



County Services Committee Minutes

Lee County, Illinois

Apr 9, 2024 at 9:00 AM CDT

Old Lee County Courthouse, Third Floor Boardroom, 112 E 2nd St, Dixon, IL 61021

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m., by Chair Jack Skrogstad.

II. Committee Member Roll Call: Chair Jack Skrogstad, Vice Chair Dean Freil, Katie White, Ron Gascoigne, Reed Akre, Ali Huss

Jack Skrogstad, Dean Freil, Katie White, Reed Akre, and Ali Huss attended in person. Ron Gascoigne was absent.

Also present: Keane Hudson, Mike Koppien, and Nancy Naylor (Board Members), Dave Anderson (County Engineer/Highway Department), Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Jeremy Englund (Administrator), Greg Gates (LOTS), Paul Gorski (IT Director), Alice Henkel (Zoning Administrator), Josh Knuth (Assistant Superintendent Regional Office of Education), Laura Mangrum (Deputy Zoning Administrator), Nancy Petersen (County Clerk and Recorder),), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) all attended in person.

During attendance:

- Laura Mangrum shared information with the committee regarding the County floodplain status. She provided a summary of the information that will be attached to a copy of the minutes and included in the April County Board agenda packet.

III. Public Attendees

Rick Humphrey.

IV. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting - (March 12, 2024)

Minutes from the March 12, 2024, County Services Committee Meeting were approved as presented without modification.

V. Transportation/Solid Waste

A. *Monthly Report*

Dave Anderson walked the committee through the report that he submitted and the three (3) action items on the agenda. Dave explained that action items one (1) and two (2) on the agenda were both related to a particular federally funded overlay project on Indian Head Road. The full report will be attached to a copy of the minutes and included in the April County Board agenda packet.

B. *Highway Department*

1. *Appropriation Resolution for County Matching Funds - Indian Head Road*
 Dave Anderson explained that this resolution spelled out the County's responsibility to appropriate specific funds for the Indian Head project.

Motion to move the Appropriation Resolution for County Matching Funds for Indian Head Road to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the April County Board Agenda. **Moved** by Dean Freil. **Second** by Ali Huss. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

2. *Joint Funding Agreement for State Participation - Indian Head Road*
Motion to move the Joint Funding Agreement for State Participation for Indian Head Road to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the April County Board Agenda. **Moved** by Dean Freil. **Second** by Reed Akre. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

3. *Awarding of Bids from the April 8, 2024, Bid Letting*
 Dave Anderson reported that the Highway Department had a bid opening on Friday, April 8, 2024, the results are listed below, and the complete bid tabulations can be found on the Highway Department website.

SECTION NO.	DESCRIPTION	LOW BIDDER	BID PRICE
24-07000-00-GM	Dixon Township HMA	Martin and Company	\$52,704.58
24-12000-00-GM	Marion Township HMA	Porter Brothers	\$21,374.19
24-00353-05-RS	Chicago Road HMA (TARP Project)	Martin and Company	\$496,257.70

Motion to award the bids received on April 8, 2024, for the projects presented to the committee, subject to the Highway Commissioner concurrence, as applicable, and IDOT review. **Moved** by Dean Freil. **Second** by Reed Akre. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. *Solid Waste Management*

Dave Anderson reported that the Highway Department is now accepting electronics recycling.

VI. Assessor's Office - GIS Department

A. *Assessor's Office*

1. *Monthly Report*

Jennifer Boyd was not able to attend the meeting, but submitted a detailed report that will be attached to a copy of the minutes and included on the April County Board agenda packet.

B. GIS Department (Geographic Information System)

1. *Monthly Report*

Sami Elarifi was not able to attend the meeting, but submitted a detailed report that will be attached to a copy of the minutes and included on the April County Board agenda packet.

VII. County Board

Jeremy Englund reported that the Lee County Broadband Breakthrough group continues to meet. They are currently discussing plans to meet with internet service providers to see what their organizations could do to help the County with infrastructure needs in the underserved areas. He explained that the survey discussed last month would be launched later in the day. The survey is open to everyone in the County, whether you currently have great services or no service at all. The goal is to collect the data, identify the specific needs throughout the County, and create a plan that properly executes the strategies necessary to secure future grant funding.

VIII. County Clerk and Recorder's Office

A. *Monthly Report*

Nancy Peterson walked the committee through the report that she submitted. The full report will be attached to a copy of the minutes and included in the April County Board agenda packet.

IX. IT Department (Information Technology)

A. *Monthly Report*

Paul Gorski walked the committee through the report that he submitted. The full report will be attached to a copy of the minutes and included in the April County Board agenda packet.

X. LOTS (Lee-Ogle Transportation System)

A. *Monthly Report*

Greg Gates walked the committee through the report that he submitted. The full report will be attached to a copy of the minutes and included in the April County Board agenda packet.

XI. ROE (Regional Office of Education #47)

A. *Monthly Report*

Josh Knuth walked the committee through the report submitted from the Regional Office of Education. The full report will be attached to a copy of the minutes and included in the April County Board agenda packet.

XII. Veterans Assistance

There was no report from Veterans Assistance.

XIII. Zoning / Planning

A. *Monthly Report*

Alice Henkel walked the committee through the report that she submitted. The full report will be attached to the minutes and included in the April County Board agenda packet.

B. Petitions Going To the Zoning Board of Appeals - 1 Petition

1. Petition No. 24-P-1624 by Richard Humphrey, Jr. and Brenda Humphrey, regarding part of PIN 18-08-13-100-006, located in South Dixon Township.

Motion to move Petition 24-P-1624 to the Executive Committee for inclusion on the April County Board Agenda? **Moved** by Katie White. **Second** by Dean Freil. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

C. Petitions Coming From the Zoning Board of Appeals - None

D. Petitions Going To the Planning Commission - None

E. Petitions Coming From the Planning Commission - None

XIV. Unfinished Business

There were no items under Unfinished Business.

