STATE OF ILLINOIS 
COUNTY OF WOODFORD

PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF WOODFORD COUNTY, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, at an adjourned meeting thereof begun and held in the Woodford County Board Room in the City of Eureka, in said County, on the third Tuesday in February, AD 2020, same being the 18th day of said month.

Tuesday February 18, 2020 6:30 P.M.

Board met and was called to order by Chairman John Krug.

Chairman Krug began the meeting by leading all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call by the Clerk. Present: Russell Cotton, Joshua Davis (Note: arrived at 6:45 PM), Justin Faulk, Richard Hill, Bryant Kempf, John Krug, Barry Logan, Charles Nagel, Blake Parsons, Jerry Smith, Jason Spence, Dan Steffen and Donald Tolan. Absent: Emily Barker, excused; and Randy Roethler, unexcused. Also present was County Clerk Dawn Kupfer.

Board announced in session by the Chairman.

Clerk Kupfer presented and read the Certificate of Giving Notice for this meeting.

Mr. Cotton moved the Certificate be approved as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steffen and was unanimously carried.

Clerk Kupfer submitted the minutes of the January 21, 2020 regular session County Board meeting for additions, corrections and approval.

Mr. Spence moved to approve the minutes of the January 21, 2020 regular session County Board meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Hill and unanimously carried.

Chairman Krug called for public input.

Ms. Hillary Aggertt, Woodford County Health Care Administrator shared the 2019 Annual Report with the County Board Members. Ms. Aggertt announced annually the Woodford County Health Department presents the Public Health Award to two individuals that reside in Woodford County, so anyone whom has a person they would like to nominate an individual please submit their names to the Woodford County Health Department by March 2, 2020. Ms. Aggertt stated the Woodford County Health Department works collaboratively with Peoria City/County Health Department and Tazewell County Health Departments, along with community partners to promote activities for health and wellness. Ms. Aggertt reminded all present that the flu vaccine is still available to those who have not yet received the vaccine. She stated there is a lot of international travel and the health department continues to monitor when they can to eliminate any risks there may be.

Chairman Krug called for the next person to speak during public input.

Mr. McCoy, a resident of Metamora, Illinois, spoke to the County Board Members on behalf of an organization named The Illinois Separation. Mr. McCoy stated The Illinois Separation is a group of citizens who strongly believe down state Illinois should separate from Chicago. Mr. McCoy stated the group would like to have a non-binding referendum on the 2020 ballot question for the possibility of forming a new state. In order to acquire this the organization would need to have around 1200 signatures. Mr. McCoy stated the organization could forego the required signatures if the County Board were willing to have this referenda question put on the ballot. Mr. McCoy stated other counties such as Effingham, Jefferson, Fayette, Marion,
Pope, White, Edwards and Cumberland have shown interest in putting this on their ballot. He further said he would like Woodford County consider joining the group. Chairman Krug stated if anyone were interested in forming a subcommittee to further discuss the issue, no further discussion followed.

Chairman Krug called for anyone else to speak during public input, hearing none the Board moved on to the Consent Agenda.

The Consent Agenda was presented and clarified for the reporting of these minutes.

Mr. Nagel moved to approve the consent agenda, which was seconded by Mr. Cotton. Chairman Krug called for any items to be removed from the consent agenda, hearing none; motion carried.

Appointments:

a. Approval of the appointment of Joe Schmitt to the Oakridge Sanitary District to complete the unexpired 3 year term of Nathan A. Adair expiring June 1, 2021.

b. Approval of the appointment of Zoe Troxell to the Oakridge Sanitary District for a 3 year term expiring June 1, 2022.

c. Approval of the appointment of Jerry Smith as first alternate to the Road & Bridge Committee, Finance & Economic Development Committee, Public Safety Committee, County Offices Committee and the Conservation, Planning and Zoning (C P & Z) Committee for a term expiring the first Monday in December 2020.

d. Approval of the appointment of Chuck Nagel as second alternate to the Road & Bridge Committee and the Public Safety Committee for a term expiring the first Monday in December 2020.

