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Cash Bail Will End in Illinois

SAFE-T Act Provisions Ruled Constitutional

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A landmark criminal justice reform that eliminates cash bail in Illinois is constitutional, the state's Supreme Court ruled Tuesday, paving the way for the change to take effect Sept. 18.

The 5-2 decision – handed down on partisan lines – means that an individual's wealth will no longer play a role in whether they are incarcerated while awaiting trial. Judges can still order someone to be detained as they await trial, but the new system will instead be based on an offender's level of risk of reoffending or fleeing prosecution.

With the new law's implementation, Illinois will become the first state in the U.S. to fully eliminate cash bail – and all provisions of the SAFE-T Act criminal justice reform will have taken full effect.

Short for Safety, Accountability, Fairness and Equity-Today, the wide-ranging measure was an initiative of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus that passed in the wake of a nationwide reckoning with racism in the criminal justice system following the murder of George Floyd by a Minneapolis police officer.

The act reformed police training, certification and use-of-force standards, expanded detainee rights, and gave the attorney general's office authority to investigate alleged civil rights violations by law enforcement. It also requires body cameras at all police departments by 2025. Some larger departments are already required to use body cameras under the law.

The state Supreme Court had postponed the scheduled Jan. 1 implementation of pretrial detention provisions pending its ruling, which was issued Tuesday.

State Rep. Justin Slaughter, a Chicago Democrat who sponsored the 2021 measure in the House, said in a virtual news conference after Tuesday's court decision that the pretrial detention overhaul will address an "overly punitive criminal justice system" for impoverished Illinoisans – especially those in Black and brown communities.

It's a system, Slaughter said, that often forces innocent individuals to take plea deals – and to accept a criminal record – to obtain their freedom when they don't have money to post bail.

"So, this is not about being tough or soft on crime," he said. "This is about being smart on crime, reworking our system, streamlining our system to address those higher-level, more violent, dangerous alleged offenses. It's not about having someone unnecessarily sit in jail."

Legal arguments

While opponents of the new law have argued it will strain smaller court systems and hinder judicial discretion to detain individuals, the lawsuit centered on the meaning of two mentions



Presiding Illinois Supreme Court Justices

of "bail" in the Illinois Constitution and the interplay between branches of government.

The Supreme Court ruled on a set of consolidated cases filed against Illinois Attorney General Kwame Raoul, Gov. JB Pritzker and the state's Democratic legislative leaders by state's attorneys and sheriffs from over 60 counties.

The lawsuit specifically cited Article VIII of the state constitution, which states, "all persons" accused of crimes "shall be bailable by sufficient sureties." Any changes to the language, the lawsuit argued, would require a constitutional amendment to be approved by voters.

While a Kankakee County judge ruled with the state's attorneys and sheriffs late last year, Chief Justice Mary Jane Theis, writing for the majority, said the lower court misinterpreted the state constitution.

"The Illinois Constitution of 1970 does not mandate that monetary bail is the only means to ensure criminal defendants appear for trials or the only means to protect the public," she wrote.

She added that the "bailable by sufficient sureties" language in the current 1970 constitution mirrors the state's original 1818 constitution. Theis noted that when the 1818 version was written, the concept of monetary bail was "all but unknown."

Theis also noted the General Assembly first published "a comprehensive system concerning pretrial release" in 1963 and has since amended bail regulations "more than 20 times."

"If the legislature could reconsider bail over the course of so many years, it could do so again in 2021 without offending separation of powers principles," Theis wrote.

The high court's two Republican justices dissented.

Justice David Overstreet, of the 5th District in southern Illinois, wrote that he believed the



Mary Jane Theis, Chief Justice

General Assembly's elimination of cash bail was "in direct violation" of the constitution.

He said that was particularly true in reference to Section 8.1 of the Crime Victims' Bill of Rights, which notes that a crime victim and their family has a right for their safety to be considered "in denying or fixing the amount of bail, determining whether to release the defendant, and setting conditions of release after arrest and conviction."

Overstreet argued that eliminating cash bail would "nullify" that right, claiming that in bypassing a constitutional amendment, lawmakers "impermissibly usurped the ultimate

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Lead Pipes in Belvidere Water System to be Identified

By David Larson

Belvidere City Council Committee of the Whole on July 10 moved to approve a \$21,700 bid from Strand and Associates of Madison, Wisconsin to inspect the infrastructure that delivers water in Belvidere. This inspection is the first step in replacing lead pipes in the local water system. The cost of the inspection is being paid for through a grant from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

The IEPA is requiring all municipalities to map the location of lead pipes throughout the systems by April 15, 2024. According to Brent Anderson, Director of Public Works, legislation to remediate the problem will be created from the results of this study.

Strand will inspect city records, look at construction dates, and trends in the system to complete the survey.

Presently, the physical work of replacing the lead pipes to the property line or further to the meter is an unfunded mandate, as it presently is presented to municipalities, according to Belvidere Mayor Clint Morris.

Dan Snow, (R) Ward 2, asked if residents with lead pipes serving their homes will be notified of the results and whether the city will ultimately replace the pipes from the property line to the meter. Anderson replied that it is unknown if the city will be responsible for those replacements at the present time. Anderson stated that, in the future, work from the property line to the meter will require a licensed plumber in order to satisfy building codes. Kip Countryman, Director of Buildings, explained that presently copper and PVC piping, rather than lead pipes, are used in the water system.

County Finance Committee Moves to Hire an Economic Analyst

By David Larson

Mike Dunn, Executive Director of Region 1 Planning Agency (R1), presented a proposal to the Boone County Finance Committee to share the cost of an economic analyst for the R1 Region. R1 is composed of McHenry, Boone, and Winnebago counties and functions as a federally-mandated agency, coordinating regional planning. The cost to Boone County will not exceed \$7,750 annually, and would be an out-of-budget expenditure for the county this year.

Karl Johnson, (R) District 2, asked what the purpose and benefit to Boone County would be. Dunn explained that the position will focus on economic analysis of data. It would look at everything that we know from demographics to land data to utilities and generate impact estimates when changes are proposed. He remarked that the cost of this kind of expertise is beyond the affordability of the City of Rockford or any single government in the R1 district. This resource would be available for all R1 members, including the Boone County marketing agency, Growth Dimensions. Growth Dimensions would have the ability to receive quick answers to highly-technical questions that prospects ask when considering a location.

The proposal is for an equal, \$7,750 payment from each of the 7 different governments in the district to generate \$55,000 in total. The balance of the analyst's salary, \$70,000 to \$80,000, and benefits would come from the R1 budget.

The motion passed the finance committee with three votes against: Ray Larson, Tom Walberg, and Dana Logsdon.

