

April 19, 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: Dick Hein, Bibby Appleby, Tom Hettinger, Phil Morris, Dan Henry, Ed Carleton, and Gary Luth.

PRESENT: 7

ABSENT: 0

APPROVAL OF March 15, 2023, REGULAR BOARD MINUTES

***Motion by Appleby/Carleton:** To approve the March 15, 2023, Regular Board Minutes.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

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

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

APPOINT DR. RICHARD DAVIDSON D.D.S. TO THE DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

***Motion by Appleby/Luth:** To appoint Dr. Richard Davidson, D.D.S. to the Douglas County Board of Health to replace Dr. Aaron Parsons, D.D.S. with the term to expire November 30, 2024.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

DRAINAGE DISTRICT APPOINTMENT

***Motion by Henry/Morris:** To appoint Matthew Wesch as Drainage Commissioner of Hayes Branch Drainage District No. 66-L-96 Douglas County, Illinois for a term to end the 1st Tuesday, September 2023.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

APPOINTMENT TO DOUGLAS COUNTY AG BOARD

***Motion by Carleton/Hein:** To appoint Gary Luth to the Douglas County Ag Board to replace Bibby Appleby.

YEAS: 6

ABSTAIN: Luth

Motion Passes

REAPPOINTMENT OF ARCOLA FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEE

***Motion by Morris/Henry:** To reappoint Dustin Ingram as Arcola Fire Protection District Trustee for a 3-year term starting July 1, 2023.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

DOUGLAS COUNTY ANIMAL CONTROL ADMINISTRATOR

***Motion by Appleby/Carleton:** To approve the Agreement appointing Charles M. Knox as Douglas County Animal Control Administrator from May 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024. The County shall pay the Administrator \$3,500.00 per year and shall be compensated for no more than three trips to the Animal Control Facility per week at the Douglas County Travel Rate.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

AMEND LEASE AGREEMENT TERM

***Motion by Luth/Hein:** To amend the terms of the previously approved lease agreement with the State of Illinois, Office of Statewide Pretrial Services, through its authorized agent, the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts to lease office space at the Douglas County Annex, 209 East Van Allen Street, Tuscola, Illinois. The amended term for the lease will be for 2 years commencing on May 1, 2023, to April 30, 2025, at an annual rate of \$2,400.00 payable in monthly installments of \$200.00.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

RENEWAL OF COUNTY LIQUOR LICENSES

***Motion by Carleton/Hein:** To renew the Douglas County Liquor Licenses as listed for a one-year term beginning May 1, 2023, through April 30, 2024.

Aikman Wildlife, LLC	Class A: \$775.00
Smokehouse Cabin, LLC	Class A: \$775.00
Tri-City Country Club	Class C: \$525.00
Kaskaskia Country Club	Class C: \$525.00

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

APPROVE CRUSHING AWARD SECTION: 22-00142-00-MS

***Motion by Luth/Morris:** To approve the bid for 2022 Recycled Material, Section: 22-00142-00-MS, Douglas County, with the bid of \$9.25 per ton for Concrete Crushing and \$9.25 per ton for Screening Organic Material from feed stock for a total contract price of \$185,000.00 from Ezell Excavating, Inc., and authorized the County Engineer to sign the Acceptance of Proposal to furnish materials and Approval of the Award.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

PURCHASE MICROSOFT OFFICE 365

***Motion by Morris/Luth:** To approve, at the recommendation of the Budget & Finance sub-committee to the Douglas County Board, the purchase of Microsoft Office 365 at a cost not to exceed \$55,000.00.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PRESS

Bibby Appleby commented that Douglas County Animal control has 13 dogs and requested to put the word out for adoptees or foster. Dominick, the Editor for The Journal, asked about #13 and what was amended. The County Clerk stated that the effective dates were amended. Kelly Lockhart with the Coles County Regional Planning and Development Commission stated that Dial-a-Ride received a grant and would be doing a county wide survey.

ADJOURNMENT

***Motion by Luth/Hein:** At 9:23 A.M., there being no further business to come before the County Board at this time, to adjourn until May 17, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

Judi Pollock, Ex-Officio Clerk