

OFFICIAL REPORT OF
THE COUNTY BOARD
OF
IROQUOIS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
ANNUAL SESSION
SEPTEMBER 10, 2024

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September 10, 2024

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**THE
IROQUOIS COUNTY BOARD
OFFICIAL REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS**

The Iroquois County Board met in Annual Session at the Administrative Center in Watseka, IL on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 9 A.M. Chairman Shure called the meeting to order and asked County Clerk Breein Suver to call the roll.

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Roll call and votes in Iroquois County
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Chairman Shure
On motion to call the roll
Aye: Alt, Behrends, Bence, Bowers, Crow, Ducat, Geiger, Huse, Perkinson, Shure, Watts, Whitlow, Williams, Zumwalt
Absent: McGinnis, McTaggart

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Reverend Roy Johnson Pastor of First Christian Church of Watseka, gave the opening prayer after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Williams and seconded to approve the agenda. The motion carried by a voice vote.

MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Williams to approve the minutes. Ms. Crow questioned a specific claim in the amount of \$12,000 which was attached to the August minutes that was not on the claims list presented for approval. Crow asked why the claim was not put before the Board. Chairman Shure stated that it was a mistake by the Finance Office. The claim had been paid on behalf of the Health Department to settle a legal matter. Chairman Shure noted that the Health Department paid back \$5,000.00 and will pay the remaining \$7,000.00 in December. The motion to approve the minutes from the August 13, 2024 Recessed Session County Board meeting was seconded and carried by voice vote.

PAYROLL

It was moved by Mr. Williams and seconded to approve the August payroll. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

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Chairman Shure
On motion to approve the August payroll
Aye: Alt, Behrends, Bence, Bowers, Crow, Ducat, Geiger, Huse, *McGinnis
Perkinson, Shure, Watts, Whitlow, Williams, Zumwalt

Absent: McTaggart

*denotes member that arrived after the initial roll call

COUNTY BOARD SERVICES

Charlie Alt.....	\$250.00
Lyle Behrends.....	\$254.19
Mitchell Bence.....	\$150.00
Paul Bowers.....	\$126.80
Donna Crow	\$131.08
Paul Ducat.....	\$457.92
Steve Huse	\$350.50
Chad McGinnis	\$176.06
John Shure.....	\$1124.53
Scott Watts	\$168.48
Gerald Whitlow.....	\$350.50
John Zumwalt.....	\$186.18

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Diann Peabody with the Watseka Area Food Pantry, addressed the County Board reporting that September is Hunger Action Month. Peabody spoke of hunger concerns that affect approximately 1 in 8 people in Iroquois County. Ms. Peabody mentioned upcoming radio and press releases to help raise awareness with the ongoing hunger problems that Iroquois County faces. In closing, Peabody stated that Iroquois County has 7 food pantries throughout the county all of which accept donations and she encourages anyone who could donate to do so.

Ashley Laurent with Champaign County Regional Planning Commission spoke of an event scheduled for Thursday, September 19, 2024 focusing on attracting and retaining top manufacturing talent. The roundtable offers a unique opportunity designed to help manufacturers discover benefits of apprenticeship programs. In closing, Ms. Laurent announced that she will be co-hosting a rapid response for the Head Start Program. A meeting date will be set at a later time.

Kira Ebert, Chief of Staff with State Representative Jason Bunting’s office, reminded the County Board that Representative Bunting is hosting a shred event and food drive that will take place September 14, 2024 at the Farm Bureau parking lot in Gilman from 9AM-12PM.

**CHAIRMAN COMMENTS
RESOLUTION NO. R2024-25**

RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE

Chairman Shure presented Resolution No. R2024-25, a Resolution recognizing Interim County Engineer Greg Perkinson for his service to Iroquois County. It was moved by Mr. Zumwalt and seconded to approve Resolution R2024-25. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

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Chairman Shure

On motion to approve Resolution No. R2024-25 Resolution of Appreciation for Exemplary Service

Aye: Alt, Behrends, Bence, Bowers, Crow, Ducat, Geiger, Huse, McGinnis, Perkinson, Shure, Watts, Whitlow, Williams, Zumwalt

Absent: McTaggart

RESOLUTION NO. R2024-25
RESOLUTION OF APPRECIATION
FOR EXEMPLARY SERVICE

WHEREAS, Gregory Perkinson has served as a faithful and valuable interim County Engineer for the Iroquois County Highway Department since the passing of the late Joel Moore in April, 2023; and

WHEREAS, his service to the County represents the best tradition of excellence, dedication to duty, and competence in office; and

WHEREAS, the Ford County Board has graciously agreed to Mr. Perkinson serving as Interim Iroquois County Engineer while at the same time fulfilling the duties of County Engineer in Ford County,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Iroquois County Board takes this occasion to thank him for his exemplary service to Iroquois County and extends to him the County's heartfelt and sincerest wishes for success and happiness in his future endeavors.

Dated this 10 day of September, 2024.

s/John Shure

John Shure, Chairman

Iroquois County Board

ATTEST:

s/Breein B. Suver

Breein B. Suver, County Clerk

OUTSIDE ORGANIZATION REPORTS

Angel Crawford, Executive Director with the Iroquois Economic Development Association, read her monthly IDEA report. Crawford reported that the USDA just announced that applications are open for the Food Access and Retail Expansion. The purpose of the fund is to support food supply chain resiliency, improve access to healthy foods in underserved areas, and to create and preserve quality jobs. Ms. Crawford stated that applications for this funding program are due October 14, 2024. Crawford reported that the City of Watseka continues to partner with local businesses by providing Façade Renovation Assistant Grants. This grant program assists businesses by supporting the revitalization of non-residential buildings within the corporate limits. Ms. Crawford reported the opening of Alliance Poly Sacks USA Inc. The facility is located in Watseka. In closing, Ms. Crawford brought attention

to fall family fun in Iroquois County and encouraged all to attend the numerous fall festivals that will be taking place throughout September and October.

POLICY & PROCEDURE

Mr. Ducat, Vice Chairman of the Policy & Procedure Committee, gave the report of his committee and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded and carried by a roll call vote.

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Chairman Shure

On motion to approve the Policy & Procedure Committee report

Aye: Alt, Behrends, Bence, Bowers, Crow, Ducat, Geiger, Huse, McGinnis, Perkinson, Shure, Watts, Whitlow, Williams, Zumwalt

Absent: McTaggart

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Mr. Chairman and members of the County Board:

Your Committee to whom was referred **Policy & Procedure** would beg leave to submit the following report on the matters before them:

Your Committee met at the Administrative Center on August 29, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. Members present were County Board Chairman John Shure, Paul Ducat, Lyle Behrends and Charlie Alt. Michael McTaggart and Jed Whitlow were absent. Also present, County Clerk Breein Suver, EMA Director Scott Anderson, IEDA Director Angel Crawford, Kankakee County Board Chairman Andy Wheeler, Benjamin Wilson and Craig Long with Kankakee County, Alina Hartley with Livingston County, Melissa Walters and Geneshia Morris with Cris Rural Mass Transit District, Laura Dick with ShowBus, Morris and Linda Tammen with Artesia Brewing, Cliff and Ruth Schroeder, Jim Dexter, Keith McTaggart, Mark McTaggart and Jay Goldenstein.

The meeting was called to order.

It was moved by Paul Ducat and seconded by Lyle Behrends to approve the agenda. Motion carried by a voice vote.

During public comments, Mark McTaggart of Gilman addressed the committee about the alternate route for an Ameren power line proposed by Keith McTaggart and Rolfe Jaremus. Mr. McTaggart stated the alternate route being proposed encourages building in the middle of farms where no structures or roads exist, which contradicts the County's building location guidelines. The alternate route will also take revenue away from the farmers and landowners because of the loss of tillable acres. There will be 32 homes and 7 businesses affected by the

alternate route. Mr. McTaggart said he suggested that those that live along the route have electromagnetic shielding materials put into place to protect them from the radiation they believe is present. Also during public comments, Jay Goldenstein of Gilman commented on the Ameren power line stating he will have 300 acres affected. The line will also be half a mile closer to Crescent City and the grade school. County Board Chairman John Shure commented that he is aware of the Ameren power line situation but is unsure of how the County can be of assistance.

EMA Director Scott Anderson distributed his monthly report to the committee.

