



U.S. Postal Service in the Midst of Government Shutdown

By Sofi Zeman

We have approached day twenty of the 2018-19 government shutdown, a phenomenon that has been the hot topic of discussion in the world of politics for the past few weeks. As of late December, several of the offices in the United States Government have been closed down due to a lack of consensus on how to spend the federal budget for the coming fiscal year. The argument in question? You guessed it. The wall.

This shutdown began with a dispute between President Trump and the Democratic Party over directing funds toward the construction of a wall at the Southern U.S. Border. The President requested that the \$5.7 billion project be added to spending legislation that needed to be passed by December 21 - a matter that was strongly disapproved of by the Democrats. Because an agreement could not be reached, the government went into shutdown.

As a result of this matter, all of the "non-essential" offices in the United States Government have shut down as well, sending home hundreds of thousands of workers on a temporary leave of absence from their jobs. Departments such as NASA, the National Park Service and the Internal Revenue Service have been affected.

Workers that are part of programs that are deemed essential will continue to work without pay for the duration of the shutdown. This includes FBI agents and the Transportation Se-

curity Administration, as well as those working for the State Department and the Department of Homeland Security.

The U.S. Postal Service has stayed up and running these past few weeks. The U.S. Postal Service is not funded by federal tax dollars, but is an independent entity within the government that is actually funded by the business it attracts. The money that comes out of daily mail services is used to run the entire operation.

The image above is of a U.S. Postal Service worker on his mail route. "RFD," as labeled on the cart, refers to Rural Free Delivery service. This service, which was developed in the late 1890s, directly delivered mail to the homes of farming or rural-living families for free. Rather than having to travel to post offices or pay additional fees, people living in the rural communities were able to receive free mail delivery, just like those living in more urbanized areas. This is an initiative that has continued on until this day.

This is not the first government shutdown to occur within the American government, and is unlikely to be the last. While some of us are not affected by this on a personal level, there are hundreds of thousands of people that are seriously affected by this inconvenience. In the midst of all of this, it is reassuring to know that the United States Postal Service remains a constant for the American people.

Early Results of Intersection Study Discussed

by David Larson

Boone County Roads & Capital Improvements Committee discussed a preliminary study of the intersection of Squaw Prairie and Poplar Grove Roads Tuesday evening. This intersection has seen several recent accidents, several of them fatal.

Justin Krohn, Boone County Highway Engineer, lead a discussion by reviewing the results of the partially complete study. Squaw Prairie Road is a Belvidere Township road to the west and a Bonus Township road to the east. Poplar Grove Road is a county road running north and south. Neither Bonus Township Highway Commissioner Donald Gustafson nor Belvidere Township Highway Commissioner Michael Dixon attended the meeting.

Five different solutions were evaluated based upon appropriateness, cost and effectiveness. Krohn explained that Poplar Grove Road is a minor arterial road in the county and is intended to move traffic quickly non-stop from north to south in the center of the county. Because of this road's role in the overall transportation scheme in Boone County, two of the solutions were quickly dismissed: A four-way stop or a traffic light.

Turn lanes were also unlikely to provide a solution, because the volume of traffic does not meet Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) guidelines. However, assuming a 2% per year population growth, the analysis projected the traffic volume to meet those guide lines as early as 2023

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Intersection

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for a left turning lane from northbound, Poplar Grove Road to westbound Squaw Prairie Road. Additional turning lanes would probably not be needed in the next twenty years.

The fourth solution would be a roundabout at Poplar Grove and Squaw Prairie. This option provided the safest choice for public safety, being rated at .29 CMR (Crash Modification Factor). A CMR of 0 is the safest design and 1 being the most dangerous. Carl Larson, District 3 Board Member started a discussion of that option because of it providing the safest solution. Cathy Ward, District 2 Board Member spoke negatively about the option because of the million dollar price tag on it. Ward made a motion to extend a 45 MPH speed limit from Belvidere to Woodstock Road and install a 4-way stop sign at the intersection, for a cost of \$300, which failed for a lack of a second.

The final option required extensive improvements to the two way stop signs on Squaw Prairie Road. The study listed the following improvements: widening, intersection lighting and installation of raised medians. In addition, two features which have been recently been installed were flashing "STOP" and "Crossing Traffic Does Not Stop" signs. All of these improvements at a price tag of \$750,000 could generate a CMF of .85.

During public comment, Toria Funderburg, described her experience of driving to the intersection and evaluating the risk all along Poplar Grove Road both north and south of Squaw Prairie Road. It was her observation that both the stop, and crossing traffic does not stop flashing signs had indeed been installed by both townships. The Bonus Township side had rumble strips leading up to the stop sign to warn of a coming stop and the Belvidere Township side did not. After

experiencing visibility issues, at the intersection Ms. Funderburg suggested that some foliage be trimmed. In addition she made an argument, based on the frequency of accidents both to the north at Woodstock Road and to the south at Marengo Road, that the speed limit when leaving Belvidere on Pleasant Street be extended north to Woodstock Road at 45 MPH.

