

The County Board of Whiteside County, Illinois, convened in the County Board room at the Law Enforcement Center in Morrison on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. Notice of the meeting was given to all Board Members and was posted in the County Clerk's office.

Mr. Duffy, Chairman, called the meeting to order and directed the Clerk to call the roll. On roll call members: William Abbott, James Arduini, Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Donald Blair, Robert Bradley, Sue Britt, Dennis Cook, Paul Cunniff, James Duffy, John Espinoza, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Eugene Jacoby, Martin Koster, William McGinn, Sarah McNeill, William Milby, Karen Nelson, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Robert VanDeVelde, Douglas Wetzell and Steve Wilkins (25) were present; member: Ruth Stanley (1) was absent.

Mr. Duffy led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Mr. Abbott that the County Clerk dispense with the reading of the minutes of the meeting of February 4, 2014, and that these minutes, as sent to the members, be approved. Seconded by Mr. Ausman. Motion carried.

Mr. Milby spoke about his father-in-law, Tony Arduini, and his dedication to his family and to the County.

Mr. Milby presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 1

WE, THE MEMBERS OF THE WHITESIDE COUNTY BOARD, having learned of the death of our esteemed colleague, Mr. Tony Arduini, are saddened by his passing; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Arduini's passing leaves a legacy of conscientious service characterized by a fervent desire to make decisions supporting and affirming the common good; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Arduini's legacy includes, first and foremost, a loving family experiencing heartfelt loss during their hour of bereavement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Whiteside County (IL) Board wishes to condole the Arduini family in their hour of grief and bereavement by remembering and honoring their contributions made by Tony Arduini during his 49 year tenure of County service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chair of the Whiteside County Board present an original resolution of condolence to the Arduini family.

Motion by Mr. Milby to adopt the foregoing Resolution of Condolence in memory of our esteemed colleague, Tony Arduini, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Jacoby. Motion carried. Mrs. Arduini was present to accept the Resolution.

Mrs. Britt presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, Jake Snow of Newman Central Catholic High School, recently competed in the IHSA State Wrestling Championship, at Champaign, Illinois, held on February 22, 2014 and;

WHEREAS, Jake Snow, placed first in the 145 pound class in the Class 1A State tournament.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Whiteside County Board offers its congratulations to Jake Snow and commends him for his achievements, and for so honorably representing his School and the citizens of Whiteside County; at this highly competitive State-level event and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk of Whiteside County be directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to Jake Snow and to Newman Central Catholic High School.

Motion by Mrs. Britt to adopt the foregoing Resolution congratulating Jake Snow on his 1st place finish in the 145 pound class in the Class 1A State Wrestling Tournament. Motion carried. Jake was present to accept the resolution and plaque.

Mrs. Britt presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS, the Prophetstown High School Girls Basketball Team competed in the IHSA Girls Class 2A Basketball

Championship at Red Bird Arena in Normal, Illinois on Saturday, March 1, 2014; and,

WHEREAS, the Prophetstown High School Girls Basketball Team returned with a 2nd place team standing in the IHSA Girls Class 2A Championship. They set a school record of 31-3.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Whiteside County Board offers its congratulations to the Prophetstown High School Girls Basketball Team for its achievement at this highly competitive State-level event and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk of Whiteside County Illinois be directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Prophetstown High School.

Motion by Mrs. Britt to adopt the foregoing Resolution congratulating the Prophetstown High School Girls Basketball Team on the 2nd place team standing in the IHSA Girls Class 2A Basketball Championship. Motion carried. The team and coaches were present to accept the Resolution. The team thanked the Board for this honor.

Mrs. Britt presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, Douglas Buhler began working for Whiteside County as Deputy on May 27, 1988 and;

WHEREAS, Douglas Buhler is retiring after 25 years of service to Whiteside County, and the people of the County of Whiteside;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Whiteside does hereby honor Douglas Buhler for his diligence and exemplary performance as ESDA Coordinator/Detective for the Sheriff's Department in Whiteside County; and to its citizens, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk of Whiteside County be directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to Douglas Buhler.

