



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, July 14, 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 M. Buzzard seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

**2. Unfinished Business**

- None

**3. New Business**

- Decennial Report – Edgewood Bi-County Fire Protection District  
Member N. Soltwedel made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the Decennial Report for Edgewood Bi-County Fire Protection District. Member D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***
- Loitering Ordinance  
Member J. Douthit informed the board about the Loitering Ordinance. The intent of this ordinance is to protect the property and prevent transient activity or late-night mischief. The courthouse grounds will be closed from 11:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. The ordinance states the exceptions, enforcement and the penalty in the violation of the ordinance. J. Douthit stated Aaron Jones, States Attorney, has reviewed and approved of the ordinance. Member J. Douthit made a motion to recommend to the full board for the approval and adoption of the Loitering Ordinance. Member C. Keller seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

#### 4. **Appointments**

- 911 Board – Kurt Davis (07/21/2025 – 11/30/2026)  
The appointment of Kurt Davis is for the replacement of Jason McFarland, City of Effingham Police Chief. Member J. Deters noted a correction for the end date of the appointment. This date was listed on the ordinance. A correction will be made. Member D. McCain made a motion to recommend to the full board the approval of Kurt Davis to the 911 Board. Member S. Rich seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**

#### 5. **General Information/Public Comments**

- None

#### 6. **Closed Session**

- Convene in Closed Session Pursuant to Illinois Statutes Section 5 ILCS 120/2 (c )(11) in Order to Discuss Matters Related to Opioid Litigation Participation

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 Matters Related to Opioid Litigation Participation. Member J. Douthit seconded. **Motion carried** on a roll call vote of 9 ayes; 0 nays; 0 absent; 0 abstain

The regular meeting of the Effingham County Board reconvened. Chairman D. Campbell stated the board took action in closed session in regards to possible opioid settlements and decided to participate in the litigation. Member J. Douthit made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the Purdue Pharma L.P. bankruptcy plan and the GESA release agreement. Member C. Keller second. Unanimous. **Motion carried.** Member J. Deters made a motion to recommend to the full board to participate in the nine defendant Opioid settlement. Member S. Rich seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**

#### 7. **Adjourn**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle M. Kollmann  
Effingham County Clerk