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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 July, AD 2022, same being the 19th day of said month.

Tuesday July 19, 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, Justin Faulk, Richard Hill, Autum Jones, John Krug, David Meinhold, Nick Miller, Jonathan Schertz, Jerry Smith, and Donald Tolan. Absent: Chuck Nagel, excused; Blake Parsons, excused; and Dan Steffen, excused. 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. Meinhold and was unanimously carried.

Clerk Kupfer submitted the minutes of the June 21, 2022, regular session County Board meeting for additions, corrections, and approval.

Mr. Burditt moved to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2022, regular Session County Board meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Smith and unanimously carried.

Clerk Kupfer submitted the Executive Session Minutes of June 21, 2022, for additions, corrections, and approval.

Mr. Tolan moved to approve and keep confidential the Executive Session minutes of June 21, 2022, which was seconded by Mr. Schertz. Motion unanimously 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, hearing none.

Mr. Schertz moved to approve the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Mr. Hill. Motion carried.

Appointments:
   a. Approval of the reappointment of Christine Slagel to the Caterpillar Trail Public Water District for a 5-year term expiring May 1, 2027.
   b. Approval of the reappointment of Stephen P. Bachman to the Steward-Cemetery Association for a 6-year term expiring March 1, 2028.
   c. Approval of the reappointment of Steven Ulrich to the Steward-Harmony Cemetery Association for a 2-year term expiring March 1, 2028.
   d. Approval of the reappointment of Roger Ulrich to the Steward-Harmony Cemetery Association for a
6-year term expiring March 1, 2028.
e. Approval of the appointment of Sue Knepp to the Woodford County Housing Authority to complete the unexpired 2-year term of Donita Curtis expiring June 30, 2023.

Petitions, Resolutions and/or Motions:

a. Approval of Peaceful Meadows Subdivision Plat.
c. Approval of Ordinance 2021/2022-012 granting the Truth Academy a Special Use to operate a Private Christian School located in the (AG) Agriculture District, on 2.32 acres, Lot B NW ¼ SW ¼ Section 20, T27N-R2E of the 3rd P.M. Woodford County, Illinois, and more commonly described as 706 50th Street, Panola, Illinois.
d. Approval of Resolution 2021/2022-057 authorizing the purchase of a new trailer to be used for hauling equipment.
e. Approval of Resolution 2021/2022-061 to award Worth Township MFT maintenance contract for seal coat, Section 22-1700-15-GM.
f. Approval of 2021/2022-062 authorizing the purchase of snow plow cutting edges and backer blades used for plowing snow.
g. Approval of 2021/2022-063 appropriating supplemental $140,000.00 from the Rebuild Illinois Bond Funds to pay for County Highway 13 construction, Section 16-0091-02-RR.

Chairman Krug called for New Business, going on to say State’s Attorney Minger was going to be present for both Items listed but had not made it to the meeting. Chairman Krug inquired as to whether the Members wanted to wait to discuss the items until the State’s Attorney arrived; Members agreed.

Chairman Krug moved to Presentations stating there would be presentation given on the Broadband Infrastructure.

Ms. Kathie Brown with Greater Peoria Economic Development Council (GPEDC), who serves as the Director of Rural Outreach and Development spoke to the Members on the topic of Broadband. She went on say in December of last year an application was submitted on behalf of Woodford County to participate in the Accelerate Illinois Broadband Infrastructure Planning Program. Ms. Brown said there is 350 million dollars of Federal Funding available, and the State of Illinois will be receiving a portion of that money which all the internet service providers can apply for and receive incentives to do builds. She stated Woodford County has a team which includes County Board Members, the Health Department, representatives from two Libraries, and the Hospital Administrator who are looking at the broadband data, and that broadband is an essential part of everyone’s life, whether it be life, educational or work related. Ms. Brown stated there is data being collected concerning broadband access as well as the download and upload speeds. Ms. Brown said the survey is available until August 1, 2022, and she encouraged every person to please promote this survey and to get the word out about completing the survey.

