

Three votes were cast. Motion failed.

Mr. Krug moved to retain the minutes of the March 17, 2015, executive session County Board meeting as confidential, which motion was seconded by Mr. Delaney and was unanimously carried.

Acting Chairman Huser stated the minutes of the June 21, 2016-Part 2 executive session County Board meeting were reviewed. The tally was ten votes to retain as confidential and zero votes to release as a public document.

Mr. Cotton moved to retain such executive session minutes as confidential, which motion was seconded by Mr. Rokey and was unanimously carried.

Acting Chairman Huser stated the minutes of the August 16, 2016-Part 2 executive session County Board meeting were reviewed. The tally was ten votes to retain as confidential and zero votes to release as a public document.

Mr. Kingdon moved to retain such executive session minutes as confidential, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cotton and was unanimously carried.

Acting Chairman Huser stated the minutes of the September 20, 2016-Part 1 executive session County Board meeting were reviewed. The tally was ten votes to retain as confidential and zero votes to release as a public document.

Mr. Cotton moved to retain such executive session minutes as confidential, which motion was seconded by Mr. Kingdon and was unanimously carried.

Acting Chairman Huser stated the minutes of the December 5, 2016-Reconvened meeting executive session County Board meeting were reviewed. The tally was ten votes to retain as confidential and zero votes to release as a public document.

Mr. Cotton moved to retain such executive session minutes as confidential, which motion was seconded by Mr. Rokey and was unanimously carried.

Acting Chairman Huser stated the minutes of the August 15, 2017 executive session County Board meeting were reviewed. The tally was ten votes to retain as confidential and zero votes to release as a public document.

Mr. Cotton moved to retain such executive session minutes as confidential, which motion was seconded by Mr. Rokey and was unanimously carried.

Acting Chairman Huser called for public input as listed from the sign-in sheet.

Veterans Assistance Commission (VAC) Superintendent Ron Umdenstock reviewed how he had been involved with helping veterans for over 29 years as well as the services provided through this organization. The VAC Office of Woodford County was proud of what it does to help veterans and he urged anyone to stop by this Office if there were any questions. Superintendent Umdenstock further explained how the County had a full service VAC except for a food pantry and transportation. In this regard he referenced the brochure "Illinois Association County Veterans Assistance Commissions" which he had provided to the Board Members. In conclusion he stated how Woodford could not supply financial aid to veterans who lived outside the County. This written presentation was submitted.

Mr. Jim Pierceall of Minonk, former Woodford County Sheriff, stated he had heard about the possible elimination of the Public Safety Sales Tax. He reviewed how the tax came into existence and how this tax could be used to fund anything in the Public Safety Building for jail operation including staff and maintenance. He felt if the Public Safety Sales Tax were to go away, it would put a burden on the property owner. He did not want to see his

property taxes go up when the County could have maintained this Public Safety Sales Tax.

Germantown Hills Mayor Mike Hinrichsen reviewed municipalities' participation in Tri-County Regional Planning Commission (TCRPC). He stated the Board wanted the municipalities to represent themselves and then provide such funding. Last night the Village of Roanoke approved a position on Tri-County and now there were four municipalities that would be paying for their representation. He wanted to assure the Board the municipalities would pay for such. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was created by the Mayors so there would be an agreement between two parties on how this would work. Since that original MOU was drawn up, there had been a number of changes and such changes need to be presented/approved by the municipalities as well. Mayor Hinrichsen also clarified the financial year for Tri-County was January through December.

As no one responded to Acting Chairman Huser's call for further public input, he announced the end of such.

The meeting continued with "Appointments". Mr. Cotton moved to approve the appointment of E. Conroy to the Clayton-Bennington Drainage District for a one year term expiring September 15, 2018 (not a resident of Woodford County). Mr. Rokey seconded the motion.

