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 July, AD 2020, same being the 21st day of said month.

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

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

Chairman Krug began the meeting with a moment of silence and then led all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call by the Clerk. Present: Emily Barker (Zoom), Richard Hill (Zoom), Bryant Kempf, John Krug, Barry Logan, Blake Parsons, Jason Spence, Dan Steffen and Donald Tolan. Absent: Russell Cotton, excused; Joshua Davis, absent; Justin Faulk, excused; Charles Nagel, excused; Randy Roethler, unexcused; and Jerry Smith, excused. Also present was County Clerk Dawn Kupfer. Note: unless noted otherwise, all Members were present in the Board Room.

Board announced in session by the Chairman.

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

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

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

Mr. Steffen moved to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2020 regular session County Board meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Parsons and unanimously carried.

Chairman Krug called for the review of the Executive Session Minutes stating the State’s Attorney had reviewed each set and had submitted his opinion to the Board.

Mr. Spence moved to keep confidential the March 17, 2015 Executive Session minutes, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steffen and unanimously carried.

Mr. Logan moved to keep confidential the June 21, 2016 Part 2 Executive Session minutes, which motion was seconded by Mr. Spence and unanimously carried.

Mr. Tolan moved to keep confidential the March 19, 2019 Part 2 Executive Session minutes, which motion was seconded by Mr. Steffen and unanimously carried.

Chairman Krug called for public input, hearing none the Board used this time to recognize Dr. Gary Knepp.

Mr. Logan stated during the on-going pandemic our paid staff, Kent McCanless, Mike Oltman, along with Sargent Marin and Staff Sargent Seplic put in many hours to man the EOC and distribute Personal Protective Equipment to those in need and the County thanks them for all of their hard work. Mr. Logan stated tonight the County would like to thank the unpaid volunteers which have been donating their own time to help their community, they are Matt Rupp, Stacey Amigoni, Ben Wagner, Eric Lind and Scott Ireland. Mr. Logan
stated there is another person whom has volunteered their time and stands out amongst the rest. He went on to say Dr. Gary Knepp has volunteered nearly 300 hours of his own time so far at the EOC and the Woodford County Health Department. Mr. Logan stated Dr. Knepp started out as an Engineer at Caterpillar prior to becoming a physician, during this time he helped the Eureka Emergency Squad as Chief. Mr. Logan stated after medical school Mr. Knepp practiced at BroMenn, then went on to West Virginia to teach as a Professor of Geriatrics, upon his return to Illinois Mr. Knepp was CEO of UnityPoint in Peoria, Illinois and he joined the Woodford County ESDA in February of 2019. He went on to say Dr. Knepp has been the liaison between the Health Department and the Emergency Management Department and has been very instrumental in the success in combating COVID-19 in Woodford County, without his guidance the County would not be in as good a position as we currently are. Mr. Logan moved on Resolution 2019/2020-075 recognizing Dr. Gary Knepp for his dedication and service to our community, which was seconded by Mr. Parsons. Mr. Logan read the Resolution 2019/2020-075 and presented a plaque to Dr. Gary Knepp.

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

Mr. Logan moved to approve the consent agenda, which was seconded by Mr. Spence.

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

Appointments: None.

