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PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF WOODFORD COUNTY, IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, at an adjourned meeting thereof begun and held in the Woodford County Board Room in the City of Eureka, in said County, on the third Tuesday in March, AD 2023, same being the 21st day of said month.

Tuesday March 21, 2023, 6:30 P.M.

Board met and was called to order by Chairman Chuck Nagel.

Chairman Nagel began the meeting by leading all present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call by the Clerk. Present: Randy Barth, James Baumann, Zachary Ferris, Autum Jones, John Krug, David Meinhold, Nick Miller, Chuck Nagel, Jerry Smith, Don Tolan and Timothy Worner. Absent: Denise Durst, excused; Blake Parsons, excused; Johnathan Schertz, absent; and Dan Steffen, excused. Also present was County Clerk Dawn Kupfer.

Board announced in session by the Chairman.

Clerk Kupfer presented and read the Certificate of Giving Notice for this meeting.

Mrs. Jones moved the Certificate be approved as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Ferris and was unanimously carried.

Clerk Kupfer submitted the minutes of the February 21, 2023, regular session County Board meeting for additions, corrections, and approval.

Mr. Baumann moved to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2023, regular Session County Board meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Miller and unanimously carried.

Clerk Kupfer submitted the Special Informational Board Meeting Regarding the Budget process held February 27, 2023.

Mr. Miller moved to approve the Special Informational Board Meeting Regarding the Budget process held February 27, 2023, which was seconded by Mr. Tolan. Motion carried.

Chairman Nagel called for public input.

Mr. Scott Butzin, 288 Wildridge Road, Metamora, Illinois stated several months ago he had spoken to the Members of Board asking them to consider adopting a Second Amendment Protection Ordinance. He said he understood why the Board had declined passing such an ordinance as the County Board felt this had been covered by the 2019 Resolution the Board had passed, and the Board did not want to pass an Ordinance which conflicts with State statute. Mr. Butzin presented the Board Members with a copy of "The Doctrine of The Lesser Magistrates", which he hoped all would read.

Chairman Nagel called for the next person to give Public Input.

Ms. Katie Buckley, acting County Director for Livingston, McLean and Woodford County's Extension updated the Board on upcoming programs offered through the Extension. She said the Horticulture Educator had been busy as there is currently (12) Master Gardener which volunteer in Woodford County, and there is a Little Roots Program for the 4-H Cloverbud's beginning in May. Ms. Buckley said a Gardeners' Gathering is scheduled for April 29th, and current Master Gardener projects include the Courthouse gardens, Germantown

Hills School gardens, and the Eureka Library. She said as a nutrition and wellness update, there was a Fuel to Fight Cancer at the Heart Line House in February which had (13) participants, and a Certified Food Protection Manager's Course. Ms. Buckley stated there are currently (301) youth enrolled in the 4-H Program with an additional (62) youth, ages 5-7 enrolled in the Cloverbud Program. She reported that on March 28th there will be an Electricity Workshop scheduled with (17) youth signed up to participate. Ms. Buckley said on April 1st 4-H youth in partnership with the City of Eureka and the Woodford County Soil and Water will plant 25 trees at Eureka Lake Park.

Chairman Nagel called for any further Public Input, hearing none.

The Consent Agenda was presented and clarified for the reporting of these minutes.

Chairman Nagel called for any items to be removed from the consent agenda.

Mr. Krug moved to pull Item (18) under Petitions, Resolutions, and/or Motions, which was Ordinance 2022/2023-007 granting a Special Use to Paul Weaver.

Chairman Nagel called for any further items to be pulled, hearing none.

Chairman Nagel called for approval of the remainder of the consent agenda.

Mr. Meinhold moved to approve the remainder of the Consent Agenda, which was seconded by Mrs. Jones. Motion carried.

Appointments:

1. Approval of the appointment of John Obery as a regular Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) member to fill the expired term of Kim Holmes for a 5-year term expiring August 1, 2027.
2. Approval of the Appointment of Teresa Gauger as Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) Chairman for a 5-year term ending August 1, 2028.

