

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

Appointments:

- a. Approval of the appointment of John Bellisario to the Caterpillar Trail Public Water District for a 5-year term expiring August 1, 2027.
- b. Approval of the appointment of Erik Brewer to the Woodford County Housing Authority for a 1-year term expiring June 30, 2023.
- c. Approval of the reappointment of Lynn Stoller to the Panther Creek Drainage District for a 3-year term expiring the first Tuesday of September 2025.

Petitions, Resolutions and/or Motions:

- a. Approval of Resolution 2021/2022-065 appointing Lynn Stoller as Drainage Commissioner for Panther Creek Drainage District.
- b. Approval of Resolution 8-22-01 authorizing the Cancellation of Tax Sale Certificate #2018-0057 of Parcel 07-12-307-002.
- c. Approval of Knapp Concrete Change Order.
- d. (Listed as a second b on the original agenda) Approval of the Certified list of Candidates for Election Judges for the Republican Party.
- e. (Listed as a second c on the original agenda) Approval of the Certified list of Candidates for Election Judges for the Democratic Party.
- f. (Listed as d on the original agenda) Approval of a Permanent Polling Place for El Paso Precinct 2 to the El Paso Community Building (South Pointe Park) located at 523 S. Sycamore Street, El Paso, Illinois.
- g. (Listed as the second d on the original agenda) Approval of the Knapp Construction Invoice.
- h. (Listed as e on the original agenda) Approval of GPEDC invoice for \$3,000.

Chairman Krug called for Item (f) under Petitions, Resolutions, and/or Motions the approval of the Proclamation for Hunger Action Month. (Note: this should have been listed as Item (i) on the original agenda.

Mr. Burditt moved to approve Item (f) the Proclamation for Hunger Action Month, which was seconded by Mr. Steffen.

Mr. Burditt moved to expand the rules to allow Ms. Hillary Aggertt, Woodford County Health Department Administrator to give the Members an overview, as well as to read the Proclamation. Motion carried.

Ms. Hillary Aggertt spoke to the Members giving an overview of the Proclamation for Hunger Action Month stating the Health Department shares a lot of resources with Peoria and Tazewell Counties as part of the partnership for a healthy community. Ms. Aggertt went on saying there is an assessment done every 5 years the Health Department evaluates the community through data which had been collected. She went on to say there are (2) major issues we have in the community were mental health and healthy eating, active living. Ms. Aggertt said part of healthy eating, active living group has formatted 5 different teams, and 1 of those teams is looked at the food pantry network. She said the network group includes the University of Illinois, the Extension, Tazewell County Health Department, Woodford County Health Department, and many food pantries within the Tri-County area. Ms. Aggertt stated the group wanted to address concerns over the number of citizens in the Tri-County area who were food insecure, and with September having numerous events to bring awareness and help to end hunger in their local communities.

Chairman Krug called for a vote on the Hunger Action Month Proclamation; motion unanimously carried.

Chairman Krug called for New Business, Item (a) the Collective Bargaining Agreement with FOP for Road Deputies, which he stated would be discussed in Executive Session.

Chairman Krug moved to Presentations stating there would be (2) presentations given this evening, the first presentation would be from the Farm Bureau on Broadband.

Ms. Melina Cook, Executive Director of the Woodford County Farm Bureau requested a \$3 Million dollar investment from the American Rescue Plan money from the Board Members. She went on to say the funds would be spent on rural broadband as part of the accelerate broadband initiative. Ms. Cook reported there had been data collected through a survey which showed there were 3,005 household which were not being served by broadband access. She stated the investment from the Board would start the process of delivering broadband to the rural area which would increase economic activity and allow rural access to education, telehealth services improving the quality of rural life for residence. Ms. Cook said the United States Department of Agriculture estimates the total potential gross economic benefit from broadband to be 4 percent of the total value of rural crop market, and 7 percent of the total value of livestock production. Much discussion followed on the topic of the impact the investment of rural broadband could have on Woodford County.

Chairman Krug commented on the importance of rural broadband, and gave thanks to Ms. Aggertt, Ms. Cook, Ms. Breyman and all who have served on the committee. He went on to say he would ask the Board to form an Ad hoc Committee which would deal with the issue of broadband.

