



Lee County Board Meeting Minutes

Lee County, Illinois

Thursday, May 23, 2024 at 6:00 PM CDT Old Lee County
Courthouse, Third Floor Boardroom, 112 E. 2nd. St, Dixon IL

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Olson called the regular session of the Lee County Board to order May 23, 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 Tim Mitchell - First Methodist Church Dixon

Pastor Tim Mitchell - First Methodist Church Dixon - led the board in an invocation.

IV. Roll Call:

Clerk Petersen called the roll. Members physically present were Chairman Olson, Akre, Bivins, Freil, Gascoigne, Hudson, Kitson, Koppien, Mimini, Naylor, Pearson, Schielein, Shippert, Skrogstad and White. Mr. Zeman arrived at 6:20 P.M.

Absent: Book, Huss and Wilson. 1 Seat is Vacant.

V. Announcements:

A. Please mute or turn off cell phones

B. Lee County Highway Department Facility Grant Announcement

Chairman Olson announced that Congressman LaHood is supporting our Lee County Highway Department Facility Project funding request. This project, projected to cost \$7.9 million with \$4.9 million requested from the Congressman's Community Project Funding, is a major win for our county, benefiting our constituents and improving our infrastructure. This support highlights the importance and positive impact of our efforts here in Lee County. Chairman Olson

wants to thank Congressman LaHood for his commitment to our County and all of you for your continued dedication.

C. Budget Retreat on June 4, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Schielein wanted to remind everyone about the Retreat on June 4th at 6:00 P.M.

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

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

Chairman Olson announced he is adjusting the agenda to let Mr. Demmer from LCIDA speak. Mr. Demmer spoke about the economic development in Lee County. Highlights:

- Dual Rail Mega site located in the Alto Township and the tremendous number of projects which numbers over 12.
- Dixon Industrial Park projects
- Commercial and Retail growth in the Gateway area.
- Groundbreaking ceremony for the Fairfield Inn Hotel
- Com-Ed luncheon update
- Mr. Schielein asked a question about the sustainable aviation fuel opportunity.
- Ms. Shippert asked a question about big power draws these new companies are using.

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

VIII. Zoning and Planning

A. Monthly Report and Minutes

B. Petitions Going To the Zoning Board of Appeals: 2 Petition

1. Petition No. 24-P-1625 by Ameresco Lee County RNG, LLC.

Motion to MOVE Petition 24-P-1625 Ameresco Lee County RNG, LLC to the Zoning Board of Appeals. **Moved** by Mr. Freil. **Second** by Mr. Kitson. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.

2. Petition No. 24-P-1626 by Michael Doughty and Tammy Doughty

Motion to MOVE Petition 24-P-1626 Doughty's are seeking a variance from Title 10 Chapter 9 Section 3 Bulk Regulation. **Moved** by Ms. Naylor, **Second** by Mr. Kitson. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.

C. Petitions Going To the Planning Commission: 1 Petition

1. Petition No. 24-PC-76 by Lee County Zoning Office

Motion to MOVE Petition 24-PC-76 to the Planning Commission. **Moved** by Mr. Akre. **Second** by Ms. Naylor. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.

D. Petitions Coming From the Zoning Board of Appeals: 2 Petition

1. Resolution for Petition No. 24-P-1623 by Petitioner Irish Eyes Farms, LLC.

Motion to approve Resolution #2024-05-001 Amending the Regulating Development of Commercial Solar Energy Facilities by Irish Eyes Farms LLC, Petition 24-P-1623. **Moved** by Mr. Schielein. **Second** by Mr. Freil.

Roll call vote is called.

YES: Kitson, Koppien, Naylor, Schielein, Skrogstad, White, Zeman, Akre, Freil, Gascoigne, Hudson and Olson.

NO: Mimini, Pearson, Shippert and Bivins

ABSENT: Wilson, Book and Huss

1 Seat is Vacant.

Motion carried by roll call vote.

2. Resolution for Petition No. 24-P-1624 by Richard Humphrey Jr. and Brenda Humphrey

Motion to approve Petition 23-P-1624 Humphrey's are requesting an Accessory Special Use Permit for the purpose of Skilled Trades (Offsite Services Only) parking of refuse trucks and equipment. **Mr. Kitson moved that the county table this resolution** until next month to address questions that have arised. **Second** by Mr. Mimini. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.

E. Petitions Coming From the Planning Commission: None

IX. Administrator Monthly Update and Board Member Comments

Mr. Kitson spoke about anyone zooming in and the news media about the concerns about the new tax bills. The treasurer's office is here to collect the taxes and only collect and to please treat them with respect and they are not responsible for the taxes. If anyone has concerns with your taxes please look at who you should be upset with and go to those different entities. Please do not take frustrations out on Lee County's employees. Mr. Schielein wanted to thank the Chairman and County Administrator for putting together the meeting with Darin LaHood and his staff.

X. Public Comments:

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

Terry Mercer and Dean Barker followers of the United Sovereign Americans spoke on behalf of Election Validity and a Resolution they want the County Board to pass. They each spoke for 5 minutes about the resolution pertaining to the inaccuracies of our 2022 Election.

Sheriff Whelan spoke on behalf of National EMS week, on May 18th the Sheriff's department received a call of a unresponsive 3-year old floating in a pool. The child had got into the pool unsupervised and another child saw the child in the pool and contacted the parent, the parents proceeded to scream which alerted a neighbor, a Nurse Amy Coutts who responded and she began resuscitation efforts. Her efforts were instrumental, Dixon Police Officer Tyler Henson took over CPR and Firefighter Paramedic Josh Tucker and Matt Hay arrived and did load and go and transferred this child to KSB and later was airlifted to OSF St. Anthony's. A full recovery is expected.