Additional informal comments were made suggesting a camera system to generate traffic tickets for those who run the stop sign. Another reflected on how a transportation system is interconnected, and how a new four-way stop could create new routes and new, unforeseen problems.

Letter to The Editor

To the editor:

DANGEROUS INTERSECTIONS on POPULAR GROVE ROAD

The County Board members and Roads department have been hearing solutions to fix the dangerous intersection at Squaw Prairie and Popular Grove Roads. There was a study costing the county about \$14,000 to determine whether a 4 Way Stop was called for. The findings said, NO. The testing firm offered two solutions. One was to build a ROUND A BOUT, for about \$1 million or rework the traffic lanes and create turning lanes for about \$75 thousand. Both would require money the county doesn't have.

I attended the Road Dept. meeting Tuesday evening at the Admin building to offer these ideas. But, before the meeting, I drove Popular Grove Road

and took pictures at three intersections; Squaw Prairie, Woodstock and Orth Roads, all entering Popular Grove heading east.

What is the difference at these locations?

SP has two flashing stop signs and a new WHITE stopping line on both sides of PG Road. There are RUMBLE strips on the east side approach. The other intersections have one stop sign each, NOT flashing, and no white stopping line. The difference is the visual impediment (foliage,) north of Squaw Prairie on the west side of the road that increases the unseen danger when entering the intersection.

I can see both the Marengo and Squaw Prairie intersections with Popular Grove Road from the back of my house. Marengo is also a dangerous intersection because of its distant just north of the bridge and cars coming to fast for drivers waiting to cross to react. Accidents occur.

COST EFFECTIVE SOLUTIONS: Smallest cost to the county.....

At the Squaw Prairie intersection, cut away all foliage, add rumble strips on west approach and erect a SIGNS noting "DANGEROUS INTESECTION" on both sides of the intersection. This would draw a driver's attention to the potential danger. The recently installed flashing caution lights on the north and south side of Popular Grove Rd lowering the speed limit to 45 MPH seem to apply only to the Squaw Prairie intersection but appear to close to the intersection to effectively slow fast moving traffic.

REDUCING the speed limit to 45 MPH between WOODSTOCK and LAWRENCEVILLE ROADS would INCREASE the safety conditions for all vehicles entering the road along that section. The safe traffic flow at both intersections, Marengo/Bonus and Squaw Prairie with Popular Grove Roads, would benefit from the reduction of the speed to 45 MPH. Cars coming over the bridge and coming fast increase the danger at the Marengo corner. Poor visibility at Squaw Prairie and speed add to the danger there.

PEOPLE HAVE BEEN KILLED AT BOTH INTERSECTIONS.

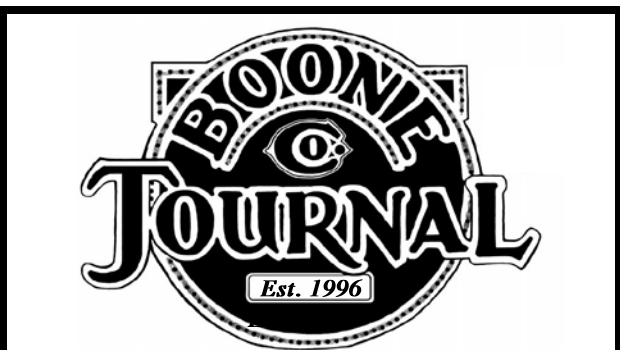
The job of the County Board and the Roads Department is to create safe roads to protect travelers who use our roads and travel in our county. Reducing the speed to 45 MPH would greatly improve the safety along that 3 mile stretch of road. By reducing the speed limit, you would increase the travel time by ONLY 3 or 4 minutes.

ISNT A HUMAN LIFE WORTH AN EXTRA 3 OR 4 MINUTES TO TRAVEL THE SAME DISTANCE BUT ARRIVE SAFELY?

Toria Funderburg,
Concerned Boone County Citizen

Obituaries

- Babcock, Lorraine, 89, Poplar Grove, January 2
- Backstrom, James, 68, Poplar Grove, January 4
- Brenycz, Stefan, 88, Belvidere, December 31
- Fry, Gladys, 90, Belvidere, January 1
- Johannes, Donald, 86, Formerly of Bel, Dec 24
- Landsee, Jareen "Jeri", 75, Cherry Valley, Jan. 3
- Mikrut, Dolores, 80, Harvard, January 8
- Mulligan, James "Muggs", 79, Formerly of Bel., Dec. 14
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Harvard Plans New Police Station

by Charles Herbst

On Wednesday afternoon, December 19, Harvard officials gathered at Harvard City Hall, 201 West Diggins Street, to plan for a new police station. It was officially a special City Council meeting, as several members of the council were present.

Harvard's police station is located in the basement of the building at 201 West Front Street. The building has been flooded several times and is obsolete. Harvard Police Chief Mark Krause noted that the police station has been located in the building for 23-1/2 years, and that the building has serious plumbing issues. The condition, layout and amount of space in the building makes it "difficult to do our job," Krause said.

