



*Lee County Board Meeting Minutes*

Lee County, Illinois

May 19, 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 on May 19, 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, Bivins, Farster, Hudson, Humphrey, Kitson, McClain, Mimini, Naylor, Nicholson, Palen, Schielein, Skrogstad, White, Williams, Wilson, and Zeman. Members absent were: Allen, Book, Considine, Koppien, Norberg and Shippert.

IV. Announcements:

A. Please mute or turn off cell phones

V. Approval of Board Minutes of: April 21, 2022 Regular County Board Meeting

Approved as read

VI. Zoning and Planning

A. Monthly Report and Minutes

1. Monthly Report

2. Minutes: Zoning Board of Appeals

a. April 12, 2022 Meeting

b. May 5, 2022 Meeting

B. Petitions Going To the Zoning Board of Appeals: None

C. Petitions Going To the Planning Commission: None

D. Petitions Coming From the Zoning Board of Appeals:

1. Petition 22-P-1590, Petitioner: Jerad Zellhofer, PPN#'s 02-15-23-300-007 & 02-15-26-200-005 in Amboy Township

**Motion** by Mr. Skrogstad to approve Petition 22-P-1590 with one condition: There shall be no outside storage on the property including boats, vehicles, semis, motorcycles, rv's or trailers. **Moved** by Mr. Skrogstad. **Second** by Mr. Wilson. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

2. Petition 22-P-1592, Michael and Mary Anderson, PPN# 02-15-36-200-016 in Amboy Township

**Motion** by Mr. Skrogstad to approve Petition 22-P-1592 with one condition: There should be no outside storage on the property including boats, vehicles, semis, motorcycles, rv's or trailers. **Moved** by Mr. Skrogstad. **Second** by Mr. Wilson. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

- E. Petitions Coming From the Planning Commission: None

VII. Administrator Monthly Update and Board Member Comments

None

VIII. Public/Visitor Comments:

None

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

IX. Reports of Committee:

- A. Administrative Services: Chris Norberg, Chair

Mr. Norberg was absent Ms. Naylor spoke on behalf of the committee, minutes are in your onboard.

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

Mr. Nicholson spoke and stated there was no meeting last month the next meeting is the first part of June.

- C. Claims Committee: Marilyn Shippert, Chair

Ms. Shippert was absent and Mr. Zeman spoke on behalf of the committee. Had 113 claims in the two meetings this month. Minutes are in your Onboard.

- D. Executive Committee: Bob Olson, Chair

Chairman Olson stating minutes are in your onboard.

E. Finance: Jim Schielein, Chair

Mr. Schielein spoke on behalf on this committee, stating that the ARPA committee has two recommendations that the finance committee moved on to full board that will be seen later on.

F. Health Department: Katie White, Liaison

Ms. White stated that they had to move the May meeting to last night and they still did not have a quorum so there was no meeting.

G. 911 Board: Keane Hudson, Liaison

Mr. Hudson stated there was no meeting in April the next meeting is scheduled for May 26th.

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

Mr. Wilson stated a few updates, air conditioning system on the current building has some issues, eastside is working, the west side unit has a problem with one of the condensers, they are working on that and hopefully it will be fixed on Friday. Generator showed up finally after 30 weeks. Elevator project is waiting on estimates.

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

Mr. Koppien is absent, Mr. Nicholson states minutes are in the onboard.

J. Transportation / Solid Waste: Doug Farster, Chair

Mr. Farster stating minutes are in the onboard. Business will be taken care of later in new business.

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

Mr. Williams stated they had a meeting last month and they changed their up and coming meetings to May 24th and June 23rd via zoom at 5:00 p.m. not 6:00 p.m. Minutes are in your onboard.

L. Tourism: Bill Palen, Liaison

Mr. Palen talked about the new flyer on everyone's desk, the new visitors guide which is now called **The Lookbook!** The share of the Hotel/Motel Tax for March is \$4487.28. Question was asked about the county still taking the 2% or did we give it back, Mr. Rudolphi spoke and said that the county is presently not taking the 2%.

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

Mr. Farster does not have the minutes from the last meeting and there will be no May or June meetings. On July 25-26 meeting at Eagle Ridge Resort in Galena for the annual conference.