e. Approval of the appointment of Barry Logan as second alternate to the Conservation, Planning and Zoning (C P & Z) Committee and the County Offices Committee for a term expiring the first Monday in December 2020.

f. Approval of the appointment of Jason Spence as second alternate to the Finance & Economic Development Committee for a term expiring the first Monday in December 2020.

g. Approval of the reappointment of Donald Rients to the Benson Fire Protection District for a 3 year term expiring May 1, 2022.

h. Approval of the reappointment of Richard B. Burmood to the Benson Fire Protection District for a 3 year term expiring May 1, 2023.


j. Approval of the reappointment of Bonnie Allen to the Board of Health for a 3 year term expiring November 30, 2022.

k. Approval of the reappointment of Emily Barker to the Board of Health for a 1 year term expiring the first Monday in December 2020.


m. Approval of the appointment of Kent Hair (representing FOP-Road Patrol) to the Health Care Committee for a 3 year term expiring the first Monday in December 2022.

n. Approval of the appointment of J.T. Gentes (representing FOP-Corrections) to the Health Care Committee for a 3 year term expiring the first Monday in December 2022.

Petitions, Resolutions and/or Motions:


b. Approval of Ordinance 2019/2020-003 concerning petition 2020-03-S Clayton Township granting a Special Use to Woodford Wind Energy, LLC to install a 60m tall meteorological tower that will be used to gather wind and atmospheric data for a wind energy development project located in the (AG) Agriculture District, on 80 acres, commonly described as 600 ft. south of the intersection of County Road 1900 N and County Road 2600 E, on the west side of County Road 2600 E. Minonk, Illinois.
c. Approval of Ordinance 2019/2020-004 concerning petition 2020-04-S Panola Township granting a Special Use to Woodford Wind Energy, LLC to install a 60m tall meteorological tower that will be used to gather wind and atmospheric data for a wind energy development project located in the (AG) Agricultural District, on a 4.639 acres, commonly described as 2300 ft. south of the intersection of County Road 1600 N and County Road 2600 E, on the East side of County Road 2600 E., El Paso, Illinois.

d. Approval of Ordinance 2019/2020-005 concerning petition 2020-05-S Greene Township granting a Special Use to Woodford Wind Energy, LLC to install a 60m tall meteorological tower that will be used to gather wind and atmospheric data for wind energy development project located in the (AG) Agricultural District, on 60 acres, commonly described as 2400 ft. east of the intersection of County Road 1500 N and County Road 2100 E, on the south side of County Road 1500 N. Roanoke, Illinois.

e. Approval of Ordinance 2019/2020-006 concerning petition 2020-02-A; granting a text amendment to the Woodford County Zoning Ordinance to amend the Woodford County Zoning Ordinance Section 4-General Provisions, Section 5-Administration, Enforcement and Fees, Section 11-Agricultural District Section 12-Conservation District, Section 13-Light Industrial District, Section 16-Heavy Industrial District, Section 17-General Commercial District, Section 25-Variances, Section 26-Amendments.

f. Approval of Ordinance 2019-2020-007 petition 2020-06-Z Montgomery Township, granting a Map Amendment to Premier Fabrication, Inc. from Agriculture District (AG) to Heavy Industrial (I-2), on a 0.2 acre parcel, commonly described as vacant ground adjacent to 311 County Highway 8, Congerville, Illinois.

g. Approval of Ordinance 2019/2020-008 Codification of Ordinances.

h. Motion to approve temporarily moving the polling place in Roanoke 1 from the Public Library located at 123 E. Broad Street, Roanoke, Illinois to the Roanoke Recreational Park Building located on W. Victory Avenue, Roanoke, Illinois.

i. Motion to approve the 2019 Woodford County Health Department Annual Report.

j. Motion to approve the Woodford County Board Chairman to execute a letter supporting the Village of Washburn’s request of a 12 year extension of the Washburn TIF District.

k. Approval of Resolution 2019/2020-021 establishing a policy regarding fair housing practices in Woodford County, Illinois.