Motion by Mrs. Britt to adopt the foregoing Resolution recognizing the retirement of Douglas Buhler with 25 years of service as a Whiteside County employee. Motion carried.

Mrs. Britt presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 5

WHEREAS, the passing of Margaret Ayres, mother of Irene Bramm, occurred on March 1, 2014 and;

WHEREAS, the news of Mrs. Ayres passing grieves us, recognizing her death brings a deep and abiding sorrow to Mrs. Bramm and her family and;

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Whiteside County Board, with sincerity and respect, wish to condole Mrs. Bramm and her family in their hour of bereavement;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board's deepest sympathies, memorialized by this Resolution, be conveyed to the Ayres family.

Motion by Mrs. Britt to adopt the foregoing Resolution of Condolence in memory of Margaret Ayres. Motion carried.

Mrs. Britt presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 6

WHEREAS, the passing of Elizabeth "Betty" Puckett, mother of Mary Sue Puckett, occurred on February 19, 2014 and;

WHEREAS, the news of Mrs. Puckett passing grieves us, recognizing her death brings a deep and abiding sorrow to Ms. Puckett and her family and;

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Whiteside County Board, with sincerity and respect, wish to condole Ms. Puckett and her family in their hour of bereavement;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board's deepest sympathies, memorialized by this Resolution, be

conveyed to the Puckett family. Motion by Mrs. Britt to adopt the foregoing Resolution of Condolence in memory of Elizabeth Puckett. Motion carried. Ms. Puckett was present to accept the Resolution.

Mrs. Britt presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 7

WHEREAS, since our last Whiteside County Board meeting, family and friends of Elwin Schmitt, have been saddened by his passing on March 5, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Elwin Schmitt had been serving on the Planning & Zoning Commission since 1994 and had been on various boards throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, during Elwin Schmitt's distinguished career he was always a conscientious servant of the people, ever acting to enhance the dignity of the office;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the members of the Whiteside County Board wish to console the Schmitt family in their hour of bereavement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk of Whiteside County be directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to the Schmitt family.

Motion by Mrs. Britt to adopt the foregoing Resolution of Condolence in memory of Elwin Schmitt. Motion carried. The Schmitt family was present to accept the Resolution.

The County Clerk read a thank you note from Mrs. Arlene Arduini.

Mr. McGinn presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 8

WHEREAS, bids were received on February 24, 2014 for Section #11-00203-00-BR, Pilgrim Road bridge, Whiteside County, and;

WHEREAS, the bid of \$263,955.20 was submitted by Martin & Company Excavating of Oregon, IL, and;

WHEREAS, the Committee reviewed the bid and recommends its approval.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$263,955.20 from Martin & Company of Oregon, IL be accepted and approved at a maximum cost not to exceed \$290,350.72 (10% of awarded amount), and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board Chairman be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Motion by Mr. McGinn to approve the foregoing Resolution for Sec. #11-00203-00-BR - Pilgrim Road (bridge repairs) to the low bidder, Martin & Company Excavating of Oregon, IL as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. McGinn presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 9

WHEREAS, bids were received on February 24, 2014 for Section #13-00220-00-BR, Coleta Road bridge, Whiteside County, and;

WHEREAS, the bid of \$41,969.50 was submitted by M & M Concrete, Inc. of Stockton, IL, and;

WHEREAS, the Committee reviewed the bid and recommends its approval.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$41,969.50 from M & M Concrete, Inc. of Stockton, IL be accepted and approved at a maximum cost not to exceed \$46,166.45 (10% of awarded amount), and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board Chairman be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Motion by Mr. McGinn to approve the Resolution for Sec. #13-00220-00-BR - Coleta Road (extension of box culvert) to the low bidder, M & M Concrete, Inc. of Stockton, IL as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. McGinn presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 10

WHEREAS, bids were received on February 24, 2014 for 2014 Signs, Whiteside County, and;

WHEREAS, the respective groups were awarded as follows:

Groups 1, 7, 9, 10, 11	--	Vulcan Signs
Group 6 & 13	--	Decker Supply, Inc.
Group 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 12 & 14	--	Lightle Enterprises of Ohio, LLC

WHEREAS, the Committee reviewed the bids and recommends their approval.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the above mentioned bidders be awarded the respective bids for the respective groups.