XV. New Business

There were no items under New Business.

XVI. Executive Session

There was no request for an Executive Session.

XVII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 9:34 a.m. **Moved** by Dean Freil. **Second** by Ali Huss. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

The next County Services Committee Meeting is scheduled for
9:00 a.m., on Tuesday, May 14, 2024

Respectfully submitted by:
Becky Brenner - Board Secretary

Lee County Highway Department
Report to the County Services Committee – APRIL 2024

The following represents a report of notable Highway Department activities and explanations of requested board actions:

Status of Current Projects

- Bid Letting on 4/8/2024, bid tabulations are on the County Website.

Other:

- Normal springtime maintenance activities are ongoing (ditch cleanup, shoulder disking, repairing equipment from winter use, preparing equipment for summer maintenance, planning maintenance projects, etc.).
- Preparing bid proposals and contracts for summer construction. Layout for summer construction. Planning for 2025-2030 projects.

Board Action Items:

- Joint Funding Agreement for State Participation – Indian Head Road
- Appropriation Resolution for County Matching Funds – Indian Head Road
- Award Bids from April 8, 2024 Letting.

Solid Waste

Electronics collection is now open on weekdays (excluding County holidays) from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. The collection program will continue until November 1.



MONTHLY ASSESSMENT OFFICE REPORT
April 9, 2024 – County Services Committee

- ❖ Illinois Property Assessment Institute's annual state conference is being held the week of April 7, 2024. I will be attending two days of educational sessions at that conference in Bloomington-Normal and not be present at the 4/9/2024 County Services Committee Meeting.
- ❖ 2023 Board of Review Update:
 - Hearings wrapped up at the end of February. Final Decisions by the Board of Review for 2023 Assessments were mailed to appellants on February 23, 2024.
 - Property Owners had thirty (30) days from the date the Final Decision was mailed to file to the State Property Tax Appeal Board (PTAB).
 - As of this time, PTAB records indicate 3 parcels have been docketed to them. The County has received official notification for one of those appeals so far. Once notified, the Board of Review has 90 days to respond.
- ❖ We received confirmation that the Department of Revenue received the 2023 Lee County final Abstract on March 25, 2024 and have begun their calculations.
- ❖ 2024 Devnet (taxing software) work:
 - 2024 homestead exemptions that needed to be added or removed based on a change list compiled throughout the 2023 year have been entered.
 - Annual exemption renewal forms for the 2024 tax year are being prepared to be mailed to qualified residents. Those include the Senior Assessment Freeze, Persons with Disabilities and Veterans with Disabilities.
 - Parcels are being reclassified and revalued for 2024 that had a warranted change in 2023 (i.e. parcel divisions, combinations, sales of parcels with class codes that may warrant a change in classification, etc.).
 - TrueRoll review of unqualified homestead exemptions continues.
- ❖ 2024 PAMS (property record card) work:
 - Quadrennial reassessment townships for 2024 are East Grove, Hamilton, Marion, South Dixon, Harmon and Nelson
 - Improved parcel records are being reviewed for accuracy along with current photos, arial photography, sales listings, and any other means data available.
 - Land Values will be reassessed using comparable sales data.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Boyd, CIAO
Chief County Assessment Officer/GIS Supervisor



Monthly GIS Department Report
April 4, 2024

The GIS Department has been working on:

- Processing parcel splits and combination requests for February 2024.
- Classifying the broadband serviceable locations in Lee County and identifying internet service providers in the neighboring counties for the broadband breakthrough project.
- Maintaining and updating land use, zoning, and other GIS layers.
- Responding to several map printing requests.
- Updating 911 and NG911 address points and responders' zone layers.
- Troubleshooting issues related to feature editing and data collection in the City of Dixon Water Department web map.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sami Elarifi
GIS Coordinator



COUNTY CLERK & RECORDER
REPORT FOR APRIL COMMITTEE MEETING

General Primary official results are located on our website.

Registered Voters 21,396

Total Ballots Cast 4857 22.7%

Early voting 14.2% with 692 Ballots cast. Vote by Mail 15.2% with 738 Ballots cast

Economic Interest Forms went in the mail on Tuesday February the 6th. If for some reason you did not receive one see my office on the first floor. **The deadline is May 1st to have them filed.** My office mailed out 624 forms and have approximately 130 left outstanding.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Petersen".

Nancy Petersen
Lee County Clerk & Recorder



IT Department
Paul Gorski, IT Director
www.leecountyil.com

April 9, 2024

IT Board Report – April 2024

1. Current IT projects include:

- Old Courts – Backing up and decommissioning older servers, migrating data to newer servers.
- LEC – Coordinating the deployment of a new server solution with Motorola to integrate body cam footage with data from Motorola Flex/911 data.
- LEC – Wrapping up a variety of smaller, miscellaneous projects
- New Courts – Starting to deploy grant-funded computers for New Courts
- New Courts – Completed SAO office carpet installation moves.
- New Courts – Completed Public Defender office carpet installation moves.
- New Courts – Investigating evidence storage needs for SAO. **A heads up to the board:** this may involve a special capital request this year or a budgeted capital request for next year.

2. Upcoming projects include:

- New Courts - Coordinate IT upgrades to 4th floor court room build out with Courts staff, SAO and Maintenance.
- LEC - Assist with LEC security camera PC software upgrades, due April-May 2024.
- LEC – Deploy New laptops/Toughbooks and Microsoft Word on tablets.
- Organize Cybersecurity response team and response team plan.

Contact me with any questions.

Thank you.

Paul Gorski
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Report to County Services Committee of Lee County Board

April 9, 2024 | 9:00 AM

1) THIRD QUARTER RIDE DATA (January 1, 2024 – March 31, 2024)

	January, 2024	February, 2024	March, 2024	Total for Period
RIDES	7,195	8,118	7,149	22,462
SERVICE HOURS	2,181	2,481	2,276	6,938
MILES OF SERVICE	58,542	69,573	63,307	191,422
FUEL COST	\$19,531.95	\$28,426.43	\$23,799.59	\$71,758

2) DEVELOPMENTS

a) Reagan Mass Transit District

i) The Definitive Agreement, outlining the transition of assets to RMTD, has been approved by the Lee County Board and the Ogle County Board.