- On August 5th, Iroquois County EMA assisted the Watseka Fire Department, Iroquois County Sheriff's Department, and Watseka Police Department at the rolled over propane truck incident on South Belmont Ave just north of Legion Park. No propane leaked from the truck and the incident commander from the Fire Department determined that evacuation was not needed.
- A Hazard Mitigation Plan Committee meeting was held on August 15th in Crescent City. The County has over 30 active participants in the planning process. The next and final planning meeting will be held on October 24th in Crescent City.
- Anderson and his volunteers continue to focus many hours reviewing and updating the Iroquois County Emergency Operation Plan (EOP).
- Anderson will attend the annual IEMA Training Summit in Springfield during the first week of September. During this summit, Anderson will receive the Professional Development Series certificate.
- A carbon monoxide leak tabletop exercise was held on August 23rd at Prairieview Lutheran Home in Danforth. The scenario was centered around a carbon monoxide leak in the memory care unit of an extended care facility. The training was completed in about two hours and was very successful. Anderson received a letter from the State Training Director on August 28th granting approval to use the real-world event that took place at the Iroquois County Fairgrounds on July 15th.
- The Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) met on August 14th. Due to lack of a quorum, no business was conducted. A request was received from Marvin Stichnoth resigning from his vice-chairman position due to him living outside of Iroquois County, but he would still like to remain a member of the committee. This will be addressed at the next meeting. Anderson attended the Iroquois County Amateur Radio Club meeting on August 22nd. The club applied for a grant through the Griffin Trust with the proceeds to be used for the purchase of emergency weather warning radios for County residents that cannot afford one. They received \$500 and the members voted to make the purchase and donate the radios to EMA for distribution. Anderson attended the MABAS meeting on August 28th in Clifton. Anderson requested time at the upcoming meeting in October to share a presentation with the group from the Civil Air Patrol regarding search and rescue, which will satisfy his final requirement for IEMA accreditation for the next five years.
- Anderson continues to encourage all County Board members to follow through with his request to complete the NIMS independent study courses and submit certificates to him.

- A regular meeting will be held for the EMA volunteers in September and the current training requirements will be discussed.
- Anderson reported the large format plotter printer in the EMA office stopped working several months ago. It was determined that there was a hardware issue. A replacement drive was ordered and installed costing less than \$150.
- Anderson continues to share information on the EMA Facebook page.

The Committee Chairs gave their monthly reports:

- Management Chairman Lyle Behrends reported the committee will receive an update on the progress of the Morgue.
- Tax/Planning & Zoning Chairman Paul Ducat reported the committee will continue reviewing wind, solar and battery ordinances and receive their monthly reports. The ARPA Committee will meet in September to discuss the remaining funds available.
- The Finance Committee will hear reports from the department heads and continue discussion on the FY2025 budget.
- Highway Chairman Charlie Alt reported the committee will review a list of equipment that needs repaired or replaced. County Engineer Greg Perkinson is planning to end his employment with Iroquois County in mid-September. Shure said he intends to honor Perkinson with a resolution for his service at the board meeting.

Morris and Linda Tammen with Artesia Brewing addressed the committee about requesting a variance to the microbrewery ordinance. Artesia Brewing, which has been in business for three years, is busier than the Tammen's ever expected. Mrs. Tammen said they are going through approximately 20 kegs each weekend and can't keep up with the demand. Mr. and Mrs. Tammen are requesting permission to purchase product from another source, preferably within Iroquois County. The committee discussed their needs on a permanent basis and their annual production limit based on the ordinance. Shure said State's Attorney Jim Devine has agreed to write a variance, but the committee would need to provide him with the specifics. Mrs. Tammen will provide Shure with this information and Shure hopes to have the variance drafted for the board meeting.

Further discussion was held on the Showbus intergovernmental agreement. Shure explained that McLean County has opted to remove themselves from the agreement. Rural transportation is something the County relies heavily on and cannot be without. The County's options are to start their own transportation program, join with Livingston County and Ford County with one of the counties acting as the host, enter into an agreement with Vermilion County, or align with Kankakee County and their transportation program. Shure and Behrends met with David Schafer of IDOT on August 5th and are awaiting information from him in regards to the number of vehicles we would be provided. Kankakee County Chairman Andy Wheeler, Craig Long, and Ben Wilson spoke to the committee about their operations and also noted that legislation was not aware of the issues. Wheeler stated the two counties joining together is fully dependent on funding and what is best for the rider. However, Kankakee County can't risk losing their funding. Alina Hartley with Livingston County said Livingston County can be the administrator of the grant. At this time, they are lacking information as well such as funding and the number of buses. It was suggested that the County Board Chairmen meet with IDOT and members of the legislature to discuss the ShowBus matter. It was also recommended for the counties to send FOIA requests to McLean County for service contracts

and ridership information. A zoom call will be arranged for next week. The next Policy & Procedure committee meeting will be held September 26th but a special meeting can be scheduled, if necessary.

The committee will resume review of the County Code Book next month.

Appointments will be made at the County Board meeting.

Correspondence was distributed to the committee for review.

The committee reviewed the claims. It was moved by Behrends and seconded by Ducat to pay the claims, subject to County Board approval. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

During old business, Alt reminded the committee about his request to begin using microphones again during the meetings.

There was no new business.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, it was moved by Ducat and seconded by Alt to adjourn at 11:19 A.M. Motion carried by a voice vote.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/John Shure
s/Paul Ducat
s/Lyle Behrends
s/Charlie Alt

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-8

VARIANCE FOR MICROBREWERY ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1

Chairman Shure presented Ordinance No. 2024-8, Variance for Microbrewery Ordinance No. 2020-1. It was moved by Mrs. Perkinson and seconded to approve Ordinance No. 2024-8, Variance for Microbrewery Ordinance No. 2020-1. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

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Chairman Shure

On motion to approve Ordinance No. 2024-8, Variance for Microbrewery Ordinance 2020-1

Aye: Alt, Behrends, Bence, Bowers, Crow, Geiger, Huse, McGinnis, Perkinson, Shure, Watts, Whitlow, Williams, Zumwalt

Abstain: Ducat

Absent: McTaggart

ORDINANCE NO. 2024-8

VARIANCE FOR MICROBREWERY ORDINANCE NO. 2020-1

WHEREAS, the Iroquois County Board enacted a Microbrewery Ordinance known as Microbrewery Ordinance No. 2020-1 which permitted, inter alia, as follows:

No alcoholic liquor shall be brought onto the specified premises or consumed on the specified premises other than craft beer(s), hard cider, and /or mead brewed on the premises.

WHEREAS, the Artesia Brewery company is the only microbrewery operating in Iroquois County as of the date of this variance, and

WHEREAS, The Iroquois County Board has agreed to allow a one year variance of the above-referenced Ordinance to allow alcoholic liquor from outside sources to be brought onto the Artesia Brewery premises to sell alcoholic liquor that is craft beer(s), hard cider and/or mead for a time period beginning September 10, 2024 and ending September 10, 2025.

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the Iroquois County Board that the Artesia Brewery Company operating in Iroquois County be allowed a one year variance in the Ordinance 2020-1 to allow outside alcoholic liquor that is craft beer(s), hard cider, and/or mead to be brought in from outside sources for one year beginning September 10,2024 and ending September 10, 2025.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 10 day of September, 2024 by the Iroquois County Board

s/Breein B. Suver
Breein Suver
Iroquois County Clerk & Recorder

s/John Shure
John Shure
County Board Chairman

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Mr. Behrends, Chairman of the Management Services Committee, gave the report of his committee. General discussion was had regarding the proposal by Verizon to build a cell tower on County owned land. It was questioned if there would be any cost to Iroquois County. The location of the tower was briefly discussed. Ms. Crow stated that location possibility had not been revealed and that Management Committee would report updates when they are received. Mr. Behrends moved for adoption of the Management Services Committee report, which was seconded and carried by a roll call vote.

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Chairman Shure

On motion to approve the Management Services Committee report

Aye: Alt, Behrends, Bence, Bowers, Crow, Ducat, Geiger, Huse, McGinnis, Perkinson, Shure, Watts, Whitlow, Williams, Zumwalt

Absent: McTaggart

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Mr. Chairman and members of the County Board:

Your Committee to whom was referred **Management Services** would beg leave to submit the following report on the matters before them:

Your Committee met at the Administrative Center on September 5, 2024 at 11:03 A.M. Members present Lyle Behrends, Paul Bowers, Mitchell Bence, Donna Crow and John Zumwalt. Also present, Finance Manager Jill Johnson, Maintenance Supervisor Chris Drake, Sheriff Clint Perzee Katie Groark with Verizon Wireless and County Board member Charlie Alt.

