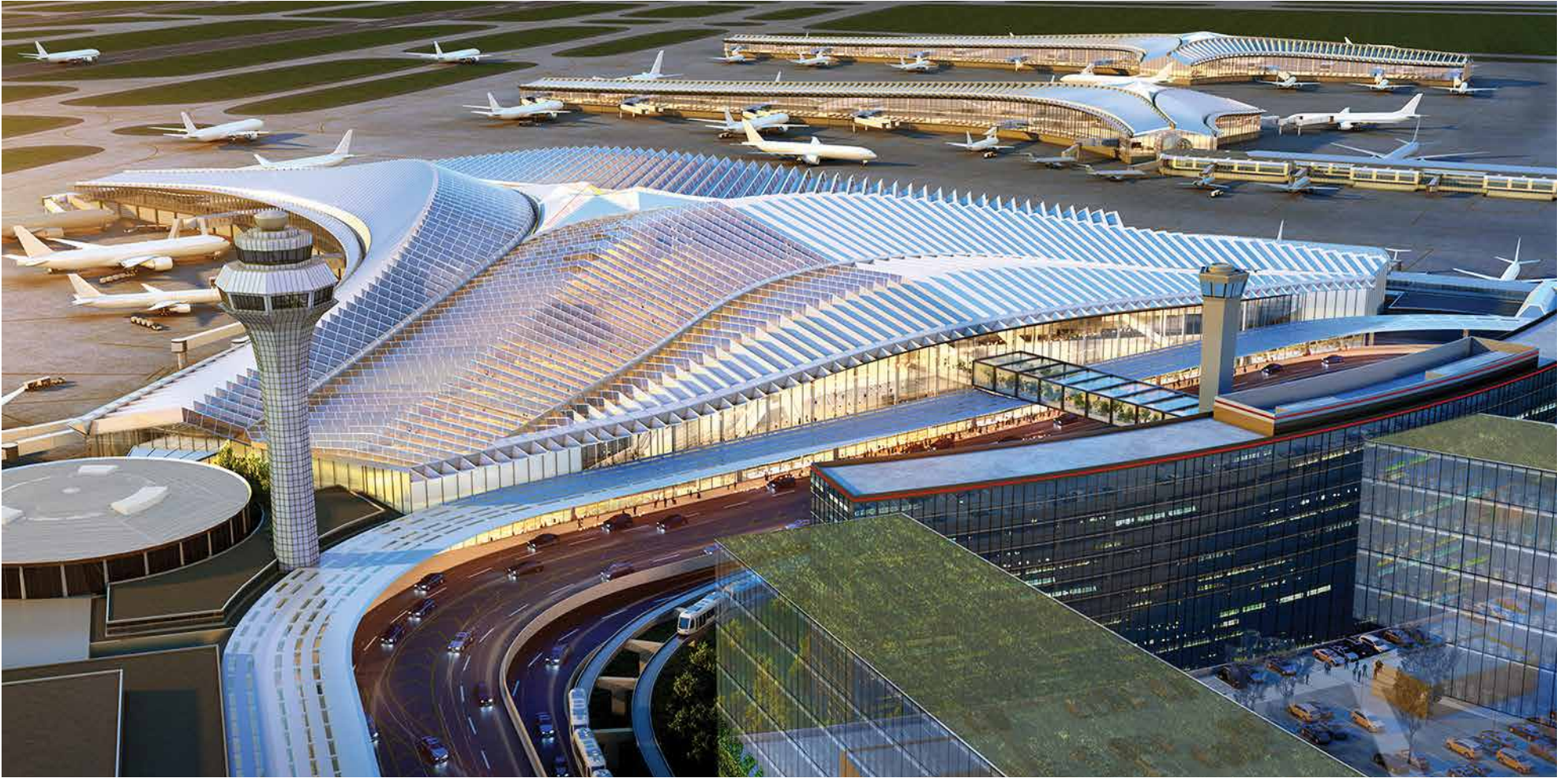


Belvidere Native, Architect Jeanne Gang Wins Competition for \$8.5 Billion O'Hare Project



by Charles Herbst

Chicago Department of Aviation

Belvidere native Jeanne Gang has been selected to design the new Global Terminal at O'Hare International Airport. Studio ORD was chosen as the winner among five distinguished finalists by the Chicago Department of Aviation.

Studio ORD is a joint venture of Jeanne Gang-led Studio Gang Architects, Corrigan Associates, Millhouse Engineering and Construction, STL Architects, and Solomon, Cordwell, Buenz & Associates.