(1) Work now begins on finalizing arrangements for RMTD to start by July 1, 2024.

(2) Closing between Lee County and RMTD will take place on June 30, 2024.

b) Budget/Contracts for FY 2025 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)

(1) FY 2025 Contract Applications have been submitted to IDOT.

(2) Contractual amounts for State Fiscal Year 2025 are as follows:

(a) 5311 Contract: \$283,450

(b) 5311F Contract (I-88): \$1,100,000

(c) 5311F Contract (I-39): \$929,606

(d) DOAP Contract: \$1,867,008

c) Rural Winnebago County Transit Services

i) The Winnebago County Board is continuing to work toward the launch of rural public transportation services on July 1, 2024.

(a) An Intergovernmental Agreement with Winnebago County is being completed to formalize the provision of transportation services.

(b) The formal request from Winnebago County for three (3) vehicles to be used in that county will be made in the coming weeks.

(c) The contractual budget proposed by IDOT for this new service is as follows:

(i) 5311 Contract: \$207,864

(ii) DOAP Contract: \$798,728

d) Feasibility Studies: Dixon and Rochelle

i) Work has started with RLS and Associates on Feasibility Studies for Dixon and Rochelle.

ii) The Feasibility Study's Public Survey will remain open until April 30th.

iii) Public Meetings in Dixon are scheduled for April 16th

(a) 1st meeting is 1:00 – 2:30 PM at Dixon Park District

(b) 2nd meeting is 5:30 – 7:00 PM at Dixon Park District

(2) Public Meetings in Rochelle are scheduled for April 17th

(a) 1st meeting is 1:00 – 2:30 PM at Rochelle City Hall

(b) 2nd meeting is 5:30 – 7:00 PM at Rochelle City Hall

(3) The feasibility studies will consider the potential of creating fixed routes for the cities.

(4) The studies are running concurrently with completion by end of August, 2024.

e) Hydrogen Fuel Feasibility Study

i) LOTS is submitting an application on the feasibility of hydrogen as a fuel for development and use in rural public transportation system. Proposal being submitted is to the State Planning and Research division of IDOT by due date of April 14th.

- f) **LOTS Awarded Funding to Complete SPR Funding on Transportation Needs**
 - i) A contract between Lee County and State Planning and Research of IDOT has been executed for this two-year project with a budget of \$243,594.
 - ii) This project will look at the general “transportation needs” of residents in Lee and Ogle Counties.
 - iii) LOTS will partner with a university on the completion of this SPR grant.
- g) **Vehicle Procurement**
 - (1) Lee County / LOTS received word from IDOT that its 2022 CVP Application was awarded 6 of the 10 proposed vehicles.
 - (a) The vehicles, which will likely come in 2025, include two (2) minivans and four (4) light duty buses. Total value of these vehicles is more than \$600,000.
 - (2) LOTS collaboration with IDOT on a federal proposal to the Low/No Emission Grants.
 - (a) LOTS will procure two (2) electric buses via this proposal
 - (3) LOTS has submitted the order for two (2) electric vehicles to the Michigan Department of Transportation.
- h) **Architectural/Engineering Firm / Oregon facility construction**
 - i) Pre-award concurrence has been received from IDOT. Larson and Darby, an architectural firm out of Rockford, has been secured for the A&E process.
 - ii) Architectural and Engineering firm has provided us with a 95% complete design of the Oregon facility. This project is part of LOTS application under REBUILD Round 1
- i) **Architectural/Engineering Firm / Addition to Dixon Facility**
 - i) An architectural and engineering firm – Willett Hoffman – was selected for the addition project on to the Reagan Transit Center.
 - ii) Project includes development of new offices at Reagan Transit Center and secured file room/storage room. Geothermal and Solar technologies will be incorporated into complex
 - iii) This project is part of LOTS application under REBUILD Round 2

3) OPERATIONAL AND CAPITAL RELATED DEVELOPMENTS

- a) **Capital Funding / REBUILD Round 1**
 - i) Application includes Construction of new Oregon location
 - ii) Furnishings and equipment for Oregon facility
 - iii) Implementation of video surveillance cameras into 17 of LOTS’ buses and minivans (completed)
 - iv) Three (3) new buses (Ford transit type vehicles)
- b) **Capital Funding / REBUILD Round 2**
 - (1) Notice of State Award being processed by IDOT
 - (2) LOTS Proposal will allow for the following:
 - (a) Two electric vehicles for use in the LOTS system
 - (b) Three (3) new offices at Reagan Transit Center and secured file room/storage room
 - (c) Develop new Conference Room between Reagan Transit Center and Mechanical Bay
 - (d) Geothermal and Solar technologies will be incorporated into complex
- c) **Capital Funding / REBUILD Round 3**
 - i) IDOT announced that Lee County/LOTS will receive \$62,500 for the purchase of 2 service vehicles
 - ii) The original proposal included the following:
 - (1) Add 72-feet onto the existing bus barn at Reagan Transit Center,
 - (a) This will provide for an additional twelve (12) slots for buses
 - (2) Add another bay onto the existing mechanical building
 - (3) Purchase service vehicles including one for maintenance



Regional Office of Education Report

April 2024

Alternative Learning Opportunities Programs (ALOP)

Article 13B of the School Code (105 ILCS 5/Art. 13B) recognizes that in order to achieve high standards, some students will need educational supports and other support services that are not currently provided by their regular school programs. In order to address these needs, Article 13B enables school districts to develop and implement Alternative Learning Opportunities Programs (ALOPs) that offer a broader range of academic, behavioral, and social/emotional interventions designed to increase the academic achievement levels of these students so that they are able meet the Illinois Learning Standards and complete their education in a safe learning environment. ROE 47 will be applying for an additional ALOP program next year in partnership with Amboy School District. If awarded, The pilot program will be structured with 2 full-time ROE employees working full-time in the Amboy school district with their students that need additional support. If the pilot program goes well, we anticipate opening it up to any of our districts that would be interested.

