

January 20, 2021
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, Don Munson called the meeting to order and led the members in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

ROLL CALL

*Members answering roll call: Dick Hein, Bibby Appleby, Tom Hettinger, Phil Morris, Don Munson, Jim Mikeworth, and Gary Luth.

PRESENT: 7

ABSENT: 0

**APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 1, 2020 SPECIAL BOARD MINUTES AND
DECEMBER 16, 2020 REGULAR BOARD MINUTES**

***Motion by Appleby/Morris:** To approve December 1, 2020 Special Board Minutes and December 16, 2020 regular Board Minutes.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

***Motion by Morris/Hein:** To approve the monthly financial obligations for the County as reviewed by the Budget and Finance sub-committee.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS OF FEES

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

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

REAPPOINTMENT OF INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION LIAISON

***Motion by Mikeworth/Hein:** To approve reappointment of Judi Pollock as the Insurance Administration Liaison to Douglas County, at the recommendation of the Personnel, Legal & Management sub-committee, for one year effective January 1, 2021. This position is recompensed solely via a \$7500 stipend paid from line item 012-4192-039 as stated in Ordinance 17-O-2 and renewable at the Boards discretion. This position will be reviewed annually by Personnel, Legal & Management sub-committee.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

**ANNUAL STIPEND FOR PAYMENT AND RECONCILIATION OF PAYROLL DEDUCTED
INSURANCE BENEFITS**

***Motion by Mikeworth/Hein:** To approve at the recommendation of the Personnel, Legal & Management sub-committee to give an annual stipend of \$2000 to the Douglas County Treasurer's office to be distributed to her staff at her discretion for continued payment and reconciliation of the billing and payroll deducted insurance benefits (VSP, Companion Dental, and Guardian policies) for Douglas County Employees for the FY 2021.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

RESOLUTION 21-R-1 ADJUSTING THE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT RATE

***Motion by Morris/Luth:** To approve Resolution 21-R-1 stating that the Douglas County Employee Mileage Reimbursement Rate for privately owned automobiles used for official travel shall be reimbursed at a rate of 0.56 cents per mile.

YEAS: 6

Hein: NO

Motion Passes.

RESOLUTION 21-R-2 EXTENSION OF A DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19

***Motion by Hettinger/Morris:** To approve Resolution 21-R-2 extending a Declaration of Emergency due to Covid-19 in Douglas County, State of Illinois by the County Board for a period of 30 days.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

RESOLUTION 21-R-3 ADOPTING AN EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY FY 2021

***Motion by Luth/Hein:** To approve Resolution 21-R-3 resolving that the Douglas County Board approves the proposed Emergency Operation's Plan for FY 2021 as outlined by the Douglas County EMA Director.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

RESOLUTION 21-R-4 TO APPROVE IMPROVEMENT UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE SECTION: 13-00104-00-BR

***Motion by Morris/Mikeworth:** To approve Resolution 21-R-4 for improvement under the Illinois Highway Code, Section 13-00104-00-BR, as submitted, with the County Board appropriating two-hundred eighty-two thousand dollars (\$282,000.00) from MFT funds and that the County Clerk be authorized to sign the Resolution.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

RESOLUTION 21-R-5 TO APPROVE COUNTY MAINTENANCE RESOLUTION SECTION 21-00000-00-GM

***Motion by Luth/Hein:** To approve County Maintenance Resolution 21-R-5 appropriating \$349,900.00 in Motor Fuel Tax Funds as recommended by the Road and Bridge Committee and the County Engineer.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

APPOINTMENT OF EMA DIRECTOR

***Motion by Hein/Appleby:** To approve the appointment of Chana Ray as EMA Director of Douglas County at the recommendation of the EMA sub-committee. This appointment will be for a four year term retroactive to January 1, 2021 and ending December 31, 2024.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENDER

***Motion by Mikeworth/Appleby:** To approve the appointment of Kevin P. Nolan as the Douglas County Felony Public Defender. This appointment was made by Judge Richard Broch and is effective February 1, 2021. As an employee of Douglas County, Kevin is eligible for insurance benefits and IMRF.

YEAS: 5

Hettinger/Morris: No

Motion Passes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Mikeworth introduced the new Douglas County Workplace Innovations Director, Josh Taylor Johnson. He is building a WIOA program for Douglas County, which provides career services, outreach, education, and substance abuse programs. He will be in the office 3 days a week from 8-5.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT

Amanda Minor gave an update for the Health Department. 350 vaccines in Douglas County for Phase 1A were completed at a good rate. This week they will be opening Phase 1B. They will be getting a limited supply of about 300 vaccines for next week. There is a new online registration system for getting a vaccine. You will find the link on the Health Department website. You will enter your name, address, phone number, and birth date to register. They are still doing Covid-19 testing Monday –Thursday, 8:30-4 p.m., and Friday and Saturday, 8:30-noon.

There were no questions and comments from the press or the public.

ADJOURNMENT

***Motion by Luth/Hein:** At 9:47 A.M., there being no further business to come before the County Board at this time, to adjourn until February 17, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

Judi Pollock, Ex-Officio Clerk

*PLEASE NOTE-sub-committee minutes are to be placed on file. Motions and special instructions from the sub-committee reports have been recorded in the Official Minutes. Additional information pertaining to the sub-committee minutes may be requested to be reviewed.