The new Global Terminal will replace the existing Terminal 2 at the airport and is the centerpiece of the \$8.5 billion project to rationalize and expand O'Hare to a total of 225 gates. The new Global Terminal will be about 2.2 million square feet and will be more than twice the size of the existing Terminal 2.

United Airlines, with a hub presently located in Terminal 1, and American Airlines, with a hub in Terminal 3, will share the new Terminal, along with their partner airlines in the Star Alliance and One World group, respectively. This will allow for more seamless transfers between domestic and

international flights. Airlines without hubs in Chicago, such as Delta, will move to Terminal 5. This arrangement is modeled after the airline configuration at Tokyo Narita and London Heathrow Airports, both of which have many interconnecting international flights.

The project is expected to create 60,000 new construction jobs and many new permanent jobs. With Boone County less than one hour away, many of those jobs will be filled by workers from here.

Both of O'Hare's major tenants expressed approval of the choice.

Oscar Munoz, CEO of United Airlines said, "We at the United Family are thrilled to see ... another gem added to Chicago's architectural crown with the unveiling of the new design for one of the city's most impressive landmarks."

American Airlines Chairman and CEO, Doug Parker, said, "This selection ensures that O'Hare's future is bright as an airport leading globally in design, amenities and the customer experience."

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Photo provided by Studio ORD

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Chicago Mayor Rahm Emanuel was equally laudatory. "Today we congratulate Studio ORD, who has proven that they have the experience, expertise, and the talent needed to work with the City of Chicago as we usher in a new era at O'Hare."

Gang's design for the terminal is striking. The plan deviates from the original specification of a core with fingers and consists of a vaguely triangular building that will more naturally direct traffic through the airport from concourse to gates. The ceilings and other surfaces feature natural wood surfaces to create a warmer, more humane atmosphere than the more sterile environments we are used to seeing in airports. These textures and a considerable amount of indoor plantings will help create a more garden-like feel. This is consistent with Chicago's motto, *Urbs in Horto*, meaning city in a garden. The airport was originally known as Orchard Field, named for Orchard Place, the small farming community that originally occupied the site.

The terminal's skylight is a six-pointed star, and is reminiscent of the roof of Gang's Starlight Theatre in Rockford, which opens to form a five-pointed star. Four six-pointed, red stars are found on the Chicago flag, and the six-pointed star is a frequently-used Chicago icon. Using the six-pointed star design for the terminal's central skylight gives the terminal a distinct identity and sense of place, rather than being just one more

gargantuan, globe-girdling international airport. This six-pointed star skylight design is repeated in the two remote concourses that are part of the overall plan.

Blair Kamin, *Chicago Tribune* architecture critic, has strongly registered his disapproval with the selection process, particularly the unusually secretive nature of the committee that made the decision. The names of those who were on the committee have never been released. The competition for this project was intense, and all four of the runners up were also quite worthy. All five of the finalists are internationally recognized, architectural experts at the top of their field. The committee's rationale in picking the Gang design was that it "achieved the highest cumulative score" from the committee.

Kamin acknowledges that Gang is an "extraordinary talent," and points out a number of favorable aspects in the Gang plan, but, in the end, he feels that Gang's design "does not soar." He notes that both the Norman Foster design (his favorite) and the Santiago Calatrava plan were more popular choices in a public poll conducted earlier this year.

Ordinarily these opinions could be dismissed as a healthy difference of opinion. But Kamin has a point, which is shared by others: The lack of transparency and lack of a detailed, rational explanation for a decision of this magnitude comes off as another example of backroom decision making, based on cronyism, rather than merit. It is unfortunate to see an architect with the stature of Gang and an outstanding architectural achievement sullied by a selection process that hints at the appearance of potential impropriety.

This is a heady time for Jeanne Gang and her firm. The firm has designed Vista Tower, located on the South Bank of the Chicago River between Michigan Avenue and Lake Shore Drive. The tower will be the third tallest building in Chicago, and is scheduled for topping out later this spring, with completion in 2020. The exterior glass cladding is currently being applied to the lower floors of the building. The building will have 406 condominiums and a five-star hotel.

Another Studio Gang project under construction is the Beloit College Powerhouse. The building is the former Blackhawk Generating Station on the Rock River. When complete, the repurposed structure will be a combination student center, recreation center and athletics facility. The building will have a pedestrian bridge to the main campus. Completion is set for Fall 2019. This past November, the World Architecture Festival awarded the Beloit College Powerhouse the top overall prize among its 2018 Future Projects. The WAFX

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It was a grand experience to see five outstanding designs for a major building, and was exciting to await the final selection. The *Journal* would like to congratulate Ms. Gang and Studio ORD. We proudly look forward to seeing the finished terminal and reflecting on Belvidere's role in making this achievement possible.