l. Approval of Resolution 2019/2020-022 amending the Board Rules to add alternates to committees in order to reach a quorum.

m. Approval of Resolution 2019/2020-023 authorizing the County Board Chairman to execute an intergovernmental agreement with IDOT for emergency repair reimbursement Section 19-00173-99-DR County Highway 12.

n. Approval of Resolution 2019/2020-024 for the procurement of bulk rock salt through the Illinois Department of Central Management Services annual bidding process for a quantity not to exceed 2,000 tons.

o. Approval of Resolution 2019/2020-025 authorizing the Woodford County Board Chairman to execute an Engagement Letter with Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins, Ltd for the Woodford Wind Energy Road Use and agreement.

p. Approval of Resolution 2019/2020-026 authorizing the Woodford County EMA to purchase and replace one weather warn system encoder for the price of $14,565.00.

q. Approval of Resolution 2019/2020-027 authorizing the Woodford County Sheriff to approve the proposal from Kreiling Roofing to replace the Courthouse roof in the amount of $178,249.00.

r. Approval of Resolution 2019/2020-028 authorizing the Woodford County Probation and Court Services Director to purchase replacement vehicles not to exceed $35,000.00.

Chairman Krug moved on to the New Business portion of the Meeting; the first item under New Business was Item (a) the Salary Data handout, Mr. Nagel reminded the Members the information in front of them had been gathered at the request of the Board in relationship to the annual increases during the budget process. He went on to say the numbers gathered were purely as informational, in no way is anyone drawing
any conclusions from this; that would be up to the sub-committees who would deal with those particular department heads. Mr. Nagel stated the County Board Chairman and himself put together a list of questions pertaining to similarities such as the various contracts with FOP and AFSCME, as well as the employees and the duties. Ms. Breyman then sent those questions out to 14 similar sized counties. Upon Ms. Breyman receiving the responses back there were a few places where she then requested further information in order to compile the information in the packet. Mr. Nagel stated while this information is valuable he still recommends the Board move forward with job descriptions, some performance indicators and/or goal statements and employee evaluations in order to use all of the information during the budget process.

Mr. Davis inquired as to why the survey skipped over the EMA salary. Chairman Krug stated the EMA salary now falls under the Sheriff’s budget.

Chairman Krug called for the next item under New Business which was Item (b) discussion on resending Ordinance 2010/2011-002. Mr. Logan moved to resend the Ordinance 2010/2011-002 and replace it with Ordinance 2019/2020-009, which was seconded by Mr. Spence. Mr. Logan stated it had come to the Board’s attention there is a discrepancy with the Board rules which this current Board has been operating under and the Ordinance from 2010/2011. Mr. Logan moved to strike the sentence “However, only one per diem shall be paid for consecutive meetings at the same location”; further saying removing thus sentence would be the only change and this was being done to get everyone on the same page. Mr. Logan also stated this cannot be changed for the current Board, this change will not take place until 12/1/2020. Chairman Krug called for all in favor of the motion, which unanimously carried.

Chairman Krug called for the next item under New Business which was Item (c) discussion on the Revision of Pharmacy Benefits. Mr. Nagel moved to approve the revision of the pharmacy benefits to allow injectable specialty drug claims to be processed as RX claims instead of Major Medical claims, which was seconded by Mr. Davis and unanimously carried.

Chairman Krug moved on to Unfinished Business, reminding Members on Tuesday February 25, 2020 Beck’s Hybrid in El Paso, Illinois would be hosting a farm forum centered around organic farming for anyone interested in attending.

Chairman Krug announced Presentation from EMA Director.

Kent McCanless, Woodford County Emergency Management Association Director, gave a presentation on what has been happening with EMA this past year. The Director went on to explain to the Board the various services the department provides to the County such as trained weather spotters, searching for missing persons, hazardous material spills and reviewing emergency operation plans throughout the County.

Chairman Krug then called for the vote to approve the claims Paid in Vacation since the last meeting of the Board. Mr. Cotton moved to approve the Claims Paid in Vacation, which was seconded by Mr. Faulk. Chairman Krug asked if there were any claims to be added, hearing none.