Prior to 2010, City Hall was also located in this building. In 2010, the former Castle Bank Building became available, and City Hall was

moved two blocks north to that building at 201 West Diggins Street. It was always hoped that the police station could be moved to the new site as well, but the move has been delayed due to lack of funds.

City Council and other meetings in Harvard are also presently held at the Front Street Building. The plan includes constructing a meeting room to accommodate Harvard City Council meetings and other functions in the community.

Both the current City Hall and Front Street Building do not comply with the Americans With Disabilities Act. A major goal in building the police station at this site is to make the City Hall, the new Police Station and City Council meetings fully accessible.

Harvard Mayor Michael Kelly stated that "it's clear that we need a new Public Service Building" and that it "does not make sense to remodel" the current police station.

Brian Meade, of Dewberry Architects, Inc. in Elmhurst is the architect for the project. Meade has spent 12 years with the firm, personally designing over thirty police facilities. Dewberry Architects has been responsible for designing over one hundred police stations.

Meade led the assembled group through a planning session. Several council members were present as well as Mayor Kelly, City Manager Dave Nelson, Police Chief Krause, his deputy and various other Harvard officials. The group arranged themselves around a conference table where an aerial photograph of the Diggins Street property was laid out, showing the current building and parking lots.

The small site for the new station and meeting rooms would make the construction a tight fit and this photograph was employed to show how the site might be utilized. Keeping the project on a tight budget was also emphasized.

Cardboard-cutout, scale-model rooms were arranged on the photograph to show various possible layouts. Three basic concepts were explored: A two story, a story-and-a-half, and a single story building with a new basement. In all three layouts, an elevator served both the new building and existing City Hall, so that the basement of City Hall, where the restrooms are currently located, would become accessible.

One of the most important considerations was what areas of the police station (along with the new meeting room and City Hall) should be accessible to the public. Another was the possibility of a drive-through sally port to make police operations more efficient. The architect demonstrated how some of these considerations on a small site might make trade-offs necessary, but promised to return shortly with conceptual plans for each of the three layouts.

The meeting

Community News & Events

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Opinion:

Capitol Building Will Remain 'unsafe workplace' as Long as Madigan is Speaker

By *Dan McCaleb* | *Illinois News Network*

The best journalists are the ones who ask tough but fair questions.

Ethically challenged politicians don't like those journalists and often try to silence them because they don't like the questions being asked.

Greg Bishop is one of those journalists.

Michael Madigan, elected Illinois House Speaker for the 18th time Wednesday, is one of those politicians.

Bishop has covered state government in Springfield for Illinois News Network and Illinois Radio Network for more than four years now. In that time, he's written almost 2,000 stories.

As long as the state Capitol is open and something's happening, Bishop is likely there, doing his job – keeping his eye on how government spends your tax dollars.

Like workers everywhere, he has a right to do his job without others attempting to harass or bully him.

Sadly under the dome in Springfield, that right hasn't existed for far too many workers for, well, decades.

Since about June 2017, Madigan has done his best to try and bully Bishop. It doesn't work. But that doesn't stop Madigan from trying.

This week marked the latest episode.

At a media gathering Monday inside the Capitol, a number of reporters huddled waiting for Madigan, expecting him to emerge to discuss the end of one session of the General Assembly and the beginning of another. Bishop was among them.

When Madigan joined the group of reporters, he began as he has all too often in the past year-and-a-half, by singling out Bishop.

"Which one is from the Policy Institute?" he asked snidely, referring to the Illinois Policy Institute, a nonprofit free market think tank that has been critical of Madigan's policies and leadership. The institute launched INN as an independent project in 2012. INN was acquired from the institute by the Franklin Center for Government and Public Accountability last year, but has had independent editorial leadership since its launch.

In response, the speaker's longtime spokesperson, Steve Brown, pointed at Bishop and said, "Right here."

"Illinois News Network," Bishop politely and professionally corrected.

Madigan, House speaker for all but two years since 1983, immediately pointed to a television reporter to Bishop's left in the collection of reporters and stated the apartment complex where he lives.

"And you live in Lincoln Tower," Madigan said.

Wondering why Madigan would be telling a fellow journalist that he knows where he lives, Bishop asked if the questions were a form of intimidation.

"Yeah, right," Madigan responded.

"Only if you want them to be," Brown added.

Only if you want them to be.

On its own, the exchange could be shrugged off as a couple of entitled political bullies acting unprofessionally in the workplace. But this was not an isolated incident. This was yet another example of a long pattern of harassment and intimidation that has been part of the culture of the state Capitol for decades, all while Madigan ruled the House.

Bishop himself, by his count, has had close to a dozen similar experiences with Madigan and Brown. Many of them have been captured on video. But the harassment neither starts nor ends with him.

As the #MeToo sexual harassment movement spread nationally in 2017, more than 300 Illinois

women with ties to state government signed a letter demanding a change in culture in Springfield that allowed rampant harassment – sexual and otherwise – to occur under a veil of secrecy. The accusers, afraid to speak out publicly for fear of retribution, remained mostly anonymous. As some did eventually speak out, many of the accused had close ties to Madigan.

