THURSDAY A.M.

The County Board of Piatt County convened for a Special Meeting in the County Board Room in the Courthouse in the City of Monticello, County of Piatt and State of Illinois on Thursday, the 27th day of February, A.D. 2020, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock in the morning and was called to order by Chairman Ray Spencer.

On roll call the following Board Members and County Officers responded: County Board Members, Shannon Carroll, Dale Lattz, Robert Murrell, Randy Shumard, and Ray Spencer; absent, Renee Fruendt; and County Clerk Jennifer Harper.

INFORMATIONAL SESSION FOR PURCHASE OF NORTH STATE STREET PROFESSIONAL BUILDING/REAL ESTATE (Located at 1109 N. State Street, Monticello)

And

CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS WITH KIRBY MEDICAL CENTER

Chairman Spencer made comment on the statute the authority the County has to buy real estate. In addition, the Chairman had Secretary Nusbaum read the correspondence between Steve Tenhouse and the County giving the background details regarding the interest of purchase. Spencer thinks it is a good idea and for the future of the County. Shumard is concerned with maintaining the building and does not want the restrictions for use clause. Carroll agrees with the wording for restrictions to be friendly neighbors with Kirby, in addition it is a bonus for the County to have renters in advance of purchasing. Lattz commented, he thinks it is hard to turn down the offer for future development with the location and the price. Murrell commented the timing is terrible but for the future, the taxpayers would be very grateful. Spencer added, Mike Atwood from First State Bank has given options regarding the existing debt certificate for funding the purchase if approved.

MOTION was made by Shumard to table the discussion, no second was made.

MOTION was made by Murrell, seconded by Carroll, to enter into contract negotiations with Kirby Medical Center for the purchase of the North State Street Professional Building located at 1109 N. State Street, Monticello. The board would like the completion of the contract and vetted by the State's Attorney's office before the March 11, 2020 County Board meeting. On roll call the vote was as follows: Ayes, Murrell, Spencer, Carroll, and Lattz. Nays, Shumard. Absent, Fruendt. 4 ayes, 1 nays, 1 absent motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jennifer Bryant – Piatt County Assessor – made comment on the property taxes.

Jeff Hanley – Monticello Township – Owner of Audibel is still interested in renting space if purchased.

Elizabeth Dobson – Assistant State's Attorney – wanted to clarify the difference in the terminology of "loan" and "debt certificate".

Randy Keith – Sangamon Township – made comment that future boards will appreciate the decision made but it is a tough time now. Asked the County Board and the State's Attorney's office to work together. Also, offered a donation if the building is purchased and used for Alzheimer's unit.

Tony Kirkman – Piatt County Mental Health – commented he would like to see a walk through on the building.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:33 a.m., MOTION was made by Carroll, seconded by Lattz, that the Honorable County Board adjourn. On voice vote, motion carried.

PIATT COUNTY CLERK	