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Members of the I.O.U. Club and their spouses will celebrate the 100-year anniversary of the club at the Wings and Wheels Museum at the Poplar Grove Airport Saturday evening. The club will enjoy a lecture on the "Jenny" airplane, which is exhibited at the museum before a chicken and steak dinner.

The I.O.U. Club was started in 1923 by 23 local businessmen with the sole purpose to provide the children of Belvidere with financial support, creating events that enrich their lives. Every year since its inception, the club has funded many programs and produced many events - including the Easter Egg Hunt in the Belvidere Park, The Halloween Parade, and a First Grade school children's Christmas Party.

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Press Release

Illinois small businesses and private non-profit organizations affected by the severe storms in Illinois on March 31 may apply for low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) from the federal government. The U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Disaster Recovery and Resilience is operating a temporary Business Recovery Center in Belvidere through July 26 to provide more information and assistance with applying for the loans.

The declaration covers all of Boone County and its adjacent counties.

The loans are designed to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. Interest rates are 4 percent for businesses and 2.375 percent for non-profit organizations, with terms up to 30 years. There is a one-year payment deferment on the loans. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

The temporary Business Recovery Center is located at 1455 McKinley Ave., Belvidere, and is open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. SBA disaster customer service specialists speak both English and Spanish. They are available to answer questions about the program and will assist you in keying in your application.

Applications are also accepted online at sba.gov/disaster. If you have questions, SBA operates a helpline at 800-659-2955 or email to DisasterCustomerService@sba.gov.

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OP-ED

Have You Ever Met a Black Veterinarian

By Scott Reeder

Last summer I met my first Black veterinarian. I was accompanying a colleague of my wife's to a veterinary conference in North Carolina and we sat down for lunch with a group of other animal doctors. One of them happened to be African American.

What's remarkable about this first-time encounter is that I'm the son and husband of veterinarians. I've spent my entire life surrounded by animal doctors. I've attended countless veterinary reunions, conferences and informal get-togethers with my parents and spouse. But before 2022, I had never met a Black, Asian or Hispanic vet.

Every veterinarian I had ever known was white. When my dad graduated from the University of Illinois' vet school in 1960, his class was entirely white. When my wife graduated from the same college in 2001, she too didn't have any Black or Hispanic classmates.

In 2016, 2.1 percent of the nation's veterinarians were Black. By 2019, the number had dropped below 1%, Time magazine reported.

Veterinary medicine has been called the "whitest profession." That's a sad but accurate depiction.

Veterinary and human medical schools are extraordinarily difficult to gain admission to. Some unsuccessful candidates for American programs resort to studying in the Caribbean or elsewhere overseas.

Historically Black Colleges and Universities, or HBCUs, such as the vet school at Tuskegee or the medical schools at Howard, Meharry or Morehouse universities are largely responsible for fostering diversity within those professions.

In fact, Tuskegee University College of Veterinary Medicine has educated more than 70 percent of the nation's African-American veterinarians. It is recognized as the most diverse of all colleges of veterinary medicine in the U.S.

It's no secret that many historically Black colleges are struggling. Just last year Lincoln College closed after 157 years of service. HBCUs are special places that provide unique nurturing and leadership opportunities.

But last month, the U.S. Supreme Court dealt a body blow to places like Tuskegee and other HBCUs.

The High Court said that race can no longer be considered a factor in university admissions. I'm left wondering what that means for highly selective programs at historically black universities?

If whites wanting to be physicians or veterinarians are willing to travel to other countries to attain their degrees, they certainly aren't going to be shy about applying to an American HBCU.

It is very possible that the vet school at Tuskegee will become as white as every other veterinary program in the nation. Much the same could be said for the nation's four HBCU medical schools.

HBCU's primarily exist to provide opportunities for students of color. That's why generations of donors have sacrificed to support these institutions. To now say that they need to be blind to race in their admissions is not just wrong but absurd.

Unfortunately, we live in a society that does not provide equal opportunity. Kids growing up in rural poverty or in the inner city often do not have access to the same quality schools that others do.

There needs to be some way of leveling the field. HBCUs have done a good job of helping do just that. Why undermine their reason for being?

After all, a profession should look like the people it serves.

Also, when children don't see someone who looks like them doing a particular job, they are likely to discount it as a career option for themselves.

In the wake of the Supreme Court ruling, one has to ask what hope there is for greater diversity?

Will the whitest profession become even whiter?

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Foster Votes Against NDAA, Condemns Republican Attacks on Abortion Care

Press Release

Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Bill Foster (D-IL) issued the following statement after voting against the House Republican version of the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for FY2024, which includes, among other "poison pills," an amendment barring the Secretary of Defense from paying for abortion-related services for soldiers:

"While I'm proud that two of my nuclear

security amendments were included in the final version of this legislation, I ultimately voted against its passage. I have always been clear that I will never vote to limit women's reproductive rights and access to abortion care - and that includes women serving our nation in the military."

"It's unfortunate that Republican leadership caved in to the far-right fringe of their party, allowing them to hijack the historically



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sovereign power in this state, i.e., the citizens.”

“Therefore, this court has an absolute obligation to declare the pretrial release provisions of the Act to be invalid and unenforceable no matter how beneficial the abolishment of monetary bail may be,” Overstreet wrote, joined by Justice Lisa Holder White.

Theis’ majority opinion, however, said that the pretrial release provisions “expressly take crime victims into account.”

“As we have already mentioned, those provisions require a court to consider the ‘nature and seriousness of the real and present threat to the safety of any person or persons that would be posed by the defendant’s release,’ including crime victims and their family members,” she wrote.

‘Presumption’ of pretrial release

The pretrial detention changes – often referred to as the Pretrial Fairness Act, or PFA – will create a “presumption” in favor of pretrial release, meaning “the state bears the burden of establishing a defendant’s eligibility for pretrial detention,” Theis wrote.

Advocates say the intent of that provision is to divert lower-level nonviolent offenders from pretrial incarceration while giving judges authority to detain individuals accused of more serious crimes if they are deemed dangerous or at risk of fleeing prosecution.

Another facet of the reform entitles defendants to a more intensive first appearance in court. During that appearance, defendants will now have a right to legal representation and prosecutors can detail their reasons for continued detention.

The new hearings replace standard bail hearings, which often last less than five minutes and end with a judge deciding the conditions of release, including how much money the defendant must post to be released.

The list of offenses for which a judge can impose pretrial detention drew controversy following the

law’s 2021 passage, culminating in intensely hyperbolic and often misleading rhetoric amid the 2022 general election campaign.

