



Lee County Board Meeting Minutes

Lee County, Illinois

Sep 22, 2022 at 6:00 PM CDT

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 September 22, 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: Allen, Bally, Bivins, Book, Considine, Hudson, Humphrey, Kitson, Koppien, Mimini, Naylor, Nicholson, Norberg, Palen, Schielein, Shippert, Skrogstad, White, Williams, Wilson, and Zeman. Absent: McClain. Via Zoom: Farster.

IV. Announcements:

Chairman Olson reminded everyone to mute or turn off cell phones.

V. Approval of Board Minutes of: August 25, 2022 Regular County Board Meeting

Stand as presented

VI. Resolution: Three (12) Joseph E. Meyer Tax Auction (roll call)

Motion to approve all Twelve (12) Joseph E. Meyer Tax Auction Resolutions.

Resolution #09-22-001 Cancellation of Certificate: 2019-00013 #02-15-15-453-024

Resolution #09-22-002 Cancellation of Certificate: 2019-00015 #02-15-15-477-008

Resolution #09-22-003 Cancellation of Certificate: 2019-00121 #07-08-06-329-029

Resolution #09-22-005 Cancellation of Certificate: 2016-00133 #07-08-06-405-021

Resolution #09-22-007 Cancellation of Certificate: 2019-00410 #15-07-15-252-002

Resolution #09-22-008 Cancellation of Certificate: 2019-00428 #18-08-36-200-001

Resolution #09-22-009 Cancellation of Certificate: 2019-00374 #13-21-12-428-057

Resolution #09-22-010 Cancellation of Certificate: 2019-00457 #19-22-07-152-044

Resolution #09-22-011 Cancellation of Certificate : 2019-00385 #13-21-12-451-043

Resolution #09-22-012 Cancellation of Certificate: 2019-00283 #13-21-11-406-023

Resolution #09-22-013 Cancellation of Certificate: 2019-00042 #05-17-28-400-003

Moved by Ms. Shippert. **Second** by Mr. Kitson.

A roll call vote is called.

YES: Book, Considine, Farster, Hudson, Humphrey, Kitson, Koppien, Mimini, Naylor, Nicholson, Norberg, Palen, Schielein, Shippert, Skrogstad, White, Williams, Wilson, Zeman, Allen, Bally, Bivins and Olson.

NO: None

ABSENT: McClain

Motion carried by roll call vote.

VII. Zoning and Planning

A. Petitions Going To the Zoning Board of Appeals:

1. Petition 22-P-1597, Special Use for a Community Solar Project

Motion to send Petition 22-P-1597, Special Use for a Community Solar Project to the Zoning Board of Appeals. **Moved** by Mr. Wilson. **Second** by Mr. Koppien. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

2. Petition 22-P-1598, Special Use for a Community Solar Project

Motion to send Petition 22-P-1598, Special Use for a Community Solar Project to the Zoning Board of Appeals. **Moved** by Mr. Wilson. **Second** by Mr. Kitson. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

3. Petition 22-P-1599, Special Use for a Community Solar Project

Motion to send Petition 22-P-1599, Special Use for a Community Solar Project to the Zoning Board of Appeals. **Moved** by Mr. Schielein. **Second** by Mr. Norberg. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

B. Petitions Going To the Planning Commission:

1. Petition 22-PC-68, Text Amendment for Wind Energy Systems

Motion to send Petition 22-PC-68 Text Amendment for Wind Energy Systems to the Planning Commission. **Moved** by Mr. Bally. **Second** by Mr. Nicholson. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

2. Petition 22-PC-69, Text Amendment for Solar Energy Systems

Motion to send Petition 22-PC-69 Text Amendment for Solar Energy Systems to the Planning Commission. **Moved** by Ms. Shippert. **Second** by Mr. Wilson. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. Petitions Coming From the Zoning Board of Appeals:

1. Petition 22-P-1595, Special Use for a Community Solar Project - Dixon Township

Motion to approve Resolution #09-22-023, Petition 22-P-1595 Special Use for a Community Solar Project in Dixon Township. **Moved** by Mr. Koppien. **Second** by Considine.

