

February 17, 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 JANUARY 20, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MINUTES

***Motion by Hein/Hettinger:** To approve January 20, 2021 Regular Board Minutes.

YEAS: 7

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: 7

Motion Passes

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS OF FEES

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

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

APPOINT TO 911 BOARD

***Motion by Mikeworth/Luth:** To approve appointment of Tyler Harvey to the Douglas County 911 Board. Tyler will be filling the year of Gary Lath's term as member at large.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-R-6 BRIDGE FUND PETITIONS

***Motion by Hein/Morris:** To approve Resolution 21-R-6 for ten (10) Bridge Fund Petitions, as recommended by the County Engineer and approved by the Road and Bridge Committee and that the Douglas County Board Chairman is authorized to sign the Resolution.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

APPROVE AGREEMENT RENEWAL BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND ROAD COMMISSIONERS

***Motion by Luth/Hein:** To approve renewal of Agreement between the County and the Township Road Commissioners at the contract price of \$1,300.00 per mile for a term of one year commencing on April 1, 2021, and the Douglas County Board Chairman is authorized to sign an agreement with each of said Township Road Commissioners.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

APPROVE CORONER TIMESHEETS

***Motion by Luth/Hein:** To approve the recommendation from the Coroner sub-committee to the Douglas County Board to allow the Coroner to be able to use time sheets for extra clerical services that she occasionally will need to perform.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

PURCHASE OF NEW SCANNER FOR COURTHOUSE SECURITY

***Motion by Hein/Hettinger:** To approve the payment of \$28,102.00 to Rapiscan Systems for the purchase of a new scanner for the security area of the courthouse. This payment will be made from Tort Liability Funds in account 050, line item 001-4595-050.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

QUESTION AND COMMENTS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Committee Reports: Mr. Luth talked about the possible revision of the current WECS Ordinance and requested that 1 person from each district in the County be appointed to sit on the WECS sub-committee before revisions begin. Jim Crane updated everyone on how the process began for the current WECS Ordinance and the history on how the process started. Mrs. Appleby stated that the WECS Ordinance revisited and public domain comments need to be considered.

Health Department report- Mr. Morris commended Amanda Minor the Health Department Administrator on effectively and efficiently running the vaccine clinics. Minor reported that there would not be any vaccine distributed to the County this week. The HD hopes to be able to hold a closed pod clinic where they will give the 2nd dose vaccination to the Arcola and ALAH teachers who had received their 1st dose. VG and Tuscola teachers have not received their 1st dose vaccine as of yet. It is anticipated that there will possibly be 200 1st dose vaccines for the next two weeks. There will be one clinic next week at Tuscola and a clinic at Arcola the following week. CVS, Walgreens and Wal-Mart now have vaccine available that anyone can get. Minor talked about the positivity rate in Douglas County going up.

Public Comments: Janet McCumber questioned that “wouldn’t logic say that with Douglas County’s positivity rate shooting up that Douglas County would be able to get additional doses of the vaccine?” The group agreed with Ms. Cucumber’s thoughts, but logic seemed to be the key word here, and that is not always taken into account.

ADJOURNMENT

***Motion by Luth/Hein:** At 9:42 A.M., there being no further business to come before the County Board at this time, to adjourn until March 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.