Professional Learning & Educational Services

Current Programs - Office of Professional Learning & Educational Services
Induction & Mentoring
Community Partnership Grant/IDPH Trauma Grant
Education Pathway Endorsement
Manufacturing, Health Science & Agriculture Endorsement Programs
Elevating Special Educators
School Improvement & Strategic Planning
School Improvement Cooperative (instructional coaching, training, networking)

Social Emotional Learning/Trauma/Youth Mental Health First Aid/TRS I-A
Early Childhood Professional Learning
Family Education & Engagement
NEXUS Family Support Services
Student Attendance

Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Professional Learning & School Improvement

- A full schedule of Professional Learning is available on our website: www.roe47.org
- ROE 47 Early Childhood team, ROE 47 Pathways team, Sauk Valley Community College and Head Start are continuing conversations related to support for incumbent workforce and future educators who may need additional support and networking to promote persistence and degree/credential completion.
- Our annual Education Symposium will be held Friday, April 19th at Sauk Valley College in Dixon. Currently, over 110 freshmen - senior students interested in the field of education are registered to attend.
- ROE 47 School Improvement team staff members are working intensively with six districts on continuous school improvement.
- Trauma 101 and Youth Mental Health First Aid Training is available for registration on our website. This training is available to ALL - educators, community members, agencies, and businesses.
- ROE 47 community partnership delivered 5,000 informational brochures in acrylic displays to schools and area businesses related to understanding childhood trauma. A QR code is included on the back of the trifold to link directly to our community resource directory.
- 90 educators and community partners attended the 6th annual Social Emotional Learning summit held at Sauk Valley College on Thursday, March 14th. The day featured a keynote by Dr. Alonzo Kelly, as well as breakout sessions to provide additional information on trauma, implicit bias, attendance, and brain architecture.
- Upcoming and ongoing professional learning opportunities through our office include: Librarians Networking, School Counselor & Social Worker Networking, Social Studies training, Targeted Improvement to Meet the Needs of Diverse Learners (Special Education), monthly networking for special education teachers, 2 cohorts of Developing Special Education Leaders, Transformational Leadership Academy, new teacher cadre, quarterly administrator meetings, quarterly pathway implementation sessions, and more!
- Professional Learning is excited to share that we are launching a third Science of Reading cohort and a new Science of Math cohort for the fall of 2024. Science of Math

training is provided through a subgrant from Math for ALL with funding from the US Department of Education.

- ROE 47 Professional Learning co-hosted a Cultivating Connections in Agriculture Workshop for administrators and counselors at Tettens Grain in Dixon, Illinois. The group got to hear from ILCAE Chair Allyn Buhrow on the importance and impact of agricultural education. Two agricultural teachers Mr. Seth McMillan and Mrs. Donna Page presented agricultural curriculum. Student panel talked about their SAEs and the impact it has had on their future plans. Illinois FFA State Treasurer Ben Bremmer presented opportunities for leadership and career development that FFA provides all students. Finally, we got to visit with a variety of industry personnel that make up our agricultural industry. Big thank you to Katie Pratt Lee co. Ag In the Classroom, Ashleigh Erbes Lee Co Farm Bureau Manager and Stacey Dinges from ROE 47 for partnering with us to put on this great event.
- Our spring book study is “Whole Child, Whole Life” by Stephanie Malia Krauss. This is a hybrid course with Google Classroom and live zoom meetings to discuss the content and takeaways.
- Two sessions remain in our Empowered Educators Series
 - April 14: Educating Children with a Trauma Informed Lens and the Power of YOU
 - May 15: Classroom Wrap Up: 10 Things to Take with You

Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Parent Engagement & Community Outreach
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- To date, ROE 47 has 133 partners on its IRIS referral platform. There have been 2492 referrals and 1405 families served.
- ROE 47 hosted a successful first annual Student Leadership Summit on Friday, March 15th at the McCormick Event Center in Rock Falls. There were 127 freshmen attendees representing 11 schools from Lee, Ogle & Whiteside counties. Dr. Alonzo Kelly led students in critical thinking activities that challenged them to change their thinking and be open to new ideas .
- Family Educators and the Coordinated Intake Specialist have attended over 36 community events and reached over 10,000 families with parent-child activities, educational materials, and links to EC programs and community services through our IRIS referral platform. In FY24, from July 1 - March 31, 2024, the office has hosted or participated in community events that facilitated parent-child interaction and heightened awareness of EC opportunities, including:
 - Lee County Baby Shower (8 families)
 - Sterling Hot Dog Days (400 participants)
 - Back to School Bash (125 participants)
 - Paw Paw Back to School Bash (100 participants)
 - Taste of Fiesta (Sterling) (500 participants)
 - Prophetstown BlockFest (11 children)
 - Polo Library - October 3 (12 families)
 - Ogle County Baby Shower (75 families)

