

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING**  
**APRIL 12, 2022**

The reconvened and adjourned meeting of the County Board of Washington County, Illinois was held at the Washington County Courthouse Nashville, Illinois on April 12, 2022 for the purpose of transacting county business that might come before the Board.

Present and presiding were Chairman David Meyer and Donna Johannes, Chief Deputy.

Others present were Matt Bierman-EMA, Debbie Stricker-Okawville Times, John Felchlia-Ambulance Administrator, Dan Janowski-State's Attorney, Kiefer Heiman-Highway Supervisor, Linda Tragresser-SWIMPAC, Ross Schultze, Charles Guffey-Centralia Sentinel, Brian Buss, Garret Krohne-Nashville News, Sheriff Len Campbell, Eben Lisk, Jessica Eldridge-Drug Court Officer, Janessa Rhymer-911 Coordinator

Following the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Meyer called the meeting of the Washington County Board to order at 7:06 p.m.

Roll Call was taken by Deputy Clerk Johannes with 15 members present. Those present were Hohlt, Ibendahl, Karg, Klingenberg, Lamczyk, Muentner, Shemonic, Small, Suedmeyer, Todd, Unverfehrt, Barczewski, Bening, Brammeier, and Meyer. Chairman Meyer welcomed back Barczewski and he was applauded.

Chairman Meyer asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Regular County Board Meeting on March 8, 2022, with no corrections or additions, a motion was made by Karg and seconded by Bening to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Kiefer Heiman, County Engineer, presented to the Board the 2022 MFT Bituminous Bid Tab results (**RESOLUTION 2022-15**) Heiman told the Board that there were increases across the board in aggregate prices from 2021 (**See Exhibit A**). A motion was made by Brammeier and seconded by Suedmeyer. Motion carried.

Kiefer Heiman, County Engineer, brought before the Board (**RESOLUTION 2022-16**) Repair damaged drainage structure on Maple Road in Hoyleton Township, Section 23, T1S R2W (**See Exhibit B**). A motion was made by Brammeier and seconded by Klingenberg. Suedmeyer abstained, Motion carried.

Kiefer Heiman, County Engineer, brought before the Board (**RESOLUTION 2022-17**) Replace a failing drainage structure located on TR179, Darmstadt Road, Johannsburg Road District, located in 1.5 miles west of IL-153 in Section 27, T2S, R5W (**See Exhibit C**). A motion was made by Brammeier and seconded by Barczewski. Motion carried.

Kiefer Heiman, County Engineer, brought before the Board (**RESOLUTION 2022-18**) Repair a failing drainage structure on TR124, Hayes Road, Pilot Knob Road District, located 1000 feet north of Oakdale Blacktop in Section 20, T3S, R3W (**See Exhibit D**). A motion was made by Brammeier and seconded by Shemonic. Ibendahl abstained, Motion carried.

**The Claims against the County Report** was presented to the Board for approval by Ibendahl. TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD: YOUR COMMITTEE ON April 11, 2022 EXAMINED ALL CLAIMS PRESENTED AND RECOMMENDS PAYMENT TO THE FOLLOWING AND THE CLERK BE DIRECTED TO ISSUE ORDER ON THE COUNTY TREASURER TO THE CLAIMANTS FOR THE AMOUNTS ALLOWED. (**See Exhibit E**) Claims requested one bill be added for Inmate Medical. Hohlt explained Jay Shubert was working with the insurance company to get this invoiced and would like it included for payment with this month's bills. The amount of the invoice would be \$11,680.00. Motion

was made by Ibendahl and seconded by Small to accept the report as presented with the addition of the Inmate Medical Invoice. Roll call vote was taken with 15 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ibendahl and seconded by Lamczyk to make restitution to the County Board's Per Diems. Motion carried.

**The State's Attorney Monthly Report** Janowski appeared before the Board to present his monthly report for approval. **(See Exhibit F)** Janowski announced that they would enter into closed session at the end of the meeting under C11 Pending Litigation. A motion was made by Hohlt and seconded by Karg to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

**The County Clerk and Recorder's Monthly Report** Deputy Clerk Johannes presented the report to the Board for approval. **(See Exhibit G)** A motion was made by Klingenberg and seconded by Shemonic to approve the report as presented.

**The Sheriff's Monthly Report** Sheriff Campbell presented to the Board for approval **(See Exhibit H)**. A motion was made by Unverfehrt and seconded by Suedmeyer to approve the report as presented. Motion carried.

**The Emergency Ambulance and Rescue Service Monthly Report** John Felchlia Ambulance Administrator presented his report to the Board for approval. **(See Exhibit I)** A motion was made by Small and seconded by Shemonic to approve the report as presented. Motion carried.

**The Treasurer's Monthly Cash Flow Statement and Budgetary status Reports for Period ending 3/31/2022 (See Exhibits J & K).** A motion was made by Suedmeyer and seconded by Brammeier to accept the report as presented subject to audit review. Motion carried. Also included was the ARPA Fund recap (Informational Only) **(See Exhibit L)**.

