



Effingham County Board
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EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD REGULAR MEETING May 15, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS: Joshua Douthit-District B, Chair, David Campbell-District D, Vice Chair, Norbert Soltwedel-District A, Tim Ellis-District C, Christopher Keller-District E, Elizabeth Huston-District F, Doug McCain-District G, Sandra Gillet-District H, Jeremy Deters-District I

1. ROLL CALL, PLEDGE, PRAYER

The County Board of Effingham County, Illinois met pursuant to a regular meeting on Monday, May 15, 2023 at 4:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, County Building, City of Effingham, and State of Illinois. Meeting was called to order by Chairman Joshua Douthit. Pledge of Allegiance was said. Member Josh Douthit gave the prayer.

Roll call was taken with the following Board Members present: Joshua Douthit, David Campbell, Norbert Soltwedel, Tim Ellis, Christopher Keller, Elizabeth Huston, Doug McCain, Sandra Gillet, Jeremy Deters

2. RECOGNIZE PERSONS WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON AGEND/NON-AGENDA ITEMS

- Jane Summers with Lake Sara fireworks was available for any questions regarding their request for funds.
- Courtney Yockey, with Effingham Regional Career Academy, was present and distributed a packet and informed the board of a couple of webinars.

3. RESOLUTION – HONORING LARRY FINROCK ON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 31 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPT.

- Chairman Josh Douthit read the resolution honoring Larry Finrock on 31 years of service to the Sheriff's Dept and listed all the job duties Larry had during his employment. A gift of appreciation was presented to Larry. Sheriff Paul Kuhns spoke on his relationship with Larry Finrock. Member Jeremy Deters made a motion to approve resolution honoring Larry Finrock on his retirement. Member S. Gillet seconded ***Motion carried.***

4. AGENDA CONSIDERATIONS

• 4A - HAZMAT TRAINING FOR EMA COORDINATOR

At the Public safety meeting it was approved for the Hazmat coordinator to attend training. However, this item was unable to be placed on the agenda because of a timing issue. Member D. Campbell made a motion to add this item to the Regular County Board meeting agenda as #4A. Member D. McCain seconded. ***Motion carried.*** Member N. Soltwedel made a motion to

approve the Hazmat Coordinator to attend the meeting. Member T. Ellis seconded. **Motion carried** on a roll call vote of 8 ayes 0 nays.

- Member C. Keller pulled item “Approve Annually Allocating \$10,000 of Hotel/Motel Funds for TREC Maintenance”. Chairman J. Douthit placed item as #5A.
- Member J. Deters pulled item “Approve Allocation of up to \$34,000 in ARPA Funding for A/C Compressor Unit for County Building”. Chairman J. Douthit placed item as #5B.
- Member J. Deters pulled item “Approve Deviated Bus Stop Signage in Old Courthouse Parking Lot” Chairman J. Douthit placed item as #5C.
- Chairman J. Douthit pulled item “Approve Easements for Airport Road Reconstruction” Chairman J. Douthit placed item as #5D
- Member C. Keller pulled item “Approve Allocating \$2500 in Hotel/Motel Funds to Lake Sara Fireworks”. Chairman J. Douthit placed item as #5E

5. CONSENT AGENDA

Member J. Deters motion to approve the consent agenda except for items pulled in the agenda considerations. Member D. McCain second. **Motion carried** on a roll call vote of 8 ayes 0 nays.

