



Effingham County Board
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EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD REGULAR MEETING June 16, 2025 – 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, Mike Buzzard-District F, Doug McCain-District G, Sandra Rich-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, June 16, 2025 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, Norbert Soltwedel, Christopher Keller, Mike Buzzard, Doug McCain, Sandra Rich, 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 SHERRY SHAMHART ON HER RETIREMENT AFTER 35 YEARS OF SERVICE WITH THE EFFINGHAM COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE

- Chairman J. Douthit read the resolution to honor Sherry Shamhart on 35 years of service with the Effingham County Public Defender and Probation offices. She was presented a clock and Sherry spoke briefly. Member D. Campbell made a motion to approve the resolution honoring Sherry Shamhart on her retirement with Effingham County. Member N. Soltwedel seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**

4. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

APPROVE MINUTES

ACCEPT OFFICER'S MONTHLY REPORTS

APPROVE BILLS – COUNTY BOARD PER DIEM & EXPENSES

COMMITTEE AGENDA CONSIDERATIONS

Health and Insurance Committee

- Approve Employee Assistance Program Limited to only Employees of the Sheriff's Office, 911, Coroner's Office, EMA, Health Department, and Probation Department

Legislative/Personnel Committee

- Approve Ordinance Governing Solar Energy Conversion Systems
- Approve Ordinance Governing Wind Energy Conversion Systems with Amendment Increasing Application Fee equal to \$5000.00 per Mw of Proposed Nameplate Capacity
- Approve Appointments
 - 911 Board – Johnathon Paholke (7/1/2025-6/30/2028)
 - 911 Board – Larry Thies (7/1/2025-6/30/2028)
 - 377 Board – Michael Tate (7/1/2025-6/30/2028)
 - Airport Commission – Phillip Toops (7/1/2025-6/30/2028)
 - Board of Health – Dr. Tina Rozene, M.D. (7/1/2025-6/30/2027)
 - Board of Health – Karen Hille (7/1/2025-6/30/2027)
 - Board of Health – Vickie Bushur (7/1/2025-6/30/2027)
 - Farmland Assessment Review Board – Joseph Thoele (7/1/2025 – 6/30/2028)
 - Farmland Assessment Review Board – John Beckman (7/1/2025-6/30/2028)
 - Farmland Assessment Review Board – Lyle Westfall (7/1/2025-6/30/2028)
 - Teutopolis Fire Protection District – Scott Brumleve (6/16/2025-5/1/2028)

Road and Bridge Committee

- None

Building and Grounds Committee

- Approve Use of Historic Courtyard and Gazebo by FACE on June 19, July 10, August 14, and September 11, 2025
- Approve Acceptance of Daughters of the American Revolution Bench Donation for Historic Courtyard
- Approve Disbursement of \$233.00 in General Funds to Effingham County Museum for Water Bill from Sod Maintenance
- Approve Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for Historic Courtyard and Gazebo on June 20, 2025 at 7:30pm Pending Approvals from Representatives

Transportation Committee

- None

Tax and Finance Committee

- Approve \$1,000.00 Distribution in Hotel/Motel Funding for Edgewood Fest
- Approve \$1,000.00 Distribution in Hotel/Motel Funding for Effingham Noon Rotary Fireworks
- Approve Salary Ordinance with Update to Victim Witness Coordinator Salary

Ambulance Oversight Committee

- None

Public Safety Committee

- None

CONSENT AGENDA CONSIDERATIONS

- Member D. Campbell pulled agenda item "Board of Health – Dr. Tina Rozene, M.D. (7/1/2025-6/30/2027)"; "Board of Health – Karen Hille (7/1/2025-6/30/2027)"; "Board of Health – Vickie Bushur (7/1/2025-6/30/2027)". Chairman J. Douthit placed item as #5A.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

- Member S. Rich made a motion to approve the consent agenda except items pulled from the consent agenda considerations. Member J. Deters seconded. Motion carried on a roll call vote 7 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent; 0 abstain.

5. EXTRACTED CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- **#5A - BOARD OF HEALTH – DR. TINA ROZENE, M.D. (7/1/2025-6/30/2027)**

Member D. Campbell pulled the agenda item for a clerical correction on the term. This is a statutory term of three years. The correct term will be 7-1-2025 thru 6-30-2028. Member J. Deters made a motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Tina Rozene M.D. to the Board of Health with a term of 7-1-2025 thru 6-30-2028. Member D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**

- **BOARD OF HEALTH – KAREN HILLE (7/1/2025-6/30/2027)**

Member D. Campbell pulled the agenda item for a clerical correction on the term. This is a statutory term of three years. The correct term will be 7-1-2025 thru 6-30-2028. Member J. Deters made a motion to approve the appointment of Karen Hille to the Board of Health with a term of 7-1-2025 thru 6-30-2028. Member D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**

- **BOARD OF HEALTH – VICKIE BUSHUR (7/1/2025-6/30/2027)**

Member D. Campbell pulled the agenda item for a clerical correction on the term. This is a statutory term of three years. The correct term will be 7-1-2025 thru 6-30-2028. Member J. Deters made a motion to approve the appointment of Vickie Bushur to the Board of Health with a term of 7-1-2025 thru 6-30-2028. Member D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**

6. ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

- Paul Kuhns, Sheriff, reported there are several people enrolled into the Medication Assisted Recovery program. This is a program offered thru the jail for opioid addiction.
- Angie Thompson, board administrator, gave a reminder on the department head budget meeting on July 10 at 2:00 p.m.

7. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Dave Campbell gave an update from economic development committee. The approval for the second Revolving Loan Fund grant has been pushed back to mid-August.
- Norbert Soltwedel attended the ROSC council meeting. They received around \$10,000 from the opioid settlement fund. ROSC reported on the activities from the past year with the funds received from the settlement.
- Jeremy Deters thanked the Village of Montrose for their contribution to the public transportation fund.
- Josh Douthit stated the ribbon cutting for the new courthouse pavilion will take place on June 20, 2025 at 7:30 p.m. This in conjunction with the downtown movie night.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- Shirley McEvers was present at the meeting and commended the board on the design of the new courthouse pavilion. She stated it compliments the courthouse grounds.

9. CLOSED SESSION

CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO ILLINOIS STATUTES SECTION 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(11) IN ORDER TO DISCUSS PENDING LITIGATION

Member C. Keller made a motion to go into Closed Session pursuant to Illinois State Statute Section 5 ILCS 120/2 (C)(11) to discuss Pending Litigation. Member D McCain. seconded. **Motion carried** on a roll call vote of 7 ayes; 0 nays; 1 absent; 0 abstain

- The regular meeting of the Effingham County board reconvened. Chairman J. Douthit stated there was no action taken in the matters of litigation.

10. ADJOURN

- Member C. Keller motioned to adjourn this meeting. Member S. Rich seconded. Unanimous.
Motion carried.