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Sosnowski Files Bill to Oppose Financial Transactions Tax

SPRINGFIELD – State Representative Joe Sosnowski, R-Rockford, has filed a resolution in the Illinois General Assembly stating opposition to any legislation that would impose a tax on the transfer of financial assets on a market platform that is based within Illinois. Sosnowski's bill is House Resolution 212.

"A tax on financial transactions threatens to drive a huge sector of employment out of Illinois and would harm retirement savings accounts, pension funds and more," Representative Sosnowski said. "The markets targeted by this tax already pay tens of millions in taxes each year as a direct entity, above and beyond all of the taxes paid by and on behalf of the thousands of professionals and workers whose jobs are tied to the financial trading markets of Illinois. We

need to protect these workers and the millions of others whose retirement security depend upon the strength and stability of these markets."

Transactions on market platforms based in Illinois play an essential role in creating and stabilizing a global market and prices for debt securities and interest, financial instruments, currencies, and essential commodities of all sorts, including foodstuffs, motor fuel, and energy. The financial securities that are traded in Illinois-based financial transaction platforms or enjoy market value based upon those platforms are used by millions of Illinois workers to save for pensions and retirement.

An estimated 100,000 jobs are connected directly or indirectly to Illinois financial markets. These jobs create income tax revenue from wage taxes withheld, sales tax revenue from goods purchased, and other tax and fee revenues essential to the budget of the State of Illinois and its local governments.

Legislation to impose a financial transaction tax in Illinois has been introduced as House Bill 23, sponsored by Representative Mary Flowers, D-Chicago. The Flowers bill would impose a \$1-per-transaction tax on the Chicago Stock Exchange, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, the Chicago Board of Trade, and the Chicago Board Options Exchange. The tax would be imposed on transactions for which the underlying asset is an agricultural product, a financial instruments contract, or an options contract.

pilot program that is set to expire this year, and state lawmakers are expected to vote later this session on whether to make that pilot program permanent, and whether to legalize marijuana for adult recreational use.

But in Illinois and many other states, banks will not do business with companies involved in growing or selling marijuana because federal banking regulations prohibit it.

During most of the Obama administration, the U.S. Justice Department would not prosecute those banks or businesses, as long as they were not involved in other criminal activity. But that changed early in the Trump administration when former U.S. Attorney Jeff Sessions issued a memo to federal prosecutors advising them to resume full enforcement of federal laws.

"There haven't been wholesale raids of banks doing business with legal entities in their states, but these people are conservative by nature," Frerichs told the committee. "They're worried if that could happen, and what that would mean for the overall concerns of their banks."

The problem, Frerichs said, is that banks' fear of prosecution has pushed the legal marijuana industry into an underground cash-based economy, which he said puts them at great risk.

"Some have found a financial institution – a bank or credit union – that will accept deposits, allow them to write checks, but some have not and they're operating out of cash, putting all their money into safes and handling payroll with duffel bags full of cash, which we think is dangerous," he said. "That's the problem this legislation is looking to solve."

Frerichs said he is also working with state treasurers from other states to lobby Congress to change federal banking laws.

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Marijuana Banking Bill Clears State Senate Committee

Proposal Would Protect Banks from State Regulation, but Federal Rules Still Apply

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SPRINGFIELD – A state Senate committee voted unanimously Wednesday to advance a bill that would prevent state banking regulators for punishing banks or credit unions that do business with the state's medical marijuana industry.

Even if that bill becomes law, however, those financial institutions would still be at risk of being prosecuted under federal laws.

"I would say this is kind of the grey area we're in right now," Jerry Peck, of the Community Bankers Association of Illinois, told the Senate Financial Institutions Committee. "This is still illegal federally."

Senate Bill 2023 is being pushed by Sen. Toi Hutchinson, a Chicago Democrat, and State Treasurer Michael Frerichs. It would prohibit state banking regulators from taking action against any bank or credit union in Illinois that provides accounts for businesses engaged in the legal production and sale of marijuana products.

According to a November 2017 listing by Governing magazine, marijuana was legal in some form in at least 31 states plus the District of Columbia. In 2015, Illinois legalized marijuana for treatment of certain medical conditions under a

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Illinois Adds 59,100 Jobs Unemployment Rate Down Higher Than National Average

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SPRINGFIELD – The Illinois economy has added 59,100 jobs over the past 12 months, while the overall unemployment rate dropped only a tenth of a point, to 4.3 percent, the Illinois Department of Employment Security said Thursday.

The preliminary, seasonally-adjusted numbers for February showed the state's jobless rate was still higher than the national average of 3.8 percent.

