

**March, 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 FEBRUARY 17, 2021 REGULAR BOARD MINUTES**

\***Motion by Hettinger/Hein:** To approve February 17, 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 Hein/Hettinger:** To approve the monthly reports of fees of the County offices as prepared.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-R-7 EXTENSION OF A DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY DUE TO COVID-19**

\***Motion by Hettinger/Appleby:** To approve Resolution 21-R-7 extending a Declaration of Emergency due to Covid-19 in Douglas County, State of Illinois, by the County Board for a period of 60 days, retroactive to February 17, 2021, extending to April 21, 2021.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-R-8 AMENDMENT OF THE DOUGLAS COUNTY 457(B) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

\***Motion by Appleby/Hettinger:** To approve Resolution 21-R-8 authorizing the Douglas County Treasurer to execute any necessary documents related to the changes imposed by the SECURE Act upon the County's 457(b) Deferred Compensation Plan with Nationwide Retirement Solutions.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-R-9 FORGIVENESS OF DRAINAGE TAXES #2 ARCOLA ANNUAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

\***Motion by Morris/Luth:** To approve Resolution 21-R-9 by the County Board of Douglas County, Illinois that parcels within Douglas County which have incurred unpaid drainage tax from within #2 Arcola Annual Drainage District and adjacent to the land of the abandoned railroad bed, said parcels being 01-05-05-000-01 and 01-15-06-000-01, such drainage tax is hereby forgiven and released from any encumbrances created by drainage tax. Forgiveness shall include all previously forfeited drainage taxed up to and including the tax year of 2021.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-R-10 FORGIVENESS OF DRAINAGE TAXES #13 ARCOLA AND BOURBON ANNUAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

**\*Motion by Morris/Hein:** To approve Resolution 21-R-10 by the County Board of Douglas County, Illinois that parcels within Douglas County which have incurred unpaid drainage tax from within #13 Arcola and Bourbon Drainage District and adjacent to the land of the abandoned railroad bed, said parcels being 02-07-36-000-001, such drainage tax is hereby forgiven and released from any encumbrances created by drainage tax. Forgiveness shall include all previously forfeited drainage taxed up to and including the tax year of 2021.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**APPROVE RESOLUTION 21-R-11 FORGIVENESS OF DRAINAGE TAXES #6 BOWDRE AND #7 HICKORY ANNUAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

**\*Motion by Morris/Hein:** To approve Resolution 21-R-11 by the County Board of Douglas County, Illinois that parcels within Douglas County which have incurred unpaid drainage tax from within #6 Bowdre and #7 Hickory Annual Drainage District and adjacent to the land of the abandoned railroad bed, said parcels being 03-15-02-000-001, such drainage tax is hereby forgiven and released from any encumbrances created by drainage tax. Forgiveness shall include all previously forfeited drainage taxed up to and including the tax year of 2021.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**RESOLUTION 21-R-12 FORGIVENESS OF DRAINAGE TAX KEMP ANNUAL/ #1 BOWDRE ANNUAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

**\*Motion by Morris/Luth:** To approve Resolution 21-R-12 by the County Board of Douglas County, Illinois that parcels within Douglas County which have incurred unpaid drainage tax from within Kemp Annual/ #1 Bowdre Drainage District and adjacent to the land of the abandoned railroad bed, said parcels being 03-15-030-000-01, 03-15-03-100-008, and 03-15-04-000-001, such drainage tax is hereby forgiven and released from any encumbrances created by drainage tax. Forgiveness shall include all previously forfeited drainage taxed up to and including the tax year of 2021.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**RESOLUTION 21-R-13 TO APPROVE AND APPROPRIATING CATB FUNDS SECTION: 21-01135-00-BR**

**\*Motion by Luth/Morris:** To approve Resolution 21-R-13 and appropriate up to \$61,000.00 of CATB Funds for section: 21-01135-00-BR and that the Chairman of the Board be authorized to sign the Resolution.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**RESOLUTION 21-R-14 TO APPROVE PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT SECTION: 21-01135-00-BR**

**\*Motion by Luth/Hein:** To approve Resolution 21-R-14 the Preliminary Engineering Services Agreement, Section 21-01135-00-BR, Arcola Road District, as submitted by Engineering Resource Associates and that the County Clerk and the County Board Chairman be authorized to sign the Agreement...

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**RESOLUTION 21-R-15 TO APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR MOTOR FUEL TAX SECTION: 04-05122-00-BR**

**\*Motion by Hein/Hettinger:** To approve Resolution 21-R-15 the Engineering Services Agreement for Motor Fuel Tax for TR 24, structure #021-4015, Section: 04-05122-00-BR. This agreement made and entered into between Douglas County and Fehr Graham, and that the County Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**RESOLUTION 21-R-16 TO APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING AGREEMENT FOR MOTOR FUEL TAX SECTION: 07-07123-00-BR**

**\*Motion by Hein/Appleby:** To approve Resolution 21-R-16 the Engineering Services Agreement for MFT for TR 1150N, structure # 021-4404, Section: 07-07123-00-BR. This agreement made and entered into between Douglas County and Fehr Graham, and that the County Clerk be authorized to sign the agreement.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**DRAINAGE DISTRICT APPOINTMENT TO NO. 13 TUSCOLA AND ARCOLA**

**\*Motion by Luth/Morris:** To approve the appointment of Dale Albin to drainage district No. 13 of Tuscola and Arcola No. 64-L-10039 until the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of September 2021.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**DRAINAGE DISTRICT APPOINTMENT TO NO. 10 ARCOLA**

**\*Motion by Luth/Hein:** To approve the appointment of Darrell Thompson to drainage district No. 10 of Arcola No. 64-L-4204 until the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of September 2021.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**DRAINAGE DISTRICT APPOINTMENT TO KEMP DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

**\*Motion by Luth/Hettinger:** To approve the appointment of Mark Whitson to Kemp drainage No. 64-L-5596 until the 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of September 2021.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**RESOLUTION 21-R-17 AUTHORIZING AMENDMENT OF SECTION 5311 GRANT AGREEMENT**

**\*Motion by Mikeworth/Luth:** To approve Resolution 21-R-17 stating that the Douglas County Board Chairman of Douglas County is authorized and directed to execute and file on behalf of Douglas County a Section 5311 Grant Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation, and amend such Agreement, if necessary, in order to obtain grant assistance under the provisions of Section 5311 for fiscal year 2022.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**ORDINANCE 21-O-1 TO PROVIDE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IN DOUGLAS COUNTY**

**\*Motion by Mikeworth/Hein:** To adopt Ordinance 21-O-1 to provide Public Transportation in Douglas County.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**ACCEPTANCE OF A SPECIAL WARRANTY FOR SECTION 5311 PROJECTS**

**\*Motion by Mikeworth/Hettinger:** As a condition of the receipt of Section 5311 funds, Douglas County hereby agrees in writing to the terms and conditions of the Special Warranty regarding fair and equitable arrangements to protect the interests of employees affected by such assistance.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

**QUESTION AND COMMENTS FROM THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

*Mr. Munson brought up the new Federal Covid Reserve Act that was signed by the President. Douglas County allotment would be \$3.775 million. Details about the Act are still up in the air.*

**ADJOURNMENT**

**\*Motion by Luth/Hein:** At 9:47 A.M, there being no further business to come before the County Board at this time, to adjourn until April 21, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

YEAS: 7

*Motion Passes.*

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*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.