

# **Legislative/Personnel Committee**

of the Whole of the Effingham County Board 3rd Floor Board Room, Effingham County Building Monday, June 9, 2025 at 2:00 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE: David Campbell; Chairman, Jeremy Deters; Vice Chair, Josh Douthit, Tim Ellis, Chris Keller, Sandi Rich, Norbert Soltwedel, Doug McCain, Mike Buzzard

Committee Members Present: D. Campbell, J. Deters, J. Douthit, T. Ellis, S. Rich, N. Soltwedel, D. McCain, M. Buzzard

This meeting was called to order by Chair David Campbell.

### 1. Approve Minutes

• Member S. Rich made a motion to approve the minutes. Member T. Ellis seconded. Unanimous *Motion carried*.

#### 2. Unfinished Business

- Ordinance Governing Solar Energy Conversion Systems Member J. Douthit noted the concerns voiced by N. Soltwedel from the previous meeting were included in the Wind/Solar Ordinances that were presented at this meeting. The Coles County hearing should conclude on June 9 and the determination of the hearing should be made soon. The board will have around 120 days to amend the approved ordinance if it becomes incompliant to state regulation. There was discussion on the permit and application fees in accordance with state regulation and the possibility to any natural disaster. Member J. Deters noted a wind/solar farm will change the assessment of that property from farmland to commercial property. Member S. Rich made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the Ordinance Governing Solar Energy Conversion Systems. Member J. Deters seconded. Member D. McCain abstained. *Motion carried.*
- Ordinance Governing Wind Energy Conversion Systems
   The current application fee as stated in the wind ordinance is \$1,500.00 per megawatt.
   There is a new allowance for the application fee to be up to \$5,000 per megawatt. Member S. Rich made a motion to recommend to the full board approve the Ordinance Governing Wind Energy Conversion Systems and to increase the application fee to be up to \$5,000.00 per megawatt. Member T. Ellis seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried*.

#### 3. New Business

None

## 4. Appointments

- 911 Board Larry Thies (07/01/2025 06/30/2028)
   Member S. Rich made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the appointment of Larry Thies to the 911 Board. Member J. Deters seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried*.
- 377 Board Michael Tate (07/01/2025 06/30/2028)
   Member M. Buzzard made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the appointment of Michael Tate to 377 Board. Member J. Douthit seconded. Unanimous.
   Motion carried.
- Airport Commission Phillip Toops (07/01/2025 06/30/2028)
   Member D. McCain made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the appointment of Phillip Toops to the Airport Commission. Member T. Ellis seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried*.
- Board of Health Dr. Tina Rozene MD (07/01/2025 06/30/2027)
   Member T. Ellis made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the appointment of Dr. Tina Rozene to the Board of Health. Member D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried*.
- Board of Health Karen Hille (07/01/2025 06/30/2027)
   Member N. Soltwedel made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the appointment of Karen Hille to the Board of Health. Member D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*
- Board of Health Vickie Bushur (07/01/2025 06/30/2027)
   Member D. McCain made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the appointment of Vickie Bushur to the Board of Health. Member N. Soltwedel seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried*.
- Farmland Assessment Review Joseph Thoele (07/01/2025 06/30/2028)
   Member J. Deters made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the appointment of Joseph Thoele to the Farmland Assessment Review. Member D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*
- Farmland Assessment Review John Beckman (07/01/2025 06/30/2028)
   Member D. McCain made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the appointment of John Beckman to the Farmland Assessment Review. Member J. Deters seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried*.

- Farmland Assessment Review Lyle Westfall (07/01/2025 06/30/2028)
   Member D. McCain made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the appointment of Lyle Westfall to the Farmland Assessment Review. Member M. Buzzard seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried*.
- Teutopolis Fire Protection District Scott Brumleve (06/16/2025 05/01/2028)
   Member J. Deters made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the appointment of Scott Brumleve to the Teutopolis Fire Protection District. Member S. Rich seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried.*
- 5. General Information/Public Comments
- None
- 6. Closed Session
- None
- 7. Adjourn
- Member J. Douthit made a motion to adjourn this meeting. Member M. Buzzard seconded. Unanimous. *Motion carried*.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle M. Kollmann Effingham County Clerk