Compared to January, the total employment number was down by 12,600 jobs, which IDES officials said was largely due to the unusually cold weather in February. The biggest job losses over the month were in the construction industry; trade, transportation and utilities; and the leisure and hospitality sector.

Compared to a February 2018, however, total nonfarm employment in the state grew by about 1 percent, although that, too, was behind the national average of 1.7 percent.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker's administration said it will work to improve the job numbers in the future.

"The administration is committed to putting Illinois on firm fiscal footing and growing the economy statewide," Deputy Gov. Dan Hynes said in a statement. "We are focused on making the investments we need to lift up the middle class, create jobs, and attract businesses to Illinois to create the long-term growth we need."

For the year, Thursday's report showed there were overall job gains in nearly every employment sector, led by education and health services, which added 13,800 jobs. That was followed by trade, transportation and utilities, which added 12,100 jobs, and professional and business services, which added 11,400 jobs.

The only two employment sectors to report net job losses over

the year were the information industry, which includes the news media, where the job count was down by 2,300. The construction industry also showed a net loss of 300 jobs.

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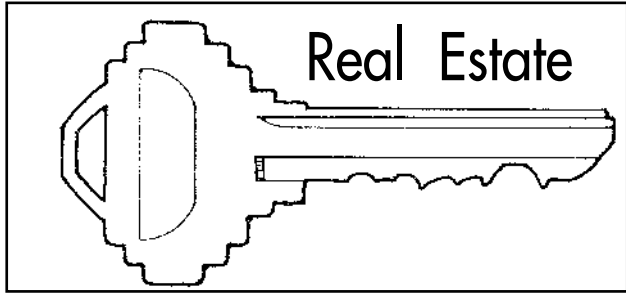
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PART OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER (1/4) OF SECTION TWELVE (12), TOWNSHIP FORTY-FIVE (45) NORTH, RANGE FOUR (4) EAST OF THE THE THIRD (3RD) PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, BOUNDED AND DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS, TO-WIT: BEGINNING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 01° -00'-58" WEST, ALONG THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION, 1149.39 FEET TO THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH THIRTY-FIVE ACRES OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION, THENCE NORTH 89° -22'-37" WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTH THIRTY-FIVE ACRES OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION, 568.49 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01° -00'-58" EAST, PARALLEL WITH THE EAST LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION, 1149.39 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION; THENCE SOUTH 89° -22'-37" EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION, 568.49 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. SUBJECT TO THE RIGHTS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS IN AND TO THOSE PORTIONS THEREOF TAKEN, USED OR DEDICATED FOR PUBLIC ROAD PURPOSES. SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PIN No.: 04-12-200-013
Together with all buildings and improvements thereon, and the tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging.

This property is commonly known 11823 IL Route 173, Capron, Illinois 61012, Boone County, Illinois, and is residential property. This property will not be open for inspection. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.

Terms of Sale: This real estate is being sold in an "As Is Condition" for cash and the successful bidder is required to deposit 10% of the bid amount at the time of the sale with the Boone County Sheriff and the balance to be paid within twenty-four hours of the sale.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK, AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATE- HOLDERS OF THE CWABS INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2006-21; Plaintiff,
vs. 18 CH 60
JEFFREY BARTHEL; UNITED STATES OF AMERICA FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE; Defendants,
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure entered in the above entitled cause Intercounty Judicial Sales Corporation will on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at the hour of 12:15 p.m. inside the front entrance of the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, sell to the highest bidder for cash, the following described mortgaged real estate:

LOT 166 IN CANDLEWICK LAKE UNIT NO. 7, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED AS DOCUMENT NO. 72-2875 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.
Commonly known as 206 Gables Drive SW, Poplar Grove, IL 61065.
P.I.N. 03-28-229-019-0000.
The improvement on the property consists of a single family residence. If the subject mortgaged real estate is a unit of a common interest community, the purchaser of the unit other than a mortgagee shall pay the assessments required by subsection (g-1) of Section 18.5 of the Condominium Property Act.
Sale terms: 10% down by certified funds, balance within 24 hours, by certified funds. No refunds.
The property will NOT be open for inspection.
For information call Mr. Anthony Porto at Plaintiff's Attorney, Kluever & Platt, L.L.C., 150 North Michigan Avenue, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 981-7385. SMSF.0357
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Public Notices