The meeting was called to order.

It was moved by John Zumwalt and seconded by Mitchell Bence to approve the agenda.

Motion carried by a voice vote.

There were no public comments.

Maintenance Supervisor Chris Drake's report included the following:

- Metro Power performed inspections on the generators.
- The EMA Office was put on generator power.
- There was a sewer back-up issue at the Jail that has been handled.
- The cell doors at the Jail are being serviced.
- Drake addressed a heat pump that froze at the Administrative Center.
- Drake will be servicing all boilers within the next month.
- Drake will begin buying pallets of salt for the upcoming winter.
- Drake provided an update on the fence at the Administrative Center stating the removal of the fence has been agreed upon but has not been removed yet.

Katie Groark with Verizon Wireless addressed the committee about their interest in leasing out space for a cell tower. Groark explained they need approximately 100 feet by 100 feet plus access and utility easements to get to the tower. The lease would be for 50 years at \$800 per month with a 1.50% escalator each year. All items pertaining to the tower would follow code. The committee requested a sample lease to review. It was moved by Zumwalt and seconded by Paul Bowers to further pursue the cell tower matter. Motion carried by a voice vote. The committee would also like to schedule a walk-through of the proposed site at the next Management Committee meeting on September 30th.

The committee discussed the Animal Control Building and Morgue. Finance Manager Jill Johnson stated the materials for the Morgue have been ordered. The contractor has been paid 50% of the cost with the remaining to be paid at completion of the Morgue. The fence at the Animal Control Building has not been started and no money has been paid.

The County Farm lease has been signed by all parties and is recorded in the County Clerk's Office.

The committee reviewed the claims. It was moved by Bence and seconded by Bowers to pay the claims, subject to County Board approval. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

There was no old business.

There was no new business.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, it was moved by Donna Crow and seconded by Zumwalt to adjourn at 11:39 A.M. Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Lyle Behrends
s/Paul Bowers
s/Mitchell Bence
s/Donna Crow
s/John Zumwalt

HEALTH

Mr. Geiger, member of the Health Committee, gave the report of his committee and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded and carried by a roll call vote.

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Chairman Shure

On motion to approve the Health Committee report

Aye: Alt, Behrends, Bence, Bowers, Crow, Ducat, Geiger, Huse, McGinnis, Perkinson, Shure, Watts, Whitlow, Zumwalt

Absent: McTaggart, Williams

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Mr. Chairman and members of the County Board:

Your Committee to whom was referred **Health** would beg leave to submit the following report on the matters before them:

Your committee met at the Administrative Center on September 3, 2024 at 9:00 A.M. Members present were Paul Ducat, Steve Huse, Jed Whitlow and Kathleen Perkinson. Doug Geiger was absent. Also present, County Board Chairman John Shure and Finance Manager Jill Johnson.

The meeting was called to order.

It was moved by Jed Whitlow and seconded by Steve Huse to approve the agenda. Motion carried by a voice vote.

The committee reviewed the claims. It was moved by Huse and seconded by Kathleen Perkinson to pay the claims, subject to County Board approval. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

Finance Manager Jill Johnson reported the registration deposit for August was \$6,250. The Animal Control Officers closed 41 cases in August. The closed cases consisted of 7 dogs running loose, 4 bite reports, 3 injured dogs, 3 abandoned dogs, 8 welfare checks, 3 cases where the owners were hospitalized, 4 accident assists, 1 nuisance call and 3 dogs hit by a car. Also, 6 bats and 1 dog were received for testing and tested negative for rabies. Paws to

Remember will be picking up the deceased animals at the Animal Control building for cremation today.

It was moved by Whitlow and seconded by Huse to recess the meeting at 9:03 A.M. Motion carried by a voice vote.

It was moved by Huse and seconded by Perkinson to bring the meeting back to order at 9:06 A.M. Motion carried by a voice vote.

There were no reports from the Iroquois County Public Health Department. The monthly summary report of programs will be distributed at the County Board meeting.

There was no old business.

There was no new business.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, it was moved by Whitlow and seconded by Huse to adjourn at 9:07 A.M. Motion carried by a voice vote.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Paul Ducat
s/Steve Huse
s/Jed Whitlow
s/Kathleen Perkinson

TAX/PLANNING & ZONING

3 Reports

Committee Meeting-August 19, 2024

Committee Meeting-August 26, 2024

Committee Meeting- September 3, 2024

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RESOLUTION NO. R2024-26

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SURRENDER OF A TAX SALE CERTIFICATE FOR A PROPERTY IN PAPINEAU TO DEVONTE TURNER- NORWOOD

(Resolution R2024-26 has been recorded and placed on file in the County Clerk's Office)

Mr. Ducat, Chairman of the Tax/Planning & Zoning Committee gave the 3 reports of his committee and presented Resolution R2024-26, a Resolution Authorizing the Surrender of a Tax Sale Certificate for a property in Papineau to Devonte Turner- Norwood. Ms. Crow questioned when discussions on Wind, Solar, and Battery Storage Ordinances would continue. Mr. Ducat stressed that the Ordinances are being gone through piece by piece and the Tax/Planning & Zoning Committee would continue working until it is complete. He moved for adoption of all 3 of the Tax/Planning Zoning Committee reports and Resolution No. R2024-26, which was seconded and carried by a roll call vote.

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Chairman Shure

On motion to approve the 3 reports of the Tax/Planning & Zoning Committee and Resolution No. R2024-26, a Resolution Authorizing the Surrender of a Tax Sale Certificate for a property in Papineau to Devonte Turner-Norwood

Aye: Alt, Behrends, Bence, Bowers, Crow, Ducat, Geiger, Huse, McGinnis, Perkinson, Shure, Watts, Whitlow, Williams, Zumwalt
Absent: McTaggart

**TAX/PLANNING & ZONING
Committee Meeting
AUGUST 19, 2024**

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Mr. Chairman and Members of the County Board:

Your Committee to whom was referred **Tax/Zoning** would beg leave to submit the following report on the matters before them:

Your Committee met at the Administrative Center on August 19, 2024 at 9:30 A.M. Members present were Paul Ducat, Steve Huse, Jed Whitlow, Kathleen Perkinson and County Board Chairman John Shure. Doug Geiger was absent. Also present, EMA Director Scott Anderson and County Board member Scott Watts.

The meeting was called to order.

It was moved by Jed Whitlow and seconded by Kathleen Perkinson to approve the agenda. Motion carried by a voice vote.

There were no public comments.

The committee began their review of the Iroquois County Commercial Wind Energy Facility Siting Ordinance. Revisions made are as follows:

- Capitalization and punctuation changes were made throughout the ordinance. Also, revise Iroquois County Engineer to Iroquois County Highway Engineer throughout the ordinance.
- Page 4 – C. “Commercial Wind Energy Facility”: add *WECS and CWEF are interchangeable in this Ordinance.*
- Page 5 – D. “Facility Owner”: remove *person* and add *entity and/or person.*
- Page 7 – III. APPLICABILITY: revise to read *This Ordinance governs the siting of Meteorological Towers, Commercial Wind Energy Facilities and Substations that generate electricity to be sold to wholesale or retail markets, except that Facility Owners of a private wind facility with an aggregate generating capacity of 500 KW or less who locate the facility on their own property are not subject to this Ordinance.*
- Page 7 – IV. PROHIBITION: change *Commercial Wind Energy Conversion System* to *Commercial Wind Energy Facility.*
- Page 8 – VII. SITING APPROVAL APPLICATION PROCESS, A. Application: change *siting approval application* to *CWEF conditional use application.*

- Page 9 – C. Additional Information: change *property owner(s)* to *participating property owner(s)*.
- Page 10 – 4. add *and* after *Protected Lands*.
- Page 10 – D. Shadow Flicker: replace *The Applicant* with *A Licensed Professional Engineer hired by Iroquois County*. Add sentence to read *The cost will be invoiced to the Facility Owner*. Revise last sentence to read *These measures shall at a minimum include landscape screens and/or window coverings at the discretion of the property owner paid for by the Facility Owner*.
- Page 11 – E. Ice Impact: revise first sentence to read *As part of the Application, there shall be provided an ice impact risk assessment performed by a licensed professional engineer, (hired and paid for by Iroquois County and the cost to be subtracted from the application fee) in accordance with the most updated Internation Energy Wind TCP and the most current turbine model to be used, assessing the risk on public walkways, roads, barns, homes, huts, persons, and livestock*.
- Page 13 – J. Use of Public Roads Agreements, c.: add *and/or* after *Township*.
- Page 14 – J. Use of Public Roads Agreements, h.: revise *sufficient cash in escrow to be held by the County Treasurer for County* to read *a Cashier’s Check payable to Iroquois County*.
- Page 14 – J. Use of Public Roads Agreements, 4.: add *transport* after *facility’s equipment* in first sentence. Also, revise second sentence to read *The Iroquois County Highway Engineer is authorized to require either remediation of road repair upon completion of the Commercial Wind Energy Facility and/or collect fees for overweight and/or oversized load permits*. Remove *their* third sentence and replace it with *Iroquois County Highway Engineer*. Remove last sentence entirely.
- Page 15 – M. Building Permit Fees: revise *Following the application approval* to read *Following the CWF Conditional Use Permit approval*.
- Page 16 – L. Material Changes: revise *are not permitted to shall not be allowed*. Revise *unless requested or permitted to unless requested or allowed*.