Mr. Hill presented and read Resolution 2019/2020-030 approving the payment of the Claims, which was seconded by Mr. Parsons.

Chairman Krug called for a roll call vote. County Board Members voting Aye: John Krug, Barry Logan, Charles Nagel, Blake Parsons, Jerry Smith, Jason Spence, Dan Steffen, Donald Tolan, Russell Cotton, Joshua Davis, Justin Faulk, Richard Hill and Bryant Kempf. County Board Members voting Nay: None. County Board Members absent: Emily Barker, excused; and Randy Roethler, unexcused. Motion carried.

The Report of the County Treasurer on receipts and disbursement of the General Fund, current fund balances and interfund transfers for the period ending January 31, 2020 was presented, as well as a report on the Revolving loan payment activity, Chip Energy continues to make their monthly payments on-time, she will continue to report on the remaining loan payment being deposited into the County General Fund. Treasurer
Andrews stated she has received the preliminary findings from the audit and there are no new concerns she is aware of. Ms. Andrews stated Clifton, Larson and Allen will be presenting the findings to the Finance Committee next month on March 10, 2020.

Mr. Kempf moved to place all of the Treasurer’s reports on file, which motion was seconded by Mr. Tolan and was unanimously carried.

The report for the Office of the County Board dated February 18, 2020 was presented. Mr. Logan moved to place the Report on file, which motion was seconded by Mr. Nagel and was unanimously carried.

The following communication will be placed on file for the regular meeting of the February 18, 2020 County Board meeting:

- Thank you card from Barb Smith in regards to the passing of her mother.
- Thank you card from Kathy Lane in regards to the passing of her mother.
- Letter from Joshua Watson, Project Manager for USCOC of Central Illinois, LLC in regards to intentions of building a 120’ monopole telecommunications tower.
- Minutes of the Road and Bridge Committee meeting held January 13, 2020.
- Minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting held January 13, 2020.
- Minutes of the County Offices Committee meeting held December 10, 2019; Special meeting held December 17, 2019 and Special meeting held January 21, 2020.
- Minutes of the Finance & Economic Development Committee held December 10, 2019; January 14, 2020; and Special meeting held January 28, 2020.
- Minutes of the Conservation, Planning and Zoning Committee held on January 13, 2020.
- Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting held November 26, 2019.
- Minutes of the Health Care Committee meeting held December 11, 2019.

Mr. Smith moved to place all correspondence on file, which motion was seconded by Mr. Hill and was unanimously carried.

The respective Chairmen gave the reports of each Standing Committee.

Chairwomen Andrews reported for the Health Care Committee (Health Insurance Committee).
Chairwomen Andrews reported on the appointments to Road Patrol and Corrections that were approved at tonight’s meeting. Chairwomen Andrews stated they discussed appointments for alternates for the Health Care Committee and may bring forward names in the next month or two. Chairwomen Andrews reported they had a lengthy discussion regarding Special Injectable Drugs that was passed at tonight’s meeting. Chairwomen Andrews reported they reviewed the plans performance reports from Snedeker’s office stating plan years of 2018, 2019 were good years having a net gain to the plan unfortunately 2020 may have a net loss due to the unforeseen increase to the Symetra Premiums, for the stop loss coverage. Chairwomen Andrews stated fund balances are holding steady with a current balance of $774,935.38. Their next meeting will be March 11, 2020.

Mr. Hill, Chairman of the Road & Bridge Committee reported on the Wind Farm discussion they had stating they had a number of people attend along with four Road Commissioners who would be affected by this. Mr. Hill reported Chris Green, Project Manager from Tri-Global was at the meeting to help answer questions as well as a Representative from Klein, Thorpe, & Jenkins, Ltd. Mr. Hill stated how important it is that everything is all laid out correctly, all concerns are addressed and what happens if things go in the wrong directions how there could be fines to pay.

Mr. Cotton, Chairman of the County Offices Committee, reported the Codification Project is done and will be placed on the website.