Petitions, Resolutions and/or Motions:

3. Approval of Resolution 2022/2023-026 authorizing the Execution of 5311 Grant Agreement (We Care).
4. Approval of Resolution 2022/2023-027 the Title VI Program Policy.
5. Approval of Resolution 2022/2023-028 to award County and various Townships MFT maintenance contracts for seal coat, Section 23-XX000-15-GM.
6. Approval of Resolution 2022/2023-029 to award various Townships MFT maintenance contracts for calcium chloride, Section 23-XX000-01-GM.
7. Approval of Resolution 2022/2023-030 to award Greene Township MFT maintenance contracts for aggregate, Section 23-05000-01-GM.
8. Approval of Resolution 2022/2023-031 to award Panola Township MFT maintenance contract for aggregate, Section 23-13000-01-GM.
9. Approval of Resolution 2022/2023-032 to award Roanoke Township MFT maintenance contract for aggregate, Section 23-15000-01-GM.
10. Approval of Resolution 2022/2023-033 to amend the MFT appropriation for Section 21-00058-00-RS.
11. Approval of Resolution 2022/2023-034 authorizing the County Board Chairman to execute a construction engineering agreement with Hutchison Engineering, Inc., for Section 16-00091-02-RR.
12. Approval of Resolution 2022/2023-035 authorizing ARPA Funds for the purchase of Body Scanner System for the Jail in the amount of \$198,103.36.
13. Approval of Resolution 2022/2023-036 authorizing ARPA Funds for the purchase of a Fire Alarm System for Annex 1, 2, 4 and EMA in the amount of \$45,716.00.
14. Approval of Resolution 2022/2023-037 authorizing ARPA Funds for the Remodeling of the First

- Floor Ladies Bathroom to make it ADA compatible in the amount of \$10,512.00.
15. Approval of Resolution 2022/2023-038 authorizing the purchase of a Jail Transportation Vehicle from Chicago Motors in the amount of \$20,500.00 to be Paid in Vacation.
 16. Approval of Resolution 2022/2023-039 authorizing the purchase of a Probation Vehicle to be Paid in Vacation out of Line Item 051-230-5060-013 (Probation Services General Fund).
 17. Approval of Ordinance 2022/2023-006 Public Transportation Applicant Ordinance (We Care).
 19. Approval of the Special Warranty (We Care).
 20. Approval of the Title VI Policy.
 21. Approval of the Wiegand Subdivision Plat.
 22. Approval of the Vangbo Subdivision Plat.
 23. Approval of the Bellwether Cost Study to include the Sheriff's Office to the study with the County Clerk and GIS Studies.

Chairman Nagel called for Item (18) Ordinance 2022/2023-007.

Mr. Krug moved to approve Ordinance 2022/2023-007 granting a Special Use to Paul Weaver to allow a business consisting of In Vessel composting, Bio-Char production, stockpiling, green house, and shipping container storage and sales in the Agriculture District (AG) on 5.637 acres commonly described as 811 Columbia Road, Washburn, Illinois, which was seconded by Mr. Baumann. Chairman Nagel called for a vote; ayes 0; nays (11). Ordinance failed.

Chairman Nagel moved onto New Business saying there was no New Business to discuss.

Chairman Nagel called for any Unfinished Business, hearing none.

Chairman Nagel moved to Presentations.

Ms. Laura Sisco, Co-Chairman of "The Wall That Heals", which is a ¾ scale replica of the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington DC, spoke to the Members of the Woodford County Board making them aware of the upcoming visit. She stated the Eureka American Legion Auxiliary, and the American Legion Post 466 applied to the foundation last summer and there over 150 applications and 29 were awarded site visits. Ms. Sisco said of those 29, Eureka was the only 1 in Illinois for 2023. She said the costs involved with the visit are \$11,000.00 to the foundation, and approximately \$8-9,000.00 for incidental expenses (tent, generator, seating, signage and printing, golf carts, etc.); and the required 50 percent deposit to secure the date had been sent in. Ms. Sisco said the foundation had been able to solicit over \$11,000.00 thus far and are hopeful for community donors, both large and small. She said the "Wall That Heals" will arrive by escort on Tuesday, July 11, 2023, with set up taking place at the Maple Lawn Homes in Eureka on the 12th, and it will be open to the public 24/7 until Sunday, July 16th at 2:00 pm. Ms. Sisco said anyone wishing to donate, whether monetarily or In-Kind please feel free to contact her at (309) 634-1129; siscoel@yahoo.com or visit thewallthatheals-eureka.com.

