

September 17, 2025
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, Bibby Appleby, Dan Carleton, Gary Luth and Travis Wilson.

PRESENT: 6

ABSENT: Henry

APPROVAL OF AUGUST 20, 2025, REGULAR BOARD MINUTES

***Motion by Wilson/Morris:** To approve the August 20, 2025, Regular Board Minutes.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Henry

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: 6

ABSENT: Henry

Motion Passes.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY REPORTS OF FEES

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

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Henry

Motion Passes.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS

***Motion by Carleton/Appleby:** To approve the appointment of the following Drainage District Commissioners until the first Tuesday in September 2028.

- a. PERRY ALBIN – BRUSHY FORK DRAINAGE DISTRICT 1964L712
- b. JEFF JOHNS – CONSOLIDATED DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5 OF TUSCOLA 1964L10086
- c. GREGORY M HILGENBERG – CRAIG DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 13 OF TUSCOLA AND ARCOLA 1964L10039
- d. JEREMY SHONKWILER – DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 4 IN ARCOLA 1964L9936
- e. PHILLIP A JACOB – DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 10 OF ARCOLA 1964L4204
- f. LARRY HERSCHBERGER – DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5 OF BOURBON 1964L9281
- g. LLOYD LITTLE – DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 8 OF BOWDRE 1964L5791
- h. JOHN PFLUM – DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 4 OF TUSCOLA 1964L10027
- i. STEVE H WETZEL – HAYES BRANCH DRAINAGE DISTRICT 1966L96
- j. BRADLEY LITTLE – KEMP DRAINAGE DISTRICT 1964L5596
- k. LESTER M YODER – MILLER DRAINAGE DISTRICT 1991L3
- l. BRETT WINN – UNION DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 3 OF ARCOLA AND TUSCOLA 1984L125

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Henry

Motion Passes.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENT OF FIRE DISTRICT TRUSTEE

***Motion by Wilson/Luth:** To approve Resolution the appointment of Bruce Oye as board member of the Arthur Rural Fire Protection District. Mr. Oye is filling in the vacancy created by the passing of Richard Hein on July 7, 2025.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Henry

Motion Passes.

APPROVAL OF THE APPOINTMENT TO DOUGLAS COUNTY AG CENTER BOARD

***Motion by Appleby/Carleton:** To approve the appointment of Gary Luth to the Douglas County Ag Center Board of Directors for a 3-year term beginning September 1, 2025.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Henry

Motion Passes.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION R-25-21A, 21B CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE

***Motion by Morris/Carleton:** To approve Resolution **25-R-21A, 21B** authorizing the Chairman of the County Board to sign the cancellation of the appropriate Certificate of Purchase for parcels 04-03-02-300-018 and 04-03-11-105-004.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Henry

Motion Passes.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION R-25-22A-22E CANCELLATION OF CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE

***Motion by Wilson/Luth:** To approve Resolution **25-R-22A-22E** authorizing the Chairman of the County Board to sign the cancellation of the appropriate Certificate of Purchase for parcels 04-03-34-206-001, 04-03-34-218-003, 06-04-33-107-004, 07-06-31-119-002 and 06-04-33-105-005.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Henry

Motion Passes.

APPROVAL OF LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT FOR MOTOR FUEL TAX SECTION: 25-00155-00-EG

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

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Henry

Motion Passes.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION R-25-23 APPROVING APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM DOUGLAS COUNTY M.F.T. FOR SECTION 25-00155-00-EG

***Motion by Carleton/Wilson:** To approve Resolution **25-R-23** appropriating \$50,000.00 for Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the Engineering Services Agreement, designated as Section 25-001155-00-EG, be approved and that the Chairman of the Board be authorized to sign the Resolution.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Henry

Motion Passes.

APPROVAL OF MOTION TO APPROVE CRUSHING AWARD SECTION: 25-00154-00-MS

***Motion by Appleby/Wilson:** To approve to move that the 2025 Recycled Material, Section: 25-00154-00-MS, Douglas County be approved accepting the bid for \$10.20 per ton for Concrete Crushing and \$4.50 per ton for Screening Organic Material from feed stock for a total contract price of \$175,500.00 from Mathis Excavating (DuQuion, IL), and authorizing the County Engineer to sign the Acceptance of Proposal to furnish material and Approval of the Award.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Henry

Motion Passes.

APPROVAL OF THE DISBURSMENT OF OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDS

***Motion by Luth/Morris:** To approve to accept the recommendation of the Opioid Settlement Committee to disperse \$70,000 of the Opioid Settlement funds in the following manner:

\$15,000 – Douglas County Sheriff's Department

\$18,333 – Rise Behavioral Health and Wellness

\$18,333 – Central East Alcoholism and Drug (CEAD) Council, dba – "Hour House"

\$18,333 – Be Brave, Inc.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Henry

Motion Passes.

APPROVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL FEES ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY

***Motion by Carleton/Morris:** To approve the agreement with UTZ & Associates Architects, P.C. for design work for the renovation of the Animal Control facility. This agreement includes the payment of the architectural fees in the amount of \$27,648 for design work. There will be an initial payment of \$2,764.00 as a minimum payment under this agreement that will be credited to the final invoice.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Henry

Motion Passes.

Questions and comments

Public Comment:

ADJOURNMENT

***Motion by Luth/Wilson:** At 9:22 A.M., there being no further business to come before the County Board at this time, to adjourn until October 15, 2025, at 9:00 A.M.

YEAS: 6

ABSENT: Carleton

Motion Passes.

Judi Pollock, Ex-Officio Clerk