Chairman Krug announced earlier this evening at the County Offices Committee Meeting they approved the appointment of Jerry Smith to the Woodford County Board. Chairman Krug thanked Mr. Smith for serving
with them.

Mr. Nagel, Chairman of the Finance and Economic Development Committee reported on the approval of the 12 year TIF extension for Washburn. Mr. Nagel discussed the approval of resolution 2019/2020-021 establishing a Policy Regarding Fair Housing Practices which is a requirement of the revolving loan fund process stating they have to have that in place. Mr. Nagel reported on the We Care Audit findings stating there were 4 findings that are being worked on and how they are trying to correct that issue. Mr. Nagel thanked County Treasurer Melissa Andrews and County Coordinator Deb Breyman for their efforts with the County Audit and with We Care.

Mr. Logan, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reported on the discussion they had on illegal burning stating the Sheriff is trying to resolve that issue. Mr. Logan reported on their discussion with Annex 4 and how they wanted that to be bid. Mr. Logan discussed the bids already received from contractors stating they have some decisions to make and how they hope to have more bids coming in next month. Mr. Logan reported on an email he received from the Sheriff concerning the data backup of the entire Courthouse and Jail informing him it went bad and the possibility it has been for a while. Mr. Logan stated a Cloud Based system has been put in place so there should be no further issues concerning the loss of data.

Mr. Parsons, reported for Conservation Planning and Zoning Committee. Mr. Parsons reported they are currently working on updating the Inoperable Motor Vehicle Ordinance. Mr. Parsons stated he believes changes haven’t been made since the early 1980’s. Mr. Parsons explained it will take the enforcement of that ordinance out of the Sheriff’s office and transfers it to Zoning. Mr. Parsons reported on the discussion they had on the annual review of the Zoning Administrator. Mr. Parsons explained they are working on outlining the process and working to create a nice clean package that can be passed on to future Committees and Department Heads.

Mr. Parsons reported for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Parsons reported they had two requests for extensions on special use permits that were issued for solar projects that did not qualify or get funding, one near Spring Bay, Road Solar, LLC for a 15 month extension, the second by Illinois Community Solar for a 12 month extension. Mr. Parsons reported on the Shed size variance that was approved at tonight’s meeting located in the Benson area. Mr. Parsons reported on the 3 Meteorological Towers that were approved at tonight’s meeting for the proposed Windfarm locations. Mr. Parsons explained these towers are set up to collect their wind data. Mr. Parsons addressed the documents located at each board members seat when they arrived tonight pertaining to information on Premiere Fabrications Special Meeting. Mr. Parsons reported CP & Z went before the ZBA with some basic language changes to the zoning ordinance, they adjusted some fees, height adjustment changes; mean height to peak height under every section making it more understandable. Mr. Parsons stated under certain areas the postages required to send notices out put that on the applicants under special uses, and a few minor language adjustments that need to occur to make all the sections in harmony with each other. Mr. Jerry Smith inquired if there was a cost put to that special meeting. Mr. Parsons responded that it cost $500.00. Mr. Parsons stated if you wanted to expedite something and needed to get it handled right now, you spend $500.00 you can get a special meeting scheduled. Mr. Parsons reported Metamora Mennonite Church is coming before the ZBA on a simple variance on a road set back and they will be using the hearing officer, Chairman of the ZBA for that meeting eliminating the costs involved calling upon the full ZBA Committee.

Chairman Krug called for Public Announcements, hearing none.

Chairman Krug moved to go into Executive Session, 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2) Collective Bargaining Agreement with FOP Corrections.

Mr. Faulk moved to go into executive session, which was seconded by Mr. Steffen and unanimously carried.

State’s Attorney Minger stated the Executive Session was not needed for this evening, as the FOP had not met.
Mr. Cotton moved to adjourn until 6:30 P.M. the third Thursday in March, A.D. 2020 same being the 19th day of said month, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steffen and was unanimously carried.

Chairman Krug announced the Board adjourned at approximately 7:36 PM.

Attest:  Dawn L. Kupfer, Woodford County Clerk & Recorder