



Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Lee County, Illinois

Feb 15, 2024 at 11:00 AM CST

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

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m., by Chair Bob Olson.

II. Committee Member Roll Call: Chair Bob Olson, Vice Chair Tom Kitson, Jack Skrogstad, Mike Koppien, Mike Zeman, Jim Schielein, Tom Wilson

Bob Olson, Tom Kitson, Jack Skrogstad, Mike Koppien, Mike Zeman, Jim Schielein, and Tom Wilson all attended in person.

Also present: Dean Freil, Keane Hudson, Nancy Naylor (Board Members), Charley Boonstra (State's Attorney), Jeremy Englund (Administrator), Nancy Petersen (County Clerk and Recorder), Paul Rudolphi (Treasurer), Clay Whalen (Sheriff), and Becky Brenner (Board Secretary) all attended in person.

III. Public Attendees

Andy Shaw (GIS Mapping and E-Zone Specialist at Blackhawk Hills Regional Council).

IV. Approval of the Minutes from the Previous Meeting - (January 11, 2024)

Minutes of the January 11, 2024, Executive Committee Meeting were approved as presented without modification.

V. Reports from Committee Chairs

All committee chairs took the opportunity to report items discussed and motioned forward during their committee meeting.

VI. Administrator Report

Jeremy Englund walked the committee through an opportunity presented by the Illinois Soybean Association in partnership with Benton Institute for Broadband & Society, University of IL Extension, IL State University, IL Office of Broadband, and University of Illinois Broadband Lab. Following the success of Broadband Breakthrough in five counties, the IL Soybean Association is expanding its support for this ag-focused community engagement and broadband planning program. Broadband Breakthrough is a four-month guided self-help program where community teams gather critical information, set priorities, and create partnerships with broadband providers. All rural counties are eligible to apply. Ten rural counties will be selected to participate with fall and winter cohorts of five communities each. At the conclusion of the project ten counties will receive a proportional share of funds to create broadband networks. Jeremy explained that the project would be a heavy task and would require a sixteen-week commitment from County wide members.

Jeremy also reported that he has started meeting with appointed Department Heads to build up and develop efficiencies and promote well balanced interdepartmental relationships.

VII. Old Business - None

There were no items under Old Business.

VIII. New Business

A. *Ordinance Expanding Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone*

Andy Shaw presented the committee with maps of the proposed changes to the Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone. The expansion included 2,140 acres of the 3656 acres available: 1376 acres in Rochelle; 707 acres in and around Dixon; and smaller numbers in all other communities. The changes involve areas in all the units of government and territories. These maps will be included in the February 2024 County Board agenda.

Motion to move the Ordinance Expanding Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone to the February County Board agenda. **Moved** by Mike Koppien. **Second** by Jack Skrogstad. **Motion** moved unanimously by voice vote.

IX. Appointment(s) - 2 Appointment

A. *Resolution Appointing Weed Control Superintendent - Terry Zinke*

Motion to move the Resolution Appointing Terry Zinke as the Weed Control Superintendent to the February County Board agenda. **Moved** by Tom Kitson. **Second** by Tom Wilson. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

B. *Resolution Reappointment of Joel Hochstatter as Trustee of Amboy Fire Protection District*

Motion to move the Resolution Reappointing Joel Hockstatter as Trustee of Amboy Fire Protection District to the February County Board agenda. **Moved** by Mike Koppien. **Second** by Tom Kitson. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

X. Raffle Report(s) - 3

A. *Dixon VFW Post 540 Queen of Hearts Raffle Report*

B. *Dixon VFW Post 540 Auxiliary Wagon Wheelbarrow Raffle Report*

C. *Walton Fest Raffle Report*

Motion to put the Dixon VFW Post 540 Queen of Hearts, Dixon VFW 540 Auxiliary Wagon Wheelbarrow, and Walton Fest Raffle Reports on file with the County. **Moved** by Jim Schielein. **Second** by Tom Wilson. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

XI. Review of Per Diem Report for County Board Approval - January Meetings for March Payout

There were no changes requested to the per diem report for the January 2024 meetings.

XII. Executive Session

There was no request for an Executive Session.

XIII. February 22, 2024, County Board Agenda Items

- A. Call to Order
- B. Pledge of Allegiance
- C. Invocation
- D. Roll Call
- E. Board Chair Announcements
- F. Approval of Board Minutes: January 18, 2024, County Board Meeting
- G. Joseph E. Meyer Resolutions -
- H. Zoning and Planning
 - 1. Petitions Going To the Zoning Board of Appeals: 2 Petitions
 - a. Petition No. 24-P-1621 by Pulse Solar II, LLC, regarding PIN 16-01-35-400-009, located in Palmyra Township.
 - b. Petition No. 24-P-1622, by David and Lisa Dewey, regarding PIN 16-07-01-203-006, located in Palmyra Township.
 - 2. Petitions Going To the Planning Commission: None
 - 3. Petitions Coming From the Zoning Board of Appeals: - None
 - 4. Petitions Coming From the Planning Commission: - None
- I. Administrator Monthly Update and Board Member Comments
- J. Public Comments:
- K. County Organization Presentations/Updates
 - 1. Lucas Pauley - Visit Lee County - Quarterly Report and Updates
 - 2. Karla Belzar - University of Illinois County Extension Director - Quarterly Report and Updates
 - ** **Added to the agenda** - Tom Demmer - LCIDA (Lee County Industrial Development Association)
- L. Reports of Committee
- M. Unfinished Business - None
- N. New Business
 - 1. Agreement for County Engineer's Salary
 - 2. Resolution Reappointing County Engineer
 - 3. Resolution for Salary of the County Engineer
 - 4. Resolution for Battery Energy Storage Systems Moratorium Extension
 - 5. Ordinance Amending Administrative Impound Fee
 - 6. Resolution Declaring Lee County A Non-Sanctuary County
 - ** **Added to the agenda** - Ordinance Expanding Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone.
- O. Appointments - None
 - ** **Added to the agenda** - Two (2) Appointments - Terry Zinke as Weed Superintendent and Joel Hochstatter as Trustee of Amboy Fire Protection District.
- P. Executive Session
- Q. Approval of County Officer's Reports/Quarterly Treasurer's Report

- R. Roll Call Approval of Monthly Revenue Reports, Claims Paid, Claims Paid in Vacation, and Payroll Paid.
- S. Approval of Board Member Mileage and Per Diem
- T. Adjournment - County Board Meeting Agenda

XIV. Motion to Approve the Proposed County Board Agenda
Motion to approve the Proposed County Board Agenda. **Moved** by Tom Wilson.
Second by Mike Koppien. **Motion** passed unanimously by voice vote.

XV. Adjournment - Executive Committee Meeting
Motion to adjourn at 11:29 a.m. **Moved** by Tom Kitson. **Second** by Tom Wilson.
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

The next Executive Committee Meeting is scheduled for
11:00 a.m., on Thursday, March 14, 2024

Respectfully submitted by:
Becky Brenner – Board Secretary