- Polo Library - October 24: (12 families)
 - Trunk or Treat - Sterling (October 25): 500 children
 - Trunk or Treat - Dixon (October 25): 475 children
 - Build A Pet Clubhouse - November 4: 31 children
 - PLT Preschool Parent Education Event - November 6: 27 parents
 - Polo Christmas - December 2: 190 children
 - Sterling Sites & Sounds - December 1: 450 children
 - Blockfest (Sterling Public Schools Early Childhood): 18 families
 - Blockfest (Oregon) - January 20: 12 families, 25 children
 - Empowered Parents Session 1 - January 22: 15 caregivers
 - Virtual Baby Shower - January 24: 8 new & expectant mothers; 9 community organizations
 - Build A Pet Clubhouse - February 10: 33 children
 - Empowered Parents Session 2 - February 12: 12 caregivers
 - Rochelle Hub Family Engagement Night - February 15: 75 children and caregivers
 - Blockfest Amboy - March 1: 22 children
 - Amboy PFA & Kindergarten Family Night: 50 caregivers and children
 - Byron for Parent University - March 12: 11 caregivers
 - Empowered Parents Session 3 - March 18: 14 caregivers
 - Blockfest Riverdale Preschool - March 18-21: 60 caregivers
 - AFC Family Connections Night: 15 caregivers and children
- Our family educators have been trained in facilitating Parent Cafes. These will begin virtually in April 2024. (see flier below)
 - A social emotional lending library has been established that contains Blockfest, Mindful Trails, family engagement activities and Slumberkins resources. These items are available for check out to schools and agencies. We have 10 Mindful Trails, 15 Slumberkins StoryWalks, 15 Slumberkins Big Books, and Slumberkins books with stuffed animals, as well as a number of games and activities. To date, materials have been used for school wide student learning opportunities, staff professional development, community/school events, and school/community family engagement events.
 - Family educators have consulted with school staff to help design engagement events, provide support before events, and supply materials to be used at events.
 - A monthly digital family newsletter has been developed and deployed through Mail Chimp on a monthly basis. Newsletters include parenting information, community family events, early childhood programming and service information, and other important links. Parents/caregivers can subscribe to the ROE Family Newsletter at <https://mailchi.mp/2cde621b466f/family-sign-up>
 - Over 1,400 community outreach bags have been distributed to area schools, preschools, food banks, and shelters. Outreach bags include a personal care item, information on family events and community resources, community agencies, a parent-child activity card, and an activity for parents and children to do together that is focused on social emotional learning, self-care, math, and/or literacy. Parent/child conversation starters,

learning activities, and other materials are compiled covering a variety of age ranges and needs.

- Early Childhood and Family Education team members have assisted with spring early childhood screenings in partnership with our ROE 47 school districts.

Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Social Media

The department's social media presence continues to grow. Like our page on Facebook (Regional Office of Education #47) and download our ROE47 App for weekly teacher talks, instructional tips, news, giveaways, updates & more! Follow us on Twitter @RegionalOffice47

Want to hear from educators & students in the classroom? Check out our Teacher Talks on YouTube! We have an extensive library of 153 videos (and growing) in our collection!

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Upcoming Events



A training for all individuals who work or engage with children

YOUTH MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

"Just one person can make in a young person's life by simply asking, 'Are you OK?'"

March 21 8:30 - 2:30 p.m. Virtual	April 10 8:30 - 2:30 p.m. Sterling Township	May 2 8:30 - 2:30 p.m. Ogle County TBD
June 6 8:30 - 2:30 p.m. SVCC	July 25 8:30 - 2:30 p.m. ROE 47	<i>Scan to Register</i>

To request a training for your organization, email agarza@roe47.org

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Empowered Educators

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| WORKSHOP 1
1/17/24
What you need to know about supporting children of trauma! | WORKSHOP 2
2/21/24
Educating children with a trauma-focused lens. Part 1 | WORKSHOP 3
3/20/24
Educating children with a trauma-focused lens. Part 2 |
| WORKSHOP 4
4/17/24
Educating children with a trauma-focused lens and the impact of YOU. | WORKSHOP 5
5/15/24
Classroom Wrap Up: The 10 things to take with you. | |

ALL WORKSHOPS TAKE PLACE ON ZOOM FROM 3:30-4:30 PM



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Preschool make n takes! Upcoming Events

FEB 6 3:30-4:30 Valentines Day!	MARCH 4 3:30-4:30 Healthy foods!	APR 15 3:30-4:30 Spring!
MAY 6 3:30-4:30 Building!	JUNE 3 3:30-4:30 Summer!	

The Regional Office of Education is going to be hosting "make n take" zooms once a month. The purpose of these are to give our educators ideas that they can bring into the classroom! From different crafts to activities, our Early Childhood Coach will cover many different options! Each month will be a different theme. Please reach out to Ashley Teet if you have questions! ateet@roe47.org



A Family Education & Engagement Event

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH



BUILDING OUR CHILDREN'S BRAINS

"You have a superpower - the ability to have a colossal and positive impact on their child's developing brain."

ABOUT:

Dive into the wonders of brain development through the interactive Brain Architecture Game. Discover how experiences shape the brain and learn practical strategies to support your child's growth and well-being while connecting with other parents and caregivers.

Childcare available!

REGISTER TODAY!

All participants who attend this event will be entered into a raffle.

APRIL 25

5:30-7:00 PM

A meal will be served from 5:00-5:25PM

DIXON HIGH SCHOOL
300 LINCOLN STATUE DR | DIXON, IL 61021

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5:30-7:00 PM

A meal will be served from 5:00-5:25PM

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APRIL 22

5:30-7:00 PM

A meal will be served from 5:00-5:25PM

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Our Parent Cafés are **FREE!**

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APRIL 8

7:00 PM

ONLINE (ZOOM)
A LINK WILL BE SENT PRIOR TO THE EVENT

Parent Cafés are events that encourage positive community connections and empower parents.



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Free Birth to Five Developmental Screening

1st Thursday of each month!



What is a developmental screening?
A developmental screening is a tool that takes a closer look at how your child is developing.

Why is it important?

- Screenings help families understand their child's development.
- Screenings show important milestones and identify possible concerns as early as possible. Research tells us that the sooner a developmental concern is identified, the better. Early identification leads to early support and services that can improve a child's development and help them be their best.
- It's recommended! The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends all children be screened at least once a year.
 - Screenings are a great way to make sure that your child is developing on track for their age. You can learn about your child's strengths and ways to support their healthy development.
 - Screenings can also help determine if your child needs extra help or further evaluation. Our staff specializes in helping families who have concerns about their child's development. They can answer your questions and connect you to local resources.

Schedule a developmental screening
Scan the QR code and complete the registration form or call (815) 625-1495 and ask for Aimee.