Motion by Mr. McGinn to approve the Resolution for the Award of 2014 Signs to the respective bidders for the various groups, as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. McGinn presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 11

WHEREAS, bids were received on February 24, 2014 for Section #14-45000-01-GM, various roads in Hopkins Road District, Whiteside County, and;

WHEREAS, the bid of \$105,915.80 was submitted by Martin & Company Excavating of Oregon, IL and;

WHEREAS, the Committee reviewed the bid and recommends its approval.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$105,915.80 from Martin & Company Excavating of Oregon, IL be accepted and approved at a maximum cost not to exceed \$116,507.38 (10% of awarded contract), and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board Chairman be authorized to sign the necessary documents.

Motion by Mr. McGinn to approve the foregoing Resolution for Sec. #14-45000-01-GM - Hopkins Twp. (pavement resurfacing - various roads) to the low bidder Martin & Company Excavating of Oregon, IL as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. McGinn presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 12

Highway Department Centennial

WHEREAS, Prior to 1913, roads in Illinois were the responsibility of the townships and most were dirt roads which inclement weather made nearly impassable; and

WHEREAS, the Tice Act of 1913, named after Homer J. Tice, a state representative from Menard County who sponsored Illinois' first good roads legislation, shifted the responsibility for the road system from the township to the county; and

WHEREAS, the Tice Act also provided for each county to have a superintendent of highways and thereby establishing a county highway department; and

WHEREAS, in December 1913, Whiteside County appointed its first County Superintendent of Highways; and

WHEREAS, for one-hundred years, the Whiteside County Highway Department has served the people of Whiteside County under its current administrative structure,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Whiteside County that the Whiteside County Highway Department be acknowledged on its 100th year of continuous operation.

Motion by Mr. McGinn to approve the foregoing Resolution for the Recognition of the 100th anniversary of the Whiteside

County Highway Department, as presented. Motion carried.

Russ Renner, County Engineer, presented a power point on “Invest in Illinois!” which explained the importance of supporting infrastructure in Illinois.

Mr. McGinn presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 13

A Resolution of Support for a New Transportation Infrastructure
Construction Program for State & Local Governments to Benefit the
Economy & the Citizens of the State of Illinois

WHEREAS, the Governor and General Assembly have a fresh opportunity to consider and approve a new capital investment program that will allow state and local governments in Illinois to maintain and enhance our critical transportation networks, the foundation upon which of the state’s economy moves; and

WHEREAS, infrastructure is critical to the economic vitality of our communities, our state and the country; and

WHEREAS, Illinois sits at the crossroads of the nation with 140,000 miles of public roads, the third largest Interstate highway network, the third largest bridge inventory, the second biggest public transit system, the greatest convergence of freight rail traffic in the nation, the largest land-based-cargo container port in the world and yet operates on aging transit and rail systems, airports, highways and waterways that are essential to limiting congestion and emissions while increasing the mobility of goods, services and people; and

WHEREAS, dedicated pay-as-you-go funding source is necessary to guarantee steady and predictable revenue is available to assure the routine annual modernization, rebuilding, and maintenance required to relieve our growing infrastructure crisis, and

WHEREAS, the state’s economy continues to face recessionary pressures that could be diminished by a multi-faceted public infrastructure construction program that would ensure thousands of workers would stay employed at good-paying jobs associated with capital improvements that will be relied upon for decades; and

WHEREAS, it is equally important to support all transportation systems – local roads, state roads, interstate highways, bridges, public transit, airports, waterways, & freight rail efficiencies – because no single component operates unaided without other elements of the transportation networks; and

