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 May, AD 2022, same being the 17th day of said month.

Tuesday June 21, 2022 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: Ansel Burditt, Bill Cardin, Albert Durst, Richard Hill, Autum Jones, John Krug, Nick Miller, Blake Parsons, Jonathan Schertz (arrived at 6:48 PM), Jerry Smith, and Donald Tolan. Absent: Justin Faulk, excused; and David Meinhold, excused; Chuck Nagel, excused; and Dan Steffen, Absent. 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.

Mrs. Jones moved the Certificate be approved as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Durst and was unanimously carried.

Clerk Kupfer submitted the minutes of the May 17, 2022, regular session County Board meeting for additions, corrections, and approval.

Mr. Burditt moved to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2022, regular Session County Board meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Parsons and unanimously carried.

Clerk Kupfer submitted the minutes from the Special County Board Meeting held on May 26, 2022 for additions, corrections, and approval.

Mr. Tolan moved to approve the May 26, 2022, Special County Board meeting minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Hill and unanimously carried.

Clerk Kupfer submitted the Executive Session Minutes of May 17, 2022, for additions, corrections, and approval.

Mr. Parsons moved to approve and keep confidential the Executive Session minutes of May 17, 2022, which was seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Krug called for the review of the March 17, 2015, Executive Session Minutes.

Mr. Durst moved to retain the March 17, 2015, Executive Session Minutes as confidential, which was seconded by Mrs. Jones. Motion carried.

Chairman Krug called for the review of the March 19, 2019, part 2 Executive Session Minutes.

Mr. Burditt moved to retain the March 19, 2019, part 2 Executive Session Minutes as confidential, which was seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried.
Chairman Krug called for the review of the November 17, 2020, Executive Session Minutes.

Mr. Hill moved to retain the November 17, 2020, Executive Session Minutes as confidential, which was seconded by Mr. Tolan. Motion carried.

Chairman Krug called for the review of the January 19, 2021, Executive Session Minutes.

Mr. Burditt moved to retain the January 19, 2021, Executive Session Minutes as confidential, which was seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion carried.

Chairman Krug called for the review of the April 20, 2021, Executive Session Minutes.

Mr. Durst moved to retain the April 20, 2021, Executive Session Minutes as confidential, which was seconded by Mr. Hill. Motion carried.

Chairman Krug called for the review of the March 15, 2022, Executive Session Minutes.

Mr. Burditt moved to release the March 15, 2022, Executive Session Minutes, which was seconded by Mr. Parsons. Motion carried.

Chairman Krug called for Public Input, hearing none.

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

Chairman Krug called for any items to be removed from the consent agenda.

Mr. Burditt moved to pull Items (f) from Petitions, Resolutions, and/or Motions on the Consent Agenda as presented.

Chairman Krug called for any other items to be removed from the consent agenda, hearing none.

Chairman Krug called for approval of the remainder of the items on the Consent Agenda.

Mr. Miller moved to approve the remainder of the Items on the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Mrs. Jones. Motion carried.

Appointments:

a. Approval of the reappointment of Les Armstrong to the Secor Fire Protection District for a 3-year term expiring June 12, 2025.

b. Approval of the reappointment of Craig E. Steffen to the Congerville Rural Fire Protection District for a 3-year term expiring May 1, 2025.

c. Approval of the reappointment of Cheryl Suckow to the Board of Review for a 2-year term expiring June 1, 2024.

d. Approval of the reappointment of Bolden Malcom to the Board of Review for a 2-year term expiring June 1, 2024.

e. Approval of the reappointment of Dave Muller to the Oakridge Sanitary District for a 3-year term expiring June 1, 2023.

f. Approval of the reappointment of Joe Schmitt to the Oakridge Sanitary District for a 3-year term expiring June 1, 2024.

g. Approval of the reappointment of Zoe Troxell to the Oakridge Sanitary District for a 3-year term expiring June 1, 2025.

h. Approval of the reappointment of Michelle Wagner to the Oakridge Sanitary District for a 3-year term expiring June 1, 2025.

i. Approval of the reappointment of Tammy Prather to the Woodford County Housing Authority for a
5-year term expiring June 20, 2027.