Chairman Krug called for the next presentation.

Mr. Eric Lind, City of Eureka Mayor, gave a presentation on The Charters of the Freedom Memorial project. Mr. Lind said Foundation Forward was created in 2012, as a non-profit organization focused on education of our founding documents. He went on to say it was created by Vance and Mary Jo Patterson of North Carolina in 2011 when they had visited Washington D.C. and decided it would be great if it could be shared with communities bringing this education to students who may not have the opportunity to travel to Washington D.C. to see the founding documents. Mr. Lind stated the goal for the foundation is to bring this setting to every County in the United States, and they have funded all the monuments. Mr. Lind currently said a spot at the Eureka Lake has been approved for the Monument will be located, and we will be the second area in Illinois to have this. He went onto say one of the ways to get the community involved and raise some funds for construction by selling legacy pavers for the project. Mr. Lind said this project is estimated to cost \$35,000 and is a pay it forward model project so whether \$5,000 or the whole amount is raised the project will be built with any additional funds going to other counties who may need funding. He is providing a list of materials needed to complete the project as well as mentioning anyone who wanted to donate labor and equipment would be much appreciated. Mr. Lind stated in conjunction with the project there will be a time capsule which area school children will write letters to be sealed in the capsule, and the capsule will be opened on September 17, 2087, which is the 300th anniversary of the Constitution Day. Discussion followed.

Chairman Krug thanked everyone for their presentations.

Chairman Krug then called for the vote to approve the claims Paid in Vacation since the last meeting of the Board. Mr. Schertz moved to approve the Claims Paid in Vacation, which was seconded by Mr. Burditt.

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

Mr. Nagel presented and read Resolution 2021/2022-066 approving the payment of the Claims, which was seconded by Mr. Durst.

Chairman Krug called for a roll call vote. County Board Members voting Aye: Richard Hill, Autum Jones, John Krug, David Meinhold, Nick Miller, Charles Nagel, Jonathan Schertz, Jerry Smith, Dan Steffen, Ansel Burditt, Bill Cardin, and Albert Durst. County Board Members voting Nay: None. County Board Members absent: Justin Faulk, absent; Blake Parsons; excused; and Donald Tolan, excused. Motion carried.

The Report of the County Treasurer on Summary of Accounts Report, and the Revolving Loan Activity Report. Ms. Andrews stated she had no concerns at this time. She reported her office has collected 65 percent of the total amount of the taxes to collect for the year. Ms. Andrews also reminded everyone the second installment of Real Estate Taxes would be due on September 2, 2022.

Mr. Burditt moved to place the Treasurer's reports on file, which motion was seconded by Mr. Nagel and was unanimously carried.

Mr. Schertz moved to place the report of Office of County Board on file, which was seconded by Mr. Cardin. Motion carried.

The following communication will be placed on file for the regular meeting of the August 16, 2022, County Board meeting

- Thank you card from Cindi Flanigan for the passing of her mother, Kay Preuitt.
- Letter from the Illinois Department of Corrections with the compliance monitoring report for the Woodford County Jail.
- Minutes of the Road and Bridge Committee meeting held on June 13, 2022.
- Minutes of the combined County Offices and Finance & Economic Development Committee meeting held on July 12, 2022.
- Minutes of the Public Safety Committee Meetings held July 11, 2022.

Mr. Smith moved to place all correspondence on file, which motion was seconded by Mr. Burditt 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). Chairwoman Andrews reported their committee did not have a meeting last week but they will be meeting in September to discuss the annual Flu Shots and to set Premium Rates for 2023 Health Insurance. Chairwomen Andrews reported the Premium and Claims Reserve and Health Care Plan Funds had a combined balance of \$788,576.95 and the plan continues to be performing well.

Mr. Hill, Chairman of the Road & Bridge Committee, reported on the new Building and how they continue to deal with supply issues.

Mrs. Jones, Chairwomen of the County Offices Committee, thanked Mr. Hill for chairing the meeting while she attended via zoom. Mrs. Jones reported they had a joint meeting with Finance to discuss various parts of the budget, they focused on the U OF I Extension Budget, Election Judge Shortage and ARPA Funds how they hope to have a more solid foundation on those next month.