WHEREAS, the actual construction need for additional investment in Illinois’ transportation networks totals more than \$65 billion; and

WHEREAS, the Transportation for Illinois Coalition has presented a proposal in HB 3637 and SB 2589 that has launched the conversation about transportation needs and possible new funding sources by proposing a steady, reliable source of pay-as-you-go funding for the entire transportation network; and

WHEREAS, even with this TFIC proposal contained in HB 3637 and SB 2589, insufficient funding to adequately maintain our existing infrastructure will exist, leading to further deterioration and a decline in the “state of good repair” status that is desired and recommended by engineering professionals; and

WHEREAS, investment in safer, modern and more efficient transportation will pay dividends now and for years to come if it is supported by appropriate and sufficient revenue streams; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois has not approved a capital investment program with sustainable, ongoing funding increases, since 1999, leading to a decline of the state’s transportation infrastructure and affecting the economic health and the safety of our citizens; and

WHEREAS, the 2009 capital funding program known as “Illinois Jobs Now” will expire and result in a steep decline in transportation construction projects after July 1, 2014;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY Whiteside County, that we do hereby approve of a new capital program to finance continued investment in transportation projects throughout Illinois and urge the members of the General Assembly and Governor of the State of Illinois to build upon the TFIC’s initiative by enacting a plan that raises additional revenue to properly address the poor condition of our existing infrastructure, and provide sufficient funds to finance a new series of construction bonds to enable transportation projects that Illinois can rely upon; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that user fees are a fair, reliable, and acceptable source for boosting the annual pay-as-you-go approach for transportation projects; and in addition it is appropriate for the General Assembly and Governor to revisit general revenue fund allocations to assure highway user fee revenues, including sales tax receipts attributed to the purchase of motor fuels, are directed exclusively to transportation agency operations, the costs associated with user fee collections, and transportation related construction projects.

UPON ADOPTION COPIES OF THIS RESOLUTION WILL BE SENT to: Pat Quinn, Governor of the State of Illinois; Ann Schneider, Secretary of the Illinois Department of Transportation; the Honorable John Cullerton, President of the Illinois Senate; the Honorable Michael Madigan, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Christine Radogno, Minority Leader of the Illinois Senate; the Honorable James Durkin, Minority Leader of the Illinois House of Representatives; the individual legislators representing this community or region in the Illinois General Assembly; and Doug Whitley, President of the Illinois Chamber.

Motion by Mr. McGinn to approve the Resolution of Support for a New Transportation Infrastructure Construction Program for State & Local Government to Benefit the Economy & the Citizens of the State of Illinois, as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. McGinn announced that the tour of the County had been scheduled for April 11th at 8:30 am.

Motion by Mr. McGinn to place on file the Public Works Committee's meeting report, January and February claim reports, and related informational items, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Arduini to place on file the County Offices Committee's meeting report, November, December, and January claim reports, and related informational items, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Nelson to place on file the Health and Social Services Committee's meeting report, Regional Office of Educations Quarterly Report of Official Acts, December, January and February claims report, and related informational items, as presented. Motion carried.

Mrs. Nelson reminded the board members of upcoming UCCI events.

Motion by Mr. Wilkins to place on file the Judiciary Committee's meeting report, and related informational items, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Britt to place on file the Public Safety Committee's meeting report, January and February claims reports, and related informational items, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. VanDeVelde to place on file the Special Service Area #1 Committee's meeting report, and related informational items, as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Truesdell presented the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 14

Whereby, public transportation is an essential public purpose for which public funds may be expended under Article 13, Section 7 of the Illinois Constitution; and

WHEREAS, Whiteside County wishes to provide public transportation for its citizens and become eligible for grants from the State of Illinois or any department or agency thereof, from any unit of local government, from the Federal government or any department or agency thereof; and

WHEREAS, Illinois Compiled Statutes 740/2-1 et seq. authorizes a county to provide for public transportation within the (county of counties) limits:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the County Board Chairman and the County Board of Whiteside County that:

Section 1. Whiteside County shall hereby provide public transportation within the (county or counties) limits.