It was moved by Paul Ducat and seconded by Steve Huse to take a brief recess at 11:25 A.M. Motion carried by a voice vote.

It was moved by John Shure and seconded by Huse to call the meeting back to order at 11:34 A.M. Motion carried by a voice vote.

The committee continued review of the Iroquois County Commercial Wind Energy Facility Siting Ordinance. Revisions made are as follows:

- Page 16 – VII. DESIGN STANDARDS, B. Foundations: revise *siting approval to CWF Conditional Use Permit*.
- Page 17 – E. Power and Commercial Lines: revise *commercial* in the heading to *communication*. Revise first sentence to read *as adopted by Iroquois County when the application is deemed complete by the Zoning Administrator*.
- Page 18 – F. Color: add *as approved by the Iroquois County Board* at the end of the sentence.
- Page 19 – I. Warning Signs, 3.: change *WECS Towers* to *Wind Towers*.
- Page 19 – I. Warning Signs, 4.: revise language regarding logos to read *logos not to exceed four (4) square feet*.

- Page 19 – J. Climb Prevention, 2. & 3.: change *WECS Tower* to *Wind Tower*.
- Page 20 – K. Setbacks, 4.: adopt this language for the Solar Ordinance.
- Page 20 – K. Setbacks, 6.: change *wind turbines* to *wind towers*.
- Page 21 – column headings *Setback Description* and *Setback Distance* should be underlined and in bold.
- Page 22 – M. Minimum Rotor or Wind Vane Clearance: change *wind turbine* to *wind tower*.
- Page 23 – O. Semi-annual Report: revise language to read *Failure to provide the semi-annual report 30 days after the reporting period shall be considered a default of this Ordinance and subject to all appropriate remedies.*
- Page 23 – P. Record Maps and Plans: revise language to read *Prior to the go live date of the Commercial Wind Energy Facility, the Facility Owner shall deliver as built maps and plans, including a final site plan and engineering plans for the Facility that have been signed and stamped by a licensed Illinois professional engineer to the Iroquois County Board for final approval and acceptance to operate.*
- Page 24 – A. Financial Assurances to Iroquois County to include: 1.: remove *A basis formed* and replace with *In order to determine the amount for financial assurances, an estimate prepared by.*
- Page 25 – A. Financial Assurances to Iroquois County to include: 6.: replace *subordinated* with *primary*.
- Page 26 – F.: revise to read *An update to this decommissioning plan shall be prepared by a licensed professional engineer hired by Iroquois County and invoiced by the County to the Facility Owner.*
- Page 26 – X. OPERATION, A. Maintenance, 1.: change *in addition to all complaints* to *including a summary of all complaints.*
- Page 28 – 2. revise to read *Prior to construction of the CWF, Iroquois County will hire a licensed wireless systems engineer and invoice the Facility Owner to conduct a study related to interference with local broadcast residential television and wireless internet services, if it is demonstrated a likelihood of interference may result from the WECS, the applicant shall take measures to mitigate such anticipated interference. If, after construction of the CWF, Iroquois County and/or the Facility Owner receives a reasonable written complaint related to interference with local broadcast residential television and wireless internet services, Iroquois County will hire a licensed wireless systems engineer and invoice the Facility Owner. The Facility Owner shall take steps to rectify the complaint as determined by the wireless systems engineer, such as providing alternate service to each individual resident or property owner.*
- Page 29 – XI. NOISE LEVELS, A.: revise to read *Subsequential inspections will be performed at 90-day intervals until compliance is achieved, thereafter future inspections shall be performed on a triennial (3-year) basis unless a verified complaint is filed to the County Board in the meantime.*

The Tax/Planning & Zoning committee will meet again on Monday, August 26, 2024 at 9:30 A.M. in the County Board Room to continue review of the Iroquois County Commercial Wind Energy Facility Siting Ordinance.

There was no old business.

There was no new business.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, it was moved by Perkinson and seconded by Huse to adjourn at 1:16 P.M. Motion carried by a voice vote.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Paul Ducat
s/Steve Huse
s/Jed Whitlow
s/Kathleen Perkinson
s/John Shure

**TAX/PLANNING & ZONING
Committee Meeting
AUGUST 26, 2024**

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY

County Board, Annual Session
September 10, A.D., 2024

Mr. Chairman and Members of the County Board:

Your Committee to whom was referred **Tax/Zoning** would beg leave to submit the following report on the matters before them:

Your Committee met at the Administrative Center on August 26, 2024 at 9:30 A.M. Members present were Paul Ducat, Doug Geiger, Steve Huse, Jed Whitlow and Kathleen Perkinson. Also present, County Board Chairman John Shure, Hal Sprague with Trajectory Energy, Ashton Merbach with Ranger Power and Tucker Atkinson with Ranger Power.

The meeting was called to order.

It was moved by Steve Huse and seconded by Jed Whitlow to approve the agenda. Motion carried by a voice vote.

There were no public comments.

The committee began their review of the changes made to the Iroquois County Commercial Wind Energy Facility Siting Ordinance at the August 19th meeting. Additional changes were made as follows:

- Page 9 – B. Application Fees: last sentence revised to read *If the County's expenses exceed the amount of the initial application fee, the Applicant will be billed and shall reimburse the County for said excess expenses prior to the continued processing and/or issuance of any permits.*
- Page 11 – D. Shadow Flicker: last sentence revised to read *These measures shall at a minimum include landscape screens and/or window coverings at the discretion of the Tax/Planning & Zoning committee paid for by the Facility Owner.*
- Page 16 – B. Foundations: change siting approval to building permit approval.
- Page 18 – H. Drainage Tiles, 2.: revised to read *Local drainage districts and all affected Property Owners shall be contacted prior to beginning development to locate drainage district tiles.*

- Page 21: remove number 8. Remove Setback Description and Setback Distance columns.
- Page 23 – P. Record Maps and Plans: revise *as Record maps and plans to Record maps and plans (as built)*.
- Page 24 – A. 1. Financial Assurances: change back to original wording.
- Page 26 – F. revise to read *An update to this decommissioning plan shall be prepared by a licensed Illinois professional engineer hired by Iroquois County, invoiced by the County to the Facility Owner and submitted to Iroquois County.*
- Page 26 – A. Maintenance – revised to include all complaints, not just the summary. Also, move this section to Page 23, O.

The committee reviewed changes to the Iroquois County Commercial Wind Energy Facility Siting Ordinance as recommended by Scott Drabicki with Clark Dietz as follows:

- Page 19 – B. Foundations: change *Licensed Illinois Professional Engineer* to *Licensed Illinois Structural Engineer*. Also, change *certified* to *verified* in the last sentence.
- Page 21 – J. Climb Prevention: add verbiage that states *All WECS installations shall be protected from unauthorized access through one or more of the following control measures:*
- Page 22 – 5.: it was recommended to move this section to another area of the ordinance. The committee will review further.
- Page 23 & 24: remove Setback Description and Setback Distance columns.
- Page 32 – A. Noise Levels: recommended to include 90-day intervals until compliance is achieved. The committee will review further.

Lastly, a copy of the Escrow Agreement was provided to the committee for their review. The next meeting will be Tuesday, September 3rd at 9:30 A.M.

There was no old business.