A roll call vote is called.

YES: Considine, Farster, Hudson, Kitson, Koppien, Mimini, Naylor, Nicholson, Norberg, Palen, Schielein, Skrogstad, White, Williams, Wilson, Zeman, Allen, Bally, and Bivins

NO: Shippert, and Book

ABSTAIN: Humphrey and Olson

ABSENT: McClain

Motion carried by roll call vote.

D. Petitions Coming From the Planning Commission: None

VIII. Administrator Monthly Update and Board Member Comments

None

IX. Public Comments:

A. Items on the agenda - visitors allowed 10 minutes---none

Jeff Stauter-Executive Director of Kreider Services spoke on behalf of the plan for Kreider Services to receive a donation of Timber Creek Golf Course and the request for \$250,000 in support from the County Board for this project. Key points:

- Bid out competitively the management of the golf course and the catering
- Create jobs and it will keep an asset in the community with the addition of an event tent that would allow for up to 500 person events.
- Without the county's support this project is unlikely to move forward.

Bob Venier -showing full support of this plan, has been on the golf course for over 45 years. He asked for the Board's consideration to preserve the golf course's history and to provide a place for our community to enjoy and make lasting memories.

Don Vock-Kreider Board of Director for 18 Years spoke on behalf of the golf course and that he currently has a child with disabilities that is part of Kreider. This project will provide a revenue source for Kreider going forward in the future.

Ron Keith- talked in support of the golf course to preserve the historical asset and provide the economic benefit of having a local golf course

Amy Marion-Works for Rapid SOS which is a public safety technology company. They have created the world's first emergency data platform. They connect phones, buildings and vehicles to public safety at the time of an emergency. It is a free service and as they grow they will branch out to law enforcement, medical field responders and fire as well. They have been in the area recently highlighting some of Lee County Heroes via film and

photos. Talked highly about Shelly Dallas and her work in the community and -noted she is one of the top leaders in 911 and in the state of Illinois.

Mr. Considine made a **motion to suspend the rules and go out of order** to consider the **Kreider Golf Course motion** that is on the table. **Second** by Mr. Book. **Motion** carried by voice vote with Mr. Norberg voting no.

Motion to reconsider from any member that **voted "NO"** on the original motion. **Moved** by Mr. Skrogstad. **Second** by Mr. Palen. Discussion, Mr. Bivins and Mr. Skrogstad spoke on behalf of their support for this project. **Motion** is to reconsider.

A roll call vote is called.

YES: Farster, Humphrey, Naylor, Palen, Schielein, Skrogstad, White, Bivins, Book, Considine and Olson.

NO: Hudson, Kitson, Koppien, Mimini, Nicholson, Norberg, Shippert, Williams, Wilson, Zeman, Allen and Bally.

ABSENT: McClain

11 YES 12 NO. The original vote stands. The original vote was voted down.

B. Items not on the agenda - visitors allowed 5 minutes (none)

X. County Organization Presentations/Updates:

A. Carrie Folken - Business Employment Skills Team, Inc. (Best, Inc.)

Carrie Folken Executive Director spoke on behalf of Best Inc.

- Best is Education, Career and Employment Services and they administer the federal workforce program for Bureau, Carroll, Jo Daviess, LaSalle, Lee, Ogle, Putnam, and Whiteside County.
- The program helps individuals who meet federal guidelines to develop the skills they need to become more self-sufficient and job ready.
- This past year they worked with 84 individuals from Lee County with a variety of different programs.
- Provided an incumbent worker training program to two businesses to offset their costs of training by \$18,348.
- 116 Universal Services were completed.

XI. Reports of Committee:

A. Administrative Services: Chris Norberg, Chair

Mr. Norberg stated that the minutes are in On-Board.