Chairman Nagel called for the next presenter.

Ms. Marlena Cook, manager of the Woodford County Farm Bureau presented the Woodford County Board with the Alias in Agriculture Designation plaque. She introduced Mrs. Ali Gibbs, a member of the Legislative Committee for the Woodford County Farm Bureau. Mrs. Gibbs stated today, March 21, 2023, was National Ag Day. She said it is a day to celebrate all that farmers and those in the agriculture industry do each day. Mrs. Gibbs said in Woodford County there are 920 farms; 2,141 jobs are supported by agriculture, 639.4 million dollars in output, and 22 percent of the property tax base is farmland. She said Woodford County will now be joining 18 other counties within the State of Illinois in receiving this designation by approving Pro-Agriculture Resolutions.

Chairman Nagel then called for a motion to approve the claims Paid in Vacation since the last meeting of the Board. Mrs. Jones moved to approve the Claims Paid in Vacation, which was seconded by Mr. Barth.

Chairman Nagel asked if there were any claims to be added, hearing none.

Mr. Tolan presented and read Resolution 2022/2023-040 approving the payment of the Claims, which was seconded by Mr. Barth.

Chairman Nagel called for a roll call vote. County Board Members voting Aye: David Meinhold, Nick Miller, Chuck Nagel, Jerry Smith, Donald Tolan, Timothy Worner, Randy Barth, James Baumann, Zachary Ferris, Autum Jones, and John Krug. County Board Members voting Nay: None. County Board Members absent: Denise Durst, excused; Blake Parsons, excused; Johnathan Schertz, absent; and Dan Steffen, excused. 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 February 28th, 2023, was presented. Treasurer Andrews stated it was the end of the 1st quarter, and the quarterly revenue, as well as the County Clerk's quarterly expense reports were also part of the Board packet. She felt all of the fund balances were doing well, and she had no concerns. Ms. Andrews stated she had received the draft audit for review, and the final version will be presented at the April 12th Finance Committee meeting.

Mr. Krug moved to place the Treasurer's report on file, which motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and was unanimously carried.

Mrs. Jones moved to place the Office of the County Board Report for February 2023 on file, which was seconded by Mr. Barth and was unanimously carried.

The following communication will be placed on file for the regular meeting of the March 21, 2023, County Board meeting:

- Postcard dated March 6, 2023, from the Federal Aviation Administration concerning the aeronautical study ASN 2023-WTE-29-OE; visit <http://oeaaa.ffa.gov> for results.
- Minutes of the Road and Bridge Committee meeting held on February 14, 2023; Special Meeting held on February 21, 2023.
- Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meetings held February 15, 2023.
- Minutes of the County Offices Committee Meeting held February 14, 2023; and Executive Session Minutes for meeting held February 14, 2023.
- Minutes of Conservation, Planning, and Zoning Committee held on February 15, 2023.
- Minutes of the Zoning Board of Appeals held on January 24, 2023.

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

The respective Chairmen gave the reports of each Standing Committee.

Chairwomen Andrews reported for the Health Care Committee (Health Insurance Committee) reporting they did not meet last Wednesday there were no items to discuss. Chairwomen Andrews stated the Health Care Plan continues to perform very well as of today the combined balance is \$809,378.99, which is better than it has been.