There was no new business.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, it was moved by Doug Geiger and seconded by Huse to adjourn at 12:14 P.M. Motion carried by a voice vote.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Paul Ducat
s/Doug Geiger
s/Steve Huse
s/Jed Whitlow
s/Kathleen Perkinson

**TAX/PLANNING & ZONING
Committee Meeting
SEPTEMBER 3, 2024**

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY

County Board, Annual Session
September 10, A.D., 2024

Mr. Chairman and Members of the County Board:

Your Committee to whom was referred **Tax/Zoning** would beg leave to submit the following report on the matters before them:

Your Committee met at the Administrative Center on September 3, 2024 at 9:30 A.M. Members present were Paul Ducat, Steve Huse, Jed Whitlow and Kathleen Perkinson. Doug Geiger was absent. Also present, County Board Chairman John Shure, County Clerk Breein Suver, Treasurer Kurt Albers, Supervisor of Assessments Mia McCammon, Jacob Williams and County Board member Scott Watts.

The meeting was called to order.

It was moved by Steve Huse and seconded by Jed Whitlow to approve the agenda. Motion carried by a voice vote.

The committee reviewed the claims. It was moved by Whitlow and seconded by Huse to pay the claims subject to County Board approval. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

There were no public comments.

The department heads gave their monthly reports:

- County Clerk Breein Suver reported her office is working on the General Election and waiting on ballot proofs from the vendor. Voting should begin on or about September 26th. There is one objection pending and Suver said they are waiting for the results. Permanent vote by mail applications were mailed August 13th. The total cost of this mailing was \$10,094.45. The total mailing consisted of 16,937 applications. This year an opt-out option was included, and 831 voters selected this option with an additional 385 voters selected the opt-in option. The County Clerk's Office has also been working on polling place accessibility surveys. Suver reported Supervisor of Assessments Mia McCammon requested an increase of five dollars in the GIS fee for recording. Due to posting requirements, the notice of increase will be posted after the September County Board meeting. A resolution will be presented at the October County Board meeting for approval with an effective date of January 1, 2025. Suver held a training for Local Election Officials (LEO's) who will be doing the filing for candidates for the consolidated election on April 1, 2025. Petitions started circulating on August 20th and filing will be November 12th through November 18th. Of the 66 entities that will have candidates running, 25 were in attendance. Lastly, Suver provided the committee with a monthly resolution list showing one parcel being sold by the County trustee. Suver noted the parcel in Papineau is not being sold, it is going back to the original owner. The total amount collected is \$1,530.15. It was moved by Huse and seconded by Kathleen Perkinson to approve the resolution authorizing the sale of property in Papineau to Devonte Turner-Norwood. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.
- Treasurer Kurt Albers reported the first tax distribution is complete. The second installment is due for property taxes on September 12th. Albers also reported a new hire in the Treasurer's Office.
- Supervisor of Assessments Mia McCammon reported the Board of Review now has their own page on the County's website. McCammon discussed the GIS mapping conversion quote she received in the amount of \$18,731. McCammon

said she reached out to other vendors for cost proposals and their amounts were much higher.

The committee was provided with information regarding a conditional use application for a kennel license for Jacob Williams. Mr. Williams addressed the committee about his request and explained his kennel operation. It was moved by Huse and seconded by Whitlow to approve the conditional use application for a kennel license for Jacob Williams. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

It was moved by Perkinson and seconded by Huse to table discussion on the Wind, Solar and Battery Storage Ordinances. Motion carried by a voice vote.

There was no old business.

There was no new business.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, it was moved by Whitlow and seconded by Huse to adjourn at 9:48 A.M. Motion carried by a voice vote.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Paul Ducat
s/Steve Huse
s/Jed Whitlow
s/Kathleen Perkinson

JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Whitlow Chairman of the Judicial and Public Safety Committee, gave the report of his committee and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded and carried by a roll call vote.

STATE OF ILLINOIS IROQUOIS COUNTY

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Annual Session, September 10, 2024

Chairman Shure

On motion to approve the Judicial & Public Safety Committee report

Aye: Alt, Behrends, Bence, Bowers, Crow, Ducat, Geiger, Huse, McGinnis, Perkinson, Shure, Watts, Whitlow, Williams, Zumwalt

Absent: McTaggart

STATE OF ILLINOIS IROQUOIS COUNTY

County Board, Annual Session

September 10, A.D., 2024

Mr. Chairman and members of the County Board:

Your Committee to whom was referred **Judicial & Public Safety** would beg leave to submit the following report on the matters before them:

Your Committee met at the Courthouse on September 4, 2024 at 3:00 P.M. Members present were Jed Whitlow, Steve Huse, Mitchell Bence, Scott Watts and Raymond Williams.

Also present, County Board Chairman John Shure, Sheriff Clint Perzee, Probation Supervisor Barb King and State's Attorney Jim Devine.

The meeting was called to order.

It was moved by Raymond Williams and seconded by Steve Huse to approve the agenda. Motion carried by a voice vote.

During public comments, Judicial & Public Safety Chairman Jed Whitlow asked for a moment of silence to reflect on the recent incident involving a Newton County Deputy.

Sheriff Clint Perzee presented his monthly report to the committee as follows:

- Correctional Officers Wehrle and El graduated from the 8-week corrections academy in Macon County on Friday, August 9th and are doing well.
- There is one Correctional Officer out on medical leave.
- Investigator Watts and Perzee have been meeting with all Iroquois County schools on their crisis plans. All crisis plans/school floorplans are available digitally for dispatch. Perzee said they are working on getting them imported into the CAD system so the deputies will have them available on their MDC's.
- Investigator Watts and Deputy Brenner will soon be completing the mandated intruder drills at all Iroquois County schools and will assist schools in providing the ALICE active threat training, if requested.
- The Handle With Care program has been implemented in all Iroquois County schools.
- Arrests/Intakes – 34 (28 male, 6 female, 0 juvenile)
- Jail Population as of 8/31/2024 – 17 (16 male, 1 female)
- Daily Population Average – 17.42
- Perzee stated he is unable to comment on the recent incident that occurred. The Illinois State Police are handling the investigation.

Probation Supervisor Barb King reviewed the Probation & Court Services activity report for August.

State's Attorney Jim Devine reported grand jury was held today with 19 cases on the docket. Devine stated there are a lot of repeat incidents such as trespassing and shoplifting. Devine spoke with the Illinois State Police, and they expect to have their investigation closed soon. Lastly, Assistant State's Attorney Mike Quinlan is conducting interviews for the Assistant State's Attorney position. Devine said he will assume the Assistant State's Attorney position until someone is hired.

The committee reviewed Circuit Clerk Lisa Hines' monthly report for August.

The committee reviewed ETS Director Eric Raymond's monthly report for August.

There was no old business.

There was no new business.

The committee reviewed the claims. It was moved by Scott Watts and seconded by Williams to pay the Judicial & Public Safety claims, subject to County Board approval. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, it was moved by Huse and seconded by Williams to adjourn the meeting at 3:19 P.M. Motion carried by a voice vote.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Jed Whitlow

s/Steve Huse

s/Mitchell Bence
s/Scott Watts
s/Raymond Williams

FINANCE/IT

Mr. Behrends, Vice Chairman of the Finance/IT Committee, gave the report of his committee and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded and carried by a roll call vote.

STATE OF ILLINOIS IROQUOIS COUNTY

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Annual Session, September 10, 2024

Chairman Shure

On motion to approve the Finance/IT Committee report

Aye: Alt, Behrends, Bence, Bowers, Crow, Ducat, Geiger, Huse, McGinnis, Perkinson, Shure, Watts, Whitlow, Williams, Zumwalt

Absent: McTaggart

STATE OF ILLINOIS IROQUOIS COUNTY

County Board, Annual Session
September 10, A.D., 2024

Mr. Chairman and members of the County Board:

Your Committee to whom was referred **Finance/I.T.** would beg leave to submit the following report on the matters before them:

Your committee met at the Administrative Center on September 5, 2024 at 9:18 A.M. Members present were Michael McTaggart, Lyle Behrends, Charlie Alt, Paul Bowers, Doug Geiger, Chad McGinnis and Scott Watts. Also present, Finance Manager Jill Johnson, Sheriff Clint Perzee, County Clerk Breein Suver, Treasurer Kurt Albers, IEDA Director Angel Crawford, IEDA Finance Committee Chairman Kerry Bell, Suzie Werner with HomeStar Insurance, Kendal Dishman with Liberty National and County Board members Mitchel Bence, Donna Crow and John Zumwalt.

The meeting was called to order.

It was moved by Lyle Behrends and seconded by Chad McGinnis to approve the agenda. Motion carried by a voice vote.

There were no public comments.

