

**May 17, 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 APRIL 19, 2023, REGULAR BOARD MINUTES AND MAY 1, 2023, SPECIAL BOARD MINUTES**

\***Motion by Morris/Luth:** To approve the April 19, 2023, Regular Board Minutes and May 1, 2023, Special 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 Henry/Luth:** To approve the monthly reports of fees of the County offices as prepared.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**REAPPOINTMENT OF BOARD OF REVIEW MEMBERS**

\***Motion by Morris/Hein:** To reappoint Cathy Means and Martha Jones to the Douglas County Board of Review for a 2-year term beginning June 1, 2023.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**ORDINANCE 23-O-6 AUTHORIZING THE USE OF FUNDS FROM THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT OF 2021 FOR MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS INTERVENTION SERVICES**

\***Motion by Henry/Luth:** To adopt Ordinance 23-O-6 authorizing the use of funds from The American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 for Mental Health Crisis Intervention Services for Douglas County. Douglas County has designated \$100,000.00 of the American Rescue Plan Act funds to be used by RISE for projects promoting and maintaining mental health services in Douglas County, including mental health and intervention services.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**ORDINANCE 23-O-7 MEMORIALIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN DOUGLAS COUNTY AND RISE**

\***Motion by Henry/Carleton:** To adopt Ordinance 23-O-7 memorializing an Intergovernmental Agreement between Douglas County and RISE Behavioral Health and Wellness for crisis intervention services.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**ORDINANCE 23-O-8 AUTHORIZING AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT FOR PARTICIPATION IN MABAS**

**\*Motion by Luth/Hein:** To adopt Ordinance 23-O-8 authorizing an Intergovernmental Agreement for participation in the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS Master Agreement 2022).

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**MUTUAL AID BOX ALARM SYSTEM MASTER AGREEMENT**

**\*Motion by Luth/Hein:** To approve the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Master Agreement (Approved by the MABAS Executive Board, October 19, 2022) and the County Board chairman is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System Master Agreement.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**U OF I EXTENSION AGREEMENT**

**\*Motion by Carleton/Henry:** To approve \$61,800.00 in Appropriations and Levies for the U of I Extension for Douglas County Tax Extension 2023 to be paid in 2024.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**RESOLUTION 23-R-9 CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATES OF PURCHASE**

**\*Motion by Morris/Luth:** To approve Resolution 23-R-9 authorizing the cancellation of the appropriate Certificates of Purchase for 07-6-31-211-004.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**DRIVEWAY REPAIR FOR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

**\*Motion by Luth/Hein:** To approve the low bid of \$9500.00 from Miller Custom Concrete for repair for the driveway at the Sheriff's Department. The bid price includes labor, equipment, material, to tear out approximately 600 sq. ft. of driveway and repour with 8" thick concrete that is reinforced.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**DESIGNATE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUNDS CAMARGO COUNTRYSIDE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

**\*Motion by Luth/Hein:** To approve a recommendation from the Budget & Finance sub-committee to the Douglas County Board to designate \$35,565.00 in ARPA funds to the Camargo Countryside Fire Protection district for Covid-19 response costs. Costs included equipment such as masks, gloves, gowns, disinfectant, and safety glasses plus the purchase of a 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe to respond to the increase in medical calls due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Once all final documents are prepared by the Douglas County State's Attorney and presented to the County Board, final board action will be taken on this request.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**DESIGNATE REMAINING ARPA FUNDS FOR DOUGLAS COUNTY HIGHWAY PROJECT**

**\*Motion by Morris/Luth:** To approve a recommendation from the Budget & Finance sub-committee to the Douglas County Board to designate all remaining ARPA funds that, are not previously earmarked for other projects, to the Douglas County Highway Department for a Springfield Road project.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

### **QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PRESS**

*Jessie McClusky gave an update on the U of I Extension programs that they offer. They serve Coles, Cumberland, Moultrie, Shelby, and Douglas Counties. They have 4 main programs including Family Life, 4-H Development, Environmental Programs, and SNAP-Ed. McClusky stated that she was thankful for the support by Douglas County. There is a more detailed insert in the back of the County Board Packet. Morgan Jones was hired as the new 4-H Program Coordinator. Dominick, the Editor for The Journal, asked how much money is remaining of the ARPA funds for the Springfield Road project, and Board Member Dick Hein stated that there was \$1,702,000.00 left. Lisa Edwards, the Douglas County Coroner, gave an update on the cooler in the Coroner's office. It is now running. She also stated that they are back at square one with bids for a carport behind the Annex Building.*

### **ADJOURNMENT**

**\*Motion by Luth/Henry:** At 9:33 A.M., there being no further business to come before the County Board at this time, to adjourn until June 21, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

YEAS: 7

***Motion Passes.***

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***Judi Pollock, Ex-Officio Clerk***