In December 2022, lawmakers passed an amended version of the pretrial detention overhaul that expanded the list of crimes for which judges can order pretrial detention, adding hate crimes, felony animal torture, aggravated DUI causing bodily harm, and other offenses if the defendant is deemed dangerous. More serious charges were eligible for detention in all versions of the bill.

Advocates for the bail reform have also noted that it gives judges greater authority to detain individuals accused of crimes such as domestic battery and violations of orders of protection prior to trial than does prior law.

Kaethe Morris Hoffer, the executive director of the Chicago Alliance Against Sexual Exploitation, spoke in favor of the reform at a virtual news conference Tuesday.

“I want to be clear – safety and interests and voices of people who have endured rape and violence in the sex trade have never been prioritized when the criminal legal system is asked to make decisions about the liberty of people who are accused of serious crimes of violence. The PFA changes that,” Hoffer said, referring to the pretrial detention overhaul.

While the new law directs law enforcement officers to cite and release anyone accused of a crime below a Class A misdemeanor, they would maintain discretion to make an arrest if the person is a threat or if making the arrest is necessary to prevent further lawbreaking.

Contentions continue

After the court’s decision, Senate Republican Leader John Curran, of Downers Grove, issued a news release calling for a special session to clarify more parts of the bill in the 60 days before it takes effect. The proposed special session would need approval from Democratic legislative leaders or the governor, none of whom have publicly indicated support for the idea.

Curran said he’d support widening judicial authority to detain individuals accused of all felonies, including the crime of burglary.

December’s amendment allows a judge to order detention for residential burglary or burglary “where there is use of force against another person.” But simple burglary – such as someone stealing change from a car or stealing from a business – is still not detainable based on an offender’s risk of danger to the community.

“There’s no magic to the actual cash bail,”

Curran said in a phone interview. “But to handcuff judges in the system we replace cash bail with is equally going to lead to bad outcomes.”

Lake County State’s Attorney Eric Rinehart was one of two state’s attorneys in Illinois who backed the SAFE-T Act alongside Cook County State’s Attorney Kim Foxx. He said in a virtual news conference Tuesday that the new law will give judges authority to incarcerate even non-violent offenders if they violate the conditions of pretrial release.

“I think something that got lost in the lies and misinformation from last fall was that people couldn’t be held at all, no matter what they did, after having been arrested for nonviolent offense,” he said. “And that’s simply not true.”

While Foxx and Rinehart both noted they were preparing for months to implement the pretrial detention changes and have the resources to do so, Curran said he was worried about smaller counties being overburdened in implementing the law.

He noted that many smaller jurisdictions will lose revenue from cash bail payments when the system is eliminated – a point that reform advocates have repeatedly noted shows a flaw in the system.

“We have to look at how we’re going to fund our court system,” Curran said. “All the movements have been pulling money out of the courthouse, and we’re going to have to look for ways to actually make sure it is funded to implement this law.”

State Sen. Robert Peters, D-Chicago, said at the virtual news conference that any calls for a special session were “more about politics than policy.” In the fall when considering the amendment, Peters said, lawmakers “had extensive meetings with all sides,” leading to the changes that brought some law enforcement groups to a point of neutrality.

Locally, State Rep. Morris West, D-Rockford, said that “I am thankful that the Illinois Supreme Court upheld the Pretrial Fairness Act and affirmed the legislature’s action to eliminate cash bail, which is regressive, ineffective, and discriminatory. Pretrial detention should be based on an individual’s risk to the community, not the offender’s wealth. This decision puts Illinois on the path to a safer, more just future, and I look forward to working with advocates, law enforcement, and our local state’s attorney to ensure this law is implemented in an orderly manner.”

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bipartisan NDAA process to advance their extreme agenda of controlling personal health care. I urge the Senate to remove these poison pills so we can complete our duty of passing an NDAA that protects our national security and supports the brave men and women defending our freedom.”

Foster’s nuclear security amendments to the NDAA include:

- Transferring the National Technical Nuclear Forensics program from the Department of Homeland Security to the National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). This program allows the United States to trace the origin of nuclear material that we or our allies find, making it more difficult for countries to obscure their production or use of nuclear weapons. NNSA has the technical expertise to run this program as effectively as possible, helping the United States hold our enemies responsible and keep our country safe.

- Requiring an assessment of the ability of the United States to detect and monitor nuclear weapon tests conducted at very low yields. At a time of heightened concern over China and Russia’s lack of transparency regarding their nuclear weapons programs, this amendment will improve our ability to detect our enemies’ nuclear activities and keep them in check. This monitoring is critical for the United States to continue leading the world in nuclear non-proliferation.

Doug Scott, an Architect of Illinois’ Climate Policy, Takes Gavel of State’s Utility Regulatory Commission

New ICC chair, 2 other commissioners were appointed earlier this year

By Andrew Adams Capitol News Illinois

When Illinois officials wanted to create a carbon-free energy sector, they called Doug Scott.

Now, the man who became one of the architects of the state’s landmark energy reform policy – known as the Climate and Equitable Jobs Act – will be a key player in implementing the law he helped create.

Scott is the new chair of the Illinois Commerce Commission – the agency that oversees utilities and companies in other regulated industries in Illinois. He officially stepped into the role on June 20 after Gov. JB Pritzker announced his plan to replace outgoing chair Carrie Zalewski in March.

Pritzker previously hired Scott as an advisor

to help his office develop CEJA in the lead-up to the law’s 2021 passage. At the time, Scott worked at Great Plains Institute, a Minneapolis-based nonprofit that advises states on clean energy issues. He has since left that role – through which he also helped Minnesota, Michigan and Wisconsin develop their clean energy plans – to head the ICC full-time.

Scott previously served as a Democratic state representative, the mayor of Rockford and the head of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency. He even had a prior stint as chairman of the ICC, having been appointed by then-Gov. Pat Quinn in 2011. He left four years later after Quinn lost his reelection bid to Republican Bruce Rauner.

Scott said he was driven to return to the ICC in part because he was excited about implementing CEJA, which set a goal of decarbonizing the state’s electric grid by 2045. The wide-ranging bill also included other reforms such as new utility regulatory schemes and new subsidies for the state’s nuclear fleet.

“Being able to help implement and do our part on CEJA was really appealing to me because there was a lot for the commission to do in CEJA and the ability to help see that through is very appealing,” Scott said in an interview.

Few people are as well versed in the law as Scott is. As an advisor, he worked with Deputy Gov. Christian Mitchell, who was at the time one of Pritzker’s top officials on climate policy issues.

“It is no exaggeration to say that CEJA would not have happened without Doug Scott,” Mitchell said in an interview with Capitol News Illinois, noting Scott was “there from the beginning.”