Suzie Werner with HomeStar Insurance reported she expects to receive renewal rates tomorrow. Dental and vision renewals are in 2026.

Kendal Dishman with Liberty National distributed voluntary life information to the committee. The cost is 100% the employee's responsibility and there will be no changes made to the County's benefit package. Ms. Dishman will attend the County's benefits fair and employee's will be able to enroll if they so choose.

IEDA Director Angel Crawford and IEDA Finance Committee Chairman Kerry Bell addressed the committee about IEDA's plans for the upcoming year and provided financial information. IEDA is requesting \$35,000 from the County for fiscal year 2025.

The department heads gave their monthly reports. They are as follows:

- County Clerk Breein Suver reported the preliminary report proofing has been finalized on the general election ballots. The actual ballots will be here late this week or early next week for proofing. Early voting is set to begin on September 26th. Permanent vote by mail applications have been mailed. The total cost to mail these was \$10,094.45. Suver encouraged everyone to fill out the form and return it to her office. They have received 831 opt-out applications and 385 new opt-in applications. Suver is working on increasing the recording fee for GIS as requested by Supervisor of Assessments Mia McCammon. The process includes giving a 2-4 week notice of the increase. A resolution will be presented for approval in October and the increase will take effect January 1, 2025. Suver reported her office has been awarded \$80,834.58 for the IVRS Grant. This grant is only to be used for specific items and a lot of times the funds are not fully used. Suver is also working on the polling place accessibility surveys and will be applying for a polling place accessibility grant for some of the polling places that aren't handicap accessible. Lastly, Suver told the committee the polling place accessibility grant was applied for in FY2023 but reimbursement was not received due to a reporting error. This was brought to her attention during questions on the single audit. The total amount spent was \$8,054.
- Treasurer Kurt Albers reported the first tax distribution is done and the second installment of property taxes is coming due. Albers also reported the State is lowering the contribution to the County for replacement tax by \$50,000. Lastly, Albers renewed a certificate of deposit for 6 months at an interest rate of just over 5%. Lastly, the Treasurer's Office continues to catch up on bank reconciliations.
- Finance Manager Jill Johnson reported she is looking into replacement gate doors for the kennels at the Animal Control building. Johnson is in contact with AreaWide about microphones for the current AV system. Johnson is currently working on the GASB96 software audit and continues to work on the County's audit. Johnson will also be completing the UCCI salary survey.
- Sheriff Clint Perzee reported the Sheriff's Department received reimbursement for the training of Longfellow, Medina and Schunke totaling \$19,034. We are now being reimbursed for the total amount of training costs for Corrections, Deputies and Court Security. The AXON body cameras have been ordered. Perzee is requesting an increase to the Administrative Assistant salary. This employee will be responsible for FOIA's, dissemination, retention, redaction, storage of all body cam data and management of the software.

The committee discussed the FY2025 budget. Johnson provided updated budget amounts and salary requests. McTaggart reviewed the public safety requests with the committee. Public Safety revenue is projected at \$500,000 with an estimated FY2025 ending balance of \$863,135. This is an approximate \$40,000 decrease each year in the fund. The committee discussed the use of the public safety tax and it was noted that the public safety fund was not intended to pay for joint dispatch salaries. Johnson added that transfers from the

Circuit Clerk and County Clerk automation have not been requested and are not included in the FY2025 budget. McTaggart proposed a 5% increase for joint dispatch which amounts to \$132,030. The General Fund budget is currently at \$6,288 for FY2025.

It was moved by Behrends and seconded by Paul Bowers to pay the claims subject to County Board approval. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

There was no old business.

There was no new business.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, it was moved by Behrends and seconded by Geiger to adjourn at 10:58 A.M. Motion carried by a voice vote. All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Michael McTaggart
s/Lyle Behrends
s/Charlie Alt
s/Paul Bowers
s/Doug Geiger
s/Chad McGinnis
s/Scott Watts

TRANSPORTATION & HIGHWAY

Mr. Alt, Chairman of the Transportation & Highway Committee, gave the report of his committee and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded and carried by a roll call vote.

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IROQUOIS COUNTY

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Annual Session September 10, 2024

Chairman Shure

On motion to approve the Transportation & Highway Committee report

Aye: Alt, Behrends, Bence, Bowers, Crow, Ducat, Geiger, Huse, McGinnis, Perkinson, Shure, Watts, Whitlow, Williams, Zumwalt

Absent: McTaggart

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IROQUOIS COUNTY

County Board, Annual Session

September 10, A.D., 2024

Mr. Chairman and members of the County board:

Your Committee to whom was referred **Transportation & Highway** would beg leave to submit the following report on the matters before them:

Your committee met at the Iroquois County Highway Building on September 5, 2024 at 8:34 A.M. Members present were Charlie Alt, John Zumwalt, Donna Crow and Raymond Williams. Chad McGinnis was absent. Also present, County Engineer Greg Perkinson and

County Engineer Alan Harwood.

The meeting was called to order.

It was moved by Raymond Williams and seconded by Donna Crow to approve the agenda. Motion carried by a voice vote.

There were no public comments.

The claims and financial reports for the month were reviewed. It was moved by John Zumwalt and seconded by Williams to pay the bills subject to County Board approval. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried.

During new business, County Engineer Greg Perkinson and County Engineer Alan Harwood discussed Perkinson's transitional time with the Highway Department. It was moved by Williams and seconded by Zumwalt to end the employment contract with Interim County Engineer Greg Perkinson effective September 13, 2024. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Also during new business, Harwood reported he will be waiting until next year to request estimates for the air conditioning unit/furnace at the Highway Department. Harwood provided information for the purchase of a 2025 Winston Trailer. The approximate cost is \$41,000 and the funds are available in the Purchase of Equipment line item. The current trailer has an approximate trade in value of \$2,500. No action is required by the committee.

Lastly, Williams commented on the condition of the County roads and thanked the Townships for a job well done.

During old business, Transportation & Highway Chairman Charlie Alt requested an update on the memorial for Joel Moore. Harwood said the supplies have been ordered but he had no other updates.

Also during old business, Zumwalt asked Harwood for an estimated completion date for the bridge on Darrow Road. Harwood said the bridge deck was likely to be poured by October 1st but it's more likely to be completed around Thanksgiving. Harwood provided an update on personnel at the Highway Department stating there are vacancies for a Highway Maintainer and a Technician.

Lastly, Crow noted she feels the committee is receiving less and less information each month in regards to the Highway Department. Crow would like to begin seeing the previous revenue and expense report that was distributed each month.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, it was moved by Zumwalt and seconded by Crow to adjourn at 9:10 A.M. Motion carried by a voice vote.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Charlie Alt
s/John Zumwalt
s/Donna Crow
s/Raymond Williams

ARPA COMMITTEE

Mr. Ducat, Chairman of the ARPA Committee, gave the report of his committee and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded and carried by a roll call vote.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY**

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Annual Session September 10, 2024

Chairman Shure

On motion to approve the ARPA Committee report

Aye: Alt, Behrends, Bence, Bowers, Crow, Ducat, Geiger, Huse, McGinnis, Perkinson,
Shure, Watts, Whitlow, Williams, Zumwalt

Absent: McTaggart

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY

County Board, Annual Session
September 10, A.D., 2024

Mr. Chairman and Members of the County Board:

Your Committee to whom was referred **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)** would beg leave to submit the following report on the matters before them:

Your Committee met at the Administrative Center on September 5, 2024 at 1:00 P.M. Members present were Paul Ducat, Charlie Alt, Donna Crow and John Shure. Also present, Finance Manager Jill Johnson, Coroner Bill Cheatum, Supervisor of Assessments Mia McCammon, Diann Peabody and Lori Yelenick with the Watseka Area Food Panty, Russ Geisler with the Village of Onarga and County Board member Scott Watts.

The meeting was called to order.

It was moved by John Shure and seconded by Donna Crow to approve the agenda. Motion carried by a voice vote.

During public comments, Diann Peabody and Lori Yelenick with the Watseka Area Food Pantry spoke on behalf of the seven food pantries in Iroquois County. These food pantries are located in Cissna Park, Gilman, Clifton, Martinton, Sheldon, Milford and Watseka. The Watseka Area Food Pantry submitted an ARPA application, but their request was denied. Since the pandemic, the number of people served has doubled and they would like their request revisited but to include all Iroquois County food pantries.