Petitions, Resolutions and/or Motions:
   a. Approval of Kissinger Subdivision Plat.
   b. Approval of Kent Subdivision Plat.
   c. Approval of Ordinance 2019/2020-012 Petition 2020-12-S Cazenovia Township granting a Special Use to Jane Addo to allow 4 alpaca’s on a 1 acre parcel in the Residential Single Family (R-1) District, commonly described as 1385 County Road 2250 North, Washburn, Illinois.
   d. Approval of Ordinance 2019/2020-013 Petition 2020-13-A County Wide, granting a text amendment to the Woodford County Zoning Ordinance Section 10-Blank, Section 13- Residential Single Family District. Section 14-Residential Multi Family District. These changes incorporate the Inoperable Motor Vehicle Ordinance into the Zoning Ordinance and modify the permitted agriculture in the Residential Districts in Woodford County.
   e. Approval of Ordinance 2019/2020-014 Petition 2020-08-Z Spring Bay Township granting a map amendment to Nathan Petersen from Residential Single Family (R-1) to Agriculture District (AG), on a 3.5 acre parcel commonly described as 1288 Skyline Drive, East Peoria, Illinois.
   f. Approval of Resolution 08-20-001 to accept full payment of delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and costs from Mark Pinkham for parcel 06-07-209-009 and authorize the cancellation of the Certificate of Purchase on said parcel.
   g. Approval of Resolution 08-20-002 to accept full payment of delinquent taxes, penalties, interest and costs from Mark Pinkham for parcel 06-07-209-035 and authorize the cancellation of the Certificate of Purchase on said parcel.
   i. Approval of Resolution 2019/2020-076 authorizing Woodford County Microsoft Office 365 statements to be paid in vacation.
   j. Approval of the Temporary move of Metamora 4 and Metamora 5 Polling place from Snyder Village at 1200 E. Partridge, Metamora, Illinois to the Christian Union Church (East Doors) located at 925 W. Walnut Street, Metamora, Illinois.
   k. Approval of the Temporary move of Worth 9 and Worth 10 Polling places from The Parish Center at Lourdes Church at 424 Lourdes Church Road, Metamora, Illinois to Marlene’s Event Barn located at 1380 Hickory Point Road, Metamora, Illinois.
   l. Approval of the Temporary move of Worth 7 and Worth 8 Polling places from Mt. Alverno Novitiate (Motherhouse) at 1175 St. Francis Lane, East Peoria, Illinois to Kouri’s located at 105 Elizabeth Point Drive, Metamora, Illinois.
m. Approval of the Temporary move of the Olio 3 Polling place from The Apostolic Christian Home at 610 W. Cruger, Eureka, Illinois to the Church of the Nazarene located at 1601 S. Main Street, Eureka, Illinois.

n. Approval of the Temporary move of the Roanoke 3 Polling place from the Roanoke Village Hall at 101 N. Main Street to the Roanoke Park Building located on Victory Avenue (next to the Roanoke Pool), Roanoke, Illinois.

Chairman Krug moved on to the New Business portion of the Meeting; the first items under New Business were Item (b) the approval of the Premium Rates for the Plan Year 2021. Chairwoman Andrews stated the Health Insurance Committee had met and discussed the premiums for the plan year 2021 which she stated the committee felt the premiums presented should cover the cost for healthcare in the coming year and break even.

Mr. Steffen moved to approve the Premium Rates for the plan year 2021, which was seconded by Mr. Kempf and unanimously carried.

Chairman Krug called for Item (c) the approval of allowing claims for consultations by telephone, email or online physicians to become a permanent part of the Health Care Plan (previously approved thru the end of the 2020 plan year). Chairwoman Andrews stated the Health Care Committee had met and decided because no one was sure of how long COVID-19 would be a factor, the Committee would like make this a permanent part of the Health Care Plan moving forward.

Mr. Spence moved to approve adding the approval of consultations by telephone, email or online physicians as a permanent part of the Health Care Plan, which was seconded by Mr. Kempf and unanimously carried.

Chairman Krug announced there was no Unfinished Business to discuss nor Presentations this evening.

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

Mr. Spence presented and read Resolution 2019/2020-077 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: Richard Hill, Bryant Kempf, John Krug, Barry Logan, Blake Parsons, Jason Spence, Dan Steffen, Donald Tolan and Emily Barker. County Board Members voting Nay: None. County Board Members absent: Russell Cotton, excused; Joshua Davis, absent; Justin Faulk, excused; Charles Nagel, excused; Randy Roethler, unexcused; and Jerry Smith, excused. 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 July 31, 2020 was presented, as well as a report on the Revolving loan Fund. Ms. Andrews stated the total fund balance increased in July by 3.6 million dollars, this is part due to the first distribution of taxes and partly because the County receives some large deposits for MFT Funds for the Highway Department. Ms. Andrews said the second installment of Real Estate Taxes is due on September 4, 2020.

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

The report for the Office of the County Board dated August 18, 2020 was presented. Mr. Logan moved to place the Report on file, which motion was seconded by Mr. Kempf and was unanimously carried.
The following communication will be placed on file for the regular meeting of the August 18, 2020 County Board meeting:

- Letter from Mediacom dated July 24, 2020 noting the contract to carry will the NFL Network and NFL RedZone channels will end on July 31, 2020.
- Letter from Mediacom dated July 31, 2020 notification of equal employment opportunity/affirmative action obligations.
- Notice from Prime Clerk LLC regarding the proof of claim in the Purdue Bankruptcy case.
- Letter from BCI Capital requesting to be added to a bid list for deposit services.
- Minutes of the Road and Bridge Committee meeting held July 13, 2020.
- Minutes of the Public Safety Committee meeting held July 13, 2020.
- Minutes of the Finance & Economic Development Committee held on July 7, 2020.
- Minutes of the Health Care Committee held on July 15, 2020.