j. Approval of the reappointment of Diane Boschulte to the Woodford County Housing Authority for a 5-year term expiring June 30, 2025.

k. Approval of the reappointment of Kristen Fehr to the MDP Board for a 3-year term expiring June 30, 2025.

l. Note: this was left off the original agenda provided to the Board.

m. Approval of the reappointment of James Springer to the Metamora Rural Fire Protection District for a 3-year term expiring May 1, 2024.

n. Approval of the reappointment of William Alread to the Metamora Rural Fire Protection District for a 3-year term expiring May 1, 2022.

o. Approval of the reappointment of William Alread to the Metamora Rural Fire Protection District for a 3-year term expiring May 1, 2025.

p. Approval of the reappointment of Jeff Bernitt to the Metamora Rural Fire Protection District for a 3-year term expiring May 1, 2023.

q. Approval of the reappointment of Jeff Bernitt to the Metamora Rural Fire Protection District for a 3-year term expiring May 1, 2022.

r. Approval of the appointment of Bill Cardin to the Public Safety Committee, as an alternate, expiring the 1st Monday in December 2022.

s. Approval of the appointment of Autum Jones to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission to complete the unexpired term of Barry Logan, expiring the 1st Monday in December 2022.

t. Approval of the appointment of John Krug to the Finance and Economic Committee to complete the unexpired term of Dan Steffen expiring the 1st Monday in December 2022.

u. Approval of the appointment of John Krug as Chairman of the Finance and Economic Committee expiring the 1st Monday in December 2022.

v. Approval of the reappointment of Alexander James Bill to the Lowpoint Street Lighting District for a 3-year term expiring April 30, 2025.

w. Approval of the reappointment of Chuck Nagel to the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission for a 1-year term expiring the 1st Monday in December 2022.

Petitions, Resolutions and/or Motions:

a. Approval of Resolution 6-22-001 authorizing a Deed of Conveyance to Michael Spurlock on parcel 03-01-102-018.

b. Approval of Midwest Engineering Invoice 7391 in the amount of $7,029.15 from the Revolving Loan Fund.

c. Approval of Resolution 2021/2022-055 appropriating $12,558.00 from the County Motor Fuel Tax Fund to pay the FY 2022 dues to Tri-County Regional Planning Commission.

d. Approval of Resolution 2021/2022-056 to execute an amended Joint Agreement with the State of Illinois on the HSIP Guardrail Improvement Project, Section 18-00170-00-SP.

e. Approval of the recommendation from the Health Care Committee to increase the dental benefits effective January 2023.

f. Approval of Knapp Invoice 21160-5 in the amount of $139,643.14 from the RLF Grant.

Chairman Krug called for Item (f) the Resolution 2021/2022-059 the RLF Parking Lot change order under Petitions, Resolutions, and/or Motions.

Mr. Burditt stated prior to the County Board meeting the Public Safety Committee had met and unanimously approved Resolution 2021/2022-059 for the parking lot change order. He stated he had pulled Item (f) Resolution 2021/2022-059 to further discuss this with the Board Members as is a substantial amount of money coming out of the County Budget. Mr. Burditt said this will be a combination of RLF Funds and County contingency money used to pay for updating the front Parking Lot of the Public Safety Building making it more handicap accessible.

Mr. Tipsword, Woodford County Chief Deputy Sheriff gave the Members an update stating when the RLF project first started one of the main areas of concern was the front parking lot with the concrete barrier and the handicap accessible ramp. Mr. Tipsword stated a couple of weeks ago the architect called to give the
contractor permission to start working on the project. Mr. Tipsword said he had told the architect the County had not seen a plan. He went on to say once the Sheriff looked at the plan it was discovered the architect had left off items which had been discussed. Mr. Tipsword met then with the architect, Mr. Cummings, and the Chairman of Finance at which time it was decided to take this money out of the contingency line to complete the project. Discussion followed.

Mr. Burditt moved to approve Item (f) Resolution 2021/2022-059 the RLF Parking Lot change order in the amount of $51,236.00, which was seconded by Mr. Durst. Some discussion followed; Motion carried.