The committee began discussion on ARPA applications. Coroner Bill Cheatum provided an update on the morgue and stated he is unsure of when the building will be complete. Cheatum is currently paying rent of \$1,500 per month from his automation. His automation fund has approximately \$10,500 but there are some large expenses that need to be paid. Cheatum is seeking additional ARPA funds for rent and morgue supplies.

Finance Manager Jill Johnson reviewed the costs for administrative and audit expenses totaling approximately \$20,000. Johnson also noted that since the committee has already closed the application process, it would be in their best interest to re-open the process and allow new applications for a two-week period. The committee agreed to re-open the application process from September 11th through September 20th and review the applications at the September 30th ARPA meeting. Ducat said he will be attending the food pantry meeting on September 12th to advise each food pantry to submit an application. Crow noted she would like to see an application submitted for replacement of the chairs in the board room. Johnson

is in contact with AreaWide about a microphone system that will work with our current AV system.

The committee continued their review of ARPA applications as follows:

There was no old business.

There was no new business.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, it was moved by Crow and seconded by Charlie Alt to adjourn at 1:37 P.M. Motion carried by a voice vote.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Paul Ducat
s/Charlie Alt
s/Donna Crow
s/John Shure

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Shure presented the following appointments. It was moved by Mr. Bowers and seconded to approve the appointments. The motion carried by a voice vote.

Drainage Districts:

Brett Caise of 2554 E 3100 N Rd., Beaverville, IL as Drainage Commissioner of Beaver Drainage District #3, for a term to expire on the first Tuesday of September, 2027.

Craig Cheever of 2758 E 1100 N Rd., Milford, IL as Drainage Commissioner of Coon Creek Drainage District, for a term to expire on the first Tuesday of September, 2027.

Jason Edelman of 972 N 1500 E Rd., Cissna Park, IL as Drainage Commissioner of Union Mutual Drainage District # 3, for a term to expire on the first Monday of September, 2027.

Sharon Hoy of 1771 E 2200 N Rd., Watseka, IL as Drainage Commissioner of Iroquois Drainage District #1, for a term to expire on the first Tuesday of September, 2027.

Wallace Kaufmann of 676 N 1400 East Rd., Cissna Park, IL as Drainage Commissioner of Pigeon Creek Drainage District, for a term to expire on the first Monday of September, 2027.

Kim Knoll of 34539 N 1700 E Rd., Rossville, IL as Drainage Commissioner of Fountain Creek & Lovejoy Drainage District, for a term to expire on the first Monday of September, 2027.

Louis Krumwiede of 408 S. Oak, Buckley, IL as Drainage Commissioner of Artesia Drainage District #3, for a term to expire on the first Monday of September, 2027.

Jeffrey McGehee of 1172 N 900 E Rd., Onarga, IL as Drainage Commissioner of Onarga Drainage District #5, for a term to expire on the first Tuesday of September, 2027.

Jerry Nims of 613 E. Seminary Avenue, Onarga, IL as Drainage Commissioner of Onarga Drainage District #6, for a term to expire on the first Monday of September, 2027.

Roger Orr of 2469 N 2800 E Rd., Donovan, IL as Drainage Commissioner of Martinton Drainage District, for a term to expire on the first Monday of September, 2027.

Brian Pool of 1148 N 800 E Rd., Onarga, IL as Drainage Commissioner of Onarga Drainage District #5, for a term to expire on the first Tuesday of September, 2025.

Steven Pool of 1130 N 800 E Rd., as Drainage Commissioner of Spring Creek Drainage District, for a term to expire on the first Tuesday of September, 2027.

Ronald Ritzma of 507 N Hartwell, Gilman, IL as Drainage Commissioner of Danforth Drainage District #3, for a term to expire on the first Tuesday of September, 2027.

Michael Salm of 124 W Papineau, Saint Anne, IL as Drainage Commissioner of Papineau Drainage District #3, for a term to expire on the first Tuesday of September, 2027.

Doug Schmidt of 1168 N 100 E Rd., Thawville, IL as Drainage Commissioner of Ridgeland Drainage District #2, for a term to expire on the first Tuesday of September, 2027.

Damon Schuldt of 207 S. 3rd Martinton, IL as Drainage Commissioner of Martinton Drainage District #3, for a term to expire on the first Tuesday of September, 2027.

Eric Steiner of 254 E 1000 N Rd., Thawville, IL as Drainage Commissioner of Artesia & Ridgeland Drainage District, for a term to expire on the first Monday of September, 2027.

Aron Wagner of 1163 N 1100 E Rd., Onarga, IL as Drainage Commissioner of Onarga Drainage District #5, for a term to expire on the first Tuesday of September, 2026.

Michael Williams of 343 E 2200 N, Danforth, IL as Drainage Commissioner of Union Drainage District #1, Danforth & Douglas TWPS for a term to expire on the first Tuesday of September, 2027.

Mark Wilkening of 354 N 1300 E, Cissna Park, IL as Drainage Commissioner of Pigeon Grove Fountain Creek Drainage District, for a term to expire on the first Monday of September, 2027.

CLAIMS

The claims were presented for approval. It was moved by Mr. Whitlow and seconded to approve the claims. The motion carried by a roll call vote.

STATE OF ILLINOIS IROQUOIS COUNTY

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Annual Session September 10, 2024

Chairman Shure

On motion to approve the claims

Aye: Alt, Behrends, Bence, Bowers, Crow, Ducat, Geiger, Huse, McGinnis, Perkinson, Shure, Watts, Whitlow, Williams, Zumwalt

Absent: McTaggart

110 - General Fund	
210 - Sheriff	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
ADDIS AUTO PARTS	69.92
Angel Pest Control LLC	104.00
ANGEL SERVICES AUTO REPAIR CENTER	2,546.64
Aquality Solutions	43.00
BP Business Solutions	10,345.43
Doug Brenner	67.02
C & C Tire & Auto Service	841.88
Central Body Repair	7,034.58
DRALLE'S OF WATSEKA	274.90

HICKSGAS	32.63
Hiltz Portable Sanitation Inc.	630.00
ILEAS	120.00
IROQUOIS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	2,081.74
QUINN KORHONEN	14.13
MACON COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING CENTER	11,700.00
Mediacom LLC	199.63
ANDREW MEDINA	336.55
Otis Elevator Company	548.91
Plumb Mart	760.33
Precision Piping	603.00
Quill Com	72.98
Ray O'Herron Co., Inc.	494.84
RP LUMBER	10.78
RUNNINGS SUPPLY INC	315.76
ILLINOIS SECRETARY OF STATE	302.00
TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT REV FUND	619.78
Walmart Community BRC	<u>6.85</u>
Total 210 - Sheriff	40,177.28
110 - General Fund	
215 - Coroner	
	<u>Check</u>
<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Kankakee County Coroner's Office	488.49
Midwest Forensic Path Limited	<u>2,700.00</u>
Total 215 - Coroner	3,188.49
110 - General Fund	
220 - States Attorney	
	<u>Check</u>
<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
LEAF	104.04
JENNIFER MANSBERGER	169.43
Quill Com	134.96
Jennifer L Schunke	908.00
Thomson Reuters West	<u>333.23</u>
Total 220 - States Attorney	1,649.66

110 - General Fund	
225 - Emergency Mgmt Agency	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
JOHN SCOTT ANDERSON	76.69
Verizon Wireless	<u>47.31</u>
Total 225 - Emergency Mgmt Agency	124.00
110 - General Fund	
230 - Courts	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
DR. J. Simone	1,000.00
Quill Com	<u>72.99</u>
Total 230 - Courts	1,072.99
110 - General Fund	
240 - Probation	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
Miller's Auto Repair	416.50
REDWOOD TOXICOLOGY	42.00
Vermilion County Treasurer	<u>255.00</u>
Total 240 - Probation	713.50
110 - General Fund	
250 - Public Defender	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
CHARLES LAUER	<u>1,622.92</u>
Total 250 - Public Defender	1,622.92
110 - General Fund	
310 - Zoning And Planning	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
Baier Publishing CO	26.25
Byron Christiansen	209.04
Julie Feller	221.10
LARRY MENNENGA	288.10