**ORDINANCE #2022-4** – The American Rescue Plan Act provides for State And Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Disbursements, for which Washington County is eligible **(See Exhibit M)**. Bellweather recommends we pass this ordinance. Suedmeyer moves to adopt – Todd asked if these funds could be used for property tax relief, Suedmeyer is not aware of being able to do that. This is an ordinance doing the standard allowance. Meyer said County saved a lot of money by not having to do a single audit – now don't have to do one for ARPA funds – good move by Finance Committee. Roll call vote taken 15 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**Zoning – Ordinance for Special Use Permit (See Exhibit N).** Michele Chesnek requesting the Granting of a Special Use Permit to allow: A seasonal produce stand along with a gift shop and pumpkin patch. After a lengthy discussion regarding the adjacent land owners concerns with children possibly getting to his lake, it was suggested a possible fence as a deterrent. Linda Tragresser was asked for her input, she thought tabling would be a reasonable way to deal with problem. Meyer said details must be spelled out. Unverfehrt recommends to Table until details are worked out. Seconded by Klingenberg. 15 Ayes 0 Nays to Table until May 17, 2022 County Board Meeting.

**Approval to move the May 10, 2022 @ 7:00 pm County Board meeting to May 17, 2022 @7:00 due to conflicts.** Ibendahl asked about when Claims would meet and was told they would use the same timeframe. Motion made by Lamczyk and seconded by Unverfehrt. Motion carried.

At this time Chairman Meyer called for committee reports

**Ambulance-** 1 meeting and 1 Joint with Building

**Animal Control-** No meeting

**Cemetery-** 1 meeting.

**Claims against the County-** 1 meeting

**Communications/Drug Task-** 1 Joint with 911

**County Buildings-** 2 meetings. 1 regular meeting and 1 joint meeting with Ambulance

**County Health Department-** 1 meeting

**Education-** No meeting

**Enterprise Zone (Nashville) -** No meeting

**Enterprise Zone (Centralia) –** 1 meeting – no quorum

**Environmental, EMA & Zoning-** 2 meeting

**Finance, Claims & Economic Development-** 1 meeting

**Insurance-** 1 meeting

**Legislative-** No meeting

**Personnel, Policy & Appointments:** 2 meetings. Mileage reimbursement (**Ordinance #2022-5**) Washington County has by Ordinance previously established mileage reimbursement for Washington County Officials and employees, which appears in the Washington County Code as Section 1-6-2 and now wishes to amend said Ordinance by revising the rate at which private automobile mileage shall be reimbursed to said Officials and employees to Fifty-Five Cents per actual mile traveled effective May 1, 2022 (**See Exhibit O**). Motion made by Ibendahl and seconded by Small. Roll call vote taken 15 Ayes and 0 Nays. Motion carried.

**Appointments (See Exhibit P):** Ashley Fire Protection District – appoint Don Wisniewski to replace Harry Berger. Motion made by Ibendahl and seconded by Hohlt. Motion carried.

Fire Districts: Addieville re-appoint Dennis Kuhlengel; Ashley re-appoint Ross Schultze (who is not listed on the sheet of re-appointments); Centralia re-appoint Ed McGee; Coulterville re-appoint Shawn Beckmeyer; Hoyleton re-appoint John Brink; Irvington re-appoint Kevin Huge; Nashville re-appoint James (Dick) Shew and Richard Schuette; Okawville re-appoint Wayne Borrenpohl. Motion made by Ibendahl recommending all re-appointments, including Ross Schultze, for approval and seconded by Small. Motion carried.

Irvington Sanitary District – Re-appoint Jerome Pochynok. Motion made by Ibendahl and seconded by Muenter. Motion carried.

Lively Grove Cemetary Board – Re-appoint Mark Savinsky. Motion made by Ibendahl and seconded by Klingenberg. Motion carried.

Washington County Hospital Board – Re-appoint Eric Campagna, Erica Blumenstock and Matt Bierman. Motion made by Ibendahl and seconded by Shemonic. Motion carried.

Washington County Board of Review – Re-appoint Allan Dahnke. Motion made by Ibendahl and seconded by Muenter. Motion carried

Southwestern IL Law Enforcement Commission – Re-appoint Brain Fletcher and Len Campbell. Motion made by Ibendahl and seconded by Karg. Motion carried.

**Planning Commission-** 1 meeting

**Road & Bridge-**1 meeting

**Safety-** No meeting

**Solid Waste-** No meeting. Recycle truck is scheduled for April 21<sup>st</sup> 3:00-6:00 Prairie State, Vendors Lot. At Irvington's event they almost had a full truck, approximately 18,000 pounds collected. Thank you to all village officials for a successful event.

**South Central IL. Growth Alliance-** No meeting

**911-** 2 meetings, 1 regular meeting and 1 joint with Planning Commission

**Contract Negotiations – FOP –** No meeting

**Contract Negotiations – IBEW –** No meeting

A motion was made by Suedmeyer and seconded by Unverfehrt to approve payment of monthly utility expenses and payroll expenses. Motion carried.

Chairman Meyer asked for any comments from the public.

One item to be discussed in closed session. A motion was made by Suedmeyer to enter into closed session under C11 and requests that the State's Attorney and Board remain, seconded by Shemonic. Roll call vote taken 15 Ayes and 0 Nays. Entered closed session at 8:03 pm.

Returned to regular meeting at 8:16 pm.

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be May 17, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Barczewski and seconded by Todd to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting of the Washington County Board adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Donna Johannes

Washington County Chief Deputy