Mr. Logan stated he did not know Mr. Conroy but questioned why Marshall County was not appointing him to this Drainage District as Woodford would only appoint those that live in Woodford County. Mr. Streid stated drainage districts do cross county lines, but he wasn't sure about this one. You did not have to be a resident of the County or drainage district-if you owned land in it, you were eligible to be a commissioner. Mr. Streid assumed this Drainage District was registered in Woodford County and he felt the appointment was fine.

Mr. Logan moved to table this appointment until there was more information on it, which motion was seconded by Mr. Delaney and was carried.

Mr. Logan moved to approve the reappointment of John Oltman to the Clayton-Bennington Drainage District for a two year term expiring September 15, 2019. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cotton and was unanimously carried.

Mr. Krug moved to approve the appointment of Randy Koehler to the Clayton-Bennington Drainage District for a three year term expiring September 15, 2020. The motion was seconded by Mr. Logan and was unanimously carried.

Mr. Delaney moved to approve the appointment of Steve Schertz to the Farm Assessment Review Committee to replace Bill Dehority with no expiration date. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cotton and was unanimously carried.

Mr. Parsons moved to approve the appointment of John Delaney to Tazwood Community Services, Inc. to complete the unexpired two year term of Mike Hinrichsen expiring the first Monday in December, 2018. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rokey and was unanimously carried.

The next appointment concerned Ben Kingdon as a representative of El Paso/Minonk to TCRPC for the 2018 calendar year contingent on their payment for participation in TCRPC for a one year term expiring the first Monday in December, 2018.

Mr. Kempf made a motion to postpone the above, which motion was seconded by Mr. Logan.

Mr. Kempf stated this appointment as well as the next two were approved in the special County Offices Committee meeting, but wants to see how everything else "plays out" before the Board approves such appointments. In response to a question Mr. Kempf stated he plans to move for postponement on all three of these appointments.

Acting Chairman Huser called for the vote to postpone and it unanimously carried.

In regard to the appointment of Eric Lind as a representative for Eureka to TCRPC for the 2018 calendar year, contingent on their payment for participation in TCRPC for a one year term expiring the first Monday in December, 2018, Mr. Kempf moved to postpone. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rokey and was unanimously carried.

In regard to the appointment of Mike Hinrichsen as a representative for Germantown Hills to TCRPC for the 2018 calendar year, contingent on their payment for participation in TCRPC for a one year term expiring the first Monday in December, 2018, Mr. Kempf moved to postpone. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rokey. Mr. Cotton questioned how long the postponement was for and if it was for another month, these individuals would not be on TCRPC until March, missing two meetings. Mr. Kempf responded the postponements had a lot to do with the MOU and next month there could be a better idea of how TCRPC would be working. Acting Chairman Huser stated such appointments would get approval through the County Offices Committee and then by the Board. He questioned if Mr. Cotton would like to amend the motion to add next month's date and possibly for the other two motions. Mr. Cotton responded that it sounded like these appointments would be brought forward next month. Mr. Krug stated postponements had no definite date and were not tabling to a certain date.

Mr. Cotton moved to make an amendment and revisit the three appointments to TCRPC (Items f, g, & h on the agenda under Appointments) after we have a MOU. Acting Chairman Huser felt this could only be added to the appointment concerning Hinrichsen (Item h) and to make an amendment to add the time.

Mr. Cotton moved to add an amendment to the above appointment of Mr. Hinrichsen be contingent on the approval of the MOU as listed under Petitions Resolutions, and/or Motions on tonight's agenda. The motion was seconded by Mr. Rokey. Acting Chairman Huser stated the postponement would be held until the vote was taken on the MOU. It was also pointed out how Mr. Cotton voted in the majority and could always come back later in the meeting to make a motion to reconsider the other two appointments of Kingdon and Lind (Items f & g). Acting Chairman Huser called for the vote of postponing until later in the meeting and it unanimously carried.

Mr. Parsons moved to approve the appointment of Lisa Jording to the Woodford County Health Care Committee (Health Insurance Committee) for a three year term expiring the first Monday in December, 2020. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cotton. Mr. Jording stated he would abstain from the vote on such. Acting Chairman Huser called for the vote and it carried with noted abstention.