Mr. Parsons moved to place all correspondence on file, which motion was seconded by Mr. Spence 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 and the main items on their agenda was the premium rates which was approved at tonight’s meeting as well as the recommendation for permanently making Dr. Visits by Email a permanent part of the plans benefit. Chairwomen Andrews stated the balances in the premium reserves and health care plan funds have been holding steady.

Mr. Steffen, reported for the Road & Bridge Committee. Mr. Steffen reported there was damage to the office building equipment and carpet due to the flood. Mr. Steffen stated they discussed their stand-by generator that didn’t fire the last time the electricity went off and the age of it being on borrowed time. Mr. Steffen reported that ESDA donated one to them that they are going to hook up which will run the entire office and complex. Mr. Steffen gave an update on CH 13 and the location of that project. Mr. Steffen reported they discussed their budget and new projects related to county/township bridges for the 2020/2021 year. Mr. Steffen asked County Engineer Moore for any further reporting. County Engineer Moore reported CH 13 preliminary design report work was approved by IDOT and work will begin at some future date. County Engineer Moore stated they received 1.2 million grant for the bridge in Roanoke and they are working with IDOT to figure out how they want to stretch the different sections of the project out. Mr. Spence inquired as to when construction would start. County Engineer Moore stated it all has to do with funding and project readiness and could be several years out before you could see some ground breaking on the south end. Mr. Steffen reported on the reseal projects stating they have all been completed for this year.

Mr. Spence, Chairman of the County Offices Committee, reported the main items they discussed was approval of moving 5 polling places because of COVID issues related to Nursing Homes and people not being able to go to those locations to vote as they have in the past. Mr. Spence reported on the resolution for Microsoft Office 365 bill to be paid in vacation because of due date timing issues. Mr. Spence reported there was an individual that wanted to pay his taxes before they went to sale and they approved that.

Mr. Logan, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reported they discussed replacing the gutters down at Annex 4 with larger gutters. Mr. Logan stated the roof on the Courthouse is completed and commented on the nice shiny copper flashing and how nice it looks. Mr. Logan reported they are discussing a retaining wall on the back of the Public Safety Building and will probably be bringing something to the County Board next month in regards to that. Mr. Logan reported they will probably need security down at Annex 4 essentially for the voting machines that are stored there and will be bringing something forward on that in the near future.
Blake Parsons, Chairman of the Conservation Planning and Zoning Committee, reported on the preliminary plats that were approved on the consent agenda at tonight’s meeting. Mr. Parsons stated they did not have a regular scheduled meeting this month.

Mr. Parsons reported for the Zoning Board of Appeals. Mr. Parsons reported on August 25th they have 2 petitions coming in; 1 is a rezone for a map amendment for a commercial and agricultural district to be changed to heavy industrial located by Blunier Builders for growth; Roanoke Township filed a variance for maximum lot coverage in an Ag district which allows you to exceed square footage of an accessory structure. Mr. Parsons gave an update on the communication between them and Tri-Global Energy. Mr. Parsons stated they are ready to apply submitting their applications in September and if that happens it could put them potentially into November hearings and the concerns on where those hearings could be held. Mr. Parsons reported he did communicate with Tom Zobrist at Liberty Bible Church and he was gracious enough to offer up his facility for those hearings based on if the Church Elders are in agreement. Mr. Parsons went into further detail stating they have a big space and plenty of IT there. Mr. Parsons reported he is waiting on feedback to hear if they would need to compensate the church in some way for use of their facility how Tri Global has offered to satisfy that need financially. Mr. Parsons stated that Lisa and he had received a call from the same individual with concerns about not being able to attend due to COVID because of his age being 81 years old and how he wants to attend but can’t because of the risk being too high and he believes the hearings should not happen at all. Mr. Parsons commented he would keep everyone informed on the progression of this matter.

Chairman Krug called for Public Announcements, hearing none.

Chairman Krug stated there were no need to go into Executive Session.

Mr. Kempf moved to adjourn until 6:30 P.M. the third Tuesday in September, A.D. 2020 same being the 15th day of said month, which motion was seconded by Mr. Parsons and was unanimously carried.

Chairman Krug announced the Board adjourned at approximately 7:00 PM.

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