Section 2. The County Clerk of the County of Whiteside shall file a certified copy of this Ordinance, within sixty days after passage of this ordinance.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval, as required by law.

Section 4. That Whiteside County Board Chairman of the Whiteside County is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file on behalf of the Whiteside County a Grant Application to the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Section 5. That Whiteside County Board Chairman of the Whiteside County is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file on behalf of the Whiteside County all required Grant Agreements with the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to adopt the foregoing Ordinance to provide for Public Transportation in Whiteside County, Illinois. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Truesdell presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 15

WHEREAS, the provision of public transit service is essential to the people of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, 49 U.S.C. § 5311 (“Section 5311”), makes funds available to the State of Illinois to help offset certain operating deficits and administrative expenses of a system providing public transit service in non-urbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, the Downstate Public Transportation Act (30 ILCS 740/2-1 *et seq.*) (“Act”) authorizes the State of Illinois, acting by and through the Illinois Department of Transportation, to provide grants and make funds available to assist in the development and operation of public transportation systems; and

WHEREAS, grants for said funds will impose certain obligations upon the recipient, including the provision by it of the local share of funds necessary to cover costs not covered by funds provided under Section 5311 or the Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE *Whiteside County*:

Section 1. That an application be made to the Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation, Department of Transportation, State of Illinois, for a financial assistance grant under Section 5311 and the Act for fiscal year 2014, for the purpose of off-setting a portion of the Public Transportation Program operating expenses and deficits of *Whiteside County*.

Section 2. That while participating in said operating assistance program the *Whiteside County* will provide all required local matching funds.

Section 3. That the *Whiteside County Board Chairman* of the *Whiteside County* is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file on behalf of the *Whiteside County* such application.

Section 4. That the *Whiteside County Board Chairman* of the *Whiteside County* is authorized to furnish such additional information as may be required by the Division of Public and Intermodal Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration in connection with the aforesaid application for said grant.

Section 5. That *Whiteside County Board Chairman* of the *Whiteside County* is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file on behalf of the *Whiteside County* a Section 5311-Downstate Operating Assistance Grant Agreement (“Agreement”) with the Illinois Department of Transportation and amend such Agreement, if necessary, in order to obtain grant assistance under the provisions of Section 5311 and the Act for fiscal year 2014.

Section 6. That *Whiteside County Board Chairman* of the *Whiteside County* is hereby authorized to provide such information and to file such documents as may be required to perform the Agreement and to receive the grant for fiscal year 2014.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to adopt the foregoing Resolution authorizing and directing the Whiteside County Board Chairman to execute and file a Section 5311 - Downstate Operating Assistance Grant Agreement with the Illinois Department of Transportation to obtain grant assistance under the provisions of Section 5311 and the act for fiscal year 2015. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to adopt the Acceptance of the Special Warranty for a financial assistance grant under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act of 1964 as amended. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to place on file the Finance Committee’s meeting report, December, January and February claims reports, and related informational items, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Britt to lay over until the April Board meeting the amendment to the Ordinance previously establishing a hiring freeze. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Britt to lay over until the April meeting the Ordinance increasing the daily meal allowance for in-state and out-of-state travel. Motion carried.

Mr. Duffy announced the appointment of Katherine Frederick to the Whiteside County Housing Authority. Motion by Mrs. Britt that the foregoing appointment be confirmed. Motion carried.

Mr. Duffy announced the appointment of Paul Vock to the Farmland Assessment Committee. Motion by Mrs. Britt that the foregoing appointment be confirmed. Motion carried.

Mr. Duffy announced the appointment of Lawrence Sikkema to the Board of Review. Motion by Mrs. Britt that the foregoing appointment be confirmed. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Britt to place on file the Executive Committee's meeting report, January & February claims reports, and related informational items, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Wilkins that this meeting be adjourned, the Board to meet again on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. Seconded by Mrs. Nelson. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Dana Nelson
Whiteside County Clerk

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