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EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD

REGULAR MEETING

April 15, 2024 – 4:00 p.m.

MINUTES

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

1. ROLL CALL, PLEDGE, PRAYER

The County Board of Effingham County, Illinois met pursuant to a regular meeting on Monday, April 15, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, County Building, City of Effingham, and State of Illinois.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Joshua Douthit. Roll call was taken with the following **Board Members present:** Joshua Douthit, David Campbell, Tim Ellis, Christopher Keller, Elizabeth Huston, Doug McCain, Sandra Gillet, Jeremy Deters. Pledge of Allegiance was said. Chairman J. Douthit gave the prayer.

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

- None

3. RESOLUTION - HONORING DARIN DETERS ON THIS RETIREMENT AFTER 22 YEARS WITH THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- Darin Deters was present for the meeting. Chairman Josh Douthit read the resolution and presented Darin Deters with a clock. Sheriff Paul Kuhns spoke on behalf of Darin's employment with the Sheriff's Dept. Member J. Deters made a motion to approve the resolution to honor Darin Deters on this retirement with the Effingham County Sheriff's Dept. Member S. Gillet seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**

4. RESOLUTION – HONORING BARB FUNNEMAN ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER 37 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

- Barb Funneman was not present for the meeting. Chairman Josh Douthit read the resolution and a clock will be given to Barb Funneman. Member D. Campbell made a motion to approve

the resolution to honor Barb Funneman on her retirement with the Effingham County Public Defender's office. Member D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**

5. EFFINGHAM COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE DISTINGUISHED ACT AWARD PRESENTATION FOR TRAVIS MACKLIN

- Sheriff Paul Kuhns presented the Effingham County Sheriff's Office Distinguished Act Award to Travis L. Macklin. Chairman Josh Douthit spoke on the award and the details of the incident.

6. 377 BOARD PRESENTATION

- Andy Kistler, executive director of Community Support Systems, was present at the meeting and gave the quarterly 377 Board report. The report stated the services provided, funds received and highlighted a CSS employee.

7. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVE MINUTES

ACCEPT OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORTS

APPROVE BILLS – COUNTY BOARD PER DIEM & EXPENSES

COMMITTEE AGENDA CONSIDERATIONS

- Approve HopeTrust Meeting with County Employees on July 10, 2024
- Approve Ordinance – Salary Schedule for Effingham County Coroner
- Approve Converting Assistant Airport Manager to Full-Time
- Approve Resolution and Proclamation Declaring Law Day 2024
- Approve Lucas Township & Road District Decennial Committee Report
- Approve Bishop-Lucas Multi-Township Decennial Committee Report
- Approve Appointments
 - Altamont Fire Protection District - Kyle Willenburg (5/1/2024-5/2027)
 - Ethics Commission - Tom Freeman (5/1/2024-4/30/2026)
- Approve Farmer's Market Date Extension to October 26, 2024
- Approve County Building Windows Replacement RFP and Publication of Windows Replacement RFP
- Approve Disbursement of \$7,500.00 to Mill Road Thresherman's Association
- Approve Capital Improvement Advisory Committee Recommendations

CONSENT AGENDA CONSIDERATIONS

- Member E. Huston pulled agenda item "Altamont Fire Protection District - Kyle Willenburg" Chairman J. Douthit placed item as # 8-1.
- Member E. Huston pulled agenda item "Approve Disbursement of \$7,500.00 to Mill Road Thresherman's Association". Chairman J. Douthit placed item as # 8-2.
- Member J. Douthit pulled item "Approve County Building Windows Replacement RFP and Publication of Windows Replacement RFP". Chairman J. Douthit placed item as # 8-3.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

- Member J. Deters made a motion to approve the consent agenda except items pulled under the consent agenda considerations. Member C. Keller seconded. **Motion carried** on a roll call vote 7 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent; 0 abstain.
- **#8-1 APPROVE APPOINTMENT - ALTAMONT FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT - KYLE WILLENBURG (5/1/2024-5/2027)**

Member E. Huston pulled this agenda item to abstain from the vote. Member T. Ellis made a motion to approve the appointment of Kyle Willenburg to the Altamont Fire Protection District. Member D. McCain seconded. Member E. Huston abstained. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**

• **#8-2 APPROVE DISBURSEMENT OF \$7,500.00 TO MILL ROAD THRESHERMAN'S ASSOCIATION**

Member E. Huston pulled this agenda item to abstain from the vote. Jim and Kathy Schroeder with Mill Road Thresherman's was present at the meeting. Member T. Ellis made a motion to approve the disbursement of \$7,500.00 to Mill Road Thresherman's Association from hotel/motel tax fund. Member D. Campbell seconded. Member E. Huston abstained. **Motion carried** on a roll call vote 6 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent; 1 abstain.

• **#8-3 APPROVE COUNTY BUILDING WINDOWS REPLACEMENT RFP AND PUBLICATION OF WINDOWS REPLACEMENT RFP**

Chairman J. Douthit stated there was a typographical error stating the building was the County Government Center and should be the Effingham County Building. The correction has been made. Member C. Keller made a motion to approve the County Building windows replacement RFP and publication of windows replacement RFP. Member S. Gillet seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**

8. APPROVE REPLACEMENT CHAIRS FOR COUNTY BOARDROOM WITHOUT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Member T. Ellis made a motion to approve the donation for the replacement chairs for the County Boardroom. Member D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried .**

9. APPROVE UP TO \$5,500.00 DISTRIBUTION FOR ELECTRICAL WORK IN THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY COURTROOMS WITHOUT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

This is a request from the Effingham County Circuit Clerk's office and the Chief Judge to improve the electric at the Government Center. It was requested this electrical work be paid from ARPA funds. Member D. McCain made a motion to approve the distribution of \$5,500.00 from ARPA funds for the electrical work. Member J. Deters seconded. **Motion carried** on a roll call vote 7 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent; 0 abstain.

10. APPROVE ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES TITLE XX DFI SENIOR SERVICES GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,467.00 WITHOUT COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

It was noted this agenda item was not on the transportation committee agenda. This is a yearly grant and the amount was been awarded. Member J. Deters made a motion to approve the Illinois Department of Human Services Title XX Senior Services grant in the amount of \$30,467.00. Member D. McCain seconded. **Motion carried** on a roll call vote 7 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent; 0 abstain.

11. ELECTION OFFICIALS REPORTS

- None

12. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Dave Campbell thanked board member Tim Ellis for the donation of the chairs. Dave also noted an application has been submitted for Revolving Loan Fund.
- Jeremy Deters noted from the transportation committee they have received the title for the bus and it is will be used soon.
- Sandi Gillet mentioned from the ambulance committee they now have a Rapid Response vehicle that is now in service and is equipped.

13. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- None

14. CLOSED SESSION

- None

15. ADJOURN

- Member C. Keller motioned to adjourn this meeting. Member J. Deters seconded. Unanimous.
Motion carried.