Storage Notice
The following amount must be paid no later than 5 p.m. April 6, 2019.
FULL payment of CASH or MONEY ORDER ONLY, accepted at :
Danndi Storage
13537 IL Rte. 76
Poplar Grove, IL 61065
Or the contents of the below listed units, located at 13511 Harvest Way, Poplar Grove, IL., will be sold at auction or otherwise disposed of on or any day after April 7, 2019.
Matt Kleckner - Unit #16 - Amount due \$328.70 plus advertising
Barbara Rowe - Unit #26 - Amount due \$723.70 plus advertising
Gumaro Chairez - Unit #86 - Amount due \$518.70 plus advertising
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**VILLAGE OF POPLAR GROVE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ANNUAL BUDGET ORDINANCE**

Notice is hereby given that the corporate authority of the Village of Poplar Grove, Illinois, will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, April 17th, 2019 at 6:45PM on the fiscal year 2020 proposed annual appropriation ordinance for the municipal operating and capital budgets. The Hearing shall take place in the Village Board Room, Poplar Grove Village Hall, 200 N. Hill Street, Poplar Grove, Illinois,

A detailed copy of the fiscal year 2020 proposed budget is accessible for examination by the public during business hours at the office of the Village Clerk, 200 N. Hill Street, Poplar Grove.

Dated this 26th Day of March 2019.
Katie Jaster, Deputy Clerk
Village of Poplar Grove
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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters, Residents of Poplar Grove Township, in the County of Boone and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 9, 2019, at the hour of 7:00 p.m. at Poplar Grove Township Office, 302 East Park Street, Poplar Grove, for the transaction of miscellaneous business of the said Town, and after a moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers, and decide on such measures as may, in pursuance of law, comes before the meeting.

Dated March 25, 2019
Andrea Sowers, Poplar Grove Township Clerk
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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY Given to the legal voters, residents of the Town of LeRoy in the county of Boone and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 7:00 P.M. at LeRoy Town Hall for the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town, and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide upon such measures as may in pursuance of the law come before the meeting.

Dated March 19, 2019
Jamie Murray, Town Clerk
Published in *The Boone County Journal* 3/29/2019

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY Given to the legal voters, residents of the Town of Bonus in the county of Boone and State of Illinois, that the Annual Town Meeting of said Town will take place on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 being the second Tuesday of said month at the hour of 6:00 P.M. at Bonus Town Hall 9015 Marengo Road Garden Prairie, IL 61038

For the transaction of the miscellaneous business of the said town, and after a Moderator having been elected, will proceed to hear and consider reports of officers and decide upon such measures as may in pursuance of the law come before the meeting.

Dated March 19, 2019
Sara Osterberg, Bonus Town Clerk
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE

A.M. and G.M.
vs. O.J.A., a minor, Petitioners,
CASE NO. 2019-AD-2
)and ANTHONY THOMAS ADAIR, Respondents

ADOPTION NOTICE
IN THE Matter of the Petition for Adoption of O.J.A, a male child, Adoption no. 2019-AD-2

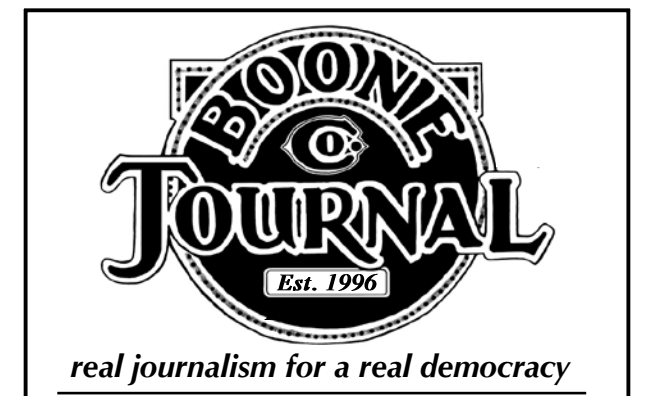
To: Anthony Thomas Adair
TAKE NOTICE that a Petition was filed in the Circuit Court of Boone County, Illinois, for the adoption of a child named O.J.A.

NOW THEREFORE, unless you, ANTHONY THOMAS ADAIR, and all whom it may concern, file your Answer to the Petition in said suit or otherwise file your appearance therein, the said Circuit Court of Boone County, 601 N. Main St, in the City of Belvidere, Illinois on or before the 30 day of April, 2019, a default may be entered against you at any time after that day and judgment entred in accordance with the prayer of said Petition.

