



Lee County Board Meeting Minutes

Lee County, Illinois

Feb 24, 2022 at 6:00 PM CST

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

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Olson called the regular session of the Lee County Board to order on February 24, 2022 at 6:00 P.M., at the Old Lee County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Boardroom in Dixon.

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Olson led the pledge of Allegiance

III. Roll Call:

Clerk Petersen called the roll. Members physically present were Chairman Olson, Members: Bally, Book, Considine, Hudson, Humphrey, Kitson, Mimini, Naylor, Nicholson, Norberg, Palen, Schielein, Shippert, Skrogstad, and Wilson. Members absent were: Allen, Bivins, Farster, Koppien, McClain, White, and Williams. Arriving at approximately at 6:16 p.m. Zeman.

IV. Announcements:

- A. Please mute or turn off cell phones
- B. Employee Spotlight - Held over from January

Cathy Ferguson spoke on behalf of Lisa Wiggins and her 27 years of service with the county. Lisa is now the director of maternal and child health.

V. Approval of Board Minutes of: January 20, 2022 Regular County Board meeting

Motion to approve Minutes. **Motion** by Mr. Kitson. **Second** by Ms. Naylor. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

VI. Zoning and Planning Petitions, Reports, and Minutes

VII. Petitions Going To the Zoning Board of Appeals: Petition 21-P-1586 - Invenergy

Motion to move Petition 21-P-1586-Invenergy to the Zoning Board of Appeals. **Moved** by Ms. Shippert. **Second** by Mr. Norberg. Motion carried by unanimously by voice vote.

VIII. Petitions Going To the Planning Commission: None

- IX. Petitions Coming From the Zoning Board of Appeals: None
- X. Petitions Coming From the Planning Commission: Petition 22-PC-66 - Lee County Zoning Office

Note: Schriever's error on the petition, error on identifying the section number for the purpose proposed ordinance, the section number should read 10-15-21 regulating the development of solar energy systems and accessory use under chapter 15 performance standards, it was recorded as 10-15-20. **Motion** by Mr. Nicholson. **Second** by Mr. Skrogstad. **Motion** carried by unanimously by a voice vote. The motion is to hold this ordinance over for 30 days.

- XI. Administrator Monthly Update and Board Member Comments
None

- XII. Public/Visitor Comments:
None

- A. Items on the agenda - visitors allowed 10 minutes
- B. Items not on the agenda - visitors allowed 5 minutes

- XIII. Reports of Committee:

- A. Administrative Services: Chris Norberg, Chair

Mr. Norberg stating that Covid-19 were on an upswing for January and the minutes are in your packet.

- B. Blackhawk Hills Regional Council: John Nicholson, Liaison

January 21st meeting was canceled and the next meeting is scheduled for March 22nd.

- C. Claims Committee: Marilyn Shippert, Chair

Ms. Shippert notes how the new claims committee is going much smoother. All in all saving a lot of time and paper and much more transparency to the whole board. Chairman Olson states that this past month there was no paid in vacation, which he thinks shows how well this process is working.

- D. Executive Committee: Bob Olson, Chair

Chairman Olson wants to point out one section that needs to be addressed. The chairs will be questioning the department heads, they will contact or email them with agenda items. Then they will in turn submit these items for inclusion on the

agenda and requesting a narrative describing the item and if applicable an itemized finance cost breakdown.

E. Finance: Jim Schielein, Chair

Mr. Schielein noted a few highlights from the meeting, Treasurer walked the committee through the income for the first two months of the year from our sales tax. Recommendation came from the ARPA Committee with some newer rules. They also recommended approval of the county board technology upgrade, and to extend the social services program updates and an extension of the application due dates. The committee approved non-union raises of \$2.00 \$1.00 and .75 cent starting fiscal year 2022 retro back to December 1.

F. Health Department: Katie White, Liaison

No Report

G. 911 Board: Keane Hudson, Liaison

Notes and minutes are in the packet.

H. Properties / Planning / Zoning: Tom Wilson, Chair

Mr. Wilson spoke on behalf of the LEC repurposing and the new boiler for the new courts building.

I. Public Safety / Health / Judicial: Mike Koppien, Chair

Mr. Nicholson spoke on behalf of Mr. Koppien who is not present this evening, minutes in your onboard.

J. Transportation / Solid Waste: Doug Farster, Chair (Motion to Approve Claims)

Ms. Shippert spoke on behalf of Mr. Farster who is not present this evening, minutes in your onboard packet. Bids are out for some township projects.

Motion to approve the claims. **Moved** by Mr. Considine. Second by Mr. Kitson. **Motion** carried by unanimously by voice vote.

K. Tri-County Opportunities Council: Marvin Williams, Liaison

Report is in onboard

L. Tourism: Bill Palen, Liaison

Mr. Palen states the flyer on the desks has a thank you for the ARPA \$\$ from Tourism along with upcoming events. The share of hotel motel tax for December is \$7031.26.

M. United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI): Doug Farster, Liaison

No Report

XIV. Approval of County Officers Reports.

Motion to approve reports. **Moved** by Mr. Kitson. **Second** by Ms. Shippert. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

XV. Old Business:

- A. Petition - 21-PC-65 - Lee County Zoning Office Request to Amend Use and Bulk Regulations for Use of MiniWarehouses - (held over in January)

Motion to approve Petition 21-PC-65 that was held over. **Moved** by Ms. Shippert. **Second** by Mr. Hudson. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

XVI. New Business:

- A. ARPA Committee Funding Recommendations

1. Approval to extend the Social Services Program Updates and Extension of Application Date

Motion to extend Social Services Program. **Moved** by Mr. Schielein. **Second** by Mr. Book. **Motion** carried by unanimously by voice vote.