Mitchell, who has since left Pritzker’s administration for a role at the University of Chicago, said Scott takes over an ICC that has seen its authority expanded thanks to CEJA.

“We have developed a ratemaking system in CEJA that is again giving the ICC more tools than they’ve ever had to understand utility spending, to intervene when necessary, and to be able to push forward clean-energy goals while also prioritizing consumers,” Mitchell said.

By Scott’s account, Pritzker brought him in as an advisor to follow through on a 2020 promise that Illinois’ energy policies would not be, in Pritzker’s words, “written by the utility companies.”

“The old ways of negotiating energy legislation are over,” Pritzker said in his 2020 State of the State address. “It’s time to put consumers and climate first.”

Scott said he followed through on that by offering his knowledge of other states’ energy policies and by facilitating working groups of stakeholders affected by energy policy – people from the transportation sector, utilities, major industry groups and equity advocates, to name a few.

“The idea behind it was that this wasn’t going to be eight folks in a back room, right?” Scott said in an interview. “When the bill comes out, you will have seen this idea somewhere.”

Scott said his deep knowledge of the law and Illinois’ policy landscape will be “really helpful”

in his new role – although he said he also won’t let it bias his regulatory decisions.

“It helps to understand not just the pieces that we have to do at the ICC, but how those pieces fit into the overall legislation and what it’s trying to accomplish,” Scott said. “I think it’s given me, obviously, a lot more perspective than you almost ever get in any similar situation.”

Scott said impacts on customers and grid resiliency are among his considerations when making administrative decisions on cases.

“There are major storms and there are going to be more,” he said. “If you believe in climate change, as I do, we’re going to see more and worse storms. How quickly can the system bounce back?”

Controversial issues before ICC

The commission is currently considering six proposed rate increases by gas and electricity utilities serving residents in Chicago and throughout most of suburban and downstate Illinois.

Although he declined to comment on any pending cases before the ICC, Scott said the volume of work before him is enticing.

“The fact that there’s so much going on at once, I like that pace,” Scott said. “I think it’s pretty exciting to be doing that.”

The commission is currently considering two electric rate cases – one from Ameren Illinois downstate and another from Commonwealth Edison in the Chicago area. It’s the first time each of the utilities are filing a multi-year ratemaking plan allowed under CEJA, replacing the status quo of electric utilities filing for one-time increases. These plans are more complex than traditional rate cases and come with the chance for the ICC to review the companies’ profit margins, something that wasn’t done under the state’s older formula-based ratemaking system.

The commission is also currently considering Navigator CO2’s proposal to build a carbon dioxide pipeline that would cross through central Illinois, running from Hancock County to Christian County, with branches running north to Henry County and south to Montgomery County.

The project has drawn criticism from some residents in the region and staff at the ICC.

In written testimony filed with the ICC on June 15, ICC staff shared concerns that the current construction guidelines for the project “do not adequately address public safety” and recommended the commission deny Navigator’s request to build a pipeline.

Navigator has not filed a formal reply, but in previous filings the company said it has a “strong safety track record” and noted it was working with the federal Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration to meet safety requirements.

Beyond these cases, Scott and other recently appointed commissioners will likely oversee other key components of the continued rollout of CEJA, according to Sarah Moskowitz, director of the Citizens Utility Board, a nonprofit created by the state legislature that represents consumer interests before the ICC.

“Implementation of state energy policy is still going to be big,” Moskowitz said. “There was a lot of work immediately after the passage of CEJA, but a lot of that work is ongoing as programs continue to roll out.”

Moskowitz, who started in her current role the same day as Scott, also noted that she expects “developments in Springfield” around the future of natural gas that could

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LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HOME STATE BANK Plaintiff,
vs. Case No.: 2023 FC 59
UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ERIC L. JOHNSON,
DEBORAH JOHNSON, HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION,
if any, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD LIEN
CLAIMANTS, Defendants.

PUBLICATION NOTICE

The requisite Affidavit having been duly filed herein, NOTICE IS HEREIN GIVEN YOU, UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF ERIC L. JOHNSON, DEBORAH JOHNSON, HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, if any, UNKNOWN OWNERS AND NON-RECORD LIEN CLAIMANTS, Defendants in the above-entitled action, that an action is now pending in this Court as shown above, wherein the Plaintiff seeks to foreclose a mortgage made to HOME STATE BANK, with respect to the following described real estate:

LOT SIX (6) IN BLOCK TWENTY-ONE (21) OF THE ORIGINAL TOWN OF CAPRON, BEING A PART OF THE NORTH HALF OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 11, TOWNSHIP 45 NORTH, RANGE 4 EAST OF THE THIRD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF RECORDED ON JUNE 11, 1862 IN BOOK X OF DEEDS, PAGE 119, IN BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS. SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND THE STATE OF ILLINOIS.

PROPERTY ADDRESS: 335 WEST GROVE STREET, CAPRON, IL 61012

PIN: 04-11-107-005
NOW, THEREFORE, you are further notified to file your appearance in the Office of the Clerk of the Court above stated on or before August 12, 2023, and if you fail to do so or do not otherwise make your appearance on or before said date, this cause may be heard and judgment entered as prayed for in said Complaint without further notice.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at my office in Belvidere, Illinois, this 13 day of July, 2023.

Pamela Coduto, Clerk of the Circuit Court Boone County, Illinois
FRANKS, GERKIN, PONITZ & GREELEY, P.C.
Attorneys for Plaintiff
19333 E. Grant Hwy., P.O. Box 5
Marengo, IL 60152
(815) 923-2107
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
WELLS FARGO BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE
ON BEHALF OF THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS
ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I TRUST 2007-AC2, ASSET BACKED
CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-AC2; Plaintiff,
vs. 22 FC 50

TIMMILLERASSPECIALREPRESENTATIVEFORNINAMCKINNEY;
US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE ON
BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE TERWIN MORTGAGE TRUST
2007-9SL, ASSET BACKED SECURITIES SERIES 2007-9SL; ANDRE
P. BONNER, JR.; JONATHAN B. MCKINNEY; UNKNOWN HEIRS
AND LEGATEES OF NINA MCKINNEY; UNKNOWN OWNERS
GENERALLY AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; 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, August 31, 2023, 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 24 AS DESIGNATED UPON AMENDED PLAT OF PLAT NO. 1 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 IS RECORDED FEBRUARY 25, 1999 AS DOCUMENT NUMBER 99-01883 IN THE RECORDER'S OFFICE OF BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, SITUATED IN THE COUNTY OF BOONE AND STATE OF ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 2213 Oakbrook Drive, Belvidere, IL 61008.
P.I.N. 07-02-126-025.
The improvement on the property consists of a vacant property.
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. Matthew C. Abad at Plaintiff's Attorney, Altman, Strautins & Kromm, LLC d/b/a Kluever Law Group, 200 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077. SPS001493-22FC1

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

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-AB4 Plaintiff,
-v.- 22 FC 43

THOMAS R. BREEN, SHARON BREEN AKA SHARON K. BREEN, CANDLEWICK LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendant
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 23, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on August 24, 2023, at the NLT Title L.L.C, 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Lot Thirty-Three (33) in Candlewick Lake Unit No. 10 according to the Plat thereof recorded as Document No. 72-3475 in the Recorder's Office of Boone County, Illinois; situated in the County of Boone and State of Illinois.

