

The County Board of Whiteside County, Illinois, convened in the County Board room at the Law Enforcement Center in Morrison on Tuesday, April 15, 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, Mark Hamilton, Eugene Jacoby, Martin Koster, William McGinn, Sarah McNeill, William Milby, Karen Nelson, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Robert VanDeVelde, Douglas Wetzell and Steve Wilkins (25) were present; member: Kurt Glazier (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 March 19, 2014, and that these minutes, as corrected, and sent to the members, be approved. Seconded by Mr. Ausman. Motion carried.

Mr. Duffy announced the appointment of Katherine Nelson, to fill the unexpired term of Tony Arduini. Motion by Mr. Jacoby to confirm the foregoing appointment. Seconded by Mr. Wilkins. Motion carried.

The Clerk administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Nelson whereupon she was congratulated and authorized to take her seat as a full member of this board.

Mr. McGinn presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, the passing of Bernice M. Fester, mother of Mary Escamilla, occurred on March 18, 2014 and;

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

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Whiteside County Board, with sincerity and respect, wish to condole Mrs. Escamilla 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 Fester family.

Motion by Mr. McGinn to adopt the foregoing Resolution of Condolence in memory of Bernice Fester. Motion carried. Ms. Escamilla was present to accept the Resolution.

Mr. McGinn presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, the passing of Phil Jansma, father of Ellen Anderson, occurred on March 25, 2014 and;

WHEREAS, the news of Mr. Jansma passing grieves us, recognizing his death brings a deep and abiding sorrow to Mrs. Anderson and her family and;

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Whiteside County Board, with sincerity and respect, wish to condole Mrs. Anderson 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 Jansma family.

Motion by Mr. McGinn to adopt the foregoing Resolution of Condolence in memory of Phillip Jansma. Motion carried. Mrs. Jansma was present to accept the Resolution.

Mr. Duffy introduced Jason Valerius, consultant from MSA. He presented a project update of the Whiteside County Comprehensive Plan. The Comprehensive Plan is a guide for future decisions and actions that identify community preferences, considers many issues in a coordinated way, makes land use and division decisions more predictable and defensible and improves eligibility for grant funding.

Brian Bonneur addressed the board regarding the landfill. He lives next to the landfill and stated that the trash is intolerable and wants it cleaned up.

Motion by Mr. McGinn to lay over a proposed amendment to the county zoning ordinance, for medical cannabis, to the May 20, 2014, county board meeting. Motion carried.

Mr. McGinn presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS, bids were received on March 24, 2014 for #14-XX000-XX-GM, furnish and apply seal coating for Hahnaman and Prophetstown Townships, and;

WHEREAS, the following low bid was submitted:

#14-XX000-XX-GM

Group 1 - Hahnaman Township	-	Pavement Maintenance Services, Inc.
Group 2 - Prophetstown Township	-	Pavement Maintenance Services, Inc.

WHEREAS, the Public Works Committee reviewed the bids and recommends its approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Pavement Maintenance Services, Inc. of Henry, IL be awarded the low bid for the above groups.

Motion by Mr. McGinn to approve the foregoing Resolution for Sec. #14-XX000-XX-GM Township seal coating to Pavement Maintenance Services, Inc., as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. McGinn presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, bids were received on March 24, 2014 for #14-XX000-XX-GM, furnish and apply calcium chloride and/or lignin to various townships, and;

WHEREAS, Sicalco, Ltd. of Hinsdale, IL was the only bidder for calcium chloride, at a price of \$339.63 per flake ton, and Environmental Road Solutions, Inc. was the only bidder for lignin, at a price of \$0.64 per gallon, and;

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the bid received from Sicalco, Ltd. for calcium chloride, at a price of \$339.63 per flake ton, and the bid received from Environmental Road Solutions, Inc. for lignin, at a price of \$0.64 per gallon, be approved.

