



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, December 9, 2024 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, M. Buzzard

This meeting was called to order by Chair David Campbell.

1. Approve Minutes

- Member N. Soltwedel made a motion to approve the minutes. Member C. Keller seconded. Unanimous ***Motion carried.***

2. Unfinished Business

- Wind/Solar Farms
UCCI sent sample ordinance to use a draft for Effingham County. Aaron Jones, States Attorney, stated he had reviewed other county ordinances. He stated if the County was going to pass an ordinance the board would need to discuss payment of fees, what to charge for the application permit fee, what committee this would fall under and input from the County Engineer regarding road usage. It was suggested this would fall under the Road and Bridge Committee, it was decided more time would be needed to research fees and requirements. There was board discussion on state regulations on wind and solar ordinances.

3. New Business

- Decennial Report
Member S. Rich made a motion to approve all three decennial reports together. Member J. Deters seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***
 - Dieterich Park District
Member S. Rich made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the Dieterich Park District decennial report. Member J. Douthit seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

- St. Francis Township
Member S. Rich made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the St. Francis decennial report. Member J. Douthit seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**
 - St. Francis/Teutopolis Multi-Township Assessing District
Member S. Rich made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the St. Francis/Teutopolis Multi-Township Assessing District decennial report. Member J. Douthit seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**
 - Resolution – Amending the Predictable Fee Schedule for the Recorder’s Office
Michelle Kollmann, County Recorder, informed the board the Governor signed a new law requiring the Recorder office to amended the predictable fee schedule. She informed the board of the amendments which include the Department of Public Health to pay the fee for a standard document less the RHSP fee. The amended predictable fee schedule will take effect on January 1, 2025. Member J. Deters made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the amended Predictable Fee Schedule for the Recorder’s Office. Member T. Ellis seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**
 - Delinquent Property Resolution – Permanent Parcel Number 03-16-042-038
Deb Ruholl, Treasurer, stated parcel 03-16-042-038 had delinquent taxes that went to the tax sale in 2020. The County’s Tax Trustee ended up with these taxes and the parcel went to surplus sale. The resolution is part of the process to transfer this property to the new owner. The property is located in Douglas township. Member J. Deters made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the Delinquent Property Resolution for parcel #03-16-042-038. Member M. Buzzard seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**
 - FY25 Employee Handbook
Angie Thompson spoke to the board about the new and updated Employee Handbook. She utilized the new software to update the handbook. Also, Chairman Josh Douthit and States Attorney Aaron Jones assisted and reviewed the handbook. An electronic handbook will be sent to each department head to be sent to their employees. She noted there were no major changes. However, the handbook now includes some of the required legal verbiage. It was suggested the handbook be sent out to all department heads for a review before the monthly board meeting. Member J. Douthit made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the FY25 Employee Handbook. Member T. Ellis seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**
4. **Appointments**
- Dive Rescue
 - Terry Trueblood (12/16/2024 – 12/31/2026)
Member T. Ellis made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the appointment of Terry Trueblood to Dive Rescue. Member J. Deters seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**
 - Jeremy Kyle (12/16/2024 – 12/31/2026)
Member J. Deters made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the appointment of Jeremy Kyle to Dive Rescue. Member M. Buzzard seconded. Unanimous. **Motion carried.**
 - 708 Board – Shannon Griffith (01/01/2025 – 12/31/2027)

Member N. Soltwedel made a motion to recommend to the full board to approve the appointment of Shannon Griffith to the 708 Board. Member S. Rich seconded. Unanimous. ***Motion carried.***

5. General Information/Public Comments

- Member J. Douthit informed the board the childcare committee will dissolve. There will be further discussion at the Tax and Finance Committee on Thursday.
- Member N. Soltwedel asked if the board would be interested in submitting a resolution for legislative action in regards to downstate operating funds for public transportation. Effingham County public transportation receives a subsidy from the State of Illinois which is currently 65%. Member Soltwedel is drafting a resolution to request the State of Illinois to increase the subsidy to 75%. He has been in contact with UCCI about this possible resolution.

6. Closed Session

- None

7. Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle M. Kollmann
Effingham County Clerk