

April 17, 2024
OFFICIAL MINUTES
of the
DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD

*Members of the Douglas County Board convened in regular session at 9:00 A.M., County Board Room, Courthouse, Tuscola, Illinois. Chairman of the Board, Tom Hettinger called the meeting to order and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

*Members answering roll call: Bibby Appleby, Tom Hettinger, Phil Morris, Dan Henry, Ed Carleton, and Gary Luth.

PRESENT: 6

ABSENT: Hein

APPROVAL OF MARCH 20, 2024, REGULAR BOARD MINUTES

***Motion by Henry/Appleby:** To approve the March 20, 2024, Regular Board Minutes.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

***Motion by Morris/Luth:** To approve the monthly financial obligations for the County as reviewed by the Budget and Finance Sub-Committee.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS OF FEES

***Motion by Luth/Morris:** To approve the monthly reports of fees of the County offices as prepared.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

U OF I EXTENSION AGREEMENT

***Motion by Appleby/Morris:** To approve \$63,036.00 in Appropriations and Levies for the U of I Extension for Douglas County Tax Extension 2024 to be paid in 2025.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

APPOINTMENT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM TRUSTEE

***Motion by Carleton/Henry:** To appoint Robert Kosc as Trustee of the Douglas County Historical Museum District to complete the unexpired term of Larry Bushu. The current term is set to expire July 01, 2025, and to be reappointed as Trustee to a 5-year term effective July 1, 2025.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

APPOINTMENT OF HINDBORO COMMUNITY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT TRUSTEES

***Motion by Henry/Appleby:** To appoint the following as Trustees to the Hindsboro Community Fire Protection District. Appointments are as follows:

Connie Hoel - term ending the 1st Monday in May, 2025

Steven Beaty - term ending the 1st Monday in May, 2026

Garry Stenger - term ending the 1st Monday in May, 2027

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

RENEWAL OF COUNTY LIQUOR LICENSES

***Motion by Morris/Luth:** To renew the Douglas County Liquor Licenses as listed for a one-year term beginning May 1, 2024-April 30, 2025.

Aikman Wildlife, LLC
Smokehouse Cabin, LLC
Kaskaskia County Club

Class A: \$775.00
Class A: \$775.00
Class C: \$525.00

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

APPROVE REVISED COUNTY BRIDGE FUND PETITION CATB 23-01, CITY OF VILLA GROVE

***Motion by Luth/Morris:** To approve REVISED County Bridge Fund Petition CATB 23-01 from the City of Villa Grove for bridge repair/maintenance of Structure Number 021-0035, Bridge on Front Street over the Embarrass River, with an estimated cost of \$307,012.25 and requested assistance of \$153,506.13 as recommended by the Road and Bridge Sub-Committee and the County Engineer.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

RESOLUTION 24-R-7 APPROVE BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT SECTION: CATB 23-01

***Motion by Luth/Carleton:** To approve Resolution 24-R-7 Construction Contract for Section: CATB 23-01 be approved as submitted by Stark Excavation, Inc. in the amount of \$273,345.00, which is 13.8% above the revised engineers estimate, and that the County Board Chairman be authorized to sign, contingent on the City of Villa Grove approval of the revised CATB Petition and approval of award, the BLR 12320 - "Local Public Agency Formal Contract" and BLR 12321 - "Contract Bond".

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

WORK COMP AUDIT

***Motion by Carleton/Luth:** To approve Work Comp Audit performed by Insurance Audit Services, Inc. for the period of 12/01/2022 – 12/01/2023.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

ORDINANCE 24-O-2 DOUGLAS COUNTY FOOD SERVICE SANITATION ORDINANCE

***Motion by Henry/Appleby:** To adopt Ordinance 24-O-2 to enact the Douglas County Food Sanitation Ordinance as presented to the Douglas County Board.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PRESS

Jessie McClusky from the U of I Extension office gave an update of programs offered by the U of I Extension office. They are focused on Health, Environment, Food, and Community. The SNAP-Ed program helped deliver 14,496 lbs. of produce and 1100 lbs. of deer meat to local food pantries. U of I Extension works with the Health Department and R.I.S.E Behavioral Health to give first aid training to High Schoolers and Youth Mental Health Training to Adults that help young people.

ADJOURNMENT

***Motion by Luth/Henry:** At 9:23 A.M., there being no further business to come before the County Board at this time, to adjourn until May 15, 2024, at 9:00 A.M.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

Judi Pollock, Ex-Officio Clerk