- **5A - APPROVE ANNUALLY ALLOCATING \$10,000 OF HOTEL/MOTEL FUNDS FOR TREC MAINTENANCE**
Member C. Keller pulled this consent agenda item to abstain from the vote. Member N. Soltwedel made a motion to approve annually allocating \$10,000 of hotel/motel funds for TREC Maintenance. Member D. McCain second. Member C. Keller abstained. **Motion carried** on a roll call vote 7 ayes 0 nays.
- **5B - APPROVE ALLOCATION OF UP TO \$34,000 IN ARPA FUNDING FOR A/C COMPRESSOR UNIT FOR COUNTY BUILDING.**
Member J. Deters pulled this consent agenda item to adjust the allocation amount. A quote was received from Sycamore Engineering for materials and labor for \$34,280.00. Member J. Deters made a motion to approve the allocation for an increase in ARPA funds to \$34,280.00 for the A/C Compressor Unit. Member C. Keller seconded. **Motion carried** on a roll call vote 8 ayes 0 nays.
- **5C - APPROVE DEVIATED BUS STOP SIGNAGE IN OLD COURTHOUSE PARKING LOT**
Member J. Deters pulled this consent agenda item because there is an issue with the bus stop at the courthouse. It was discussed to move the bus stop to another location. Member J. Deters made a motion to refer the deviated bus stop signage back to Transportation committee. Member T. Ellis seconded. **Motion carried.**
- **5D - APPROVE EASEMENTS FOR AIRPORT ROAD RECONSTRUCTION**
Chairman J. Douthit pulled this consent agenda item to refer back to the committee. This easement is not ready to be approved. Member D. McCain made a motion to refer this easement for Airport Road Reconstruction back to Road and Bridge committee. Member J. Deters seconded. **Motion carried.**
- **5E - APPROVE ALLOCATING \$2500 IN HOTEL/MOTEL FUNDS TO LAKE SARA FIREWORKS**
Member C. Keller pulled this consent agenda item to abstain from the vote. Member J. Deters made a motion to approve allocating \$2500 in hotel/motel funds to Lake Sara fireworks. Member D. McCain seconded. Member C. Keller abstained. **Motion carried** on a roll call vote 7 ayes 0 nays.

6. APPROVE APPOINTMENT WITHOUT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION -TEUTOPOLIS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT – JONATHON HORN (05/15/23-04/30/26)

- The paperwork was received late to make the consent agenda. Member D. Campbell made a motion to approve the appointment without committee recommendation Teutopolis Fire Protection District – Johnathon Horn. Member T. Ellis seconded **Motion carried.**

7. APPROVE AMENDED VEHICLE LEASE AGREEMENT WITH CSS WITHOUT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Member N. Soltwedel stated they discussed this agreement with the Transportation committee. The agreement was reviewed by the CSS and Aaron Jones, States Attorney, and both parties agree with the adjustments. The two adjustments are the insurance limits of 1 million instead of 2 million and non-profit organization instead of corporation. Member S. Gillet made a motion to approve the amended vehicle lease agreement with CSS. Member C. Keller seconded. **Motion carried** on a roll call vote 8 ayes 0 nays.

8. APPROVE RESOLUTION OF GIS ABATEMENT WITH CITY OF EFFINGHAM WITHOUT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

- Jill Zerrusen, GIS coordinator, informed the County Board of the three-year Intergovernmental agreement with the City of Effingham abating the GIS fee. Jill recommends this renewal and this agreement is for data. Member N. Soltwedel made a motion to approve the Resolution of GIS Abatement with City of Effingham. Member C. Keller seconded. Member S. Gillet abstained. **Motion carried** on a roll call vote 7 ayes 0 nay

9. ELECTION OFFICIALS REPORTS

- Michelle Kollmann, County Clerk, noted the digitization project with US Imaging is moving along quite nicely.
- Paul Kuhns, Sheriff, stated the materials for the roof project is on hold. It was noted that Travis Buhnerkempe was promoted to Chief Deputy in the Sheriff's Dept.
- Jeff Workman, Health Dept, reported on the zoning variance for the Willow Brook Facility which should be approved at the upcoming City Council meeting.

10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Dave Campbell reported there is \$11,374.00 in the revolving loan fund for businesses.
- Jeremy Deters reported the LED four way stop lights are up in Montrose and the citizens are thankful.
- Norbert Soltwedel stated the budget is in good shape. It reflects we are under expenses and over income.

11. CLOSED SESSION

- None

12. ADJOURNMENT

- Member C. Keller motioned to adjourn this meeting. Member T. Ellis seconded. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned until Monday, June 19, 2023 at 4:00 p.m.