



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, September 8, 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 (late), 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 T. Ellis made a motion to approve the minutes. Member N. Soltwedel seconded. Unanimous ***Motion carried.***

2. Unfinished Business

- Problem Properties
It was stated there is a possible state statute that could remedy the situation. At this time there will be no ordinance drafted. It was noted the property is being cleaned up.

3. New Business

- Proclamation – National 4-H Week
National 4-H week is October 5 – 10, 2025. Member J. Douthit made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the proclamation for National 4-H week. Member D. McCain seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***
- Proclamation – National Disability Employment Awareness Month.
Member S. Rich made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the proclamation for National Disability Employment Awareness Month. Member C. Keller seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

4. Appointments

- Economic Development Advisory Board – Larry Taylor (10/01/2025 – 09/30/2029)

Member S. Rich made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the appointment of Larry Taylor to the Economic Development Advisory Board. Member M. Buzzard seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

- St. Francis Township Drainage District – Jim Westendorf (09/15/2025 – 09/05/2028)
Member T. Ellis made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the appointment of Jim Westendorf to the St. Francis Township Drainage District. Member C. Keller seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***
- Island Grove Drainage District – Open Appointment (09/15/2025 – 09/05/2028)
This appointment is still considered an open appointment with limited landowners in this district. Several of the landowners are corporations. There was board discussion on possible appointees.

5. General Information/Public Comments

- Member N. Soltwedel informed the board of an upcoming Emergency Management Agency bill. This bill is about reimbursement for expenses. He stated there was a suggested letter of support for this bill that could come from the Effingham County Board. He wanted some feedback from the board about the support.
- It was noted due to limited staffing the Effingham County Animal Control will have reduced hours to the public. This will be temporary.

6. Closed Session

- None

7. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle M. Kollmann
Effingham County Clerk