Commonly known as 415 LAMPLIGHTER LOOP SOUTHEAST, POPLAR GROVE, IL 61065
Property Index No. 03-26-151-017
The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.
The judgment amount was \$193,581.38.

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, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are

admonished to check the court file to verify all information.
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).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, contact HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 601 E. William St., DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 1645474.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.

HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC
601 E. William St.
DECATUR IL, 62523
217-422-1719
Fax #: 217-422-1754
E-Mail: Non-CookPleadings@hsbattys.com
Attorney File No. 1645474
Case Number: 22 FC 43
TJSC#: 43-2157

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
Case # 22 FC 43
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION
In The Interest of: ELIJAH WRIGHT, minor
No. 23-JA-17

KIRK WRIGHT, Unknown Fathers and All Whom It May Concern
ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on JUNE 8, 2023, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty. Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of

Elijah Wright, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 1:30 P.M. central daylight time on 9/14/23; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Dated: June 29, 2023
Pamela Coduto, CIRCUIT CLERK
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY Plaintiff,
-v.- 22 FC 1

TIMOTHY E. KING, LINDA M. KING, Defendant
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 22, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on August 23, 2023, at the NLT Title L.L.C, 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

LOT TWENTY (20) IN THE PLAT OF HUNTER'S RIDGE, BEING A SUBDIVISION OF PART OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 44 NORTH, RANGE 3 EAST OF THE 3RD P.M., SITUATED IN BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS.

Commonly known as 11520 TYSON DR., ROCKFORD, IL 61114
Property Index No. 05-06-151-012
The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$201,444.73.

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, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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.

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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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You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, contact HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 601 E. William St., DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 1625806.

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Attorney File No. 1625806
Case Number: 22 FC 1
TJSC#: 43-2115
NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
COUNTY OF BOONE

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF: DAVID LEE BURNETT,
Deceased.

NO. 2023 PR 33
NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION-WILLS AND CLAIMS

NOTICE is given of the death of DAVID LEE BURNETT. Letters of Office were issued on June 21, 2023, to Michael Burnett, 3906 West Wood Court, Belvidere, Illinois 61008 who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Attorney Russell J. Luchtenburg, 130 South State Street, #303, Belvidere, Illinois 61008.

Claims against the estate may be filed on or before January 19, 2024, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 5/18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the estate may be filed in the office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk, Probate Division, at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, or with the legal estate representative, or both.

Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office, Probate Division, must be mailed or delivered to the estate legal representative and to his attorney within ten days after it has been filed.

Dated: June 26, 2023
Michael Burnett
Independent Administrator
Attorney Russell J. Luchtenburg
130 South State Street, #303
Belvidere, Illinois 61008
815/547-5588
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL
BOONE COUNTY

SHANNON COLLETTE ALLEN Plaintiff
-VS- CASE # 2023-DN-33
JIMMY LEE ALLEN Defendant
NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

Notice is given to you, JIMMY ALLEN, Defendant that this cause has been commenced against you in this Court asking for DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE 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, Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main St., Belvidere, Illinois, 61008 on or before the 21st day of NOVEMBER, 2023 a Judgment or other relief as prayed for by the Plaintiff may be granted.

Dated: 06/30/2023
Pamela Coduto
Clerk of the Circuit Court
17th Judicial Court
Boone County, Illinois
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STATE OF ILLINOIS
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT
BOONE COUNTY
PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of: LARRY D. STANDFIELD, SR. Decedent
2023-PR-35

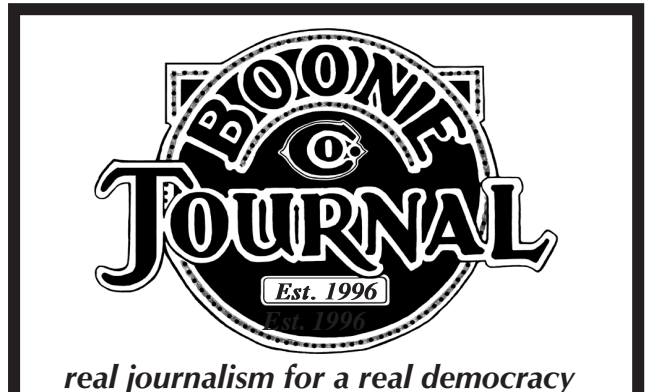
CLAIM NOTICE
NOTICE is given of the death of LARRY D. STANDFIELD, SR., who died on JUNE 16, 2023. Letters of Office were issued on July 10, 2023 to SHEILA STANDFIELD, 2641 Pacific Parkway, Rockford, Illinois 61114, who is the legal representative of the estate. The attorney for the estate is Douglas R. Henry, of Barrick, Switzer, Long, Balsley & Van Evera, LLP, 6833 Stalter Drive, Rockford, Illinois 61108.

Claims against the Estate may be filed on or before January 13, 2024, that date being at least six (6) months from the date of first publication, or within three (3) months from the date of mailing or delivery of Notice to creditors, if mailing or delivery is required by Section 18-3 of the Illinois Probate Act, 1975 as amended, whichever date is later. Any claim not filed by the requisite date stated above shall be barred.

Claims against the Estate may be filed in the Office of the Boone County Circuit Clerk, Probate Division at the Boone County Courthouse, 601 N. Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois, or with the Estate legal representative, or both.

Copies of claims filed with the Circuit Clerk's Office, Probate Division, must be mailed or delivered to the Estate legal representative and to her attorney within ten (10) days after it has been filed.

Dated: July 11, 2023
SHEILA STANDFIELD
Douglas R. Henry, her attorney
Douglas R. Henry #6229426
BARRICK, SWITZER, LONG,
BALSLEY & VAN EVERA, LLP
6833 Stalter Drive
Rockford, IL 61108
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In The Interest of: ISABELLE RANGEL, minor No. 23-JA-13
EMMANUEL RANGEL, all unknown Fathers, and All Whom It May Concern

ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on May 10, 2023, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty. Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Isabelle Rangel, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 3:00 P.M. central daylight time on 8/24/23; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you, and an order or judgment entered.