DATED at Belvidere, Illinois, this 27 day of February, 2019.
Linda J. Anderson
Clerk of the Circuit Court
by Christine K. Miller, Deputy
Attorney Nathan J. Noble, P.C.
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Early Voting for the April 2, 2019 Consolidated Primary Election will begin on Friday, March 8, 2019 and end April 1, 2019. Early Voting for Boone County residents will be conducted at the Boone County Clerk's Office, 1212 Logan Ave, Suite 103, Belvidere, IL 61008. The office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30AM to 5:00PM. The office will also be open on Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 9:00AM to 12:00PM

For more information about Early Voting please contact the Boone County Clerk's Office at 815-544-3103.
Julie A. Stapler
Boone County Clerk & Recorder
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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 Meeting and Event Planning Business in said County and State under the name of On Point Planning at the following post office addresses: 3037 Fairchild St. Poplar Grove, IL 61065 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: Latricia Foss 3037 Fairchild St. Poplar Grove, IL 61065. Signed: Latricia Foss 3/11/2019 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me this 11th. day of March, 2019.
Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk,
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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 Beauty Shop Business in said County and State under the name of My Hair Lady at the following post office addresses: 145 S State St 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: Grendida Perez 145 S State St Belvidere, IL 61008. Signed: Grendida Perez 3/13/2019 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me this 11th. day of March, 2019.
Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk,
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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 Salon/Personal Training Business in said County and State under the name of Studio 26 at the following post office addresses: 2734 Francis St, 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: Sandy Peterson 2734 Francis St., Belvidere IL, 61008. Signed: Sandy Peterson 3/15/2019 Subscribed and sworn (or affirmed) to before me this 15th. day of March, 2019.
Julie A. Stapler, County Clerk, by Christine E Gardner, Deputy
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Local Governments Want Tax Revenue From Online Sales

But Admit That Collection From Remote Retailers Would Be Difficult

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SPRINGFIELD – A U.S. Supreme Court decision last year allows states to collect sales taxes from online retailers, even if they don't have a physical presence in the state.

Now, Illinois cities and counties want in on that action, too.

"We just want to make sure that we can capture locally-imposed sales taxes on out-of-state retailers online," said Brad Cole, executive director of the Illinois Municipal League, which represents more than 1,200 local communities throughout the state.

Cole answered questions last week from members of the House Revenue and Finance Committee about how that might be accomplished. The short answer? Not easily.

"... A lot of different organizations, entities and interests need to be aligned to get this right, and ... I'm not prepared to say that we have that ready today," Cole said.

The court's decision last June in *South Dakota v. Wayfair* paved the way for states to collect sales taxes from online retailers like Amazon.

In Illinois, "remote" online retailers that have more than \$100,000 in online sales in the state, or at least 200 discrete transactions, must collect the state's 6.25 percent use tax.

Last year, the Illinois Department of Revenue estimated the change, which went into effect Oct. 1, could bring in more than \$200 million of new revenue every year.

Local governments like cities and counties also collect sales taxes on top of the state sales tax. Cole and other advocates say local governments should also be allowed to collect sales taxes from online retailers. That, they say, would level the playing field for local brick-and-mortar retailers, who already must add a local tax on sales.

But opponents say trying to impose and collect local sales taxes on online purchases would be overly complicated.

"Municipalities collecting their own sales taxes would be a hideous administrative nightmare," said Rob Carr, president of the Illinois Retail Merchants Association. "I find it difficult to believe that a local municipality could either afford their own department of revenue or the hiring of a third party to do that for them."

Yet some local entities, such as northeast Illinois' Pace busing division, will soon rely on that extra revenue to maintain operations.

"We're not capturing those out-of-state taxes," said Rocky Donahue, executive director of Pace, which was created in 1984 with the revenue of a regional sales tax. "And it's really hurting our bottom line."

One option, suggested by committee member Rep. Joe Sosnowski (R-Rockford), would be to create a state tax specifically for remote online retailers. The revenue would be dispersed to local governments based on an established formula.

That way, Sosnowski said, the state wouldn't have to deal with administering "a thousand different tax rates."

At least one municipality – the City of Chicago – already applies an extra 1 percent tax to remote online retailers, on top of the state's 6.25 percent.

If extended to other municipalities, that 1 percent sales tax alone, according to GOP Rep. Ryan Spain (R-Peoria), could bring significant money to the state.

"We want to help close the gap for lost revenues from online purchases compared to purchases from a local retailer," said Spain, who is sponsoring a bill to extend the 1 percent online use tax to all home-rule municipalities regardless of population size.

Spain added that Peoria alone could see \$2 million to \$3 million in new revenue every year.

Carr, of the Retail Merchants Association, said he understands the pressure to include a solution in the next fiscal year's budget, but it's an issue that "has to go very, very carefully," because the Supreme Court's vote was 5-4, and it's not clear how similar future cases will be decided.