X. Old Business:

A. Resolution: Setting Circuit Clerk's Salary

**Motion** to approve **Resolution # 05-22-001** Setting Circuit Clerk's Salary. **Moved** by Ms. White. **Second** by Mr. Kitson. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote

B. FY22 Budget Adjustment for Approved Raises (tabled in April)

Recommendation by Chairman Olson is to continue to table this until it goes back in front of finance.

C. Petition 22-PC-66 (Held over in February)

Motion to approve **Ordinance #05-22-002** Regulating Solar Energy Systems as an Accessory Use. Ms. Henkel spoke on behalf of this Petition that is requesting an ordinance for solar energy systems as an accessory use. This would cover any solar energy system that is being used for on-site generation of power. So its residential solar, so if a farmer wants to use it to run his farming business and things of that nature. So as long as its being used on site by the property owner this ordinance would cover it. **Moved** by Mr. Nicholson. **Second** by Mr. Kitson. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

XI. New Business:

A. ARPA Committee Funding Recommendations

1. Historic Dixon Theatre

**Motion** to approve ARPA funding to Dixon Theatre. **Moved** by Mr. Schielein. **Second** by Mr. Bivins. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

2. Planning Grant for Traffic Analysis Around Steward/Rochelle/Industrial Park

**Motion** to approve ARPA funding to the planning grant for traffic analysis. **Moved** by Mr. Nicholson. **Second** by Mr. Bivins. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

B. Revised MFT Maintenance Appropriation Resolution - Highway Department

Mr. Anderson spoke on behalf of this resolution. This is a supplement to resolutions we normally pass in November/December. **Motion** to approve **Resolution #05-22-003** MFT maintenance appropriation. **Moved** by Mr. Kitson. **Second** by Mr. Skrogstad. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. Stipulated Agreement for the ICC - Highway Department

Mr. Anderson spoke on behalf of this resolution. This is a standard form agreement and it is for lights and gates at the Steward Road crossing Burlington Northern Santa Fe crossing which is much needed. The great cross protection fund is going to cover the vast majority of the project. **Motion** to approve this agreement. **Moved** by Mr. Wilson. **Second** by Mr. Farster. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

D. Resolution County Board Member Compensation

**Motion** to approve **Resolution #05-22-004** County Board Member Compensation. **Moved** by Mr. Schielein. **Second** by Mr. Bivins. Discussion Mr. Schielein states it has to do with compensation going from \$60 to \$80 per diem per meeting. Chairman of the board would go to \$8400, Vice Chairman to \$1200 both annual. Standing committee chairman would go to \$600 annually. Chairman Olson also stated that they are not voting on this for themselves it is for the county board members starting Dec 1 and it lasts for the next 10 years. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

E. Resolution: Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission Compensation - Effective, June 1, 2022

**Motion** to approve **Resolution #05-22-005** Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Commission Compensation. Discussion by Mr. Schielein is that there has not been an increase for a very long time. The increase is from \$60 to \$80 effective June 1, 2022. **Moved** by Mr. Schielein. **Second** by Mr. Nicholson. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

F. Resolution in Support of ETSB (9-1-1)

**Motion** to approve **Resolution #05-22-006** Support of 911 Fund Diversion. **Moved** by Mr. Nicholson. **Second** by Mr. Hudson. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

G. Resolution: Certified List of Candidates for Judge of Election for the Republican and Democratic Parties

**Motion** to approve **Resolution #05-22-007** Certified List of Candidates for Judges of Election. Clerk Petersen spoke on behalf of the resolution, this needs to be

done every 2 years and it is brought in front of the county board to approve the list of names. **Moved** by Mr. Hudson. **Second** by Ms. Naylor. **Motion** carried by voice vote with Mr. Skrogstad abstaining.

H. Resolution: Battery Energy Storage Systems Moratorium Extension

**Motion** to approve **Resolution #05-22-008** Battery Energy Storage Systems Moratorium Extension. Ms. Henkel spoke on behalf of this resolution and states it is an extension for 90 days of the current moratorium. **Moved** by Mr. Wilson. **Second** by Ms. Naylor. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

I. Resolution: Solar Energy Systems Moratorium Extension

**Motion** to approve **Resolution #05-22-009** Solar Energy Systems Moratorium Extension. County Administrator Ryerson spoke on behalf of this resolution and this came out of the Renewable Energy Committee to extend the moratorium because the development of the new ordinance is not yet completed. States that some of the smaller solar projects or the community solar projects that are less than 5 megawatts have some deadlines and timelines they have to meet. So not to extend the moratorium on projects that are greater than or less than 5 megawatts. **Moved** by Mr. Nicholson. **Second** by Mr. Wilson. Opens the floor for discussion, Mr. Humphrey states he has concerns about the new in coming solar projects. Ms. Henkel states that the community solar projects that were formerly approved by lee county occurred in 2018 and those permits have expired. The county has only one approved community solar at this time.