Dated: July 14, 2023
Pamela Coduto, CIRCUIT CLERK
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

In The Interest of: ISABELLE RANGEL, minor No. 23-JA-13
EMMANUEL RANGEL, all unknown Fathers, and All Whom It May Concern

ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Take notice that on May 10, 2023, a petition was filed under the JUVENILE COURT ACT by Atty. Tricia Smith, State's Attorney, 601 North Main Street, Belvidere, Illinois 61008, in the Circuit Court of Boone County entitled "In the Interest of Isabelle Rangel, minor; and that in the County Courthouse in Belvidere, Illinois, at 3:00 P.M. central daylight time on 8/24/23; or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the Court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH THE POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

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INVITATION TO BID

- 1.1) PROJECT INFORMATION**
A.) Notice to Bidders: Qualified bidders are invited to submit bids for Project as described in this Document according to the Instructions to Bidders.
B.) Project Identification: Boiler Equipment Pre-purchase.
1.) Project Locations: Indicated buildings for Belvidere Community Unit School District 100.
C.) Owner: Belvidere Community Unit School District 100, 1201 5th Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008.
D.) Project Description: Project consists of Pre-purchase of boiler equipment. Installation of boiler equipment will be under separate contract.

- 1.2) BID SUBMITTAL AND OPENING**
A.) Owner will receive sealed bids until the bid time and date at the location indicated below. Owner will consider bids prepared in compliance with the Instructions to Bidders issued by Owner, and delivered as follows:
1.) Bid Date: August 1, 2023.
2.) Bid Time: 9:00 a.m., local time.
3.) Submit bids through SECURE BIDS. Link to CUSD 100 website with SECURE BIDS: <https://colbiseurebids.com/agency/bcUSD100>
4.) Bid Opening: Belvidere CUSD 100 Operations, 1201 5th Avenue, Belvidere, IL 61008.
B.) Bids will be thereafter publicly opened and read aloud.

- 1.3) BID SECURITY**
A.) Bid security shall be submitted with each bid in the amount of 10 percent of the bid amount. No bids may be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after opening of bids. Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive informalities and irregularities.

- 1.4) DOCUMENTS**
A.) Bid Documents: Bidders may obtain access to PDF copies of the Bid Documents after 3:00 p.m. on July 18, 2023 through access to SECURE BIDS.
B.) Documents will be provided to prime bidders only.
C.) Only complete sets of documents will be issued.

- 1.5) TIME OF COMPLETION**
A.) Bidders shall begin the Work on receipt of the Notice to Proceed and shall complete the Work within the Contract Time.

- 1.6) BIDDER'S QUALIFICATIONS**
A.) Bidders must be properly licensed under the laws governing their respective trades and be able to obtain insurance and bonds required for the Work. A Performance Bond, a separate Labor and Material Payment Bond, and Insurance in a form acceptable to Owner will be required of the successful Bidder.
1.) Bidder shall be in good standing as a vendor for the Belvidere Community Unit School District 100, including a minimum of five solid references for projects of similar scope and size over the past five years.

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS Village of Poplar Grove Boone County, Illinois

OWNER - The Village of Poplar Grove acting through its Board of Trustees, hereby gives notice that sealed bids will be received in the Village of Poplar Grove Village Hall for the following described project.
PROJECT The work shall consist of resurfacing State Street between the Village's southern corporate boundary and Sherman Lane. Resurfacing is to include curb and gutter removal and replacement, sidewalk removal and replacement, HMA removal, HMA paving, crack control, pavement marking and associated restoration and traffic control.

Bids will be received on the following contract(s):
Contracts: 23-00011-00-RS - State Street Improvements
TIME Sealed bids will be received until **10:00 AM**, local time, as indicated on the website <https://www.time.gov> local time on **August 3, 2023** in the Village of Poplar Grove Village Hall, 200 N. Hill Street, Poplar Grove, IL 61065, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

BIDS All bids shall be addressed to Ms. Karri Anderberg, Village Clerk, Village of Poplar Grove, 200 N. Hill Street, Poplar Grove, IL 61065. Bids shall be sealed and shall have the name and address of the bidder and the contract for which the bid is being submitted on the outside of the envelope. All bidders shall bid in accordance with and upon the Bid Forms included in the contract documents.

EXAMINATION OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS The bidding documents are on file for inspection at the offices of McMahon, 1700 Hutchins Road, Machesney Park, IL 61115.

PROCUREMENT OF BIDDING DOCUMENTS In order to be a 'Plan Holder' or 'Bidder', each firm or organization shall download Bidding Documents from the McMAHON website (www.mcmgrp.com) utilizing QuestCDN eBidDoc™. Complete digital Bidding Documents are available at www.mcmgrp.com or www.questcdn.com. Digital Bidding Documents may be downloaded for a non-refundable \$35.00 by inputting **Quest Project No. 8596950** on the website's Project Search page. *Contractors must be pre-qualified and have a current certificate of Eligibility with the Illinois Department of Transportation to be eligible for this project.* Contact QuestCDN.com at 952-233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance in free membership registration, downloading, and working with this digital project information.

BID SECURITY No bid shall be received unless accompanied by a certified check or satisfactory bid bond payable to the Village of Poplar Grove in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the maximum bid as a guarantee that, if the bid is accepted, the bidder will execute and file the contract, performance/payment bonds and insurance certification, as required by the contract documents.

BID REJECTION The OWNER reserves the right to reject any and all bids, waive any informalities in bidding or to accept the bid or bids which best serves the interests of the Village of Poplar Grove.

WITHDRAWAL OF BIDS No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 60 days after the scheduled opening without the consent of the OWNER.

STATE OF ILLINOIS GOVERNING LAWS AND REGULATIONS Contract Letting

- The contract letting shall be subject to Illinois Statutes and Motor Fuel Tax procedures and guidelines.
- Equal Employment Opportunity**
1. Contractor shall comply with the Equal Employment opportunity requirements in the contract documents and certify that the Contractor is not barred from contracting with a local unit of government as a result of a violation of either Section 33E-3 or 33E-4 of the Illinois Criminal Code.
2. The CONTRACTOR and subcontractors must comply with the Illinois Human Rights Act, the Rules and Regulations of the Illinois Department of Human Rights, and Orders of the Illinois Human Rights Commission, provisions of the Public Works Employment Discrimination Act, 775 Illinois Compiled Statutes, 10/0.01, and the requirements of the Illinois Equal Employment Opportunity clause.

