

June 21, 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: Tom Hettinger, Phil Morris, Dan Henry, Ed Carleton, and Gary Luth.
PRESENT: 5 ABSENT: Appleby, Hein

APPROVAL OF May 17, 2023, REGULAR BOARD MINUTES

***Motion by Henry/Carleton:** To approve the May 17, 2023, Regular Board Minutes.
YEAS: 5 ABSENT: Appleby, 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: 5 ABSENT: Appleby, Hein *Motion Passes.*

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS OF FEES

***Motion by Luth/Carleton:** To approve the monthly reports of fees of the County offices as prepared.
YEAS: 5 ABSENT: Appleby, Hein *Motion Passes.*

RESOLUTION 23-R-10 IN SUPPORT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY AGRICULTURE

***Motion by Luth/Morris:** To approve Resolution 23-R-10 that the County Board acknowledges and supports agriculture with Douglas County and will work to support and promote the development of agriculture for the benefit of our county and all its residents.

Steve Wetzel and Tyler Harvey were present from Douglas County Farm Bureau. Steve Wetzel explained to the County Board the reason for the Ordinance in support of Douglas County Agriculture. He stressed the importance of the County Board's decision to passing this resolution supporting Douglas County agriculture.

YEAS: 5 ABSENT: Appleby, Hein *Motion Passes.*

APPOINT INTERIM FLOOD PLAIN AND BUILDING PERMIT ADMINISTRATOR

***Motion by Morris/Luth:** To appoint Jim Crane, Highway Engineer as the Interim Flood Plain and Building Permit Administrator.

Jim Crane responded to his appointment as interim Floodplain and Building Permit Administrator. He told the board that we had 70 EMA violations in Douglas County and until these issues are addressed, the County will be under fire.

YEAS: 5 ABSENT: Appleby, Hein *Motion Passes.*

**ORDINANCE 23-O-9 EXTENDING THE TEMPORARY MORATORIUM FOR
WIND FARM SITING APPLICATIONS**

***Motion by Henry/Luth:** To adopt Ordinance 23-O-9 extending the temporary moratorium regarding the acceptance or approval of any wind energy siting applications for a 24-month period until June 30, 2025.
YEAS: 5 ABSENT: Appleby, Hein *Motion Passes.*

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN DOUGLAS COUNTY AND COLES COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING
FOR TRANSPORTATION IN DOUGLAS COUNTY**

***Motion by Luth/Carleton:** To approve to sign the Non-Urbanized Area Transportation Operating and Administrative Agreement between Douglas County, the Primary Participant and Coles County Council on Aging, the Provider for FY 2024.

YEAS: 5

ABSENT: Appleby, Hein

Motion Passes.

**LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR MOTOR FUEL TAX
SECTION: 23-00149-00-EG**

***Motion by Luth/Henry:** To approve, as submitted by Hillard's Bookkeeping Services, the LPA Engineering Services Agreement, for Construction Guidance and documentation and that the County Board Chairman be authorized to sign the agreement.

YEAS: 5

ABSENT: Appleby, Hein

Motion Passes.

**RESOLUTION 23-R-11 APPROVING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM M.F.T. FOR SECTION:
23-00149-00-EG**

***Motion by Morris/Luth:** To approve Resolution 23-R-11 appropriating \$38,000.00 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the engineering Services Agreement, designated as Section: 23-00149-00-EG and that the Chairman of the Board be authorized to sign the Resolution.

YEAS: 5

ABSENT: Appleby, Hein

Motion Passes.

**RESOLUTION 23-R-12 TO AWARD BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT
SECTION: 21-001135-00-BR**

TABLED

Agenda item was tabled (Arcola Township) as the bid was 9 ½ % over the estimate. This project will go back to bid around the end of July.

**RESOLUTION 23-R-13 TO APPROVE BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT SECTION:
04-05122-00-BR**

***Motion by Morris/Luth:** To approve Resolution 2023-R-13 for Construction Contract for Section: 04-05122-00-BR as submitted by Reyhan Brothers, Inc. dba Samgamo Construction Company in the amount of \$442,835.03, which is 1.16% above the approved engineers estimate, and that the County Board Chairman be authorized to sign the BLR 12320 "Local Public Agency Formal Contract" and BLR 12321 "Contract Bond".

YEAS: 5

ABSENT: Appleby, Hein

Motion Passes.

REAPPOINTMENT TO DOUGLAS COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM DISTRICT

***Motion by Carleton/Morris:** To approve the reappointment of Kim Higgins to the Douglas County Historical Museum District effective July 1, 2023.

YEAS: 5

ABSENT: Appleby, Hein

Motion Passes.

**LEASE CONTRACT FLOCK SAFETY CAMERA SYSTEM
TABLED**

PURCHASE COURTHOUSE TELEPHONES

***Motion by Henry/Carleton:** To approve the purchase of new telephones at a cost not to exceed \$65,000.00 for the Douglas County Courthouse. The new phones will replace the existing phones that were purchased in 2010 and can no longer be serviced. The County clerk will be working with Consolidated Communications on this purchase.

YEAS: 5

ABSENT: Appleby, Hein

Motion Passes.

QUESTIONS AND COMMENTS FROM THE PRESS

Jenna Slaughter from Work Force Innovations gave an update on the program. Chas Thomas thanked the Board for adding the public comment for agenda items at the beginning of the agenda. There was no other public comment.

ADJOURNMENT

***Motion by Luth/Henry:** At 9:29 A.M., there being no further business to come before the County Board at this time, to adjourn until July 19, 2023, at 9:00 A.M.

YEAS: 7

Motion Passes.

Judi Pollock, Ex-Officio Clerk