SCAN ME!



Trauma Basics

The Knowledge Center at Chadlock

DESCRIPTION

Attendees will learn about Trauma, Developmental Trauma, and Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and how they impact social, emotional, and behavioral functioning. The training will cover differences and similarities between trauma categories, attachment disruptions, and the effects on the developing brain leading to problematic behaviors in children, adolescents, and adults. This foundational session aims to raise community awareness and create a common understanding of trauma.

Register for a Session Today!

DATES

- April 16 - ROE 47 from 8:30-2:30 PM
- April 30 - Dixon from 8:30-2:30 PM
- April 30 - Virtual Administrator Academy
- May 3 - Community Planning at SVCC from 8:30-2:30 PM

To request a training for your organization, email agarza@roe47.org

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Trauma Training

The Knowledge Center at Chadlock

DESCRIPTION

Training sessions cover trauma, developmental trauma, and ACEs' impact on well-being. Focus is on attachment disruptions, brain development effects, and behaviors across age groups. The aim is to raise awareness, establish trauma language, and support educators. Strategies from "Raising the Challenging Child" publication are provided for improving social-emotional functioning and behavior management in schools.

Register for a Session Today!

DATES

- June 17 - Trauma Basics @ SVCC
- June 18 - Trauma Strategies @ SVCC
- June 19 - Creating Trauma Informed Schools @ SVCC
- June 20 - Self Awareness @ SVCC

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Office of Professional Learning & Ed Services: Professional Learning Events

Check out ALL of our opportunities [HERE](#)
April 2024 Schedule of Events

APRIL		
2/6/2024 - 4/9/2024	<u>Targeted Improvement to Meet the Need of Diverse Learners</u>	ROE #47 (In-person)
4/10/2024	<u>Special Educators Cohort</u>	Online (Zoom)
4/10/2024	<u>Youth Mental Health First Aid</u>	Sterling Township (In-person)

4/16/2024	Trauma Basics	ROE #47 (In-person)
4/17/2024	Empowered Educator Series	Online (Zoom)
4/24/2024	New Teacher Cadre	Online (Zoom)
4/30/2024	Creating a Trauma-Informed School Culture (Admin Acad)	Online (Zoom)

March 2024 Participants - 188

Tuesday, March 5

LETRS Cohort @ ROE #47

Developing Leadership in Special Education (Year One) @ ROE #47

LETRS Training @ 3:30 p.m.

Friday, March 8

Transitional Math Fall Networking Session @ SVCC

Tuesday, March 12

New Teacher Cadre @ 3:30 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13

Librarians & School Library Media Specialist Networking Session @ 3:00 p.m.

Whole Child, Whole Life (Spring Book Study) @ 3:30 p.m.

Special Educators Cohort @ 3:30 pm

Thursday, March 14

Social Emotional Learning Summit @ SVCC

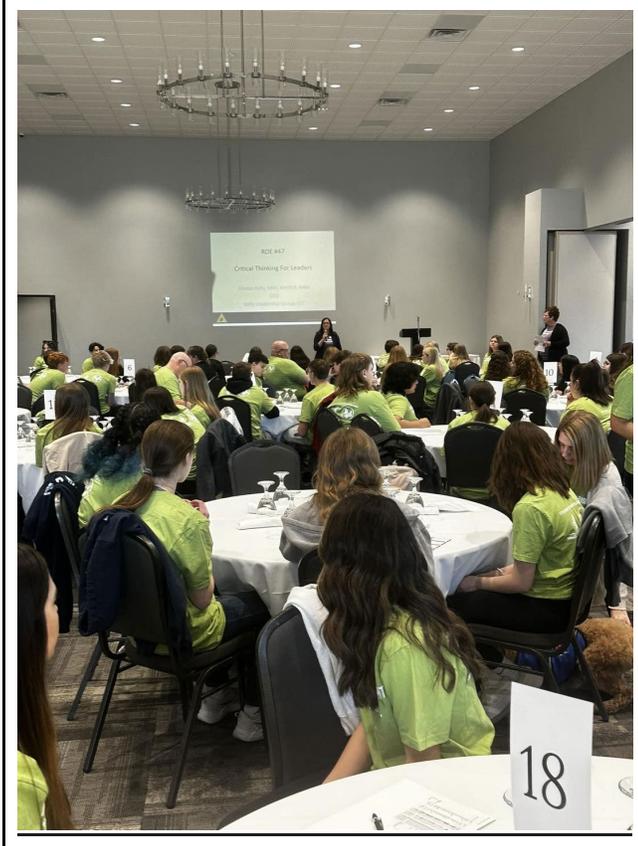
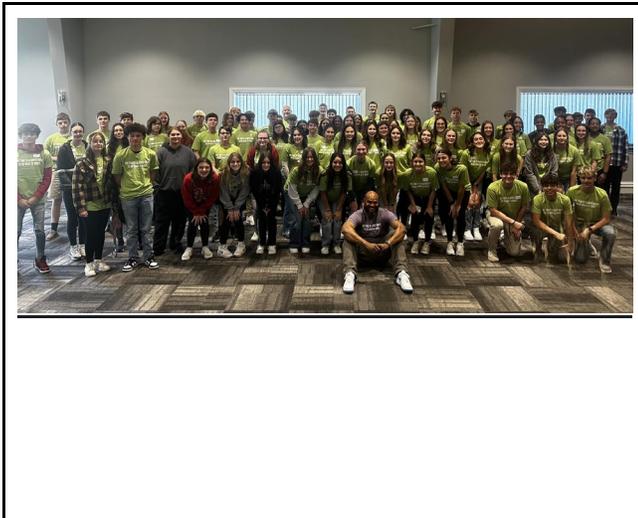
Wednesday, March 20