But the committee chair, Democratic Rep. Michael Zalewski, of Riverside, said he feels "an abundant pressure" to solve the issue in the upcoming budget, because lawmakers "want to see local governments get their fair share."

According to Cole, of the Municipal League, Illinois would be the first state to fully address local government sales taxes applied to online retailers.

First Plans to Legalize Sports Betting in Illinois Released

With Pritzker's Support, Sponsor Sees Passage As Likely But Complicated

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An Illinois lawmaker leading the charge to bring sports betting to the state has laid out the first concrete details on how that might happen.

Four amendments were filed to Riverside Democratic Rep. Michael Zalewski's House Bill 3308 Thursday, each of them providing a different avenue for legalizing sports betting in the state.

Gov. J.B. Pritzker supports and has already budgeted to bring in more than \$200 million of new state revenue next fiscal year from licensed sports gambling.

But that revenue hinges on the ability of the Legislature to pass a sports betting bill by May, a task Zalewski thinks will be difficult.

"Any gaming bill is difficult to get through, and we're probably going to need the governor's help to pass something like this," Zalewski said. "But I'm also confident my colleagues are interested in this topic and want to see the state benefit from it."

If successful, Illinois would become the eighth state to legalize sports betting since the U.S. Supreme Court ruled against its prohibition in a case last May. The practice was already legal in Nevada.

New Jersey Model

While no two systems are the same, Zalewski said the "classical" New Jersey model is the most likely to get broad support from Illinois stakeholders.

That model, according to one of the amendments filed Thursday, would allow for both brick-and-mortar betting at the state's casinos and racetracks and online betting on digital platforms, with a tax rate of 15 percent for the former and 20 percent for the latter.

Licenses in the New Jersey-based plan would cost \$10 million with a \$250,000 renewal every five years, while each licensee would be allowed two contracts with partners to provide mobile and online betting – known as skins – at \$1 million per skin with a \$500,000 renewal every five years.

"I think the New Jersey model is what most people expected [Illinois] to look like," Zalewski said, adding that he does not have a preference. "It's kinder to existing bricks-and-mortar and racetrack casinos, gives them the first slice at implementing it, and has a reasonable tax rate."

Mississippi Model

The second amendment to HB 3308 contains details for the "Mississippi Model," which allows for brick-and-mortar betting at the state's racetracks and casinos, but limits online betting to 10 operators that must be partnered with brick-and-mortar properties.

The \$10 million license fee is the same as in the New Jersey-based model, but must be renewed at higher costs along with other fees totaling \$850,100 every four years. Both plans would be overseen by the Illinois Gaming Board.

Professional Sports Leagues Plan

The third option, called the "Professional Sports Leagues" plan, connects sports betting in the state to the leagues on which people bet by limiting the gaming facilities to sports venues, giving a .25 percent royalty on wagers to the leagues, and providing for data sharing between sports betting operators and the leagues for accuracy and to watch for illicit activity.

Details for the administration of this plan are less clear than the first two.

Illinois Lottery Plan

The fourth plan, meanwhile, gives the Illinois Lottery jurisdiction over all the state's sports betting operations by relying on just one state-issued license. The tax rate on this plan would be 50 percent.

Moving Forward

Because the Legislature is still in the earliest stages of developing a plan, Zalewski said, those laid out in HB 3308 are nothing more than conversation starters until more groups have a chance to testify in committee.

Ivan Fernandez, executive director of the Illinois Gaming Machine Operators Association, said the group is happy conversation has begun with the various plans, although none of them are "etched in stone."

"And we're going to be active participants in that conversation, because Illinois has a unique gaming environment that can make sports betting a powerful winner for the state, small businesses and the players that are interested," he said.

Fernandez added he is unsure of details on the sports league model, but the three other options "all have merit and could bring a benefit" to the state.

Pritzker spokesperson Jordan Abudayyeh did not specify which of the early plans is most desirable, but said the governor looks forward to "bringing sports betting off the illicit market and into a legal, regulated space."

"Because this is a new market, Illinois has the opportunity to move expeditiously and be the first state in the Midwest to legalize sports betting," she said.

The Illinois Gaming Board could not be reached in time for publication.

Zalewski said he expects the largest opposition to the bill to come from anti-gaming groups, while complications could also arise as casinos and racetracks negotiate licensing, taxes, royalties and administrative structure.

"But overall, the response has been pretty good so far," he said.

HB 3308 is assigned to the House Revenue and Finance Committee, which Zalewski chairs. As the bill moves through the legislative process, Illinois joins a wave of 29 other states with active bills to legalize sports betting, and two other states that have passed but not implemented it yet.