B. Blackhawk Hills Regional Council: John Nicholson, Liaison

Mr. Nicholson stated their meetings are bi-monthly and the next meeting is scheduled for September 26th.

C. Claims Committee: Marilyn Shippert, Chair

Ms. Shippert stated minutes for the two meetings are in On-Board.

D. Executive Committee: Bob Olson, Chair

Mr. Olson stated minutes are in On-Board.

E. Finance: Jim Schielein, Chair

Mr. Schielien states minutes are in On-Board. Highlights are:

- ARPA Committee made a recommendation to the finance committee in regards to the funding of Broadband project.
- Approval of the new hire for State's Attorney Office

F. Health Department: Katie White, Liaison

Ms. White stated minutes are in On-Board. Highlights are:

- Monkey Pox Virus numbers are on a decline in the state,
- Lee County had had no reported cases.
- Covid-19 Bivalent Boosters and Flu Clinics are coming soon
- Grants for 2023 have been executed

G. 911 Board: Keane Hudson, Liaison

Mr. Hudson stated minutes are in On-Board

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

Mr. Wilson spoke about some highlights

- New back-up generator has been installed at the Old Court's Building and is scheduled for operation on October 10th.
- Boiler project is underway and the bids will be going out soon for the Courts Building boiler and the HVAC system
- Old LEC building demolition drawings are being completed
- New Carpeting and soundproofing projects are proposed for the Courts Building
- Elevator project in the Courts Building is moving along, completion is slated for May or June of next year.

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

Mr. Koppien stated minutes are in On-Board

J. Transportation / Solid Waste: Doug Farster, Chair

Mr. Considine stated minutes are in On-Board

- K. Tri-County Opportunities Council: Marvin Williams, Liaison
Mr. Williams stated the minutes are in On-Board
- L. Tourism: Bill Palen, Liaison
Mr. Palen spoke on behalf of Lee County Tourism
 - They are in the process of reviewing the advertising program for next year.
 - July hotel/motel tax was \$14,093.96 which is high because the Super 8 motel tax for June was delayed so they received a double payment in July.
- M. United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI): Doug Farster, Liaison
Mr. Farster stated that the next meeting is not until September 26th in Springfield.

XII. Unfinished Business:

- A. Financial and Accounting Policies and Procedures (held over in August)
Motion to approve **Resolution #09-22-014** Financial and Accounting Policies and Procedures Ordinance that was held over in August. **Moved** by Mr. Schielein. **Second** by Mr. Norberg. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.
- B. Adoption of the Lee-Ogle Greenways & Trails Plan (Tabled in August)
In August the Lee-Ogle Greenways & Trails Plan was tabled. **Motion to move this off the table.** **Moved** by Mr. Nicholson. **Second** by Mr. Norberg. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote. **Motion** to approve **Resolution # 09-22-015** Adoption of the Lee-Ogle Greenways & Trails Plan. **Moved** by Mr. Nicholson. **Second** by Mr. Koppien. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.
- C. Kreider/Golf Course Irrigation System
This was addressed previously in the meeting. See discussion and voting under Public Comments.
- D. ARPA Committee Funding Recommendations - None
- E. Broadband Grant - Matching Funding - Revised Recommendation Coming From the Finance Committee
The recommendation coming out of the ARPA committee was to fund the Broadband Grant at 100% (1,677,366.97) from the ARPA fund. Because there were concerns regarding the completion date of the project, exceeding the deadlines set forth by ARPA Guidelines, the Finance Committee sent a revised recommendation to the Executive Committee to support the project using capital funds. **Motion** to approve **Resolution #09-22-016** in support of Broadband

"Middle Mile" Infrastructure Grant Program and to allocate \$1.7 million if the grant is awarded. **Moved** by Mr. Wilson. **Second** by Ms. Shippert. Discussion, Mr. Schielein spoke on behalf of the Finance Committee asking for support of this resolution that will be down the road a ways. He also stated it is over a period of 5 years and only if the grant is approved will they get the grant. It will come out of Capital for \$350,000. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

F. Board Rules and Procedures

Motion to approve **Resolution #09-22-017** Board Rules and Procedures. **Moved** by Mr. Kitson. **Second** by Ms. Shippert. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

G. Resolution: Authorizing the Creation of the Regan Mass Transit District

Motion to table Resolution Authorizing the Creation of the Reagan Mass Transit District. **Moved** by Mr. Norberg. **Second** by Mr. Nicholson. **Motion to table** carried unanimously by voice vote.

