The Executive session of the Board of Commissioners was held at 8:30 am. Present were Commissioner Bundy, Commissioner McKinley, Commissioner Stewart, Attorney Allen and Auditor Sullivan. Only pending litigation and personnel matters were discussed.

The regular session was called to order by President Bundy with all other members in attendance. Minutes of the previous session were read and approved. Claims totaling in the amount of $122,494.98 were reviewed and unanimously allowed.

Items on the agenda were as follows:

RADIO SYSTEM

Alan Lamb appeared before the board to inquire about the status of the County's repeater/radio system. The Board explained that a letter had been submitted to the County Council requesting approximately $100,000 to purchase the system. The Board informed Mr. Lamb that this topic had been placed on the County Council's agenda for April 3, 2000. Furthermore, Attorney Allen explained that it is the responsibility of the Council to determine if County funds are available for this project.

CITY/COUNTY UNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST

Bob Holler appeared before the Board to solicit their support for the upcoming unity prayer breakfast. Mr. Holler explained that the breakfast would be held on Saturday, May 13, 2000 at 8:00 am at the Bradie Shrum Elementary School. The guest speaker will be Lt. Col. Dave Grossman. The Board thanked Mr. Holler for the information.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Hwy Superintendent, Orville Gilbert, mentioned that the Hwy Dept. was having inquiries from citizens who were concerned about the funding of blacktopped roads which are located in subdivisions. The Board emphasized to the public that the County is not responsible for new roads in subdivisions. The initial blacktopping is the sole responsibility of the developer. The Board suggested that the newspaper print an article on this subject to help clarify any misunderstandings that the public may have.

Mr. Gilbert discussed the Ernie Jackson Road matter with the Board. The Board suggested that this matter be kept between the DNR and the landowner. However, the Board was in agreement that the gate, which is on the County right of way, may remain in its location. The Board also agreed that the road would be maintained by the County up to the location of the gate.

Alan Lamb inquired about the County Road Weight Limit. The Board explained that unless the weight was otherwise posted, the statutory limit is 80,000. The Board also mentioned the freeze/thaw limit which may be posted in certain situations.

PARK BOARD

Attorney Allen stressed to the Board that no more than 3 of the 5 statutory positions on the County Park Board may be of the same political party. The Board will be replacing Frederick Robison at the next regular Commissioners meeting.

EDA GRANT

President Bundy mentioned that the County had received an invitation to submit a full application to the Economic Development Administration through the Chicago Regional Office of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Also, Commissioner Stewart made a motion to execute a letter which designates River Hills as the consulting party for the EDA grant. Commissioner McKinley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0. If received, the grant funds will be used for the infrastructure at the industrial park.

BRIDGE #113

President Bundy announced that the review of the County's FA-3 application for Bridge #113 had been completed and approved.

BURL JEAN BUILDING

President Bundy announced that Burl Jean had requested that the work release committee view the old dollar general store building for a possible work release facility. Mr. Jean has recently renovated the building.

SALEM/WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP LIBRARY

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve a letter of support to the IDOC for possible CFF grant funds to be used for the library renovation. Commissioner McKinley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

CCYC - SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve a letter of support to the Grassroots Prevention Coalition for a $375,000 grant to be used for substance abuse prevention. Commissioner McKinley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

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Commissioner McKinley made a motion to amend the original agreement between the County and E-ONE by adding certain language to sections 3 & 6. Commissoner Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

Commissioner McKinley made a motion to approve draw request #1, totaling $124,267.50. Commissioner Stewart seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP FIRE TRUCK

Commissioner Stewart made a motion to approve the following documents for the Franklin Twp. Fire Truck Grant: Readiness to proceed certification, Resolution committing match, Assurances & Certifications, Civil Rights Certification, CDBG disclosure report, Cooperation Agreement. Commissioner Mckinley seconded the motion. The motion passed 3-0.

With there being no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned.

Joseph L. Bundy - President

Dale McKinley - Commissioner

ATTEST: LANA SULLIVAN, AUDITOR

Kevin W. Stewart - Commissioner