



Lee County Board Meeting Minutes

Lee County, Illinois

Feb 22, 2024 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 February 22, 2024, at 6:00 P.M. at the Old County Courthouse, 3rd Floor Boardroom in Dixon.

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Olson led the Pledge of Allegiance

III. Invocation - Pastor Don Beasley - Turning Point Church Dixon

Pastor Don Beasley - Turning Point Church Dixon - led the board in an invocation

IV. Roll Call:

Clerk Petersen called the roll: Member physically present were Chairman Olson, Akre, Bivins, Book, Freil, Gascoigne, Hudson, Kitson, Koppien, Mimini, Naylor, Robertson, Schielein, Shippert, Skrogstad, Wilson and Zeman. Present Via Zoom: Huss, Pearson and White.

V. Announcements:

A. Please mute or turn off cell phones

VI. Approval of Board Minutes: January 18, 2024 Regular County Board Meeting

There were no revisions to the minutes; stand as read.

VII. Monthly Resolutions: Joseph Meyer Resolutions (Roll Call) None

None

VIII. Zoning and Planning

A. Petitions Going To the Zoning Board of Appeals: 2 Petitions

1. Petition No. 24-p-1621 by Pulse Solar II, LLC, regarding PIN #16-01-35-400-009, located in Palmyra Township

Motion to move Petition No. 24-P-1621 by Pulse Solar II, LLC., regarding PIN #16-01-35-400-009, located in Palmyra Township. **Moved** by Ms. Naylor. **Second** by Mr. Kitson. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.

2. Petition No. 24-P-1622, by David and Lisa Dewey, regarding PIN#16-07-01-203-006, located in Palmyra Township

Motion to move Petition No. 24-P-1622, by David and Lisa Dewey, regarding PIN #16-07-01-203-006, located in Palmyra Township. **Moved** by Mr. Hudson. **Second** by Freil. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.

- B. Petitions Going To the Planning Commission: None
- C. Petitions Coming From the Zoning Board of Appeals: None
- D. Petitions Coming From the Planning Commission: None

IX. Administrator Monthly Update and Board Member Comments

Jeremy Englund County Administrator spoke on GIS/Assessment Office press release and the new residential program with the Lee County Health Department. Also discussed the meeting he had with the Illinois Tollway and the future community development and initiatives that are coming in the future.

X. Public Comments:

Had 3 public speakers. All three spoke of their support for the Resolution declaring Lee County a Non-Sanctuary County. First up was Marilyn Shippert, next was Cindy Knight and then Brett Nicklaus.

XI. County Organization Presentations/Updates:

A. Lucas Pauley - Visit Lee County - Quarterly Report and Updates

Lucas Pauley Marketing Director from Discover Dixon and now Visit Lee County shared reports and updates from the last few months since the start of this partnership. Highlights:

- Mission is to reawaken the power of tourism in Lee County
- Highlight unique retail opportunities
- Will utilize unique and detailed marketing methods like social media content
- Upcoming Social Media Influencer Visits includes one in March in Amboy and one in April in Ashton.
- Updates to the Website: rebranded and retooled go to visitleecountyil.com
- Video Production updates

B. Karla Belzar - University of Illinois County Extension Director - Quarterly Report and Updates

Karla Belzar County Director for the University of Illinois Extension shared reports and updates. Highlights:

- Mission and Purpose is to help communities, individuals and families
- Do work throughout the whole state of Illinois
- 4-H highlights

C. Tom Demmer - Update from LCIDA

Tom Demmer Executive Director Lee County Industrial Development Association (LCIDA) shared updates. Highlights:

- Intersect Partnership Update
- Lee County Development in the Business Park and the Village of Lee
- Partnership with Discover Dixon and Dixon Public Schools with a Career Fair and Hiring Expo

XII. Reports of Standing Committees:

A. County Services Committee: Jack Skrogstad, Chair

Mr. Skrogstad gave his report. Minutes are in the agenda packet.

- B. **Public Safety and Court Services Committee: Mike Koppien, Chair**
Mr. Hudson gave the report. Minutes are in the agenda packet.
- C. **Facilities and Maintenance Committee: Tom Wilson, Chair**
Mr. Wilson gave his report.
- D. **Claims Committee: Mike Zeman, Chair**
Mr. Zeman gave his report. Total of 153 claims were submitted and approved.
- E. **Finance: Jim Schielein, Chair**
Mr. Schielein gave his report.
- F. **Executive Committee: Bob Olson, Chair**
Mr. Olson stated minutes are in the agenda packet.