A short and incomplete list of those connected to the speaker:

- His longtime former chief of staff Tim Mapes, fired after a state employee publicly accused him of what she said was years of sexual harassment that went unaddressed.

- Two Madigan campaign staffers, fired after being accused of inappropriate behavior involving subordinates that dated to 2016.

- Longtime Madigan lieutenant and House Deputy Majority Leader Rep. Lou Lang stepped down from his leadership position in 2018 after being publicly accused him of sexual harassment. Lang resigned his House seat this week.

- Lawmakers accusing Madigan of intimidating them after they either wouldn't vote for him for speaker (see Democratic Reps. Scott Drury and Anne Stava-Murray) or criticized him for allowing decades of harassment go unchecked at the capitol (see Democratic state Rep. Kelly Cassidy).

That's just the short list. There are plenty more.

"If there weren't such a toxic culture in Springfield, in an ideal world would I have spent more than a few years as a state rep? Absolutely," freshman lawmaker Stava-Murray told INN when announcing she planned to seek a U.S. Senate seat after her one and only state House term is done. "I don't feel like I should have to go to an unsafe workplace for more than two years."

Madigan is the boss. He sets an example that's plain to see, and for those in his clique to emulate. He creates the boundaries for acceptable behavior, and then has a hand in determining the repercussions.

The Illinois State Capitol will remain an unsafe workplace for too many people as long as Madigan remains speaker.

Opinion:

Madigan's Power Runs Deeper than the Speaker Vote

By *Austin Berg* | *Illinois News Network*

When Mike Madigan first became speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives in 1983, Illinois was among a handful of states that enjoyed a AAA credit rating. In 2013, Illinois was declared the least creditworthy state in the nation. Now the state is just one notch above junk status.

Many things have changed in state government during the past 36 years. Madigan has held constant.

And that will continue, as House members this week elected Madigan to his 18th term as speaker on a 72-44 vote, following the inauguration of the 101st General Assembly. State Rep. Jim Durkin, R-Western Springs, will retain his role as House minority leader.

There was a wrinkle, however.

One House member, state Rep. Anne Stava-Murray, D-Naperville, voted "present." It was the first time in Madigan's more than three decades as speaker that a freshman Democrat refused to cast this vote for him. Stava-Murray has been a vocal critic of the speaker's handling of sexual harassment allegations in his party organization and his treatment of the #MeToo movement generally.

Her lone voice of dissent highlights the overwhelming, unique power Madigan wields as speaker and as chairman of the Democratic Party of Illinois.

Madigan holds a 21 percent job approval rating statewide, according to Southern Illinois Uni-

versity Carbondale's Paul Simon Public Policy Institute. Yet he is re-elected to the speakership every two years due to the pain he can inflict on dissenters. How?

What truly gives the speakership so much power is another vote in the House – the vote for the rules of the chamber. Through the House rules, Madigan can assign committee chair positions and the \$10,000 stipends that come with them, control who votes in committees, dictate when a bill will be called for a vote, and even control what bills make it to a vote in the first place.

No other state legislative body in the nation grants such broad powers to its House speaker.

It should be noted that Republican leadership expanded the power these rules granted legislative leaders in the 1990s. But Madigan has been happy to further expand and cement them in the two decades since Democrats took back control of the House.

The House will likely vote on its rules for the 101st General Assembly on Jan. 29.

But it's not just the rules from which Madigan draws power. He is also the only legislative leader in the nation to head a state political party. As chairman of the Democratic Party of Illinois, Madigan simultaneously controls policy, politics and purse strings.

Voting "present" for speaker will likely cost you the ability to have your bills see the light of day. But it also puts you squarely in the crosshairs for a well-funded primary opponent.

Of course, Stava-Murray will undoubtedly face consequences for her speaker vote.

The fact that her stance is so costly is exactly why the House rules vote – granting one man extraordinary power – is so important.

Rauner Opens Up About Decision to Seek Others to Take His Place in Race Against Pritzker

By *Cole Lauterbach* | *Illinois News Network*

Gov. Bruce Rauner said Tuesday that he sought out other people to replace him at the top of the ticket because he wanted to see his reform platform succeed.

Rauner talked about the decision during a news conference where he issued a summary of his term in office.

"It was all a function of me being all in to win for the team for reform," he said. "This has never been about me. This job has never been something that I've particularly sought in and of itself. All I care is that we save our state for our children and our grandchildren ... me and my personal situation is irrelevant. All that matters is that the team win and that we get major reforms done and that's what I've been 100 percent committed to every day."

In an interview with ABC 7 in December, Rauner said he sought out others to take his place. It was later revealed that he asked former state Sen. Karen McConaughay, Chicago Cubs part-owner Todd Ricketts, and attorney general candidate Erika Harold to take his place under the Republican ticket for governor. They all turned him down.

Rauner went on to lose to Pritzker by 16 points.

