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FREQUENCY MODULATION

BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed October 14, 1965

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Station location FAIRFIELD, ILLINOIS

WAYNE COUNTY BROADCASTING CO, INC. (AL gr 7/17/75 EFF: 10/1/75
xTHOMAS S. LAND TR/AS WAYNE COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY (ALH 7-29-74 EFF: 8-31-74)
x THOMAS SMOOT LAND AND BRYAN DAVIDSON d/b

Name of licensee as WAYNE COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY

Transmitter location State Rte. #15, 2 mi. E. of Fairfield, Ill. (PH 4-1-65)(LH 10-14-65)

Main studio location State Rte. #15, 2 mi. E. of Fairfield, Ill. (PH 4-1-65)(LH 10-14-65)

CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From To
BPH-4823 HAAT:195' (Cond'l)	4-1-65 CP for a	104.9mcs Ch.#285 new Class	ERP:3kw TPO:960w A FM broadcast	Unl. station	6-1-65 12-1-65
BLH-2970 HAAT:195'	10-14-65	104.9mc. ch.#285 Lic. to cover CP(BPH-4823) which authorized a new FM broadcast station.	ERP:3kw. TPO:922w.	Unl.	10-14-65 12-1-67
BRH-1750	11-24-67	Renewal of License			12-1 12-1-70
NDEA	2-19-70				
BRH-1750(S)	11-25-70	RENEWAL & NDEA			12-1-73
EBSA	5-25-72				
BRH-1750(S)	11-28-73	RENEWAL			12-1-76
BALH-1996	7-29-74	VOL. ALH EFF: 8-31-74			
BALH-2146	7/17/75	Vol AL EFF: 10/1/75			
BRH-1750(L)	11-15-76	Renewal of license			12-1-79
BPH-10965 HAAT: 275' (L)	6-22-78 (H&V)	104.9mhz. ERP: #285 CP install new mke chg ant sys ERP & HAAT.	3kw (H&V) Ant; install new Tran (incr hght); chg TPO,		U 6-22-79
BMPH790529AN (1)	7/10/79	MP (BPH-10965) for ext of time			1/6/80
BRH-790725UW BLH-790719AI(L)	11-30-79	RENEWAL OF LICENSE & Lic.(BPH-10965,as mod.)			12-1-82 FOR CHGS.
BLH-810330AA HAAT:155'(H) (L)	6-29-81	License to operate formerly authorized main fac's as aux.(FOR AUX. PURPOSES ONLY)			12-1-82

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name THOMAS SMOOT LAND AND BRYAN DAVIDSON d/b as WAYNE COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY
FAIRFIELD, ILLINOIS (PO BOX 72, Fairfield, Ill.)

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-4823 R.&F.	2-11-65 2-17-65	CP for a new FM broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 104.9mc CH 285 ERP: 3kw TPO: 0.957kw HAAT: 197' Transmitter: COLLINS 830D-1A (1kw) Antenna: COLLINS 37M-4, 4 sections Trans. Loc: On State Rte 15, 2 mi. E. of Fairfield, Ill. Studio Loc: Same as trans. Attys-Miller & Schroeder (John P. Bankson, Jr.) Engrs-Ralph J. Bitzer, St. Louis, Mo.	GRANTED Cond'l re	4-1-65 WFIW submit 302s

FORM BC-121 #2
AUG. 1955

APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Name WAYNE COUNTY BROADCASTING CO. INC.
THOMAS SCOTT LANE AND BRYAN DAVIDSON D/B AS WAYNE COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY
FAIRFIELD, ILLINOIS

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLH-2970 R&F	8-24-65 8-27-65	License to cover CP (BPH-4823) which authorized a new FM broadcast station. Atty: Miller & Schroeder	GRANTED	10-14-65
BRH-1750 R & F SEP 25 1967	7/20/67 8/18/67	Renewal of license Atty: J. P. Bankson, Jr.	GRANTED	11-24-67
BRH-1750 R & F PN Recd. PRESS OCT 8 1970	8-7-70 8-24-70 "	RENEWAL OF LICENSE John P. Bankson, Jr. Atty. AMENDED 10-27-70 re: commercial policy	granted	11-25-70
Annual filing fee)(Combined Rates) See WFIW-AM.				
BRH-1750 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-16-76 7-19-76 " SEP 20 1976	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-15-76

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WAYNE COUNTY BROADCASTING CO, INC.

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x THOMAS S. LAND TR/AS WAYNE COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY

Name xTHOMAS SMOOT LAND AND BRYAN DAVIDSON dba WAYNE COUNTY BROADCASTING COMPANY

Fairfield, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BRH-1750 R & F PN PRESS	8-11-73 8-27-73 8-27-73 SEP 26 1973	Renewal of License Atty: Morton L. Berfield	GRANTED	11-28-73
BALH-1996 Rec'd Filed Fee: $250 Code 049 Press: MAY 28 1974	5-8-74 5-15-74 5-15-74 #305178	Voluntary assignment of license to Thomas S. Land, ~~d/b~~ tr/ as Wayne County Broadcasting Company. Morton L. Berfield, Atty.	GRANTED EFF:	7-29-74 8-31-74
BALH-2146 R & F SEE AM FOR FEE PD) FORM 316 JUL 15 1975	7-5-75 7-8-75	Voluntary assignment of license to WAYNE COUNTY BROADCASTING CO., INC. Atty - Cohen & Berfield	GRANTED EFF: no gr fee req	7/17/75 10/1/75

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APPLICATION RECORD · BROADCASTING

104.9mhz.

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Name .....WAYNE COUNTY BROADCASTING CO., INC.....
Fairfield, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BPH-10965 R & F PRESS:	2-24-78 2-27-78 MAR 14 1978	CP install new Trans (MCMARTIN-BF-3.5K); install new Ant (PHELPS-DODGE-CFM-LP-2, 2 sects H&V); mke chg ant sys (incr hght); chg TPO; ERP: 3kw(H&V) & HAAT: 273' (H&V) Atty: Morton L. Berfield Engr: Ralph J. Bitzer	ACCEPTED & GRANTED COND'L	6-22-78
BMPH790529AN PRESS (0)	JUL 2 1979	MP (BPH-10,965) for Extension of Time to: 8-25-79 (FOR CHANGES) Atty. Morton L. Berfield (Cohen & Berfield)	GRANTED	7/10/79
BRH790725UW PRESS SEP 14 1979		Renewal of License Atty. Morton L. Berfield	GRANTED (Issued simultaneously with BLH-790719AI)	11-30-79

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104.9mHz

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APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

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Fairfield, Illinois

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action Nature	Action Date
BLH-790719AI PTA: PRESS: SEP 21 1979	7-27-79	License to cover (BPH-10965, as mod.) FOR CHANGES Atty: Morton L. Berfield	GRANTED	10-18-79
BLH-810330AA PTA PRESS APR 8 1981		License to operate formerly authorized main facilities as auxiliary. FOR AUXILIARY PURPOSES ONLY Atty: --	GRANTED	6-29-81

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About the History Cards …

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file.

FM History Cards were initiated in the early 1940s, with the authorization of the earliest FM stations in the FM band, then at 42 to 50 MHz. (The band was shifted to its present location, 88 to 108 MHz, in 1946.) History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12th Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). Prior to that move, the History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only a few sets of microfiche exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.