Chairman Krug moved back to New Business, calling for Item (a) the purchase of property for the Sheriff’s shooting range. Chairman Krug said Mr. Smith has been working with Mr. Parsons to purchase the ground for the range, and he asked State’s Attorney Minger to give an explanation to the Members.

State’s Attorney Minger stated there had been a Quit Claim Deed which had been drafted by Mr. Robert Parsons’ attorney for the purchase, and State’s Attorney Minger has reviewed the document, and everything looks to be in order. He went on to say if this is approved by the Board, the County would be purchasing property 1 mile north and 1 Mile west of the intersection of Route 116 and Route 117. State’s Attorney Minger mentioned there was a Right of 1st Refusal until July 13, 2072. He went on to say this meant if the County ever decided to sell the property or if the property is no longer needed by the County, Mr. Parsons and/or his heirs would have the opportunity to buy the property back at the greater of the purchase price or the fair market value of the real estate.
Chairman Krug called for a motion on Item (a) the purchase of property for the Sheriff’s Shooting Range. Mr. Meinhold moved to approve the signing and acceptance of all documentation pertaining to the purchase of the Parsons property, which was seconded by Mr. Schertz. Motion carried.

Chairman Krug called for Item (b) under New Business, the Collective bargaining agreement with the Sheriff’s Department. State’s Attorney Minger stated this should be discussed in Executive Session.

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. Faulk

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

Mr. Burditt moved to add (3) claims for Animal Control; the first claim is to Mr. Tim Abney for his monthly Animal Control Administrator fee and boarding fee in the amount of $8,093.33; and the second claim is to the Prairie Oak Veterinary Center in the amount of $81.99; and the third claim is to Associated Veterinary Clinic in the amount of $120.00; Mr. Durst seconded the motion.

Chairman Krug called for a motion to add the (3) claims. Motion carried.

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

Mrs. Jones presented and read Resolution 2021/2022-064 approving the payment of the Claims, which was seconded by Mr. Burditt.

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

The Report of the County Treasurer on Summary of Accounts Report, the Revolving Loan Activity Report, the Sales Tax Report. Ms. Andrews stated there were two funds on the Treasurer’s Summary Report which had negative fund balances at the end of June, however her office has processed the first distribution of real estate taxes on July first which put money into each of those funds. Ms. Andrews said these are in pooled bank accounts so just the individual fund was in the red, not the bank account. She added this is a timing issue which usually happens every year.

Mr. Cardin moved to place the Treasurer’s reports on file, which motion was seconded by Mr. Schertz 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.

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

The following communication will be placed on file for the regular meeting of the July 19, 2022, County Board meeting

- Information received June 27, 2022, from Enbridge concerning Pipeline Safety.
- The Woodford County Heartline and Heart House 2021 Annual report.
- Minutes of the Road and Bridge Committee meeting held on June 13, 2022.
- Minutes of the Finance & Economic Development Committee meeting held on April 13, 2022.
- Minutes of the County Offices Committee held June 14, 2022; and County Offices Executive Session dated July 14, 2020, part one.
• Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meetings held June 13, 2022, and June 21, 2022.
• Minutes of the Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Committee meeting held April 11, 2022.
• Minutes of the Woodford County Zoning Board of Appeals held on April 26, 2022; and on May 24, 2022.

Mr. Hill moved to place all correspondence on file, which motion was seconded by Mr. Faulk 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 their committee did not have a need to meet last Wednesday. Chairwomen Andrews reported the Premium and Claims Reserve and Health Care Plan Funds had a combined balance of $733,671.25 and the plan continues to be currently performing well.

Mr. Hill, Chairman of the Road & Bridge Committee, reported things are moving right along at Road and Bridge. Mr. Hill gave an update on the new Building how they have a good start on it and they are working on the foundation. Mr. Hill reported on the Trailer purchase they had bid out how they didn’t go with the low bid but accepted the next lowest bid because it was a better fit for them. Mr. Hill stated before tonight’s meeting County Engineer Moore informed him the Metamora to Washington road is now finished everything is done except for the final inspection.

Chairman Krug stated Mrs. Jones will be giving the County Offices and Finance reports.

