

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS**  
**WASHINGTON COUNTY SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**  
**JANUARY 31, 2022**

The reconvened and adjourned meeting of the County Board of Washington County, Illinois was held at the Washington County Courthouse Nashville, Illinois on January 31, 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 Dan Janowski-State's Attorney, Leah Williams-The Standard Press

Following the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Meyer called the meeting of the Washington County Board to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call was taken by Clerk Hempen with 12 members present and 3 absent. Those present were Bening, Brammeier, Hohlt, Ibendahl, Karg, Lamczyk, Shemonic, Small, Suedmeyer, Unverfehrt, Todd and Meyer. Absent were Barczewski, Klingenberg and Shemonic

The Special Board meeting tonight was to declare the seat of Circuit Clerk Cindy Barczewski, vacant due to her recent passing and to allow Chairman Meyer to sign off and send a letter to the Central Committee chairman of each party notifying them of the vacancy. Chairman Meyer wants to make sure everything is done in order. **(See Exhibit A & B)**

Andrea Renken, Chief Deputy in the Circuit Clerk's office has been in contact with the Chief Circuit Judge and Administrator of the Office of the Illinois Courts. Judge Gleeson filed an order to declare Renken Circuit Clerk Pro Tempore for up to 60 days or until someone is appointed to fill Barczewski's position until December 1, 2022. Her replacement will need to be replaced by a Republican.

Chairman Meyer said they can make an appointment to fill the vacancy at the February 8, 2022, regular scheduled Board meeting.

The funeral for Cindy Barczewski is Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Chairman Meyer has talked to the Sheriff and the flags will be flown at half-staff on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup> and Saturday May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Todd asked if there had to be a special election due to her passing. Meyer told the board that if she had less than 28 months left of her term that they could make an appointment to fill out the remainder of her term. There are more than 28 months left in her term. The unexpired term will have to be put on the June 28<sup>th</sup> Primary election ballot.

Chairman Meyer asked for a motion to put things in motion to fill the vacancy. Motion was made by Hohlt and seconded by Small. Roll call vote was taken with 11 ayes and no nays. Motion carried.

Ibendahl asked how long before we have to set elected officials salaries for the next 4 years. The board thought it had to be 6 months before the General Election in November. Clerk Hempen stated it was done in April 4 years ago.

Suedmeyer announced that the Finance Committee meeting for Thursday, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup> was cancelled.

A motion was made by Brammeier and seconded by Karg to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting of the Washington County Board adjourned at 7:18 pm.

Shari Hempen

Washington County Clerk and Clerk of the Board