The revelation that Rauner wanted someone else to replace him caused an uproar among Republicans across the state, some shocked that he would have stepped aside, others outraged that he fought a long primary battle against conservative Republican lawmaker Rep. Jeanne Ives, only to win by a couple percentage points.

In his final report, Rauner highlighted a number of policy victories from his four years in office along with reforms that he said the state still needs.

He said Illinois will benefit from the sweeping education reform laws passed in 2017 and the Supreme Court decision in *Janus v. AFSCME*, a case ending forced union fees that he initially started.

“The changes won’t have implications in the first few months, but in the coming years, major change in the balance of power between the taxpayer and groups inside government,” he said.

Illinois’ biggest challenge moving forward, Rauner said, will be stemming population loss and slow growth.

“I’m scared that it’s going to get a lot worse and the exodus is going to accelerate,” he said, blaming lawmakers for passing an income tax hike over his veto objection.

According to U.S. Census estimates, Illinois has suffered net population losses each of the past five years.

Rauner will deliver the summary to incoming lawmakers in coming days.

Incoming Class of Lawmakers Looks to Tackle State’s Financial Problems

By Greg Bishop | *Illinois News Network*

When members of the 101st General Assembly are seated Wednesday, new and returning lawmakers will face some of the same problems that the last class of lawmakers faced, but majority Democrats will have a member of their own party in the governor’s mansion.

The 100th General Assembly ends Wednesday as the new class of lawmakers is seated. House Speaker Michael Madigan, D-Chicago, closed out the House session Tuesday after calling the past four years an “epic struggle” Democrats had with the Republican Gov. Bruce Rauner. Rauner lost to Democrat J.B. Pritzker by a wide margin in November.

“What happened, happened – no need to spend time today to talk about blame or fault,” Madigan said.

Madigan then went on to thank Republicans who joined Democrats in supporting an increase of the state’s income tax in 2017. That \$5 billion tax increase was vetoed by the governor and Republicans joined with Democrats over an Independence Day holiday to override the governor, ending the impasse.

“With no further ado, I move that the House do stand adjourned sine die,” Madigan said.

One old problem the new General Assembly must contend with is the state’s fiscal condition. Illinois’ finances are still a mess. And pension debt is a big part of that.

State Rep. Robert Martwick, D-Chicago, who is back for another two-year term Wednesday, said the pension debt is no secret.

Martwick said he hopes the new assembly works to get a progressive income tax structure in place to address the debt.

“To use progressive revenue, to raise the revenue necessary and we use the vast majority – all of that if it was my doing – to go into the pension to solve that debt problem,” Martwick said.

He said once the pension debt is under control, then lawmakers can use the additional revenue for things like higher education or even for tax cuts.

Incoming Republican state Rep. Mike Murphy, R-Springfield, said toying with tax rates won’t help. He said the state needs to foster economic growth.

“We need to be more business-friendly. I know that’s a cliché, but it’s true,” Murphy said. “Our workman’s comp, our unemployment [taxes], those things hurt businesses. We just got to make sure we can build a base. That’s

the way we’re going to build Illinois.”

Murphy, who owned a diner, said the answer to the state’s debt problems is getting government out of the way so business can grow.

“Let business expand,” Murphy said. “We cannot tax our way out of this problem. We need to expand the base and it’s very simple: Jobs.”

The new class of state representatives will take the oath of office at the University of Illinois, Springfield, where the first order of business will be to select the next speaker. That’s expected to again be Madigan, who’s been the speaker for all but two years since 1983.

The Senate will have a morning session for the 100th General Assembly to take up final bills the House passed over before adjourning their chamber. Then Gov. Bruce Rauner, in one of his final actions will oversee the swearing in of new state senators and the election of the next Senate President for the 101st General Assembly.

Illinois Congressional Delegation to Shrink after 2020 Census

By Cole Lauterbach | *Illinois News Network*

Continued population loss means Illinois will have to say goodbye to one at least one of its 18 congressional representatives after the 2020 Census.

Election Data Services recently released its annual projections of which states will gain and lose U.S. Representatives at the next turn of the decade. The projections show Illinois’ 18th Representative will almost certainly be removed and given to another state, said Kimball Brace with Election Data Services.

Other states projected to lose seats include Alabama, California, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, Ohio, Rhode Island, and West Virginia, according to EDS. New York is projected to lose two representatives.

Arizona, Colorado, Montana, North Carolina and Oregon are all on track to gain a member of the House. Seeing even larger population booms, Florida will likely gain two new representatives and Texas should gain three.

With another two years to go until the Census takes the surveys that will determine which states gain and lose representatives, Brace said Illinois’ seventeenth congressman is likely in danger as well.

“What we are still not certain of is if that loss will actually be two seats and [Illinois] is very close to that,” he said.

Nationally, Brace said most states are seeing fewer people move out of state than normal, where Illinois saw more than 114,000 people move away last year.

“Movement between states is down to only 10 percent,” he said.

The seats will be realigned in 2021. When the Democrats in control of the state redrew the maps in 2001, a Republican Congressional seat was lost.