Mrs. Jones, Chairwomen of the County Offices Committee, reported County Offices and Finance Committees met jointly last week to start the discussion of the budget. Mrs. Jones stated they went over general funds with the Treasurer’s Office, Assessor’s Office and the State’s Attorney Office how they plan to continue going over those budgets next month. Mrs. Jones reported they also discussed uses of the ARPA Funds finding out what the priorities are within our Departments and have them prioritize their lists numerically and forward on to them. Mrs. Jones reported on the discussion they had with County Clerk Dawn Kupfer regarding Election Judges and the shortage they are facing with Election Judges how they have a lot of people who either moved out of the County or are no longer interested in serving. Mrs. Jones asked if anyone has any ideas or can speak to friends about being an Election Judge to send them to Dawn. Mrs. Jones stated the other discussion they had was on the GPEDC contribution and was decided to increase it by $5,000.00.

Chairman Krug discussed the Election Judge issue and how important it is to find people to serve how if we cannot find people polling places might have to be closed. County Clerk Dawn Kupfer stated she has 265 certified Election Judges through Court and she had to scramble to get 137 Judges to serve with 37 precincts to cover. County Board Member Don Tolan inquired if there were certain places within the County where they are short Judges. County Clerk Kupfer stated Clayton Township was all manned by people from Metamora and Germantown how she had to move some people over to Palestine from Linn Township because of the Election Judge shortage at that precinct and there is also a shortage of Judges in Olio and Partridge Townships.

Mr. Burditt, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reported they spent a great deal of time in regards to Animal Control and continue discussions with the issues that keep coming up how it is a work in progress. Mr. Burditt reported the Health Department gave an update on Covid how there were 320 cases reported in June they had documentation on and in the County 54% of the people are vaccinated with 2 or more doses. Mr. Burditt reported the Sheriff’s Department will have work beginning on the front parking lot sometime during the first week of August and to be aware of the work being done in regards to traffic.

Mr. Burditt reported for the Conservation Planning and Zoning Committee. One of the things that was discussed and passed on tonight’s consent agenda was the subdivision plat for Peaceful Meadows subdivision which is south of Eureka on 117. Mr. Burditt reported they discussed ZBA member training how they want to get a better understanding of roles and responsibility of ZBA members they thought perhaps the best course of
action would be to have a training day to bring everybody up to speed on what the responsibilities of being a member are.

Mr. Burditt reported for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Burditt reported there is going to be 1 variance for Cruger Township for a Maintenance Shed as a second structure to the property. Since there is no opposition to it a Hearing Officer will oversee it.

Chairman Krug called for Public Announcements. Mr. Meinhold stated Mr. Gary Weiss will have a Kayak Course with an entry fee of $35.00 the money raised will help Eureka Lake Park and it will be held at Eureka Lake on August 20, 2022.

Chairman Krug stated there would be two Executive Sessions.

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

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

Entered Executive Session at approximately 7:18 PM.

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

Mr. Durst moved to come back into regular session, which was seconded by Mrs. Jones; motion carried.

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

Chairman Krug called for motion to go back into Executive Session.

Mr. Burditt moved to into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c )1, which was seconded by Mr. Miller.

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

Entered Executive Session at approximately 7:20 PM.

Chairman Krug called for a motion to come back into regular session approximately 8:58 PM

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

Chairman Krug called for any action coming out of Executive Session.

Mrs. Jones moved to approve the Agreement for employment as Zoning Administrator and Assessment Office Supervisor for the County of Woodford Contract, which was seconded by Mr. Hill. Motion carried.

Mrs. Jones moved to amend Section V, paragraph 2 after the second sentence, “All obligations under this agreement shall cease at the end of the 30-day period.”; adding “Compensation after termination of the
contract will return to the previous salary including any and all step increases that would have been relevant.”; to the Agreement for employment as Zoning Administrator and Assessment Office Supervisor; which was seconded by Mr. Durst. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Schertz moved to adjourn until 6:30 P.M. the third Tuesday in August, A.D. 2022 same being the 16th day of said month, which motion was seconded by Mr. Meinhold and was unanimously carried.

Chairman Krug announced the Board adjourned at approximately 9:08 PM.

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