JEFF MEYER	<u>1,158.43</u>
Total 310 - Zoning And Planning	1,902.92
110 - General Fund	
410 - County Clerk	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
Quill Com	306.94
Warehouse Direct Inc	<u>135.32</u>
Total 410 - County Clerk	442.26
110 - General Fund	
415 - Elections	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
Area-Wide Technologies INC	167.50
Kankakee Valley Publishing	80.00
LEAF	<u>232.00</u>
Total 415 - Elections	479.50
110 - General Fund	
420 - Assessment Office	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
CAOA	325.00
Illinois Property Assessment Institute	265.00
LEAF	175.31
MIA MCCAMMON	<u>52.93</u>
Total 420 - Assessment Office	818.24
110 - General Fund	
435 - Postage For County Offices	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
LEAF	243.10
Midwest Mailing & Shipping Systems Inc.	1,658.16
Quadient Leasing USA, Inc.	318.51
US Postal Service	<u>10,094.45</u>
Total 435 - Postage For County Offices	12,314.22

110 - General Fund	
440 - Animal Control	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, INC	178.86
B & Company Designs	80.00
ANGIE FRARY	225.81
ANGIE FRARY	410.91
ANGIE FRARY	26.76
Kentland Vet Clinic	106.45
Kankakee Animal Control	25.00
Nicor Gas	31.90
LINDA RIVARD	145.25
DEVIN STATLER	<u>10.27</u>
Total 440 - Animal Control	1,241.21
110 - General Fund	
510 - Finance/IT	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
Area-Wide Technologies INC	6,361.90
A T & T	2,591.33
LEAF	212.00
Quill Com	<u>195.05</u>
Total 510 - Finance/IT	9,360.28
110 - General Fund	
610 - County Board	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
Clifton Larson Allen LLP	4,147.50
Kankakee Valley Publishing	276.00
RAYMOND WILLIAMS	<u>199.58</u>
Total 610 - County Board	4,623.08
110 - General Fund	
615 - Other	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
CLARK DIETZ, INC	2,500.00
TAYLOR EADES	<u>12,000.00</u>

Total 615 - Other	14,500.00
110 - General Fund	
710 - Maintenance	
	<u>Check</u>
<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Angel Pest Control LLC	148.00
Aquality Solutions	50.83
Aquality Solutions	29.70
CONXXUS	254.00
Hall's Lawn & Garden Center	<u>1,634.36</u>
Total 710 - Maintenance	2,116.89
115 - Group Insurance Trust Fund	
615 - Other	
	<u>Check</u>
<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Blue Cross Blue Shield OF ILLINOIS	91,909.51
Blue Cross Blue Shield OF ILLINOIS	<u>90,654.92</u>
Total 615 - Other	182,564.43
130 - Liability Insurance Fund	
615 - Other	
	<u>Check</u>
<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ILLINOIS COUNTIES RISK MANAGEMENT TRUST	<u>5,000.00</u>
Total 615 - Other	5,000.00
145 - County Capital Improvement Fund	
710 - Maintenance	
	<u>Check</u>
<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Henrichs Drainage II LLC	45,500.00
Precision Piping	<u>419.22</u>
Total 710 - Maintenance	45,919.22
200 - Public Safety Tax Fund	
615 - Other	

<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
CENTRAL SQUARE TECHNOLOGIES, LLC, A CENTRALSQUARE COMPANY	<u>32,777.64</u>
Total 615 - Other	32,777.64
310 - Sheriff's Public Safety Fund	
210 - Sheriff	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
Verizon Wireless	<u>936.80</u>
Total 210 - Sheriff	936.80
320 - Arrestee's Medical Costs Fund	
210 - Sheriff	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
IROQUOIS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL	<u>75.00</u>
Total 210 - Sheriff	75.00
330 - Court Security Fee Fund	
210 - Sheriff	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
P. F. Pettibone & Co.	<u>473.60</u>
Total 210 - Sheriff	473.60
335 - Coroner Automation Fund	
215 - Coroner	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
Bill Cheatum	406.98
Midwest Antenna Systems	<u>1,500.00</u>
Total 215 - Coroner	1,906.98
352 - Drug Free Communities Fund	
220 - States Attorney	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>

KURT ALBERS CO TREASURER	2,254.89
JENNIFER MCTAGGART	378.99
SARAH PREE	<u>143.23</u>
Total 220 - States Attorney	2,777.11
355 - Probation Services Fee Fund	
240 - Probation	
	<u>Check</u>
<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Aquality Solutions	<u>64.00</u>
Total 240 - Probation	64.00
380 - Automation County Treasurer	
430 - County Treasurer	
	<u>Check</u>
<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Quill Com	<u>431.45</u>
Total 430 - County Treasurer	431.45
390 - Grants Fund	
615 - Other	
	<u>Check</u>
<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
American Environmental	15,035.55
JAMI BOYD	1,666.00
LANCE CAGLE	2,500.00
CASHSTAR, INC.	7,365.99
CHARLES LAUER	1,000.00
MARTIN DEVELOPMENT & CONSTRUCTION INC.	55,250.00
NEELEY REGAS	<u>1,416.67</u>
Total 615 - Other	84,234.21
395 - GIS Fund	
420 - Assessment Office	
	<u>Check</u>
<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bruce Harris & Associates INC	<u>500.00</u>
Total 420 - Assessment Office	500.00
710 - Joint Dispatch Center Fund	

811 - Joint Dispatch	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
Aquality Solutions	89.50
Total 811 - Joint Dispatch	89.50
810 - County Public Health	
910 - Administration-Public Health	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
Area-Wide Technologies INC	55.00
KURT ALBERS CO TREASURER	5,000.00
LEAF	400.00
LEAF	159.17
Total 910 - Administration-Public Health	5,614.17
810 - County Public Health	
920 - Senior Services-Public Health	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
BETHANY DEWITT	259.29
JOSH HEEREN	122.61
Verizon Wireless	55.68
Danielle Walls	217.75
Total 920 - Senior Services-Public Health	655.33
810 - County Public Health	
925 - Community Health	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
Aquality Solutions	182.50
Teresa Castonguay	24.12
Control Solutions Inc	123.00
Custom Data Processing Inc	727.65
DANVILLE AREA COMMUNITY COLLEGE	17.00
IROQUOIS MEMORIAL HOSPITAL PHARMACY	655.94
RACHEL NELSON	45.56

Quill Com	65.76
STERICYCLE INC.	187.47
ALISSA STEVENS	16.08
Verizon Wireless	<u>55.67</u>
Total 925 - Community Health	2,100.75
810 - County Public Health	
940 - Environmental Health	
	<u>Check</u>
<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
ARCHIE CHRISTIE	50.00
LAUREN KRUMWIEDE	832.98
KATE MUELLER	469.67
PACE ANALYTICAL SERVICES, LLC	71.60
UPS	53.51
UPS	196.72
Verizon Wireless	<u>258.68</u>
Total 940 - Environmental Health	<u>1,933.16</u>
Report Total	<u>464,400.79</u>
610 - County Highway	
815 - County Highway Department	
	<u>Check</u>
<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>
A Plus Home Improvements	4,076.10
ASSURITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	163.07
A T & T Mobility	478.11
C&L Trucking & Maintenance	395.55
CLIFTON CHEMICAL CO., INC.	8.95
Eastern Illini Electric Coop	593.90
Emulsicoat Inc.	16,785.64
EMULSICOAT INC	1,247.40
HERITAGE FS	5,958.48
Hiltz Portable Sanitation Inc.	325.00
John Deere Financial	652.15
KANKAKEE DISPOSAL	30.00
MARTIN EQUIPMENT - GOODFIELD	221.51
Mccullough Implement Co.	552.18
Mediacom LLC	443.70

MIDWEST TRUCKERS ASSOCIATIONS, INC	60.00
MONTEITH'S BEST ONE TIRE & AUTO	225.00
Napa Auto Parts	682.80
Nicor Gas	147.71
SHELIA'S CLEANING SERVICE	500.00
SICALCO, LTD	<u>5,015.71</u>
Total 610 - County Highway	38,562.96
635 - Township Motor Fuel Tax	
815 - County Highway Department	
<u>Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
Emulsicoat Inc.	20,802.87
Milford Township Treasurer	36,349.49
Ridgeland Township Treasurer	7,105.74
SICALCO, LTD	<u>5,220.32</u>
Total 635 - Township Motor Fuel Tax	<u>69,478.42</u>
Report Total	<u>108,041.38</u>

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Shure invited all that were in attendance to sign a sentiment card for Newton County Sheriff's Office Corporal Brandon Schreiber who was injured in the line of duty.

Chairman Shure noted that the County Board flower fund is depleted and asked for donations to be made to replenish the fund.

ADJOURNMENT

As there was no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Watts and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:43 A.M. The motion carried by a voice vote. The next County Board meeting will be held in Watseka, IL on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 at 9 A.M.