Motion by Mr. McGinn to approve the foregoing Resolution for Sec. #14-XX000-XX-GM Township Calcium Chloride to Sicalco, Ltd. and to Environmental Road Solutions, Inc. for Lignin, as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. McGinn presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 5

WHEREAS, bids were received on March 31, 2014 for the 2014 General County Bituminous Letting, and;

WHEREAS, the low bids submitted were for the following groups:

Groups 1, 2, 6, 9 & 10	--	Asphalt Sales, Inc.
Groups 3, 4, 5, 7 & 8	--	Flint Hills Resources, LP

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Asphalt Sales, Inc. of Jacksonville, IL be awarded Groups 1, 2, 6, 9 & 10, and Flint Hills Resources, LP of Dubuque, IA be awarded Groups 3, 4, 5, 7 & 8.

Motion by Mr. McGinn to approve the foregoing Resolution for the Award of 2014 General County Bituminous to the low bidders of the various groups (Flint Hills Resources LP of Dubuque, IA for Groups 3, 4, 5, 7 & 8 and to Asphalt Sales, Inc. of Jacksonville, IL for Groups 1, 2, 6, 9 & 10) as presented. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Mr. Wilkins presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 6

ESTABLISHING THE COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICERS

WHEREAS, 50 ILCS 145/2 requires the compensation of certain elected officers of units of government to be set at least 180 days before the beginning of the terms of the officers; and

WHEREAS, the compensation for the offices of Whiteside County Sheriff, Whiteside County Clerk and Whiteside County Treasurer has not previously been set by the Whiteside County Board for the four- year term commencing December 1, 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Wage and Salary Committee of the Whiteside County Board convened on March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to consider and draft a compensation recommendation for said officers and term; and

WHEREAS, the Wage and Salary Committee presented its compensation to the Board, in resolution form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE WHITESIDE COUNTY BOARD, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The compensation for the Whiteside County Sheriff, Whiteside County Clerk and Whiteside County Treasurer is hereby fixed, annually, for each term year as shown below:

Office	For Term Year Commencing:			
	December 1, 2014	December 1, 2015	December 1, 2016	December 1, 2017
County Clerk	\$72,750	\$75,000	\$76,500	\$78,000
County Treasurer	\$72,750	\$75,000	\$76,500	\$78,000
County Sheriff	\$83,925	\$86,500	\$88,250	\$90,000

Section 2. This Resolution and every provision thereof shall:

- a. Be considered separable and the invalidation of any provision(s) shall not affect the validity of the remainder.
- b. Supersede any other resolutions or parts thereof, in conflict herewith.
- c. Take effect December 1, 2014.

Motion by Mr. Wilkins to adopt the foregoing Resolution setting the salaries for the terms of the County Clerk, Treasurer and Sheriff as presented. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Truesdell presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 7

AMENDMENT TO DELINQUENT TAX PROGRAM AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, in accordance with previous resolutions this County Board of Whiteside County, Illinois, and Joseph E. Meyer have heretofore entered into a written agreement dated 4/21/2004, as well as subsequent written amendments and addenda thereto, all being hereinafter collectively referred to as “the Agreements”;

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Agreements Mr. Meyer acts as Tax Agent on behalf of this County Board in the operation of the delinquent tax liquidation program established pursuant to Illinois statute and governed by the Agreements; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Meyer has incorporated his business enterprise as an Illinois domestic corporation with the name “Joseph E. Meyer & Associates, Inc.”, and desires to continue to furnish services under the Agreements through said corporate entity, and also desires that said corporation be expressly substituted as Tax Agent under the Agreements; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Meyer desires and requests the consent of this County Board to take this action; and