XIII. Reports of Other Committees or Appointments

- A. **Board of Health: Katie White, Liaison**
Ms. White gave her report.
- B. **911 Board: Keane Hudson, Liaison**
Mr. Hudson gave his report.
- C. **Tri-County Opportunities Council: Reed Akre, Liaison**
Mr. Akre gave his report.
- D. **Blackhawk Hills Regional Council/Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone: Angie Shippert, Liaison**
Ms. Shippert gave her report.
- E. **Lee County Industrial Development Association (LCIDA): Reed Akre, Liaison**
Mr. Akre stated that Mr. Demmer gave a detailed report earlier in the meeting.
- F. **Counties of Illinois Risk Management (CIRMA): Mike Zeman**
Mr. Zeman spoke about CIRMA the counties Risk Management Association and the delivery of dividend checks. 2012-2013 dividend check was in the amount of \$1505.00, 2013-2014 dividend check \$1400.00, 2014-2015 dividend check \$1310.00 and 2006-2007 Surplus distribution final dividend check \$25,820.00.
- G. **United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI): Tom Kitson. Liaison**
Mr. Kitson stated there was no meeting.
- H. **Illinois Association of County Board Members (IACBM): Mike Koppien**
Mr. Koppien gave his report. Mr. Schielein spoke about HB 1634. The bill's intent is to adopt California emissions in the state of Illinois. He stated this bill would be devastating for Illinois's agriculture.

XIV. Unfinished Business:

None

XV. New Business:

A. Agreement for County Engineer's Salary

Motion to approve Resolution #2024-02-001 Agreement for County Engineer's Salary. **Moved** by Mr. Wilson. **Second** by Mr. Gascoigne. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.

B. Resolution: Reappointing County Engineer

Motion to approve Resolution #2024-02-002 Reappointing the County Engineer. **Moved** by Mr. Wilson. **Second** by Mr. Hudson. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.

C. Resolution: Salary of the County Engineer

Motion to approve Resolution #2024-02-003 Salary of the County Engineer. **Moved** by Ms. Naylor. **Second** by Mr. Wilson. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.

D. Resolution: Battery Energy Storage Systems Moratorium Extension

Motion to approve Resolution #2024-02-004 Battery Energy Storage Systems Moratorium Extension. **Moved** by Mr. Gascoigne. **Second** by Mr. Hudson. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.

E. Resolution: Declaring Lee County A Non-Sanctuary County

Motion to approve Resolution #2024-02-005 Declaring Lee County a Non-Sanctuary County. Discussion, Mr. Skrogstad asked Ms. Shippert to read the resolution. He then stated his approval for this resolution. **Moved** by Mr. Skrogstad. **Second** by Ms. Naylor.

Roll call vote is called.

YES: Zeman, Akre, Bivins, Book Freil, Gascoigne, Hudson, Huss, Kitson, Koppien, Mimini, Naylor, Pearson, Robertson, Schielein, Shippert, Skrogstad, White, Wilson, and Olson.

NO: None

Motion carried by roll call vote.

F. Ordinance: Amending Administrative Impound Fee (hold over until March)

Motion to hold over the Ordinance amending Administrative Impound Fee until the March County Board Meeting. **Moved** by Ms. Naylor. **Second** by Mr. Gascoigne. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.

G. Ordinance: Expanding Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone - (does not need to be held over according to Resolution 07-18-002 waiving the 30 day waiting period)

Motion to approve Ordinance #2024-02-006 Expanding Lee Ogle Enterprise Zone. **Moved** by Mr. Bivins. **Second** by Mr. Koppien. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.

XVI. Appointments:

A. Resolution: Re-appointment Terry Zinke Weed Superintendent

Motion to approve Resolution #2024-02-007 Re-appointment Terry Zinke Weed Superintendent. **Moved** by Mr. Hudson. **Second** by Ms. Naylor. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.

B. Resolution: Re-appointment Joel Hochstatter as Trustee of Amboy Fire Protection District

Motion to approve Resolution #2024-02-008 Re-appointment Joel Hochstatter as Trustee of Amboy Fire Protection District. **Moved** by Mr. Gascoigne. **Second** by Mr. Robertson. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.

XVII. Executive Session:

None

XVIII. Approval of County Officers Reports/Quarterly Treasurer's Report

Motion to approve the County Officers Reports/Quarterly Treasurer's Report. **Moved** by Mr. Kitson. **Second** by Ms. Naylor. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.

XIX. Approval of Monthly Revenue Report, Claims Paid, Claims Paid in Vacation, and Payroll Paid (Roll Call Vote)

Motion to approve the Monthly Revenue Report, Claims Paid, Claims Paid in Vacation, and Payroll Paid. **Moved** by Mr. Wilson. **Second** by Mr. Kitson.

Roll call vote is called.

YES: Akre, Bivins, Book, Freil, Gascoigne, Hudson, Huss, Kitson, Koppien, Mimini, Naylor, Pearson, Robertson, Schielein, Shippert, Skrogstad, White, Wilson, Zeman and Olson.

NO: None

Motion carried by roll call vote.

XX. Approval of Board Member Mileage and Per Diem for January Meetings

Motion to approve the Board Member Mileage and Per Diem. **Moved** by Mr. Wilson. **Second** by Kitson. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.

XXI. Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn. **Moved** by Mr. Wilson. **Second** by Mr. Gascoigne. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.

Adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Bob Olson Chairman Lee County Board

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