Chairman Krug called for Item (a) New Business, Township Districting.

Ms. Jodi Goff, Woodford County Supervisor of Assessments Office stated to the Board Members that every 10 years when there is a census conducted the State of Illinois has her office review the Townships to make sure they meet the requirements to remain a standalone Township. Ms. Goff stated her office has reviewed the maps and the Townships were being notified they had met those requirements and there will be no changes at this time.

Chairman Krug called for Item (b) under New Business, Resolution 2021/2022-058 approving the Public Defender’s Salary.

Mr. Schertz moved to approve Resolution 2021/2022-058 to approve the Public Defender’s Salary, which was seconded by Mr. Cardin. Motion carried.

Chairman Krug called for Unfinished Business, Item (a) Broadband. He went on to give the Members an update on Broadband saying there are a total of 14 Zoom meetings being conducted. Chairman Krug encouraged the Board Members who were interested to watch the past Zoom meetings. He asked for the Members to please go to County website and complete the survey concerning Broadband connectivity.

Chairman Krug then called for the vote to approve the claims Paid in Vacation since the last meeting of the Board. Mr. Burditt moved to approve the Claims Paid in Vacation, which was seconded by Mr. Parsons.

Chairman Krug asked if there were any claims to be added.

Mr. Burditt moved to add (2) claims; the first claim is to the Illinois School Resource Officers Association for a conference registration fee in the amount of $224.00; and the 2nd claim is from EMA for assistance in a hazmat spill at the Casey’s in Metamora payable to Ben Wagner in the amount of $88.35.

Mrs. Jones added (3) claims for the State’s Attorney’s Office. The first claim was in the amount of $127.68 for reimbursement for a hotel stay for a witness; 2nd claim in the amount of $10.77 made payable to Greg Minger for reimbursement of a universal cable; and the 3rd claim in the amount of $969.90 for a Laptop purchased at Best Buy to be used in the Courtroom, check made payable to Greg Minger.

Chairman Krug called for a motion to add the claims. Mr. Durst moved to add the (5) claims, which was seconded by Mr. Cardin. Motion carried.

Chairman Krug called for a vote on the claims as amended. Motion carried.

Mr. Burditt presented and read Resolution 2021/2022-060 approving the payment of the Claims, which was seconded by Mr. Hill.

Chairman Krug called for a roll call vote. County Board Members voting Aye: Jerry Smith, Donald Tolan, Ansel Burditt, Bill Cardin, Albert Durst, Richard Hill, Autum Jones, John Krug, Nick Miller, Blake Parsons, and Jonathan Schertz. County Board Members voting Nay: None. County Board Members absent: Justin Faulk, excused; David Meinhold, excused; Chuck Nagel, excused; and Dan Steffen, absent. Motion
The Report of the County Treasurer on Summary of Accounts Report, the Revolving Loan Activity Report, the Sales Tax Report, and the Comparative Revenue Reports for the period ending May 31, 2022. Ms. Andrews said the 1st installment of taxes was due on June 3rd, and to date the Treasurer’s Office had collected over $47.5 million dollars. She noted the first distribution of taxes would be made on July 1st. Ms. Andrews said the Department Heads had a meeting with the Woodford County Chairman, John Krug on June 9, 2022, to discuss the budget process. She reported instead of all budgets being presented to the Finance Committee, there would be joint Committee meetings. Ms. Andrews said for the month of July and August, there would be a joint County Offices/Finance Committee meeting; half of the Departments which fall under County Offices will present their budgets at the joint meeting on July 12, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.; and the other half on August 9, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. Ms. Andrews said there would also be a joint Public Safety/Finance Committee meeting on September 12th at 5:00 p.m. in which the Sheriff, EMA, Coroner, Health Department, Probation, and Animal Control budgets will be presented. She went on to say the Road & Bridge Committee will be inviting Members of the Finance Committee to attend their September 12, 2022, meeting at 8:00 a.m.; and the Zoning Administrator will present her budgets to the CP & Z as well as ZBA sometime between July and September. Ms. Andrews stated the goal was to have the draft budget in its entirety by the end of September to be sent to all County Board Members for their review. Treasurer Andrews said she felt she spoke for all Department Heads when she said the Department Heads had been very satisfied with the budget process for the past few years, however, we are all willing to give the new process a chance. Treasurer Andrews said she would like to personally thank Mr. Nagel for his time and hard work he has put into the budget over the past few years. On another note, Ms. Andrews said she had received the second tranche of ARPA funding on June 9th in the amount of $3,735,105. She said so far, the County had paid out $20,000 to Bellwether, we have obligated $3,000,000 for the HVAC project, we have earmarked $500,000 for rural broadband, and there is a long list of requests from several County Department Heads. Ms. Andrews recommended discussing these needs at the July Finance meeting so the departments would know if their requested projects will be funded from ARPA or if they will need to budget for their projects from the General Fund, Health Fund, or their special funds.