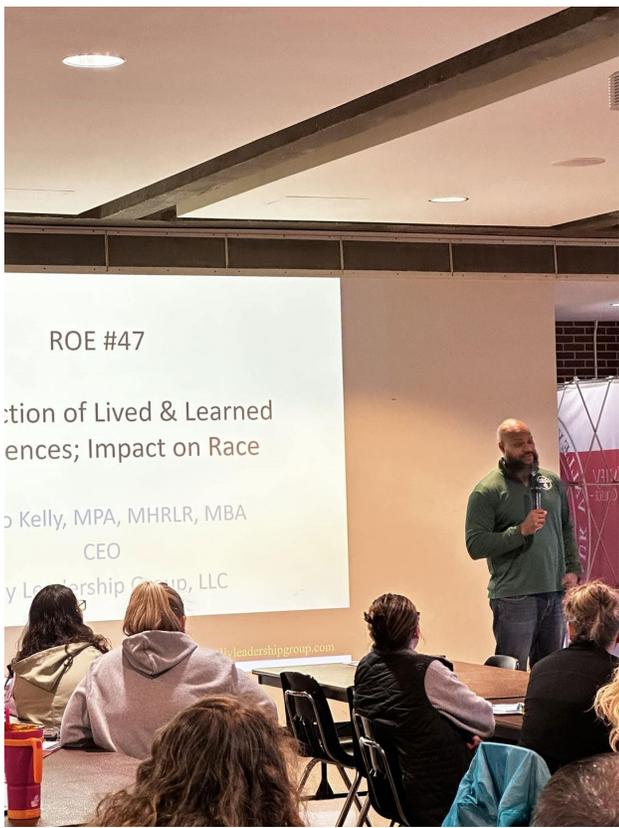
Empowered Educators Series @ 3:30 pm

Thursday, March 21

Youth Mental Health First Aid Training @ 8:30 a.m.

February 2024 in Photos:









REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION 47

**HOW WE SUPPORT
YOUR DISTRICT**

Nexus Program

April 2024

159

Families Supported

384

Children Supported

81

McKinney Vinto

522

Goals Met

5317

Family Contacts



REGIONAL OFFICE OF EDUCATION 47

***HOW WE SUPPORT
YOUR DISTRICT***

Attendance Program

April 2024

358

Families Supported

406

Children Supported

27

McKinney Vinto

190

Goals Met

3091

Family Contacts

Parents as Teachers First Years

As we approach the last quarter of the year, we have been looking at enrollment statistics and thought you might be interested in our work with families so far this year:

Total Enrollment:

- Families: 65
 - Total Families that received visits prenatally: 15
- Adults: 71
- Children: 86

Children/Prenatal Babies Enrollment by School District:

WHITESIDE

- Sterling: 19
- Rock Falls District 13: 8
- Morrison: 7
- Montmorency: 2
- River Bend: 2
- Prophetstown-Lyndon-Tampico: 1
- Erie: 6
- East Coloma-Nelson: 1

LEE

- Dixon: 13
- Amboy: 1

OGLE

- Rochelle: 14
- Oregon: 6
- Forrestville Valley: 1
- Polo: 1
- Meridian: 4

- Children identified as Homeless: 20
- Children who are Child Welfare Involved: 18
- Children dually enrolled in Early Intervention: 6

Languages Other Than English Spoken by Families:

- Spanish: 17
- Portuguese: 1
- Chuj: 1

Family Experiences and Stressors Present:

(Families may be counted in more than one category)

- Young parents (under age 21): 11
- Child with disabilities/chronic health conditions: 10
- Parent with disabilities/chronic health conditions: 17
- Parent with mental health issues: 30
- Parent with no high school diploma or GED: 14
- Low income: 57
- Recent immigrant or refugee family: 4
- Substance use disorder: 3
- Foster care or other temporary caregiver: 2
- Child abuse/neglect: 11
- Parent incarcerated during child's lifetime: 3
- Housing instability/Homeless: 17
- Very low birth weight/preterm birth: 2
- Death in the immediate family: 1
- Intimate partner violence: 15
- Military deployment: 0

Education Outreach Program

For the Education Outreach Program, March brings transitions! Many of our students are preparing to find employment over the summer. With our program, and the support from our friends with BEST, Inc. we have the opportunity to prepare our students for the workforce through Leadership Opportunities, Employability training, Resume preparation and Work Experience or Job Shadowing.

In March alone we have had 8 students build resumes, 7 students participate in Job Shadowing opportunities, 2 Work Experiences and 4 students complete our Career Readiness Course. We look forward to having our students participate in Sauk Valley Community College's Job Fair and Career & Trades Expo in April!

EOP also would like to recognize **Annastasia** for earning her Illinois High School Diploma! Congratulations Graduate in completing your testing in just 3 short months. Annastasia has already accepted a position with Sterling Main Street and plans to pursue a certification program either in Nursing or Reality.

The Education Outreach Program staff also worked hard to submit our competitive Grant requesting funds to continue for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year. It was a humbling experience as we had selected students to submit letters representing the services they received and speak to the efforts of those involved in the program. The numbers for our program are as follows to date:

Active Enrolled = 72

Whiteside County = 38 + 5 graduates

Lee County = 13 + 3 graduates

Ogle County = 9 + 4 graduates

Follow Up Services = 23

New Enrollments (2023-2024) = 18

Intakes Pending = 7

Earned Illinois High School Diploma (7/2023 - 3/2024) = 9

McKinney Vento Homeless Program

March is the State McKinney Vento Conference. It had the best attendance ever. It is a wonderful time for staff all over the State to share ideas, concerns and needs. Services continue to flow to our Districts with the hopes of keeping our students engaged and supported with their educational struggles. With the end result being, educational success. Support for a wide range of educational needs continues to be needed and provided to the best of our ability. Each student and family have unique needs and concerns. Work continues with our grant funding but also with the local community resources as well. Our families have a lot of uphill to walk and we hope to support them to the fullest extent possible.