H. Memorandum of Understanding Concerning the Creation of the Reagan Mass Transit District

Motion to table Memorandum of Understanding Concerning the Creation of the Reagan Mass Transit District. **Moved** by Mr. Hudson. **Second** by Ms. Naylor. **Motion to table** carried unanimously by voice vote.

I. Animal Control Revised Fees/Fines Schedule

Motion to approve **Resolution #09-22-018** Lee County Animal Control Revised Fees and Fines Schedule. **Moved** by Mr. Bally. **Second** by Mr. Skrogstad. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

J. New Hire in the State's Attorney's Office

Motion to approve an additional Assistant State's Attorney. **Moved** by Mr. Kitson. **Second** by Mr. Hudson. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

K. NexAmp - Res Financial Assurance of Decommissioning

Motion to approve **Resolution #09-22-019** Acceptance of Alternative Financial Security in the Form A Security Bond for Decommissioning NEXAMP Inc. **Moved** by Ms. Shippert. **Second** by Mr. Kitson. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

XIII. Appointments:

- A. Appointment Reagan Mass Transit District Board of Trustees: Aaquil Khan, Jeremy Englund and Mary Oros

Motion to approve all 3 Appointments at the same time. **Moved** by Mr. Schielien. **Second** by Mr. Norberg. Ms. Ryerson spoke on behalf of these appointments and made the statement that these 3 appointments should be tabled following the tabling of the Reagan Mass Transit Resolution. **Mr. Norberg rescinded his motion.** **Motion** by Mr. Schielein **to table** the appointments of the Reagan Mass Transit District Board of Trustees. **Second** by Mr. Norberg. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice voice.

- B. Reappointment of Charles Beckman to the Planning Commission
- C. Reappointment of Ellen Smith to the Planning Commission
- D. Reappointment of Emily Pratt to the Planning Commission

Motion to approve all 3 reappointments at the same time. **Moved** by Mr. Norberg. **Second** by Mr. Considine. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote. **Motion** to approve **Resolution #09-22-020** Reappointment of Charles Beckman to the Planning Commission, **Resolution #09-22-021** Reappointment of Ellen Smith to the Planning Commission and **Resolution #09-22-022** Reappointment of Emily Pratt to the Planning Commission. **Moved** by Mr. Nicholson. **Second** by Mr. Norberg. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

XIV. Executive Session:

None

XV. Approval of County Officers Reports/Quarterly Treasurer' Report

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

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

Motion to approve Monthly Revenue Report, Claims Paid, Claims Paid in Vacation, and Payroll Paid. **Moved** by Mr. Mimini. **Second** by Ms. Naylor.

A roll call is called.

YES: Hudson, Humphrey, Kitson, Koppien, Mimini, Naylor, Nicholson, Norberg, Palen, Schielein, Shippert, Skrogstad, White, Williams, Wilson, Zeman, Allen, Bally, Bivins, Book, Considine, Farster and Olson.

NO: None

ABSENT: McClain

Motion carried by roll call vote.

XVII. Approval of Board Member Mileage and Per Diem

Motion to approve Board Member Mileage and Per Diem for the month of August paid out in the month of September. **Moved** by Mr. Koppien. **Second** by Mr. Kitson. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

XVIII. Motion to Adjourn:

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

Adjourned at 7:25 P.M.

Robert Olson Chairman Lee County Board

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