Mr. Cardin moved to place the Treasurer’s reports on file, which motion was seconded by Mr. Hill and was unanimously carried.

Mr. Burditt moved to place the report of Office of County Board on file, which was seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried.

The following communication will be placed on file for the regular meeting of the June 21, 2022, County Board meeting:

- Letter dated April 21, 2022, from Caterpillar Trail Public Water District concerning the resignation of John Ezzell as Trustee.
- The Woodford County Sheriff’s Office semi-annual report for the period of December 1, 2021, through May 31, 2022.
- The Woodford County Clerk’s semi-annual report for the period of December 1, 2021, through May 31, 2022.
- Announcement 2022-13 from the Internal Revenue Service revising the standard mileage rates effective July 1, 2022, increasing the rate to 62.5 cents per mile.
- Minutes of the Road and Bridge Committee meetings held May 9, 2022.
- Minutes of the County Offices Committee held April 12, 2022, and May 17, 2022.
- Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meeting held on May 9, 2022.
- Minutes of the Woodford County Health Care Committee held March 9, 2022.

Mr. Hill moved to place all correspondence on file, which motion was seconded by Mr. Schertz 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 they met last Wednesday the main topic of discussion was on Dental benefits. Chairwomen Andrews stated it was approved at tonight’s meeting to raise the benefit from $1,000.00 to $2,000.00 annually per person per year with the increase of premium being picked up by the employee with no premium increase to the County. Chairwomen Andrews reported the Premium & Claims Reserve and Health Care Plan Funds combined balance was $690,863.41 as of last Wednesday.

Mr. Hill, Chairman of the Road & Bridge Committee, gave an update on the CH 13 project how it is about 90% done but they have an issue with a property trust that wasn’t legally correct how they can’t move forward until that is resolved. Mr. Hill stated if you drive by the Highway Department you will see there is no building going up do to supply chain issues with rebar. Mr. Hill reported the Washington – Metamora blacktop road project will be starting soon and how on CH 13 going north out of Roanoke 4 miles north of 116 a Box Culvert will be replaced taking about 6 – 8 weeks further stating that road will be closed.

Mrs. Jones, Chairwomen of the County Offices Committee, stated she attended the meeting via Zoom last week and wanted to thank Mr. Hill for stepping in and actually lead the meeting since he was physically present. Mrs. Jones stated everything they discussed was approved at tonight’s meeting.

