

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
WASHINGTON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 8, 2022

The reconvened and adjourned meeting of the County Board of Washington County, Illinois was held at the Washington County Courthouse Nashville, Illinois on February 8, 2022 for the purpose of transacting county business that might come before the Board.

Present and presiding were Chairman David Meyer and Shari Hempen, County Clerk and Clerk of the Board.

Others present were Matt Bierman-EMA, Sheriff Len Campbell, Debbie Stricker-Okawville Times, John Felchli-Ambulance Administrator, Dan Janowski-State's Attorney, Kiefer Heiman-Highway Supervisor, Linda Tragresser-SWIMPAC, Cindy Meyer, Ashley Ripperda, Sierra Garrison and Brittany Bateman.

Following the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Meyer called the meeting of the Washington County Board to order at 7:05 p.m.

Chairman Meyer asked for a moment of silence for Circuit Clerk Cindy Barczewski.

Roll Call was taken by Clerk Hempen with 11 members present and 4 absent. Those present were Bening, Brammeier, Hohlt, Ibendahl, Karg, Lamczyk, Shemonic, Small, Suedmeyer, Unverfehrt, Todd and Meyer. Absent were Barczewski, Unverfehrt, Klingenberg and Muentner

Chairman Meyer asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Regular County Board Meeting on January 11, 2022, with no corrections or additions, a motion was made by Shemonic and seconded by Karg to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Chairman Meyer asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the Special County Board Meeting on January 31, 2022, with no corrections or additions, a motion was made by Ibendahl and seconded by Small to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

Muentner entered the meeting 7:10 pm

Kiefer Heiman, County Engineer, brought before the Board (**RESOLUTION #2022-9**) Resolution for Maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code, \$836,775 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the purpose of maintaining streets and highways. (**See Exhibit A**). A motion was made by Brammeier and seconded by Bening. Motion carried.

Kiefer Heiman, County Engineer, brought before the Board (**RESOLUTION #2022-10**) Improve Federal Aid Route 836 (County Hwy 10) by resurfacing from the Village of Oakdale west to Elkton (**See Exhibit B**). A motion was made by Brammeier and seconded by Suedmeyer. Motion Carried

Kiefer Heiman, County Engineer, brought before the Board (**RESOLUTION #2022-11**) Repair failing drainage structure on Shannon Road in the Village of Richview located in Section 10, T2S R1W (**See Exhibit C**). A motion was made by Brammeier and seconded by Lamczyk. Motion carried.

Brammeier wanted to thank the Highway department for clearing the roads during the snow we had on Feb. 3rd & 4th Heiman wanted to thank the public for staying off the roads and letting the highway department do their job.

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 February 7, 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 D)** Ibendahl stated that there were a lot of high ticket bills for this month. A motion was made by Ibendahl and seconded by Hohlt to accept the report as presented. Roll call vote was taken with 12 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ibendahl and seconded by Karg 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 E)** A motion was made by Hohlt and seconded by Shemonic to accept the report as presented. Motion carried.

The County Clerk and Recorder's Monthly Report Clerk Hempen presented her report to the Board for approval. **(See Exhibit F)** A motion was made by Bening and seconded by Muentner to approve the report as presented. Motion carried.

Clerk Hempen Informed the County Board that her office was in the process of mailing out all registered voters in Washington County new voting cards by the end of February.

Resolution #2022-12 Chairman be authorized to execute a Deed of Conveyance of the County's Interest (Permanent Parcel #01-14-22-486-005) **(See Exhibit G)**

Resolution #2022-13 Chairman be authorized to execute a Deed of Conveyance of the County's Interest (Permanent Parcel #16-05-11-100-007, 008, 009) **(See Exhibit H)**

A motion was made by Suedmeyer and seconded by Small to authorize Chairman Meyer to execute the deeds for all 2 resolutions. Motion carried.

