petty Cash	\$ 135.64
\$ -			
\$ -		Probation Petty Cash	\$ 50.00
\$ -			
\$ -		County Treasurer Cash	\$ 5,000.00
\$ -			
			\$ 11,477,568.40

County Collector Accounts

Shelby County State Bank-Checking	\$ 200.00
Busey Bank-Checking	\$ 4,680.01
National Bank at Pana	\$ 104.77
First National Bank of Assumption	\$ 139.58
Community Banks of Shelby County-Cowden	\$ 204.31
Shelby County State Bank-Strasburg	\$ 358.01
First Federal Savings & Loan-Shelbyville	\$ 183.11
Busey Bank-Real Estate Tax Trust Account	\$ 2,872.59
Shelby County State Bank-Shelbyville-Money Market	\$ 2,035.26
Busey Bank-Money Market	\$ 37,660.72
Ayars State Bank-Moweaqua	\$ 209.86
Shelby County State Bank-Findlay	\$ 224.56
First National Bank of Pana	\$ 259.48
Peoples Bank of Pana	\$ 185.24
Prairie National	\$ 193.67
Shelby County State Bank-Windsor Branch	\$ 199.92
Dewitt Federal Savings & Loan-Moweaqua	\$ 102.89
Sigel Community Bank	\$ 229.71
Shelby County State Bank-Moweaqua	\$ 154.34
Illinois Epay	\$ 73,010.65
	\$ 123,208.68

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSITS
March 1, 2013

General Fund(001) Community Banks of Shelby County-MMD# 390	
.15% Interest	\$ <u>640,325.69</u>
Animal Control Fund(003) Community Banks of Shelby County-MMD# 390	
.15% Interest	\$ <u>37,707.88</u>
Ambulance Fund(004) Community Banks of Shelby County-MMD# 390	
.15% Interest	\$ <u>23,469.77</u>
Mental Health Fund(005) Community Banks of Shelby County-MMD# 390	
.15% Interest	\$ <u>152,578.57</u>
Indemnity Fund(008) Community Banks of Shelby County-MMD# 390	
.15% Interest	\$ <u>9,613.19</u>
Probation Fund(016) Community Banks of Shelby County-MMD# 390	
.15% Interest	\$ <u>97,446.09</u>
Home Nursing Fund(024) Community Banks of Shelby County-MMD# 390	
.15% Interest	\$ <u>117,368.16</u>
Miscellaneous County Health Fund(043) Community Banks of Shelby County-MMD# 390	
.15% Interest	\$ <u>82,157.74</u>
County Health Fund-TB(002) Ayars State Bank-CD# 3162 Matures 7/28/2013	
.20% Interest	\$ <u>126,055.98</u>

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Indemnity Fund(008) Shelby County State Bank-CD# 14065 Matures 8/9/2013 .20% Interest	\$ <u>45,000.00</u>
Assist Court Fund(017) Shelby County State Bank-CD# 14794 Matures 04/16/2013 .30% Interest	\$ <u>55,000.00</u>
Home Nursing Fund(024) Prairie National Bank-CD# 14288 Matures 8/15/2013 .30% Interest	\$ <u>125,000.00</u>
Revolving Loan Fund(045) Community Banks of Shelby County-MMD# 720151 .10% Interest	\$ <u>208,504.38</u>
Airport(022)	\$ <u>65,290.91</u>
TOTAL	\$ <u>1,785,518.36</u>