- Minimum Wage**
- The CONTRACTOR shall be required to pay not less than the minimum wage rates established by the OWNER, as stated in the Advertisement For Bids.
 - Copies of the applicable wage rates are on file with the OWNER and/or incorporated in the contract documents.
 - The CONTRACTOR shall pay prevailing wages in accordance with, "An act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed in any public works by the state county city or any public body or any political subdivision or by anyone under contract for public works" (820 ILCS 130 et Seq.). The minimum hourly rate of wages, as determined by the Wage Determination Decision of the Department of Labor referred to in these standards is included in the bid packet.

Published by the authority of the Village of Poplar Grove acting through its Board of Trustees.
Karri Anderberg
Village Clerk
Village of Poplar Grove
Run: Boone County Journal
Date: July 20th, 2023

ASSUMED NAMES

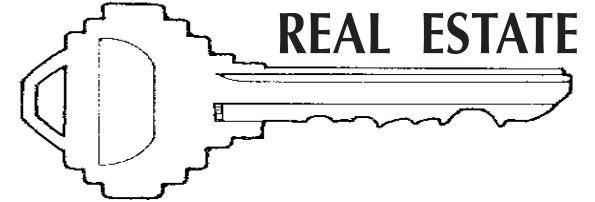
STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
No. DBA4157 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a ESTHETICS business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of BREE'S BEAUTY that its location is or will be at 130 South State Street, Suite 301 in Belvidere in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.
Phone Number: 815-621-5750
Breanna Rose Hedman, 1414 South Main Street, Belvidere, IL 61008
I, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk And Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do the hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: Monday, June 26, 2023, Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder
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STATE OF ILLINOIS COUNTY of BOONE COUNTY ASSUMED NAME CERTIFICATE OF INTENTION
No. DBA4158 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a SERVICE SEWING business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of ALTERATIONS & TAILORING, UPHOLSTERY, SHOE REPAIR, PROFESSIONAL DRY CLEANING that its location is or will be at 135 North State Street, in Belvidere in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.
Phone Number: 815-544-4448
Julia Barrientos, 130 North State Street, Belvidere, IL 61008
Alberto Hernandez, 130 North State Street, Belvidere, IL 61008
I, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk And Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do the hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: Monday, June 27, 2023, Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder
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No. DBA4160 - The undersigned person(s) do hereby certify that a EXTERIORS business is or is to be conducted or transacted under the name of ANT EXTERIORS INC that its location is or will be at 1517 7TH AVE., in Belvidere in the County of Boone County, State of Illinois, and that the true or real name(s) of the person(s) owning, conducting, or transacting the same with the post office address or address of said person(s) is shown below.

Phone Number: 847-980-4548
HORACIO ARTEAGA, 1517 7TH AVE., Belvidere, IL 61008
JENNY BORJA, 1517 7TH AVE., Belvidere, IL 61008
I, Julie A. Bliss, County Clerk And Recorder of Boone County, in the State aforesaid, do the hereby certify that the within is a true and correct copy of an Assumed Name Certificate on file in my office. Dated: Wednesday, July 12, 2023, Julie A Bliss, County Clerk and Recorder
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

THE BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON FKA THE BANK OF NEW YORK AS TRUSTEE FOR THE CERTIFICATEHOLDERS OF THE CWABS, INC., ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-AB4 Plaintiff,

-v- 22 FC 43
THOMAS R. BREEN, SHARON BREEN AKA SHARON K. BREEN, CANDLEWICK LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC. Defendant
NOTICE OF SALE

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale entered in the above cause on May 23, 2023, an agent for The Judicial Sales Corporation, will at 1:00 PM on August 24, 2023, at the NLT Title L.L.C, 530 S. State, Suite 201 (Logan Avenue entrance), Belvidere, IL, 61008, sell at a public sale to the highest bidder, as set forth below, the following described real estate:

Commonly known as 415 LAMPLIGHTER LOOP SOUTHEAST, POP-LAR GROVE, IL 61065
Property Index No. 03-26-151-017

The real estate is improved with a residential condominium.
The judgment amount was \$193,581.38.
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, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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.

The property will NOT be open for inspection and plaintiff makes no representation as to the condition of the property. Prospective bidders are admonished to check the court file to verify all information.

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).

IF YOU ARE THE MORTGAGOR (HOMEOWNER), YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO REMAIN IN POSSESSION FOR 30 DAYS AFTER ENTRY OF AN ORDER OF POSSESSION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 15-1701(C) OF THE ILLINOIS MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE LAW.

You will need a photo identification issued by a government agency (driver's license, passport, etc.) in order to gain entry into our building and the foreclosure sale room in Cook County and the same identification for sales held at other county venues where The Judicial Sales Corporation conducts foreclosure sales.

For information, contact HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC Plaintiff's Attorneys, 601 E. William St., DECATUR, IL, 62523 (217) 422-1719. Please refer to file number 1645474.

THE JUDICIAL SALES CORPORATION
One South Wacker Drive, 24th Floor, Chicago, IL 60606-4650 (312) 236-SALE

You can also visit The Judicial Sales Corporation at www.tjsc.com for a 7 day status report of pending sales.
HEAVNER, BEYERS & MIHLAR, LLC
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217-422-1719
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Attorney File No. 1645474
Case Number: 22 FC 43
TJSC#: 43-2157

NOTE: Pursuant to the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, you are advised that Plaintiff's attorney is deemed to be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 17TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF BOONE - BELVIDERE, ILLINOIS
WELLS FARGO BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE REGISTERED HOLDERS OF BEAR STEARNS ASSET BACKED SECURITIES I TRUST 2007-AC2, ASSET BACKED CERTIFICATES SERIES 2007-AC2; Plaintiff,

vs. 22 FC 50
TIM MILLER AS SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE FOR NINA MCKINNEY; US BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION AS INDENTURE TRUSTEE ON BEHALF OF THE HOLDERS OF THE TERWIN MORTGAGE TRUST 2007-9SL, ASSET BACKED SECURITIES SERIES 2007-9SL; ANDRE P. BONNER, JR.; JONATHAN B. MCKINNEY; UNKNOWN HEIRS AND LEGATEES OF NINA MCKINNEY; UNKNOWN OWNERS GENERALLY AND NONRECORD CLAIMANTS; 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, August 31, 2023, 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:

Commonly known as 2213 Oakbrook Drive, Belvidere, IL 61008.
P.I.N. 07-02-126-025.
The improvement on the property consists of a vacant property.
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. Matthew C. Abad at Plaintiff's Attorney, Altman, Strautins & Kromm, LLC d/b/a Kluever Law Group, 200 North LaSalle Street, Chicago, Illinois 60601. (312) 236-0077. SPS001493-22FC1
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT BOONE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
HEARTLAND BANK AND TRUST COMPANY Plaintiff,
-v-
22 FC 1

TIMOTHY E. KING, LINDA M. KING, Defendant
NOTICE OF SALE

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Commonly known as 11520 TYSON DR., ROCKFORD, IL 61114
Property Index No. 05-06-151-012

The real estate is improved with a single family residence.
The judgment amount was \$201,444.73.

