

COUNTY OFFICES COMMITTEE - Mr. James Arduini, Chair

The County Offices Committee met on November 2, 2015 at 2:30 PM in Room 108 at the Courthouse. Those present were James Arduini, Marty Koster, John Espinoza and Ruth Stanley. Also present were Jim Duffy, Sue Britt, Joel Horn, Robin Brands, John Maas, and Lori Keppen.

1. The claims for October were reviewed. Mr. Maas was called to the meeting to explain some claims which were paid from his department. Mr. Koster moved their approval, Mr. Espinoza seconded, motion carried.
2. Supervisor of Assessments.
 - a. The GIS sales from 10/5/15 – 10/30/15 were \$2,855.75. Mrs. Brands explained \$2,600 was paid from a GIS request and there were five address directories sold for \$50.
 - b. The Committee was advised of an inter-governmental agreement being reviewed by JoDaviess, Carroll and Whiteside County for aerial flights. Whiteside's States Attorney office has reviewed the agreement. (See #21)

MOTION: To approve the intergovernmental agreement for cooperative multi-county digital orthophotography project.

- c. Assessor Brands reviewed her report on township districts, parcels, and costs the county would incur if the county took over assessing property. Currently the township assessor's salary along with their staff wages total \$278,019/year. If the County hired an outside firm to do the assessing it would cost \$4,061,700/year. If the County took over the township assessing it would cost \$383,660 plus benefits/year. The Committee concurred the cost is not feasible for the county. A motion was made by Mr. Koster to recommend to the board not to pursue the issue of the county taking over the assessing of property from the townships any further. It was seconded by Mrs. Stanley. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
3. Mr. Horn presented 2016 holiday and meeting dates for the committee. All concurred to leave the meeting date as it is. Due to members being gone at the next meeting on December 4th, the committee will advise closer to the date if they will be meeting.

There being no further business Mrs. Stanley made a motion to adjourn with Mr. Koster seconding the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Meeting Date: The next regular meeting – **December 4, 2015** at 2:30 PM Room 108, Courthouse

MOTION: To place on file the County Offices Committee's meeting report, October claims reports and related informational items, as presented.