Chairman Krug reported Chuck Nagel, Chairman of the Finance Committee, is spending time in Texas enjoying retirement how he will be down there a lot this summer how Mr. Nagel didn’t feel going into the budget process as Chair of Finance it would be hard for him to do a good job with it how Chairman Krug stated he will be taking on Mr. Nagels position. Chairman Krug stated Mr. Nagel was a strong leader, how Chairman Krug plans to delegate and take everyone along in the process further stating how he expects in the first two meetings Mrs. Jones will lead those meetings how he expects the people on County Offices and the people on Finance to listen and learn from the Department Heads how he thinks the people on County Offices can help those on Finance that are not conversant with that committee and how everything works. Chairman Krug stated in September the Public Safety Committee, Mr. Burditt, will be in charge of that meeting with those two Committee’s he is the person who is on Public Safety and Finance being the specialist for that part of the Budget. Chairman Krug stated for Road & Bridge Mr. Steffen and Mr. Hill will be handling that budget and he expects them to do a good job Chairman Krug stated he also plans on attending that meeting along with Mr. Meinhold. Mr. Hill stated as always they will be leaning heavily on County Engineer Moore to walk them through that particular budget because it is different and takes time to understand all the different funding’s involved please be aware it is complicated but your all welcome to come and see how it all comes together. Chairman Krug reported the Department Heads were asked on some of the projects they brought to Finance that possibly would be funded under the Rescue money how he would like for the Board Members to see how that will look in context to a budget because you don’t have to approve everything but we are doing the 2023 budget and we will have to designate this money in 2024 so a year from now how Chairman Krug does not wants us rushing making bad decisions throwing money around further stating in October he hopes we come together as a Finance Committee we will set a tax levy and listen to some of the other funds Melissa will inform them the ones they need to work on hopefully they will come back from the October meeting with a consensus coming from the Committees putting the budget on display and pass it in November. Chairman Krug stated that Mr. Cardin was put on as an alternate to the Public Safety Committee, further stating he wants to make certain there are people here to hear the budget asking that all alternates be paid during the budgeting process at the committees they attend and if they need anyone else to be appointed as an alternate how if any of the Committees have any trouble rallying a quorum or need more people to contact him.

Mr. Burditt, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reported their committee had a lot of discussion but did not act on anything. Mr. Burditt stated they did have a Special Meeting today in regards to the Parking Lot Project and wanted to thank all the members for their flexibility to attend. Mr. Burditt discussed the Public Safety packet specifically how it talks a lot about the Sheriff’s Department and what they have going on how included this month there was a summary of calls in May how interesting it is to see what kind of calls they are going to and spending their time. Mr. Burditt reported on the corrections and inmate population report how he has never seen that before and how interesting it is to see it how he urges everyone to take a look at that and get
Mr. Parsons, Chairman of the Conservation Planning and Zoning Committee, stated he didn’t have anything to report on for their committee.

Mr. Parsons reported for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Parsons reported they have a hearing on June 28th at 6:00pm in the County Board Room to hear an application for a Special Use in Panola Township to operate a Private Christian High School located in the AG District on a 2.32 acre parcel commonly described 706 50th St Panola.

Chairman Krug asked Mr. Cardin to ask his question concerning a log jam the size of a football field on the Mackinaw River how a lot of people have been trying to kayak this for 2 years how the Illinois Department of Conservation have been talking to the Core of Engineers searching for an answer on how to solve this problem. County Board Member Autum Jones indicated that Congressman LaHood’s office could assist with this issue.

Chairman Krug called for Public Announcements stating there were 4th of July activities noted on the agenda which included the Eureka Sportsman Club Breakfast from 7:00 AM till 9:00 AM; the Eureka Parade at 10:00 AM; and Fireworks at dusk.

Chairman Krug stated there would be an Executive Session.

Mr. Hill moved to go into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(3) the appointment, employment, compensation of an employee, which was seconded by Mrs. Jones.

Chairman Krug called for a roll call vote to move into Executive Session. County Board Members voting Aye: Donald Tolan, Ansel Burditt, Bill Cardin, Albert Durst, Richard Hill, Autum Jones, John Krug, Nick Miller, Blake Parsons, Jonathan Schertz, and Jerry Smith. County Board Members voting Nay: None. County Board Members absent: Justin Faulk, excused; David Meinhold, excused; Chuck Nagel, excused; and Dan Steffen, absent. Motion carried.

Entered Executive Session at approximately 7:26 PM.

Chairman Krug called for a motion to come back into regular session.

Mr. Schertz moved to come back into regular session, which was seconded by Mr. Smith; motion carried.

Chairman Krug called for action coming out of Executive Session; hearing none.

Mr. Miller moved to adjourn until 6:30 P.M. the third Tuesday in July, A.D. 2022 same being the 19th day of said month, which motion was seconded by Mr. Burditt and was unanimously carried.

Chairman Krug announced the Board adjourned at approximately 8:08 PM.

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