

November 15, 2023
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 OCTOBER 18, 2023, REGULAR BOARD MINUTES

***Motion by Henry/Carleton:** To approve the October 18, 2023, 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 Appleby/Luth:** To approve the monthly reports of fees of the County offices as prepared.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

APPROVE FY 2022 AUDIT

***Motion by Morris/Luth:** To approve the FY 2022 Audit prepared and presented by Larsson, Woodyard and Henson, LLP.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

CORRECT A SCRIVENER'S ERROR ORDINANCE 23-O-10

***Motion by Carleton/Morris:** To correct a Scrivener's Error in Ordinance 23-O-10 that was adopted October 18, 2023, by the Douglas County Board, correcting the language in Section VI: E to state "office of the Douglas County Engineer" and that the last two Roman Numerals were modified to correct the ones for 9 & 10.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

RENEWAL OF HEALTH ALLIANCE MEDICAL PLAN

***Motion by Henry/Appleby:** To approve the renewal of Douglas County's employee health plan with Health Alliance with rates for 1/1/2024-12/31/2024 as listed:

Employee:	\$ 908.00
Employee and Spouse:	\$1,683.00
Employee and Child(ren):	\$1,511.00
Family:	\$2,632.00

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

RENEWAL OF VSP VISION AND COMPANION DENTAL PLANS

***Motion by Henry/Luth:** To approve the renewal of employee paid VSP Direct Vision Plan and Companion Life Dental Plan for Douglas County for FY 2024 as listed:

<u>VISION</u>		<u>DENTAL</u>	
Employee:	\$ 9.89	Employee:	\$ 32.69
Employee and Spouse:	\$15.83	Employee and Spouse:	\$ 63.02
Employee and Child(ren):	\$16.16	Employee and Child(ren):	\$ 60.53
Family	\$26.05	Family	\$100.86

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

APPROVE ICRMT LIABILITY AND WORKER'S COMPENSATION RENEWAL PACKAGES

***Motion by Morris/Appleby:** To approve the payment of the ICRMT Liability Insurance package and worker's Compensation renewal for FY 2023-2024 as listed:

Liability Insurance:	\$277,078.00
Worker's Compensation: (To include PEDA coverage)	\$ 90,910.00

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

2024 ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS DUES

***Motion by Appleby/Carleton:** To approve the payment of \$675.00 annual membership dues to the Illinois Association of County Board Members for 2024.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

APPROVE PURCHASE OF ROOFTOP AC UNIT COURTROOM #2

***Motion by Luth/Morris:** To approve, at the recommendation of the Building and Grounds Sub-Committee to the Douglas County Board, the bid from King-Lar to replace the rooftop AC unit for Douglas County Courthouse Courtroom #2 at a cost of \$22,250.00.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

COUNTY EMPLOYEE CHRISTMAS PARTY

***Motion by Luth/Morris:** To approve the expenditure of 2000 for the Douglas County Employee Christmas Party.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

RESOLUTION 23-R-23 – 23-R-23E CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATES OF PURCHASE

***Motion by Carleton/Henry:** To approve Resolution 23-R-23 – 23-R-23E authorizing the cancellation of the appropriate Certificates of Purchase for **22-R-23** – 07-06-31-208-008, **23-R-23A** – 04-03-34-219-012, **23-R-23B** – 05-01-31-305-011, **23-R-23C** – 04-03-34-219-009, **23-R-23D** – 05-01-31-305-009, **23-R-23E** – 06-04-34-400-009.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

JUNE 2024 COUNTY BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE

***Motion by Appleby/Luth:** to change the June 2024 County Board meeting from Wednesday, June 19th to Thursday, June 20th due to Wednesday, June 19th being a county holiday in observance of Juneteenth.

YEAS: 5

ABSENT: Hein

NO: Morris

Motion Passes.

RESOLUTION 23-R-24 APPROPRIATING MOTOR FUEL TAX FUNDS SECTION: 24-0000-00-GM

***Motion by Luth/Carleton:** To approve appropriating \$577,625.00 in Motor Fuel Tax Funds, as recommended by the Road and Bridge Sub-Committee and the County Engineer, and that the Douglas County Clerk is authorized to sign the Resolution.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

ORDINANCE 23-O-15 AMENDING THE REGULATION OF GOVERNMENTAL TRAVEL EXPENSE

***Motion by Henry/Luth:** To adopt Ordinance 23-O-15 by the Douglas County Board, Douglas County, Illinois to amend the Douglas County Travel Reimbursement Regulations as attached to this ordinance and shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval according to law.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

DISBURSEMENT OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

***Motion by Appleby/Luth:** To approve the Opioid Committee's recommendation for the disbursement of the Opioid Settlement Funds as listed.

Douglas County Sheriff	\$12,500
Hour House	\$12,500
R.I.S.E.	\$12,500
Be Brave	\$12,500

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

DOUGLAS COUNTY TELECOMMUTING POLICY

***Motion by Morris/Henry:** To authorize the Douglas County Chairman to sign the memo stating that telecommuting and remote work situations are not authorized for county employees currently working in Douglas County. Any request for an exception to this policy should be forwarded to the Douglas County Board Chairman.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PRESS

Bibby Appleby introduced the new Interim Animal Control Department Head Spencer Hall. Jim Allen asked what the difference in travel reimbursement is now. State's Attorney Rob Kosic stated that it will be the Federal Standard.

ADJOURNMENT

***Motion by Luth/Henry:** At 9:56 A.M., there being no further business to come before the County Board at this time, to adjourn until December 20, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Hein

Motion Passes.

Judi Pollock, Ex-Officio Clerk