The first item as listed under Petitions, Resolutions, and/or Motions on the agenda was "Approval of Resolution #010 approving Memorandum of Understanding for Tri-County Regional Planning Commission".

Mr. Kempf moved to postpone above until the February County Board meeting in regard to Resolution #010 approving a Memorandum of Understanding for Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. The motion was seconded by Mr. Parsons.

Mr. Kempf stated as before to seeing how things "play out" in regard to what the municipalities had to say about the MOU before the County voted on such. There was questioning why this item was listed under Petitions, Resolutions, and/or Motions on the agenda and not under Unfinished Business as it was the same item dealt with last month for both the Resolution and amendment. Acting Chairman Huser questioned State's Attorney Minger if this item included the amendment even though the agenda did not show the amendment and where it should appear on the agenda. State's Attorney Minger stated that everyone knew this was dealing with the resolution and amendment and was a continuation from last month, how it should be under Unfinished Business, how the matter could be moved down on the agenda or addressed now, and how it did not mean it could not be mentioned tonight. Mr. Kempf then withdrew his motion and started over. Mr. Kempf moved to postpone the approval of Resolution #010 approving MOU for TCRPC to the February, 2018, full Board meeting and the amendment made by Mr. Cotton. Mr. Cotton then reviewed his amendment as contained in the minutes of the December, 2017, County Board meeting.

Mr. Cotton restated the amendment to be, “WHEREAS, the County of Woodford would hold zero seats on the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Board and each participating municipality would hold one seat, and split the \$11,200 dues. The Mayors would have first opportunity to fill all seats. If they cannot fill all seats, Woodford County would appoint two private Woodford County residents not affiliated with any government to the seats until the time as the municipalities fill the remaining seats. Mr. Parsons seconded the motion.

Mr. Kempf felt the municipalities should review the MOU and have input. The reason for the postponement was that there were only 3 seats participating, now one more for sure with the Village of Roanoke and possibly another two. Discussion followed on whether or not the Board should vote on the Resolution/amendment tonight or wait and give municipalities time to come up with the best solution they could. Acting Chairman Huser restated the motion at this time was to postpone until next month Item #1 under Petitions, Resolutions, and/or Motions on the agenda (being “Approval of Resolution #010 approving Memorandum of Understanding for Tri-County Regional Planning Commission”) and also Mr. Cotton’s amendment-these were tied together in this vote. He called for the vote and then asked for a show of hands of those voting Nay. Three votes were cast. Motion carried.

In regard to the above motion concerning the appointment of Mike Hinrichsen to TCRPC, Mr. Kempf moved to postpone until next month. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cotton and was unanimously carried.

The meeting continued with Item 2 under Petitions, Resolutions, and/or Motions. Mr. Cotton moved to approve Resolution #012 appropriating Motor Fuel funds for the construction of culvert replacement project on County Highway 12 approximately one mile west of IL 89, Section 17-00168-00-DR., which motion was seconded by Mr. Kingdon and was unanimously carried.

The only item under New Business as listed on the agenda was “Approval and discussion on attending HR instructional classes”. Mr. Kempf reported County Board Secretary Deb Breyman brought this matter up to the Chairman, said she had time and would be willing to take the classes to get certified. She was not asking for a pay increase and one of her hiring details was there could be extra job responsibilities and Ms. Breyman was fine with such. The cost of the classes was \$2,700.00 with the government discount, was all on-line, and would give her HR certification. Mr. Kempf moved to approve \$2,700.00 for such HR instructional classes, which motion was seconded by Mr. Rokey. In response to a question on which line item this amount would be taken from, Mr. Kempf moved to amend and to pay the \$2,700.00 out of the Contingency line item, which motion was seconded by Mr. Rokey. Ms. Breyman passed out several copies of the Program Syllabus and Requirements on such classes. Acting Chairman Huser called for the vote on the amendment and it unanimously carried. Mr. Kempf felt Ms. Breyman should be commended for coming forward in this regard. Acting Chairman Huser then called for the vote on the motion as amended and it unanimously carried.