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, in certified funds/or wire transfer, is due within twenty-four (24) hours. 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.

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Scott ICC

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affect the way the commission does its work.

Other new commissioners

While Scott is the chairman of the ICC, he downplays the leadership of his position when compared to the other four members of the commission.

"I'm one of five. Other than, you know, the work at meetings, chairing the meetings, there aren't any extra powers or authority I have compared to the others," Scott said, while sitting in a corner office reserved for the ICC's chair.

As of 2022, the ICC chair received a \$144,000 annual salary, compared to a \$125,790 salary for the other four commissioners, according to a December 2022 report from the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability.

Two other new commissioners were seated this spring as well, marking the first time the commission is made up entirely of Pritzker appointees.

Conrad Reddick, a Democrat and longtime regulatory attorney who has successfully argued before the ICC, took over in March for D. Ethan Kimbrel, a Rauner appointee whose term expired.

"Over my career, I have represented everyone from utilities to local governments to consumers (large and small), so I understand how commission decisions can affect each of these groups," Reddick said in an email statement.

Reddick said his decision-making process isn't driven by specific issues, but that his objectives are "process-focused and based largely on my experience in commission cases."

"I hope that the commission can become a bit more efficient, add even more subject matter

experts to our staff, and be clearer in the analytical and policy 'whys' of its decisions," Reddick said. "When I arrived, I found that all our current commissioners shared those goals – all of which we will need to get through the coming wave of major CEJA cases."

A few weeks after Pritzker appointed Reddick, he also appointed Stacey Paradis to fill a vacancy that had been open for several months following Maria Bocanegra's resignation.

Paradis just finished a 15-year run as the executive director of the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, a Chicago-based non-profit that promotes energy efficiency in both generation and consumption. She is one of two Republican commissioners, fulfilling a requirement that no more than three commissioners can belong to the same political party.

"Utility regulation is exceedingly arcane, and sometimes, overly complicated," Paradis said in an email statement. "My technical experience with demand-side management and other energy program experience makes it easier to navigate the technical dockets and understand the legislative intent."

Moskowitz, who has been working at CUB for 18 years, said she is looking forward to working with the new commissioners.

"With this commission, I'm seeing a lot of expertise and that makes me pleased," said Moskowitz, who noted that she had worked with Paradis while the latter was at the Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance.

Paradis and Reddick await confirmation by the Illinois Senate but have begun work in an "acting" capacity. Scott was appointed to fill the remainder of Zalewski's five-year term, which was set to end in January. He would be subject to Senate confirmation if Pritzker reappoints him to a full term.

The other two commissioners are Michael Carrigan, a Democrat and former president of the Illinois AFL-CIO, and Ann McCabe, a Republican who began her career working on regulatory issues for oil companies BP and Amoco before moving into consulting. This is McCabe's second stint as an ICC commissioner, after being appointed by Pat Quinn for a term beginning in 2012.

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Capitol News Illinois Launches Broadcast, Bolsters Southern Illinois Presence

Veteran journalists Jennifer Fuller, Molly Parker will bring full-time news team to 7

By Capitol News Illinois

Veteran journalists Jennifer Fuller and Molly Parker will join Capitol News Illinois' newsroom this month, expanding the outlet's southern Illinois, broadcast and investigative presence.

Fuller joins CNI as its broadcast director, bringing more than two decades of experience in

Illinois radio, television and digital media to the newsroom as it plans to expand broadcast offerings to the state's radio and television stations.

Parker joins the news organization to bolster its investigative team, and readers are likely to recognize her byline. It has appeared alongside that of CNI's Beth Hundsdorfer on the award-winning "Culture of Cruelty" series investigating patient abuse and mistreatment at Choate Mental Health and Developmental Center in southern Illinois.

"I've watched Capitol News Illinois grow over a few short years into a preeminent media wire service that gives readers a critical view inside the state Capitol," Parker said. "It's proven itself capable of deeply reported investigative reporting that holds government officials to account. It understands the importance of revealing how government decisions made under the dome are playing out in cities and towns from Chicago to Cairo. The news team isn't flashy. It's small but tough and committed to truth and fairness – as a news outlet should be."

Fuller will oversee CNI's broadcast operations from her home in Carterville, while Parker lives and works in Murphysboro. Both are graduates of Southern Illinois University in Carbondale.

Capitol News Illinois now has a team of seven full-time journalists, with reporters residing in five Illinois counties, from Cook and DuPage in the north to Springfield in the center, and Madison, Jackson and Williamson in the south.

"With the addition of Fuller and Parker, CNI adds two powerhouses of Illinois journalism and expands its newsroom reach nearly to the state's southern border," CNI Bureau Chief Jerry Nowicki said. "It's an important step in our ongoing effort to better serve all of the state's news consumers, and we're grateful for the news-focused foundations and individuals that have supported these efforts."

The nonprofit, nonpartisan newsroom has more than doubled in size since it first launched in January 2019 with three full-time reporters. Its stories have since been published more than 85,000 times in Illinois newspapers.

Fuller has served as the associate director for news and public affairs at Southern Illinois University's public media affiliate, WSIU, since 2015. In that role, she coordinates Radio, TV and online news – a similar role to the one she'll play at Capitol News Illinois.

She has served as a guest lecturer at Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and a reporter at WTAX in Springfield, in addition to other roles she's held at the university over the past two decades. She has served as president of the Illinois News Broadcasters Association and received numerous professional accolades from entities including the Illinois Associated Press and the Illinois Broadcasters Association.

Parker and Hundsdorfer were awarded the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Award earlier this year for their monthslong investigations into Choate. Those were conducted while Parker was a member of the Lee Enterprises Midwest Public Service Journalism team. Prior to accepting that position last year, she was a reporter at the Southern Illinoisan in Carbondale since 2014. In that role, Parker exposed a housing crisis in Cairo, the state's southernmost city, that resulted in a federal takeover of the county's housing authority and the relocation of about 400 people from two dilapidated, WWII-era apartment complexes.

Parker is also an assistant professor of journalism at Southern Illinois University and a distinguished fellow with ProPublica's Local Reporting Network, which creates partnerships between nonprofit and local newsrooms.