XI. County Organization Presentations/Updates:

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

Ms. Belzar spoke on quarterly and updates from the University of Illinois Extension. Highlights:

- Extension mission statement
- Chronic Disease Prevention

- Social Emotional Health
- Food Access
- Thriving Youth
- Workforce Preparedness/Advancement

Ms. Katie Baker, 4-H Program Coordinator spoke on the Lee County 4-H programs and the up and coming fair this summer.

B. Tom Demmer - LCIDA Director - Quarterly Report and Updates

Please see his report earlier in the agenda under approval of minutes.

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

Mr. Pauley spoke on quarterly report and updates about Visit Lee County. Highlights:

- Mission Statement: Popular destination, promote beauty, peace, history and recreation, highlight retail opportunities and restaurants and spur travel and stays.
- Highlights about social media and advertisements.

XII. Reports of Standing Committees:

A. County Services Committee: Jack Skrogstad, Chair

Mr. Freil Vice-Chair gave the report.

B. Public Safety and Court Services Committee: Mike Koppien, Chair

Mr. Koppien gave his report.

C. Facilities and Maintenance Committee: Tom Wilson, Chair

Mr. Freil Vice-Chair gave the report.

D. Claims Committee: Mike Zeman, Chair

Mr. Zeman gave his report. Total of 160 Claims were submitted and approved.

E. Finance Committee: Jim Schielein, Chair

Mr. Schielein let Mr. Rudolphi the Treasurer give the monthly financial report. Minutes are in On-Board.

F. Executive Committee: Bob Olson, Chair

Mr. Kitson Vice-Chair gave the report.

XIII. Reports of Other Committees or Appointments

A. Board of Health: Katie White, Liaison

Ms. White have her report.

B. 911 Board: Keane Hudson, Liaison

Mr. Hudson gave his report.

C. Tri-County Opportunities Council: Reed Akre, Liaison

Mr. Akre stated minutes are in the packet.

D. Blackhawk Hills Regional Council/Lee-Ogle Enterprise Zone: Angie Shippert, Liaison

Ms. Shippert stated Mr. Demmer have a good comprehensive update.

E. Lee County Industrial Development Association (LCIDA): Reed Akre, Liaison

Mr. Akre stated the same about Mr. Demmer's previous update.

F. Counties of Illinois Risk Management (CIRMA): Mike Zeman

Mr. Zeman had no report.

G. United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI): Tom Kitson. Liaison

Mr. Kitson was unable to attend the meeting so no report.

H. Illinois Association of County Board Members (IACBM): Mike Koppien

Mr. Koppien gave his report.

XIV. Unfinished Business: None

XV. New Business:

A. Resolution: Certified List of Candidates for Judge of Election

Motion to approve Resolution #2024-05-002 Certified List of Candidates for Judge of Election. **Moved** by Ms. Naylor. **Second** by Mr. Hudson. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.

- B. Resolution: Support of House Bill 4512
Motion to approve Resolution #2024-05-003 Support of House Bill 4512. **Moved** by Mr. Freil. **Second** by Kitson. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.
- C. Intergovernmental Agreement between Lee County and City of Dixon
Motion to approve Resolution #2024-05-004 Intergovernmental Agreement between Lee County and City of Dixon. **Moved** by Ms. Naylor. **Second** by Mr. Freil. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.
- D. Sheriff's Office Squad Car Replacement
Motion to approve the funds from the Capital Budget to replace the Sheriff's Office Squad Car. **Moved** by Mr. Gascoigne. **Second** by Ms. Naylor. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.
- E. Resolution: IDOT Parcel #07-08-05-237-029
Motion to approve the IDOT Parcel #07-08-05-237-029 Resolution #2024-05-005. **Moved** by Mr. Hudson. **Second** by Mr. Freil. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.
- F. Resolution: IDOT Parcel #07-08-05-237-032
Motion to approve the IDOT Parcel #07-08-05-237-032 Resolution #2024-05-006. **Moved** by Mr. Koppien. **Second** by Mr. Pearson. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.

XVI. Appointments:

- A. Resolution: Re-appointment Judy Truckenbrod to the Farmland Assessment Review Committee
Motion to approve Resolution #2024-05-007 Re-appointment Judy Truckenbrod to the Farmland Assessment Review Committee. **Moved** by Ms. Naylor. **Second** by Mr. Mimini. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.
- B. Resolution: Re-appointment James D. Schielein to the Farmland Assessment Review Committee

Motion to approve Resolution #2024-05-008 Re-appointment James D. Schielein to the Farmland Assessment Review Committee. **Moved** by Ms. Naylor. **Second** by Pearson. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.

XVII. Executive Session
None

XVIII. Approval of County Officers Reports/Quarterly Treasurer's Report
Motion to approve County Officers Reports. **Moved** by Ms. Naylor. **Second** by Mr. Freil. **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. Kitson. **Second** by Mr. Hudson.

Roll call vote is called:

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

NO: None

ABSENT: Wilson, Bivins, Book and Huss

I seat Vacant

Motion carried by roll call vote.

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

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

XXI. Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn. **Moved** by Mr. Hudson. **Second** by Mr. Pearson. **Motion carried** unanimously by voice vote.

Adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Bob Olson Chairman Lee County Board

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