The only item under New Business as listed on the agenda was “Discuss funding for possible purchase of Health Department Building”. Mr. Kempf reported Chairman Glazier, Mr. Streid, possibly Mr. Jording and himself looked at a building in Roanoke in this regard that could be a possibility. At this time, there was nothing further to report.

Mr. Logan questioned if anything had been done in regard to getting the lease extended on the current building used by the Health Department as they could be “put out on the street” on 30 days’ notice. There were no other comments.

Clerk Harms presented the Claims Paid in Vacation since the last meeting of the Board.

Mr. Krug moved to approve the Claims Paid in Vacation since the last meeting of the Board, which motion was seconded by Mr. Rokey.

Acting Chairman Huser called for any additional claims to be Paid in Vacation. Mr. Kempf presented and moved on two claim to be Paid in Vacation in the amount of \$100.00 each for Cognitive Group Assignment per the FOP contract, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cotton and was unanimously carried. Acting Chairman Huser

called for the vote on the claims Paid in Vacation as a whole and it unanimously carried.

Mr. Parsons presented and read Resolution #013 relative to the payment of the Claims.

Mr. Parsons moved for the adoption of Resolution #013, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cotton. Acting Chairman Huser called for a roll call vote. County Board Members voting Aye: Douglas Huser, Jason Jording, Bryant Kempf, Duane Kingdon, John Krug, Barry Logan, Blake Parsons, Andy Rokey, Pete Streid, Donald Tolan, Russell Cotton, and John Delaney. County Board Members voting Nay: None. County Board Members absent: Stanley Glazier, Richard Hill, and Randy Roethler. Motion carried.

The Report of the County Treasurer on receipts and disbursement of the General Fund, current fund balances and interfund transfers for the period ending December 31, 2017 was presented, as well as a handout regarding the Revolving Loan account as of December 31, 2017, and the Revolving Loan Fund Semi Annual Report for the period ending December, 2017.

Treasurer Andrews reported how there had been a change in plans regarding the Revolving Loan Fund as the County would continue to maintain the bank balance in such Fund, collect payments from the seven loans it had, and could make no new loans or make changes to existing loans. She reported how the money collected in the prepayment of the 2017 taxes would be invested and the interest would be distributed proportionately to the taxing districts in November with the final distribution. Also the County received an AA1 rating (has a negligible debt burden which was the jail bond to be paid off in October) from Moody's Investors Service.

No motion was made to place the Treasurer's reports on file.

The Report for the Office of County Board dated January 16, 2018, was presented. Mr. Logan moved to place the Report on file, which motion was seconded by Mr. Kingdon and was unanimously carried.

Clerk Harms presented the list of correspondence to be placed on file for the January 16, 2018, County Board meeting:

- Information on how to access the State of Illinois Comptroller-Fiscal Responsibility Report Card (Fiscal Year 2016).
- Amendment to the Woodford County Health Care Plan.
- Official Oath of Office of Lynn Marie Lord for the Office of Worth Township Assessor.
- Semi-Annual Report of the Woodford County Clerk & Recorder for the half year ending November 30, 2017.
- Minutes of the Finance & Economic Development Committee meetings held December 11, 2017, as well as Executive Session minutes held December 11, 2017.
- Minutes of the Road and Bridge Committee meeting held December 7, 2017.
- Minutes of the Public Safety Committee meetings held December 11, 2017, Special meeting held December 19, 2017, as well as Executive Session minutes held December 13, 2016, and January 9, 2017.
- Minutes of the County Offices Committee meetings held December 12, 2017, Special meeting held December 19, 2017, as well as Executive Session minutes held January 13, 2014, April 13, 2015, December 7, 2015-Part 2, and February 8, 2016.

Mr. Kempf moved to place all correspondence on file, which motion was seconded by Mr. Cotton and was unanimously carried.

The respective Chairmen gave the reports of each Standing Committee.