Mr. Krug, Chairman of the Finance and Economic Development Committee, reported he discussed with Mr. Nagel on getting minds together for use of ARPA Funds for the Counties Expenditures if that looks to be a Finance Meeting of the whole how Department Heads know what the asks are how in October they really need to have a firm plan. Mr. Krug stated if someone has a better plan they are welcome to bring it forward. Mr. Steffen raised the question, is this still available to Towns? Mr. Krug stated it depends on how much is spent how right now money has been spent on the HVAC the rest will come from the Department Heads how in October the Board needs to decide if we are going to use ARPA Funding to do those projects how if there is money left over after that then they would probably open it back up to Communities that have made requests. Mr. Nagel stated as of the last meeting the list that came from the County the Sheriff went through and crossed of the redundancy how they have earmarked about 3.5 million to the HVAC Project and the rest of the Projects total about 4.2 why that is the urgency to get together and decide which way things are going to go at this juncture. Mr. Meinhold brought up they might want to have some funds in reserve since they don't know

exactly where the HVAC costs might end up. Mr. Krug stated at the September Road and Bridge Committee Meeting they will be discussing the Budget how he plans to attend that meeting how if it is posted as the Road and Bridge Committee Meeting of the whole anyone that shows up would be on pay status. Mr. Krug stated he really wants people to go, listen and learn how County Engineer Moore will explain the different funding mechanisms of the funds how it is really important and will be time well spent. Mr. Hill stated it was a learning experience for him when he became chair of that Committee how County Engineer Moore is extremely good at breaking it down and making sense of it.

Mr. Burditt, Chairman of the Public Safety Committee, reported they discussed the current Health Department MOU which is set to expire in November between the County and Health Department what might be the best path going forward. Mr. Burditt stated how the Sheriff's Office every month provides the Committee with updates on the current projects and project status which is really good for them so they know what is going on.

Chairman Krug reported he spoke with Mr. Parsons for the Conservation Planning and Zoning Committee and there was not too much to report on.

Mrs. Jording reported they have 2 petitions for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Hill added if they were to get a lot of people attending the Road and Bridge Committee Meeting they could move the meeting to the EMA Building because they have a larger meeting room.

Chairman Krug called for Public Announcements stating there would be a Eureka Sportsmen's Club Fish Fry held August 20, 2022, from 4:00 till 8:00 PM carryout's will be available. Mr. Burditt stated there would be 2022 Tri-County Hunger Walk held September 23, 2022, at 6:00 PM at the Black Partridge Park in Metamora.

Chairman Krug stated there would be an Executive Sessions.

Mrs. Nagel moved to go into Executive Session under 5 ILCS 120/2 (c)(2) for the FOP contract for the Road Deputies, which was seconded by Mr. Burditt.

Chairman Krug called for a roll call vote to move into Executive Session. County Board Members voting Aye: Autum Jones, John Krug, David Meinhold, Nick Miller, Charles Nagel, Jonathan Schertz, Jerry Smith, Dan Steffen, Ansel Burditt, Bill Cardin, Albert Durst, and Richard Hill. County Board Members voting Nay: None. County Board Members absent: Justin Faulk, absent; Blake Parsons, excused; and Donald Tolan, excused. Motion carried.

Entered Executive Session at approximately 7:30 PM.

Chairman Krug called for a motion to come back into regular session approximately 7:38 PM

Mr. Hill moved to come back into regular session, which was seconded by Mr. Burditt; motion carried.

Chairman Krug called for any action coming out of Executive Session.

Mr. Steffen moved to approve the FOP Contract for Woodford County Road Deputies, which was seconded by Mr. Hill. Motion carried with an abstention from Mr. Smith.

Mr. Steffen moved to adjourn until 6:30 P.M. the third Tuesday in September, A.D. 2022 same being the 20th day of said month, which motion was seconded by Mr. Schertz and was unanimously carried.

Chairman Krug announced the Board adjourned at approximately 7:42 PM.

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

