



Effingham County Board
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**Legislative/Personnel Committee
of the Whole of the Effingham County Board
3rd Floor Board Room, Effingham County Building
Monday, August 11, 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, C. Keller, S. Rich, N. Soltwedel, D. McCain, M. Buzzard

This meeting was called to order by Chair David Campbell.

1. Approve Minutes

- Member J. Deters made a motion to approve the minutes. Member T. Ellis seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

2. Unfinished Business

- None

3. New Business

- County Holidays 2026
The 2026 County Holidays will be the same as the previous year. Member J. Douthit made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the County Holiday schedule for 2026. Member S. Rich seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***
- Problem Properties
There is a piece of property located in a small subdivision that needs attention or has been abandoned. This has been an ongoing issue for about 6 months and has been brought to the attention of the Sheriff's Dept and the Health Dept. It was stated it is hard to enforce anything without an ordinance. There was a suggestion and discussion to adopt a nuisance ordinance. There may be a need to adopt an ordinance to protect citizen's property values however it should not be too overly restrictive. This ordinance would be for properties that are considered dangerous and inhabitable and pose a health and safety concern. There was board concern and the need to be cautious with the restrictions the ordinance would impose. It was stated some subdivision ordinances may state restrictions. It was suggested to look at

other counties in regards to a nuisance ordinance or amending the Health Department ordinance. Member J. Douthit will seek advice from Aaron Jones, State Attorney, about enhancing the Health Department ordinance for nuisance concerns.

4. **Appointments**

- Ambulance Oversight Committee – Ron Will (09/01/2025 – 08/31/2027)
This appointment was confirmed with Ron Will. Member S. Rich made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the appointment of Ron Will to the Ambulance Oversight committee. Member J. Deters seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***
- Lucas Township Drainage District – Larry Probst (09/02/2025 – 09/05/2028)
This appointment was confirmed with Larry Probst. Member N. Soltwedel made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the appointment of Larry Probst to the Lucas Township Drainage District. Member C. Keller seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***
- South Island Drainage District – Kevin Miller (09/02/2025 – 09/05/2025)
This appointment was confirmed with Kevin Miller. Member J. Deters made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the appointment of Kevin Miller to the South Island Drainage District. Member S. Rich seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***
- Island Grove Drainage District – Open Appointment (09/02/2025 – 09/05/2028)
This appointment is considered to be open. There was discussion on the qualifications and if the appointee needed to be from Effingham County. This appointment will be pending until the position is filled.
- St. Francis Township Drainage District – Open Appointment (09/02/2025 -09/05/2028)
This appointment is considered to be open. It was noted to contact Joseph Thoele about a possible appointment.

5. **General Information/Public Comments**

- None

6. **Closed Session**

- None

7. **Adjourn**

- Member C. Keller made a motion to adjourn this meeting. Member M. Buzzard seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle M. Kollmann
Effingham County Clerk