Talks of Police, Fire Pension Consolidation Resume in Illinois

Local Governments Say It Could Save Millions And Improve Returns; Fund Managers And Members Skeptical

By Peter Hancock - Capitol News Illinois
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SPRINGFIELD — Illinois lawmakers resumed discussion Thursday of a topic that has come up numerous times before — consolidating the state's 656 local downstate police and firefighter pension funds into a single system.

Although the idea has floated around the Capitol for some time, it is getting help this year from Democratic Gov. J.B. Pritzker, who appointed a task force in February to study the issue.

Outside the task force, the Illinois Municipal League and a coalition of communities in the northwest suburbs of Chicago have been leading the charge, offering as many as seven different alternatives they argue would save their taxpayers money and improve the financial condition of those retirement systems.

"We're now focused on what we believe is a very important tool, and in many ways a no-brainer tool, toward pension fund consolidation, which as you'll hear can result in numerous savings — lots of dollars — without any cut in benefits," Mount Pleasant Mayor Arlene Juracek, who also leads the Northwest Municipal Conference, told a House committee during an informational hearing Thursday.

Currently, there is one pension fund for downstate nonuniformed municipal workers called the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund, or IMRF. But the communities outside of Chicago that operate full-time, paid police and

fire departments all have separate retirement funds for those employees, each with its own board of trustees and administrative staff.

Of all the public pension funds in Illinois, IMRF is in the best financial shape, with a 90 percent-funded ratio. That, however, is because state law requires local governments to make their required contributions each year, even if that means raising property taxes or cutting funding for other public services.

Until a few years ago, that was not the case with police and firefighter pension funds, which have often gone underfunded during lean years for local governments. In addition, officials said, public safety pension funds have been further limited because of statutory restrictions on the types of investments they are allowed to make.

As a result, officials said, the downstate police and firefighter pension funds are, on average, only about 55-percent funded.

"It was never really an investment problem with what the funds were doing," James McNamee, president of the Illinois Public Pension Fund Association, told the committee. "It was always a restriction problem. We were always handcuffed in not being able to get full participation into the market."

Juracek said consolidating the funds would save local governments a combined \$21 million a year in administrative costs alone, or about \$1,000 per-member, money she said could be added to the pension pool instead.

In addition, she added, a single, large pension fund like IMRF would have more flexibility to diversify its investments and thus help protect the fund from losses due to a downturn in any one segment of the economy.

If the 69 public safety funds operated by communities in the Northwest Municipal Conference had earned the same kind of returns that IMRF saw over a 12-year period from 2003 to 2015, Juracek said "those assets would have grown by an additional \$978 million."

That means the unfunded liability of those funds, estimated at \$2 billion in 2016, would have been cut roughly in half, from a little over \$2 billion to just over \$1 billion, without raising local taxes, she said. And those funds would have gone from being 61-percent funded to being 80-percent funded.

The Northwest Municipal Conference and Illinois Municipal League put forth several options for consolidation.

Those include merging all the funds into the IMRF and allowing the IMRF board to manage investments as well as day-to-day administrative duties; setting up a separate statewide system to manage only downstate police and fire pensions; having a single fund and allowing the existing local trustees or local governing bodies to make day-to-day administrative decisions; and setting up two separate statewide plans — one for police and one for firefighters.

But officials in charge of those local pension funds, as well as many of their members, said they remain skeptical to the idea of consolidating.

"This is anything but a no-brainer," said Andrew Bodewes, an attorney representing the Fraternal Order of Police. "This is very much a brainer. This is very much, very much a brainer."

Among the concerns that the local funds and their members have is the cost of transitioning from 656 funds into a single fund, estimated to be as high as \$150 million.

James McNamee, president of the Illinois Public Pension Fund Association, said that would be a cost that could take as long as 10 years to pay off.

"And I think we all know that the budgets are under stress," he told the committee. "So we see that as a risk involved in this venture of looking at this consolidation. But we also believe this needs to be studied some more."

Lawmakers are unlikely to take any action, at least until Gov. Pritzker's task force issues its report and recommendations later this year.

Re-Elect

CLAYTON STEVENS

For Ward One Alderman

I appreciate your vote. Together we can continue to make Belvidere a better place to live, work and grow.

Election Day

Tuesday, April 2, 2019

WITH YOUR SUPPORT I WILL CONTINUE TO:

- ◆ Vote to create and maintain a responsible city budget
- ◆ Vote to keep police, fire and public works staff levels adequate for public safety and well-being
- ◆ Fight to ensure voters have a voice in approving new taxes
- ◆ Allow voters to keep or eliminate the city's utility tax, which is NOT currently being used for much needed road and infrastructure repairs