The official reapportionment will happen in 2021 after Census numbers are finalized. Once the redraw is certified between the Democratically-controlled General Assembly and Gov. J.B. Pritzker, the 2022 election will reflect the newly-drawn maps with fewer representatives.

House Passes Bills Giving Pritzker More Power, Spending Authority

By Greg Bishop | *Illinois News Network*

Lawmakers in the House passed two bills Tuesday that will give the incoming governor’s administration more power and more money.

Two of the last bills the Illinois House passed

are meant for Gov.-elect J.B. Pritzker. One would vacate the Illinois Tollway Authority Board of Directors, giving Pritzker the opportunity to fill all the seats on the board. Another would allow him to increase department director salaries by 15 percent, a move supporters say is needed to attract talented leaders.

The raises could cost an additional \$700,000 and affect 49 positions in 27 different agencies.

State Rep. Deanne Mazzochi, R-Elmhurst, said that’s not the answer. She said there should be a fund for signing bonuses, not higher salaries.

“And then that way that’s not baked into their salary,” Mazzochi said. “It’s not baked into a pension formula.”

Mazzochi’s idea is similar to what outgoing Gov. Bruce Rauner said he proposed, but lawmakers rejected.

Rauner made director pay an issue early in his term and ended up paying some directors out of other agency budgets, a longstanding practice known as “offshoring.” Lawmakers passed a measure barring the practice during Rauner’s term.

The measure would have the effect of increasing salaries by tens of thousands of dollars. Outgoing Department of Agriculture Director Raymond Poe makes more than \$133,000. A 15 percent increase would tack on nearly \$20,000 more for Pritzker’s nominee John Sullivan. Former Department of Revenue Director Connie Beard made \$142,000. A 15 percent increase there would tack on more than \$21,000 for Pritzker’s nominee state Rep. David Harris, R-Arlington Heights. Harris abstained from voting for the bill Tuesday saying he may have a conflict.

Outgoing state Rep. Peter Breen, R-Lombard, opposed the bill. He said the future of bills passed in one session and sent to a new governor may be up to the courts.

“I’m a little worried that you may be passing a bill whose legality may come under question down the road,” Breen said.

The salary increase bill passed with 69 votes.

Rauner said he hopes it’s not a sign of increased spending under the incoming administration.

The Illinois Tollway Authority board bill gives the authority new bylaws and addresses other issues that have made headlines, including no-bid contracts and conflicts of interest with appointees on the authority.

State Rep. Christian Mitchell, D-Chicago, who is headed to the new administration as a deputy governor, said the bill is necessary.

“This is not simply about getting new kids on the block,” Mitchell said. “This is about making sure that this agency operates with the integrity, the transparency and in the best interest of the public that all taxpayers should expect.”

While some lame-duck lawmakers supported the measure, outgoing state Rep. Jeanne Ives, R-Wheaton, was opposed. She said the scandals at the authority were troubling, but called the bill a political move.

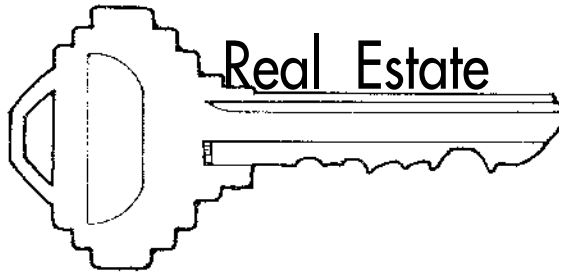
“It makes me mad,” Ives said. “But what you’re talking about doing here with this bill is nothing but a craven political agenda being put in place.”

Others highlighted how Pritzker instead could wait for terms to expire later this spring, or ask people with certain conflicts to resign. Other lawmakers urged for tolls to be lowered or for lawmakers to lower fines for missed tolls.

The tollway measure passed with more than 100 votes.

The Senate was expected to take up the bills before adjourning to the new session.





IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
-v- 2018 CH 71
ARIEL S. ZMIJEWSKI, et al Defendant

NOTICE OF SALE

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Commonly known as 1218 EVERETT AVE, BELVIDERE, IL 61008
Property Index No. 05-36-261-002.
The real estate is improved with a residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale.

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Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

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For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Please refer to file number 14-18-07679.

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Attorney File No. 14-18-07679

Attorney ARDC No. 00468002

Case Number: 2018 CH 71

TJSC#: 38-9031

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff,
-v- 18 CH 57

JOSEPH M. KRIEGL, LISA J. KRIEGL Defendant

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Commonly known as 337 WEST BOONE STREET, BELVIDERE, IL 61008
Property Index No. 05-26-401-008.
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$142,675.98.
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Attorney File No. 18-086575

Case Number: 18 CH 57

TJSC#: 38-9263

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

STATEBRIDGE COMPANY, LLC Plaintiff,
-v- 18 CH 41

RYAN DIFATTA AKA RYAN ROBERT DIFATTA AKA RYAN D FATTA, AKA RYAN DI FATTA, OAKBROOK ESTATES HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC., SPECIALIZED LOAN SERVICING, LLC, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD CLAIMANTS Defendant

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Commonly known as 2275 OAKWOOD DRIVE, BELVIDERE, IL 61008
Property Index No. 07-02-151-003-0000.
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.