Mr. Huser, Chairman of the Road & Bridge Committee, deferred to County Engineer Loy who in turn deferred to Vice Chairman Kingdon. Mr. Kingdon stated there was nothing new to report, everything was going well. Mr. Cotton inquired about the status of County Highway 13 and County Engineer Loy reported they were still working on design variances between Front Street and IL Route 116. They were in discussion/meetings with the

State on a couple design variances and were still waiting to hear back from them.

Mr. Cotton, Chairman of the Finance and Economic Development Committee, reported the Committee discussed EDC.

Mr. Jording, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, asked Mr. Tolan to report for Public Safety. He stated they opened bids for window replacement and there was such a huge variation, the numbers were between \$40,000.00 and \$190,000.00, that maintenance employee Arbuckle and Sheriff Smith were going to review them and see what they could come back with next month. Mr. Tolan then brought up the Public Safety Sales Tax issue the Committee had been talking about for three months. The Committee was split right down the middle and what they really needed to know was what the Board wanted the Committee to do:

- prepare language for a referendum, or
- let this go, or decide what direction the Committee needed to go in.

Acting Chairman Huser asked for input from the County Board:

- Mr. Delaney stated the constituents he spoke with overwhelming wanted to leave the Tax on, they were used to paying it. If the tax were taken off, there were still going to be expenses and the money had to come from somewhere.
- Mr. Kingdon stated he always supports the tax payers to make the decision on how they are taxed. If this was put on the ballot it needed to be stated in a fashion that made it clear the deficit funding would be made up from raising property taxes. We needed to make it specifically clear of what was going to happen.
- Mr. Krug reported the people he has talked with seem to think they were paying less sales tax than they would if they were paying property tax. They don't want to pay property tax and think someone else is paying the sales tax.
- Mr. Logan reported that 100% of the people he has talked with have been against reducing the Public Safety Sales Tax and how this had lowered property taxes by \$500,000. The only way to make up the difference was to raise property taxes if the Public Safety Sales Tax was lowered. Mr. Logan felt we were good where we were at.
- Mr. Kempf stated when the Tax passed he was eight and even then when people voted for it, he assumed when the loan was paid off it would go away. He was not stating whether he was for or against keeping it but thought Mr. Kingdon made a very good point. He wants to see it on the ballot regardless, but thinks it should be on the ballot with a very clear understanding this is what's going to happen if the Public Safety Sales Tax goes away. Mr. Kempf stated he could not support this if it didn't say that on the ballot.
- Mr. Delaney stated a fundamental question here was whether the continuation of the Public Safety Sales Tax had to be voted on. If it did not have to be voted on at this time and hearing all of this overwhelming concern about the expenses that could be coming down the road, the most prudent thing to do might be to just leave it on the tax roll as it was-to not bring it up to a vote if we don't have to.
- Mr. Cotton questioned State's Attorney Minger whether this could be dropped a quarter of a percent at a time or could it be dropped all the way? State's Attorney Minger stated it could be done in quarter percent increments if you choose to drop it. The County Board could choose to lower it, but once it was lowered it could never go back or increase without a referendum or vote. State's Attorney Minger said the question Mr. Delaney had doesn't have to be voted on, it can just be continued.
- Mr. Streid initially thought they should vote on this after seeing what the language was when this was passed, but he is leaning the other way and now is not sure what needs to be done. He felt most people were like him and remember voting on this and don't remember any sunset clause on it. Mr. Streid thinks it's fairer keeping this tax and keeping the property taxes where they're at.

Acting Chairman Huser stated he had a comment for the Public Safety Committee. He spoke with Sheriff Matt Smith prior to the meeting about redoing the phone system in the County Board Room. He requested the Public Safety Committee put this on their agenda and bring some numbers to the Board. The current phone can only accommodate one caller for a conference call and there is the need to have the capability for multiple lines for instances when more than one County Board Member calls in for a meeting. Mr. Jording requested Ms. Breyman put this on such agenda.

