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 COUNTY OF GRUNDY )

## PUBLIC HEARING

The meeting was called to order by Chairman at 5:15 P.M., upon the roll being called, Francis E. Halpin, the Chairman, and following County Board Members at said location answered present: Millie Dyer, John Galloway, Ann Gill, Kenneth Iverson, Richard Joyce, Jacqueline McKinney, Terry Pfaff, Tom Poole, Greg Redford, Wm. Rodosky, Ron Severson, Richard Steele, Michael Throneburg and John Almer.

The following County Board Members were allowed by a majority of the members of the County Board in accordance with to the extent allowed by rules adopted by the County Board to attend the meeting by video or audio conference: none.

No County Board Member was not permitted to attend the meeting by video or audio conference.

The following County Board Member was absent and did not participate in the meeting in any manner or to any extent whatsoever: Mike Lutz.

County Board Member Philip Galloway joined the Hearing at 5:20 P.M. and County Board Member Jeremy Ly joined the Hearing at 5:25 P.M.

At 5:16 o'clock P.M., the Chairman announced that the next agenda item for the County Board was public hearing required by the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois, as amended (the Hearing), to received public comments in connection with the proposed supplement to a lease agreement between the County, as lessee, and the Grundy County Public Building Commission, Grundy County, Illinois, as lessor (the Supplement) in the principal amount of not to exceed \$2,600,000, relating to the erection of a Grundy County Animal Control Building and 9-1-1 Building, the acquisition of sites therefore and the acquisition, alteration and improvement of the Save-A-Lot site and for the payment of related costs and expenses. The Chairman stated that the payments to be made by the County pursuant to the Supplement would be a general obligation of the County. The Chairman explained that all persons desiring to be heard would have an opportunity to present written or oral testimony with respect to the proposed Supplement.

The Chairman opened the discussion and asked Dan Simpson of Bernhardt Securities to explain the reasons for the Hearing. Mr. Simpson said it is a notice to the public of the Grundy County Public Building Commission's intent to issue up to \$2,600,000 in Recovery Zone Bonds that were allocated to the County, to receive a 45% interest rate subsidy from the U.S. Treasury which will drastically reduce the PBC's borrowing costs.

The Chairman also asked County Administrator Dan Duffy to clarify and he explained that during the regular County Board Meeting the Board would be asked to vote on a resolution calling for a public hearing concerning the intent of the County Board to enter into a Supplement to a Lease Agreement with the Grundy County Public Building Commission. If the County were to do it, the bond payments would come out of the General Fund of the County and it just makes sense to pass it on to the PBC much like the \$10,000,000 of two years ago and have them do the bonding for the County.

Whereupon the Chairman asked for additional comments from County Board Members. Additional comments were made by the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Summary of Remarks</u>
County Board Member Almer	Morris	Asked for an explanation of what we would be going through? Administrator Duffy explained that the County was allocated 2.6 million through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act based on the prior year's job loss and the ability to bond. The County has to use that money for capital investment and build something new to spur economic development. The bond will be repaid by the taxpayers, just like any bond we float.
County Board Member Severson	Morris	Said he is against the Save-A-Lot property and wondered if the three projects would be split out? He was told no.
County Board Member J. Galloway	Morris	Asked if we were voting on bonds now? Administrator Duffy said it was the first step in moving forward with the chance to bond. He said 9-1-1 is important to the community especially when you need it.
County Board Member Severson	Morris	Asked what the length of the bonds would be. He was told 20 years.
County Board Chairman Halpin	Gardner	Said this opportunity has been made available by the federal government and this Board has to make the decision whether to plan for the future and take advantage of it. The funds will go away after December 31, 2010.
County Board Member P. Galloway	Morris	Asked if we need to allocate all 2.6 million or parts of it? Chairman Halpin said the Board is asking to allocate the entire sum. He added that the earlier you go out and secure the money, usually the better it is.

County Board Member Almer Morris Asked if the 9-1-1 Center is going to be combined to serve all county communities? He was told yes, if possible, and they would pitch in to pay the day to day cost associated with maintaining the facility.

Written testimony concerning the proposed Supplement was read into the record by the County Clerk and is attached hereto as Exhibit I. None.

Whereupon the Chairman asked for oral testimony or any public comments concerning the Supplement. Statements were made by the following:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Summary of Remarks</u>
Ron Marx	Morris	He asked Board Members to vote no. It would put people out of work. He said if this was a good idea. It will still be a good idea when the economy is better.
David Welter	Morris	Does not want surge in County spending at this time. He said that there is a building already wired for a dispatch center that will soon be vacated. He said there are political games being played right here in Grundy County. The County needs to lead by example.
Don Hansen	Morris	Said he is in opposition to the 9-1-1 Center, not the purchase of Save-A-Lot. His opposition comes from the cost of running fiber optics out to the site rather than staying in town. He said there would be a two million dollar saving if the County would build out the old City Hall.
Rick Barnard	Morris	He supports using the old City Hall. He can't believe is not going to result in a significant increase in taxes.
Roger Ribbke	Reddick	Representing Gardner Fire Chief Randy Wilkey expressed the fire department's opposition to building the new 9-1-1 Center. They feel there are other viable options like the old Morris City Hall, and they would like to see additional training made available to the current dispatchers.
Drew Muffler	Morris	Said he has no information on it and hasn't heard anything about it. He asked about the formula that would be used. He said he has spoken to a number of people and nobody knows about it. He asked that the City of Morris be included.
Chris Balkema	Minooka	He said there was a lot of confusion from the City and other governmental agencies. He said because interest rates are not going up it's worth delaying the vote and getting all the information to all the agencies. It's not the time to be issuing bonds since this is the worst recession since the Great Depression.

County Board Member Joyce said the 9-1-1 Board and the Public Building Commission has been discussing this for months and the meetings have been open. He suggested speaking either with Morris Police Chief Dite, Fire Chief Coleman or Mayor Kopczick, who have been attending the meetings. The 9-1-1 Board has a subcommittee figuring how the costs and the dispatchers will be shared, of which Mr. Dite is Vice-Chairman.

There were no additional statements made.

The Chairman then announced that all persons desiring to be heard had been given an opportunity to present oral and written testimony with respect to the proposed Supplement.

County Board Member Dyer moved and County Board Member P. Galloway seconded the motion that the Hearing be finally adjourned.

After a full discussion thereof, the Chairman directed that the roll be called for a vote upon the motion.

Upon the roll being called, the following County Board Members voted: Aye, Dyer, J. Galloway, P. Galloway, Gill, Iverson, Joyce, Ly, McKinney, Pfaff, Poole, Redford, Rodosky, Severson, Steele, Throneburg, Almer and Halpin, and the following County Board Members voted Nay: none. Whereupon the Chairman declared the motion carried and the Hearing was finally adjourned at 5:50 P.M.