The judgment amount was \$127,528.62.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale.

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LOT 98 AS DESIGNATED UPON PLAT NO. 4 OF OAKBROOK WOODS, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST 1/4 OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 43 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, THE PLAT OF WHICH SUBDIVISION IS RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 2000R0010175 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

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State of Illinois

In the Circuit Court of the 17th Judicial Circuit
County of Boone

Durand State Bank,

Plaintiff,

-vs- Case No. 2018-CH-122

Timothy Palka, Debra Palka, Castle Bank, N.A.,) Palka Trucking, Inc.,
Department of Treasury -) Internal Revenue Service, Illinois Department
of) Revenue, Guaranty Bank, Unknown Owners, and Non-Record
Claimants,

Defendants.

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure

The requisite affidavit for publication having been filed, notice is given to you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, defendants in the above action which has been commenced in the Circuit Court of Boone County against you and other defendants requesting a Mortgage Foreclosure made by Durand State Bank, against Debra Palka and Timothy Palka on the following described real estate:

Part of the Northwest Quarter (1/4) of Section 11, Township 45 North, Range 3 East of the Third Principal Meridian, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point of the West

line of said Section 11, a distance of 1332.00 feet South of the Northwest corner of said Section 11; thence North 30°00' East a distance of 340.00 feet; thence South 00°00'00" East parallel with the West line of said Section 11, a distance of 420.00 feet; thence South 89°30'00" West a distance of 340.00 feet to the West line of said Section 11; thence North 00°00'00" East along the West line of said Section 11 a distance of 420.00 feet to the place of beginning; situated in the County of Boone and State of Illinois.

Commonly known as: 16721 Ramsay Road
Caledonia, Illinois 61011

Summons was issued out of the court against you as provided by law, and the action is still pending.

Consequently, unless you, Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants, defendants in the above case, file your answer to the Complaint in the action or otherwise make your appearance in the Circuit Court of Boone County, located in Belvidere, Illinois on or before January 29, 2019, default may be entered against each of you at any time after that day and a judgment may be entered in accordance with the prayer of the Complaint.

Prepared by:
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

BANK OF AMERICA, N.A. Plaintiff,
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BEGINNING AT AN IRON STAKE IN THE SOUTHWESTERLY CORNER OF LOT THREE (3) IN BLOCK FIVE (5) OF ISAAC MILLER'S

ADDITION TO BELVIDERE; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG THE NORTHERLY LINE OF BOONE STREET, NINETY (90) FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE NORTHWESTERLY AT A RIGHT ANGLE WITH SAID STREET LINE, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT AND FORTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (148.45) FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTHWESTERLY, PARALLEL WITH SAID STREET LINE, NINETY (90) FEET TO AN IRON STAKE; THENCE SOUTHEASTERLY, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-EIGHT AND FORTY-FIVE HUNDREDTHS (148.45) FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. THE ABOVE DESCRIBED PREMISES INCLUDED A PART OF BLOCK 71 OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF BELVIDERE, SITUATED IN THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, AND PARTS OF LOTS 2 AND 3 IN BLOCK 5 OF ISAAC MILLER'S ADDITION TO BELVIDERE, SITUATED IN THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SECTION 26; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

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Property Index No. 05-26-401-008.
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If this property is a condominium unit, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale, other than a mortgagee, shall pay the assessments and the legal fees required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/9(g)(1) and (g)(4). If this property is a condominium unit which is part of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit at the foreclosure sale other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by The Condominium Property Act, 765 ILCS 605/18.5(g-1).

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For information, contact The sales clerk, SHAPIRO KREISMAN & ASSOCIATES, LLC, 2121 WAUKEGAN RD., SUITE 301, Bannockburn, IL 60015, (847) 291-1717 For information call between the hours of 1pm - 3pm. Please refer to file number 18-086575.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
PNC BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION Plaintiff,
-v.- 2018 CH 71
ARIEL S. ZMIJEWSKI, et al Defendant
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on November 13, 2018, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on February 25, 2019, at the NLT Title L.L.C, 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at public auction to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT THREE (3) AS DESIGNATED UPON THE PLAT OF JOHNSON ESTATES, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION 36, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED JULY 7, 1993 IN PLAT INDEX FILE ENVELOPE 129-A AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 93-5806; SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 1218 EVERETT AVE, BELVIDERE, IL 61008
Property Index No. 05-36-261-002.
The real estate is improved with a residence.

Sale terms: 25% down of the highest bid by certified funds at the close of the sale payable to The Judicial Sales Corporation. No third party checks will be accepted. The balance, including the Judicial Sale fee for the Abandoned Residential Property Municipality Relief Fund, which is calculated on residential real estate at the rate of \$1 for each \$1,000 or fraction thereof of the amount paid by the purchaser not to exceed \$300, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. No fee shall be paid by the mortgagee acquiring the residential real estate pursuant to its credit bid at the sale or by any mortgagee, judgment creditor, or other lienor acquiring the residential real estate whose rights in and to the residential real estate arose prior to the sale.