Mr. Kingdon, Chairman of the Conservation, Planning and Zoning (CPZ) Committee, reported the Committee was continuing to work on the Subdivision Plan. He said there was a Public Hearing with a lot of input from different individuals and the Committee would be working on the input they got. Mr. Kingdon reported the CPZ would be taking the Solar Farm Ordinance to the ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeals) this coming Tuesday at 6:00 P.M. This would be a joint meeting with the CPZ and the ZBA in order to save some money running back and forth with the hope to resolve anything the ZBA had a problem with at that time. Mr. Kingdon stated if anyone had any input or wanted to attend, they were more than welcome.

Chairwomen Andrews reported for the Health Care Committee (Health Insurance Committee) and stated there was a meeting last Wednesday. During the meeting, there was discussion about the Members who served on the Committee. Currently there were 12 Members, 3 of them were County Board Members, and there was a question on the need to have that many County Board Members when considering paying for per diems and mileage once a month to attend these meetings. Ms. Andrews requested this be put on the agenda tonight and proceeded to give a little background. The health insurance use to be a part of negotiations, and ultimately the County Board and all the Unions decided to come together to form a Committee. In 2004, the initial Health Insurance Committee formed and had 8 Members on it (2 members from the ASCME Union, 2 from the FOP Union, 2 County Board Members, and 2 Department Heads). In 2010 it increased to 12 Members including FOP Probation as well as the Health Department. So the Committee increased to 3 County Board Members, 3 Department Heads, 1 from FOP Probation, 1 from FOP Road Patrol, 1 from FOP Jailors, 2 from ASCME, and one from the Health Department. The discussion at the last meeting was how everything the Health Insurance Committee did, goes to the full Board and whether it would be equitable if there were only 1 County Board Member on the Committee. This issue was brought up by a Board Member. Chairwomen Andrews stated she would discuss this matter with everyone tonight and if it was something the Board wanted to move forward with, she would put it on next month's Health Insurance agenda, if not the Committee would remain at 12 Members.

Mr. Huser stated he was the one who brought this up, but felt it was not appropriate that he discuss it tonight as he was sitting as Acting Chairman. He requested Ms. Breyman put it on the agenda for next month and he would bring a motion forward at that time. This item should remain under the Health Insurance Committee Report.

Mr. Kingdon reported for the Zoning Board of Appeals. He reported there were three items on the agenda with one being for rezoning, another for a text amendment which would be the Solar Ordinance, and a special use for a tree trimming business that wanted to get started. Mr. Kingdon wanted to put in a little plug because this was another place where Zoning and Planning didn't build business but was one little place that Woodford County's Planning and Zoning had facilitated business development in the County.

Mr. Kingdon reported for the Liquor Committee and stated the Committee approved a liquor license to the Duck Inn in Spring Bay, which was under new ownership.

Veterans Assistance Commission Superintendent Ron Umdenstock stated there was a report in everyone's Board Packet.

Acting Chairman Huser reported there was a new item on the agenda, "Woodford County Economic Development" and asked Mr. Bockler to give a report.

Mr. Bockler reported for Woodford County Economic Development and stated that due to the holidays, there wasn't much activity. He did have the opportunity to meet with Daniel Manufacturing and learned more about their product line. Mr. Bockler informed the Board there were a lot of neat things happening and developing there, they were great people, and a good employer for the County. He had an opportunity to attend a Spring Bay Village Board meeting, met their Mayor and discussed economic development. He plans to visit other villages and communities, meet with their Boards and hear from them. Mr. Bockler also had an opportunity to meet with the new owner of the former Conklin Dinner Theatre, which is now named Barn III and felt there were going to be exciting things happening with that business.

Acting Chairman Huser asked if there was a motion to enter into executive session and there was none.

Mr. Cotton moved to adjourn, which motion was seconded by Mr. Kempf and was unanimously carried.

Acting Chairman Huser announced the Board adjourned.

Attest: Debbie Harms, Woodford County Clerk & Recorder