Regional Center for Change

The theme for March is "March into Spring." C4C students and staff are on Spring Break the week of March 25th. A much-needed and well-deserved break for our entire C4C family! The third quarter ended on Tuesday, March 19th! Students have been working hard to complete their current enrollments and setting goals for the 4th quarter. We had 5 new students start in the month of March, and our safe school classrooms are officially full for the first time this school year. Twenty-six students achieved Phoenix Rising status in March, a new record for our students!

WHAT'S NEW AT C4C THIS SPRING

C4C and State Testing

State testing is an essential component of our educational system, providing valuable insights into our students' academic progress and the effectiveness of our curriculum. In the past, students returned to their homeschool for testing. We decided to complete all state testing at C4C this year to alleviate the anxiety that often occurs when our students return to their homeschool for testing. We are excited for this opportunity!

Testing Dates:

April 9th and 10th: Grades 6 through 8 [Illinois Assessment of Readiness]

April 11th: Grades 8 and 11 [Illinois Science Assessment]

April 12th: Grades 11 and 12 [PSAT and SAT]

Guest Speaker April 26th

We have finalized our motivational speaker Kenneth Yogi Godbolt III, for April 26th. The Juvenile Justice Council is sponsoring this dynamic and motivational speaker. Here's what you'll take away from our presentation:

Balance: Learn how to balance sports and personal life and develop a schedule that allows you to excel in both areas.

Leadership: Become a leader on and off the field, and learn to lead by example.

Winning Mindset: Develop a winning mindset to help you achieve your goals on and off the field.

Discipline: Increase discipline and self-control to help you stay focused and motivated.

Conflict Management: Learn practical skills to manage internal conflict and maintain healthy relationships with teammates and coaches

Mental Toughness: Build mental toughness to overcome obstacles and setbacks and become a more resilient athlete.

Important Dates in March

March 6th - Half Day and 30-minute staff meeting at 11:30

March 7th and 8th: ICEARY

March 10th: Daylight Savings!

March 19th: End of the 3rd Quarter

March 22nd: Half Day and early dismissal for staff at 11:30 - you deserve it!

March 25th - March 29th: SPRING BREAK

April 1st: School in Session for ICEARY make-up day



MONTHLY ZONING AND PLANNING REPORT

April 9, 2024 – County Services Committee

ACTIONS COMING FROM THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

1. Petition No. 24-1621 by Pulse Solar II, LLC, regarding PIN 16-01-35-400-009, located in Palmyra Township. The parcel is currently zoned Ag-1, Rural/Agricultural District. Petitioner is requesting a Special Use Permit for the purpose of a 5 MW Commercial Solar Energy Facility (community solar).

ACTIONS GOING TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

1. Petition No. 24-P-1624 by Richard Humphrey, Jr. and Brenda Humphrey, regarding part of PIN 18-08-13-100-006, located in South Dixon Township. The parcel is currently zoned Ag-1, Rural/Agricultural District. Petitioner is requesting an Accessory Special Use Permit for the purpose of Skilled Trades (Offsite Services Only)/parking of refuse trucks and equipment.

ACTIONS COMING FROM THE PLANNING COMMISSION – None

ACTIONS GOING TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION – None

OTHER ACTIONS FROM THE ZONING OFFICE

Last month, Deputy Zoning Administrator Laura Mangrum took (and passed on the first try!) the exam to become a Certified Floodplain Manager. Congrats to Laura!

On March 22, 2024, the Zoning Office met with Erin Conley with IDNR/National Floodplain Insurance Program. This visit included a review of zoning records related to development in the floodplain, as well as visits to some of the County's problematic floodplain areas. My office has been provided a list of properties from IDNR with known floodplain violations that we will be working to address.

On April 1, 2024, a public hearing was held regarding a Petition for Text Amendment that would allow up to six (6) chickens and no roosters in the R-2, Single Family Residential District. Under the current Zoning Code, no fowl or farm animals of any kind are allowed in the R-2 District. Following public comment, the Regional Planning Commission moved to send it back to my office for further consideration as to whether the number of chickens allowed should be increased, whether lot size limits should be implemented and whether setbacks to neighboring residences should be considered.

During the month of March 2024, the Zoning Office processed twenty-one (21) building permits (7 residential solar permits, 2 fence permits, 1 Ag building permits, 1 building permit for a commercial structure, 3 building permits for accessory structures, 3 building permits for cell tower alteration, 2 building permits for single family residences, 1 in-ground pool building permit, and 1 sign permit), and permit fees in the amount of \$8,497.45 were collected.



On March 22 we had our state audit with Erin Conley of IDNR and were given a list of previously identified properties from 2022 that had to still be dealt with in addition to properties we have identified.

I gave a brief summary of the floodplain in Lee County, noting that we have roughly 1620 properties in the floodplain but only 52 NFIP policies. This is a problem because when a flooding event happens homes without flood insurance will have no claims, and with an inch of water causing an average of \$25,000 in damage that could leave residents looking to the county for assistance that we can't provide. We could end up with damaged or even abandoned properties due to lack of funds.

Assistance without insurance would come from a Presidential Disaster Declaration which has to be requested by the governor. Those are only usually for very large floods. The average FEMA payout from the Individual and Household Program is less than \$6000. SBA makes low interest loans available but you have to qualify for them and of course pay them back.

The average NFIP payment between 2015-2019 was \$69,000 and doesn't require a declaration.

The problem is most people who don't have to buy flood insurance because of loan requirements won't because it can be expensive.

I am working on entering us into the CRS (community rating system) program in which we earn points for going above and beyond the minimum requirements. As we accumulate points we move up levels. Every level is another 5% in premium reduction.

The more we do, the more we lower policies and hopefully it will encourage people to protect themselves with insurance. Doing these activities will also make the floodplain and the public safer as well.

One of the largest components is bringing violations into compliance. As we move into this phase, your support will be essential. I am approaching this from a standpoint of education and a plan for moving forward. If anyone has questions please direct them to me and I will be happy to walk them through everything.

Thank you,

Laura Mangrum, CFM
Deputy Zoning Administrator