2. Approval from the Finance Committee to approve the Boardroom Audio/Video Project, not to exceed \$250,000

Motion to approve the ARPA recommendation of an up to \$250,000 for the Boardroom Audio/Video project. **Moved** by Mr. Nicholson. **Second** by Ms. Naylor. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

- B. Consulting Engineer Service Contract

Motion to approve the consulting engineer service contract. **Moved** by Norberg. **Second** by Mr. Bally. Chairman Olson opened the floor for discussion.

Mr. Norberg made comments on this service contract, it comes out of renewable energies and they have determined that there still is a lot of work to be done. Dave Anderson has worked with Curtis Cook with some road use agreements with wind energy. Curtis works with Chastain and Associates and it was determined that he could help the county with ordinances pertaining to pipeline, wind, solar, and battery storage for a fee up to \$25,000. Chairman Olson stated that he thought it was a great step forward and we have four ordinances that need attention. Mr. Wilson states that the new ordinances will have third party protection for the county. Mr. Norberg says that the nice thing is that you cannot

bid engineering and consulting fees like this because we have a pre-existing relationship with Chastain and Associates, so if we go over \$30,000 we cannot go out for bid and are not obligated to go to bid. In the future would like to see a line item dedicated for consulting fees. **Motion** carried by unanimously by voice vote.

- C. FY 2023 IDOT Contract Resolution for 5311 - LOTS

Motion to approve Resolution. **Moved** by Mr. Book. **Second** by Mr. Nicholson. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

- D. FY 2023 IDOT Contract Ordinance for 5311 - LOTS - (hold over until March)

Motion to hold over Ordinance for 2023 IDOT contract for 5311. **Moved** by Mr. Kitson. **Second** by Ms. Naylor. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

- E. Resolution Authorizing and Executing REBUILD Capital Grant Agreement

Motion to approve Resolution authorizing and executing the rebuild capital grant agreement. **Moved** by Ms. Shippert. **Second** by Mr. Norberg. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

- F. Approval of Non-Union Employee Raises

Motion to hand out Non-Union Employee Raises Mr. Humphrey. In the amounts of \$2.00, \$1.00 and .75 cent over the next 3 years respectively effective December 01, 2021. Anyone that has already received a non-union raise not to exceed the \$2.00 raise throughout the rest of the year. **Second** by Mr. Wilson.

A roll call vote is called.

YES: Schielein, Shippert, Skrogstad, Wilson, Zeman, Bally, Book, Considine, Hudson, Humphrey, Kitson, Mimini, Naylor, Nicholson, Norberg, Palen, and Olson.

NO: None

ABSENT: White, Williams, Allen, Bivins, Farster, Koppien, and McClain.

MOTION CARRIED BY A ROLL CALL VOTE.

- G. Approval of Teamsters Union Employee Contract

Motion to table the approval of Teamsters Union Employee Raises made by Mr. Humphrey. **Second** by Mr. Kitson. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

XVII. Appointments:

- A. Resolution Appointing Terry Zinke as the Lee County Weed Control Superintendent

Motion to approve Terry Zinke as Weed Control Superintendent. **Moved** by Mr. Hudson. **Second** by Mr. Considine. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

- B. Resolution Appointing Reed Akre to the Lee County Planning Commission

Motion to approve Reed Akre to Planning Commission. **Moved** by Mr. Considine. **Second** by Mr. Kitson. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

- C. Resolution Appointing Kevin W. Ganz, Wesley Englehart, Henry Orzech, Alan Zimmerman, and Thomas J. Menzel as Members of the Board of Trustees of the Compton Community Fire Protection District

Motion to approve Ganz, Englehart, Orzech, Zimmerman and Menzel to Board of Trustees of the Compton Fire Protection District. **Moved** by Mr. Considine. **Second** by Mr. Kitson. **Motion** carried by unanimously by voice vote.

XVIII. Executive Session:

On a **motion** by Mr. Kitson to go into Executive Session for Negotiations Matters 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (2). **Second** by Mr. Humphrey.

A roll call vote is called.

YES: Bally, Book, Considine, Hudson, Humphrey, Kitson, Mimini, Naylor, Nicholson, Norberg, Palen, Schielein, Shippert, Skrogstad, Wilson, Zeman and

Olson.

NO: None

ABSENT: Allen, Bivins, Farster, Koppien, McClain, White and Williams.

Into Executive Session at 6:43 P.M.

Out of Executive Session at 6:49 P.M.

On a **Motion** by Mr. Kitson to come out of Executive Session. **Second** by Mr. Nicholson.

A roll call vote is called.

YES: Bally, Book, Considine, Hudson, Humphrey, Kitson, Mimini, Naylor, Nicholson, Norberg, Palen, Schielein, Shippert, Skrogstad, Wilson, Zeman and

Olson.

NO: None

ABSENT: Allen, Bivins, Farster, Koppien, McClain, White and Williams.

Motion carried by a roll call vote.

XIX. Revenues Received, Claims Paid, and Payroll Paid - allowed by roll call:

Motion to approve Revenue received, Claims paid and Payroll paid by Mr. Nicholson.

Second by Mr. Kitson.

A roll call vote is called.

YES: Shippert, Skrogstad, Wilson, Zeman, Bally, Book, Considine, Hudson, Humphrey, Kitson, Mimini, Naylor, Nicholson, Norberg, Palen, Schielein and

Olson.

NO: None

ABSENT: White, Williams, Allen, Bivins, Farster, Koppien, and McClain.

Motion carried by voice vote.

XX. Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn. **Moved** by Mr. Kitson. **Second** by Mr. Considine. **Motion** carried by unanimously by voice vote.

Adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Robert Olson Chairman Lee County Board

Attest: Nancy Petersen Ex-Officio Clerk of the Lee County Board

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