The Sheriff's Monthly Report Sheriff Campbell presented his report to the Board for approval **(See Exhibit I)**. Campbell wanted to thank the board again for getting/finding a way to make the dispatcher's salaries competitive, because of this we have 9 dispatchers 5 full time and 4 part time. Campbell handed out to the board members a dated legal opinion from the Illinois Sheriff's Association attorney from 2020 **(Exhibit J)**. He said it is still valid. He told the board members he thinks they are moving a foot with this combined committee of 911 and communication, to not only help with creating a training manual but, to hire a person to be administrator or supervisor over the dispatchers. "As the Sheriff I am here to say, this is an elected office in my opinion the chairs of those committees are over stepping boundaries. Last month at the regular meeting Mr. Shemonic made a motion to go forward with the training manual and he add the word supervisor which I did not hear during committee meetings, so that was added wittingly or unwittingly. It's been past practice in the legal opinion that the Sheriff has the authority to hire, discipline, discharge dispatchers or what not. Also in that legal opinion they talk about 911, the Sheriff does not have control over 911. 911 does not have control over the Sheriff's office". Campbell said that the 1 page turned out to be 2 page report by Ryan Wiedwilt and Janessa Rhymer had some very good ideas in it, he agrees there needs to be a training manual. He does not have anyone as a trainer that he can pull away from dispatch, until he is fully staffed. It takes time to get trained. Sheriff Campbell stated he is going to protect the authority of the Sheriff's Office not only for his term, but for the future Sheriffs, that is why he has brought this to the board. Meyer asked if there were any questions. Karg asked the Sheriff, "you say we have 9 dispatchers, how many do you want"? Sheriff Campbell said he would like 9 full time dispatchers so he could have double coverage so the calls do not have to roll over to the ambulance department.

A motion was made by Karg and seconded by Brammeier to approve the report as presented. Motion carried.

The Emergency Ambulance and Rescue Service Monthly Report was presented to the Board for approval. **(See Exhibit K)** A motion was made by Hohlt and seconded by Muentner to approve the report as presented. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's Monthly Cash Flow Statement and Budgetary status Reports for Period ending 1/31/2022 (See Exhibits L & M). A motion was made by Suedmeyer and seconded by Small to accept the report as presented subject to audit review. Motion carried.

Zoning Request #2001-22- Ryan Zinck zoning map amendment changing the Zone District Classification on 2.5 of 5 acres. **(See Exhibit N)** A motion was made by Lamczyk and seconded by Shemonic to grant the request as presented. Roll call vote was taken with 12 ayes and 0 nays. Motion carried.

The Washington County Coroner's 2021 Annual Report **(See Exhibit O)** was presented to the Board. Motion was made by Suedmeyer and seconded by Small to approve the report as presented. Motion carried.

At this time, Chairman Meyer called for committee reports.

Ambulance- 3 meetings.

Animal Control- No meeting

Cemetery- No meeting. Todd said he has had phone discussions with the Village President concerning the Grand Point Cemetery mowing fees.

Claims against the County- 1 meeting

Communications/Drug Task- No Meeting

County Buildings- 2 meetings.

County Health Department- No meeting

Education- No meeting

Enterprise Zone (Nashville) - No meeting

Enterprise Zone (Centralia) - No meeting

Environmental, EMA & Zoning- No meeting

Finance, Claims & Economic Development- 1 meeting

Insurance- No meeting

Legislative- No meeting

Personnel, Policy & Appointments: 1 meeting. To set elected officials salaries and Washington County Hospital Board appointment.

Chairman Meyer stated that Barczewski did an outstanding job as Circuit Clerk and there will be big shoes to fill with that appointment. State's Attorney Dan Janowski told the board that Barczewski got things done and they were done right, she would stay at work as long as it took to get things done and she will be missed.

Circuit Clerk appointment: Meyer brought before the board Andrea Renken's name to fill that office position until December 1, 2022. She presently serves as the Chief Deputy Circuit Clerk in that office. A motion was made by Ibandahl and seconded by Hohlt. Suedmeyer asked for a roll call vote. Roll call was taken with 12 ayes 0 nays. Motion carried.

OSHA regulations – Suedmeyer told the board that we kept the OSHA regulations on the agenda from last month in case there were things that needed to be discussed. He said it might be something that needs to be addressed in the future.

Planning Commission- No meeting

Road & Bridge-1 meeting

Safety- 1 meeting

Solid Waste- No meeting

South Central IL. Growth Alliance- No meeting

911- 1 Board meeting with committee

Contract Negotiations – FOP – No meeting

Contract Negotiations – IBEW – No meeting

Chairman Meyer asked for any comments from the public.

Sheriff Campbell wanted to add just a little more to his presentation. Several months ago he tried to create a Supervisor position within dispatch. In trying to create a position, Campbell said he bounced it off of the State's Attorney who bounced it off of Mr. Lowenbaum who put a freeze on it and it still hasn't happened. Campbell wanted to acknowledge Brittany Bateman who has been handling the duties and getting it done. Sheriff Campbell said he has her in mind for a Supervisor. She has been doing the duties uncompensated.

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

The next regularly scheduled meeting will be March 8 2022 at 7:00 p.m.

A motion was made by Todd and seconded by Lamczyk to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting of the Washington County Board adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Shari Hempen

Washington County Clerk and Clerk of the Board