The subject property is subject to general real estate taxes, special assessments, or special taxes levied against said real estate and is offered for sale without any representation as to quality or quantity of title and without recourse to Plaintiff and in "AS IS" condition. The sale is further subject to confirmation by the court.

Upon payment in full of the amount bid, the purchaser will receive a Certificate of Sale that will entitle the purchaser to a deed to the real estate after confirmation of the sale.

Where a sale of real estate is made to satisfy a lien prior to that of the United States, the United States shall have one year from the date of sale within which to redeem, except that with respect to a lien arising under the internal revenue laws the period shall be 120 days or the period allowable for redemption under State law, whichever is longer, and in any case in which, under the provisions of section 505 of the Housing Act of 1950, as amended (12 U.S.C. 1701k), and subsection (d) of section 3720 of title 38 of the United States Code, the right to redeem does not arise, there shall be no right of redemption.

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For information, examine the court file or contact Plaintiff's attorney: CODILIS & ASSOCIATES, P.C., 15W030 NORTH FRONTAGE ROAD, SUITE 100, BURR RIDGE, IL 60527, (630) 794-9876 Please refer to file number 14-18-07679.

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Public Notices

Public Notification of Proposed Program - Rehab and Roof-Only Projects

December 17, 2018: HomeStart is publishing notice of a proposed program, using funding from the Illinois Affordable Housing Trust Fund. To see the full Public Notification, click here.

Name of Program: Single Family Rehab Program (SFR), Round 2, with Roof Only Option (SFR-R)

Applicant: NW HomeStart, Inc.
Address: 803 N. Church St., Rockford, IL 61103
Project Number: STF-51519
Project Area: Boone and Winnebago County (excluding Rockford)
Funds Requested: \$819,000.00

Program Goals: Program will assist low-income and very low-income homeowners repair their homes and remove health and safety hazards by replacing costly maintenance items. Eligible homeowners will receive up to \$45,000 in assistance. The roof only option may not exceed \$16,500 per household.

If you have any comments regarding this proposed program, please submit a written statement to the Community Affairs Department of the Illinois Housing Development Authority within 30 days of the date of this letter. Please refer to the name of the proposed program in your written statement. Statements will be accepted via e-mail to TFSFRinfo@ihda.org. Please note that the project details are those submitted in the project grant application and are subject to modification and approval at the discretion of the Authority.
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY

IN RE THE MATTER OF:
Ana Jaquelin Miranda
No. 18-MR-142

NOTICE OF FILING OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME
Notice is given you, the public, that on February 26, 2019, I will file a Petition For Change of Name in this Court asking the Court to change my present name of Ana Jaquelin Miranda to the name of Ana Jaquelin Nava.
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY

Zureima Ramirez, Plaintiff
vs No. 18-F-62
Tomas Ramirez Lopez, Defendant.
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given you, Tomas Ramirez Lopez, Defendant, that this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for Petition to Establish Parentage, Sole Allocation of Parental Responsibilities and other relief. Unless you file your response or otherwise file your appearance in this cause in the office of the Circuit Clerk of Boone County, Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, Illinois, on or before the 30th day of January, 2019, A Judgment or other relief as prayed for by the Plaintiff may be granted.

Linda J. Anderson Circuit Clerk
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Assumed Names

ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
State of Illinois County of Boone) ss This is to certify that the undersigned intend... to conduct and transact a Service Business Providing Relocation of Personal Vehicles, Short and Long Distance Personal Transportation and Removing Prescriptions for Homes that will be Permanently Vacated by the Client business in said County and State under the name of Belle Senior Services, LLC at the following post office addresses: 820 Woodlyn Xing, Belvidere IL, 61008 and that the true and real full names of all persons owning, conducting or transacting such business, with the respective residence address of each, are as follows:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF RESIDENCE: Laura & Charles Till, 820 Woodlyn Xing, Belvidere IL, 61008. Signed: Laura & Charles Till, 01/03/19
Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me this 3rd. day of January, 2019, Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk, by Christine E. Gardner, Deputy
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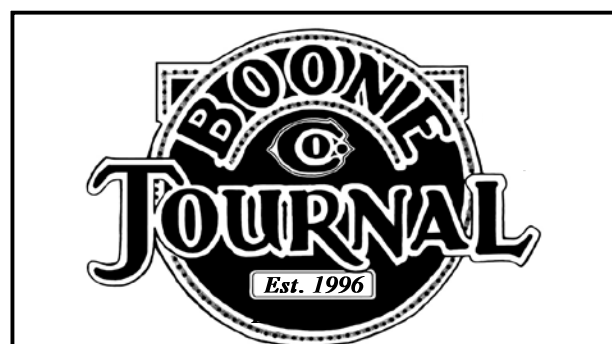
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