Mr. Baumann, Vice Chairman, reported for the Road & Bridge Committee. Mr. Baumann reported on the approved bids for seal coat, reporting Stephens 3D Construction got the bid for all the Townships and County Roads in the County because they were the only company that put in a bid. Mr. Baumann reported the actual bid was 6%-7% below the actual estimate. Mr. Baumann reported there was an agreement to pay the Engineering costs for project 16-0091-02-RR Construction Engineering. The Cold Patch bids were approved for Panola, Roanoke, and Greene Township Aggregate Surface bids and the Calcium Chloride bids were approved. Mr. Baumann reported the bid for Tri-County Regional Planning Commission Resolution CH 25 was

also approved.

Mrs. Jones, Chairwomen of the County Offices Committee, reported they had good discussion on things and passed a lot on the Consent Agenda tonight that related to pass thru money for We Care. Mrs. Jones reported a hot topic they discussed was moving the Veteran Affairs Office. They plan to have more discussion with the Sheriff and Board of Review to see what can be done there. Mrs. Jones stated they are starting interviews for the Supervisor of Assessment starting tomorrow and will hopefully have a better update in a month or two.

Mr. Meinhold, Chairman for the Finance Committee reported they did not have a meeting this month, but he had discussion with Mrs. Jones. Mr. Meinhold stated there was nothing planned other than approval of claims how he and Mrs. Jones looked at those claims and saw nothing out of the ordinary, so they decided to have claim approval at the Board Meeting, how it is typically done anyway. Mr. Meinhold pointed out a couple things on how they continue to track ARPA Funds and Resolutions passed tonight where Three Resolutions remain with ARPA were passed on the first sheet on tonight's agenda being #12, #13, #14 how those are all summarized in the Financial Package (County Board Packet) on page 111 how they will refer to that in future Board Meetings. Mr. Meinhold also wanted to publicly thank Melissa Andrews for putting this all together, making it look nice, neat, and understandable, making his job easier.

Mr. Krug, reported for the Public Safety Committee. Mr. Krug reported how the Sheriff has been busy working on several ARPA Projects and the IT situation being ongoing. Mr. Krug asked the members of the Board to forward any ideas or input they might have concerning that.

Mr. Ferris, reported for the Conservation Planning and Zoning Committee. Mr. Ferris reported they approved the bids for Wiegand Subdivision and Vangbo Subdivision.

Mr. Miller reported for the Veterans Assistance Commission. Mr. Miller reported they have started their meetings up again and are in the process of updating their bylaws. Mr. Miller stated they have been busy at the office with Veterans how that is good getting their claims coming back and it is bringing Federal Funds helping them out a lot. Mr. Miller reported they are working on getting a new office.

Chairman Nagel called for Public Announcements; he then updated the Members on the Governor's Executive Order during the Covid time period. He went on to say the Executive Order does not allow for virtual attendance to meetings except for (3) reasons. Chairman Nagel said those reasons are a family emergency, illness, or if work takes them out of town. He said if any of those (3) circumstances should occur the proper protocol would be to get ahold of the County Clerk and tell her the reason. Chairman Nagel said when the meeting starts the Members will take a vote to allow the Member to attend virtually. He said he has asked the County Coordinator to continue putting the Zoom link on the agenda, because there is not currently a phone in the Boardroom. The second announcement, the Chairman recognized the Metamora High School Basketball team for their State Championship. The third announcement, the Chairman said on March 22, 2023 at 2:00PM there will be a ceremony honoring the Woodford County Employees for their years of service, he encouraged the Members of the Board to attend. Mrs. Jones stated she would also like to recognize the 7th Grade Eureka Middle School Volleyball Team on their State Championship. Mr. Meinhold reminded the Members to please take their Open Meetings Act training.

Chairman Nagel stated there was no Executive Session.

Mr. Tolan moved to adjourn until 6:30 P.M. the third Tuesday in April, A.D. 2023 same being the 18th day of said month, which motion was seconded by Mr. Miller and was unanimously carried.

Chairman Nagel announced the Board adjourned at approximately 7:12 P.M.

Attest: Dawn L. Kupfer, Woodford County Clerk & Recorder