**A roll call vote is called.**

**YES:** Bivins, Farster, Kitson, McClain, Naylor, Nicholson, Palen, Schielein, Skrogstad, White, Williams, Wilson, Zeman, Bally and Chairman Olson

**NO:** Hudson, Humphrey, and Mimini

**ABSENT:** Allen, Book, Considine, Koppien, Norberg, and Shippert

**Motion carried by roll call vote.**

J. Resolution: Wind Energy Systems Moratorium Extension

Ms. Henkel spoke on this matter and said they are asking to extend the current moratorium on wind energy convergence systems for another three months while they continue to work on the ordinance. Surveys are out to the public and Chastain & Associates are helping with the ordinance. **Motion** is to extend the Wind Energy System, **Resolution #05-22-010**. **Moved** by Mr. Farster. **Second** by Ms. Naylor. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

- K. Lee County Sheriff's Office Request for Starcom Radios

**Motion** to approve Sheriff's request for Starcom Radios. **Moved** by Mr. Schielein. **Second** by Mr. Wilson. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

- L. Resolution: Establishing the Salary for the Lee County Sheriff

**Motion** is to approve the new salary for Lee County Sheriff, **Resolution #05-22-011**. **Moved** by Mr. Skrogstad. **Second** by Mr. Kitson. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote.

- M. Sauk Valley Hydrogen, LLC: Request for a Letter of Credit in Lieu of an Escrow Account for Decommissioning Financial Security

Ms. Henkel spoke on behalf of this request stating that they have chosen to go with the escrow account deposit as opposed to an alternative form. **No Action needed.**

XII. Appointments:

**Motion** to approve all 5 appointments at once. **Moved** by Mr. Nicholson. **Second** by Mr. Hudson. **Motion** carried unanimously by voice vote. **Motion** to approve all 5 appointments. **Moved** by Mr. Kitson. **Second** by Mr. Skrogstad. **Motion** carried by voice vote. Mr. Schielein abstained.

- A. Resolution: Appointment of James M. Smith to the Lee County Board of Review

**Resolution #05-22-12** Lee County Board of Review **James M. Smith**

- B. Resolution: Appointment of Judy Truckenbrod to the Farmland Assessment Review Committee

**Resolution #05-22-013** Farmland Assessment Review Committee **Judy Truckenbrod**.

- C. Resolution: Appointment of James D. Schielein to the Farmland Assessment Review Committee

**Resolution #05-22-014** Farmland Assessment Review Committee **James D. Schielein**

- D. Resolution: Appointment of Mark Appelquist as Trustee of the Franklin Grove Fire Protection District

**Resolution #05-22-015** Appointing Trustee Franklin Grove Fire Protection **Mark Appelquist**

- E. Resolution: Appointment of Edwin Lilja to the Amboy Fire Protection District

**Resolution #05-22-016 Appointment Amboy Fire Protection Edwin Lilja**

XIII. Executive Session:

None

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

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

XV. 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. Palen. **Second** by Mr. Hudson.

**A roll call vote is called**

YES: Farster, Hudson, Humphrey, Kitson, McClain, Mimini, Naylor, Nicholson, Palen, Schielein, Skrogstad, White, Williams, Wilson, Zeman, Bally, Bivins and Olson.

NO: None

ABSENT: Koppien, Norberg, Shippert, Allen, Book and Considine.

**Motion carried by roll call vote.**

XVI. Approval of Board Member Mileage and Per Diem

County Administrator Ryerson spoke on behalf of the county board per diem, we are presently in a transition period. Which means we would like to be able to more cleanly track and be able to present the county board with an official report going forward. The report will start at the beginning of each month and go thru the end of that month. **No Action needed**

XVII. Motion to Adjourn:

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

Adjourned at 6:48 P.M.

Robert Olson Chairman Lee County Board

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