WHEREAS, this County Board finds that the actions proposed by Mr. Meyer should be approved and ratified;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that this County Board of Whiteside County, Illinois, hereby EXPRESSLY CONSENTS TO, RATIFIES AND APPROVES the assignment and delegation by Joseph E. Meyer of all of his rights and liabilities under the Agreements to Joseph E. Meyer & Associates, Inc., an Illinois corporation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Joseph E. Meyer & Associates, Inc., an Illinois corporation, is hereby substituted as “Agent” and as “Tax Agent” within the Agreements for all intents and purposes, and that the Agreements are deemed amended by reference as of the effective date of the assignment and delegation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as amended hereby the Agreements shall remain in full force and effect according to the terms thereof.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to adopt the foregoing Resolution amending the Delinquent Tax Program Agreement, as presented. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mr. McGinn to approve the contract with Rock River Energy Services with the bid from Homefield Energy for 3 years, as presented. Mr. Mudge reported the results of electrical aggregation and gave a summary of the new three year contract. On the call of the question, the motion was declared carried.

Mr. Duffy announced the reappointment of Donald Loftus as Trustee of the Fulton Fire Protection District. Motion by Mr. McGinn that the foregoing reappointment be confirmed. Motion carried.

Mr. Duffy announced the appointment of Donald Temple to the Farmland Assessment Committee. Motion by Mr. McGinn that the foregoing appointment be confirmed. Motion carried.

Mr. Duffy announced the reappointment of Russell Koster to the Sterling Rural Fire Protection District. Motion by Mr. McGinn that the foregoing reappointment be confirmed. Motion carried.

Mr. Duffy announced the reappointment of Robert Schwab to the Rock Falls Rural Fire Protection District. Motion by Mr. McGinn that the foregoing reappointment be confirmed. Motion carried.

Mr. Duffy announced the reappointment of Dale Sikkema as Trustee of the Fulton Fire Protection District. Motion by Mr. McGinn that the foregoing reappointment be confirmed. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. McGinn to lay over for review the Resolution on the proposed Credit Card Use Policy, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. McGinn to lay over for review the Resolution on the proposed Conceal Carry Policy, as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. McGinn presented the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 8

AMENDING HIRING FREEZE

WHEREAS, due to financial conditions at the time the County Board passed a Hiring Freeze in June of 2010; and

WHEREAS, the financial condition of the County has improved sufficiently to warrant amending the freeze to allow replacement up to current staffing levels;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

-Resolution #7. Whiteside County Hiring Freeze passed June 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 be amended as follows:

Paragraph 1. The County Board shall immediately ~~impose a hiring~~ freeze the workforce at staffing levels approved in it's most recent budget for ~~on~~ all positions in the County. ~~No position in a General Fund department which becomes vacant shall be replaced.~~ In departments not funded by the General Fund, vacancies shall be posted internally with employees in General Fund departments given first consideration.

Paragraph 2. The Executive Committee may waive the hiring freeze on a case-by-case basis. Factors that may be taken into consideration include but are not limited to:

- A. The work is essential to Whiteside County.
- B. The Elected Official/Department Head has examined current work and staffing to identify and then implement changes that improve service, reduce costs and reduce the number of staff required to get the department's work done.
- C. Alternatives to getting the work done have been seriously explored including redesigning work, reassigning current staff, using additional technology or rethinking how work is performed, streamlining and any other staff-suggested means.
- D. Lower priority work has been eliminated, deferred, or handled some other way.
- E. There is no reasonable alternative to hiring.

~~Paragraph 3. When salary and benefit surpluses arise in department budgets as the result of vacancies in authorized positions, such surpluses shall be removed from the applicable department budgets.~~

Paragraph 4. Any services funded by State/Federal grants which costs exceed grant funding and which services are not basic to the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of Whiteside County and/or which are provided by others; shall be discontinued and the grant funding declined.

Paragraph 5. Notwithstanding any contrary provision of this ORDER, the hiring freeze shall not regulate any procedure, mandated by any contract or collective bargaining agreement binding the County, for determining priority among the County's employees to ascend to a vacant job title that the County chooses to fill after a waiver of the hiring freeze.

Paragraph 6. This hiring freeze is a cost control measure only and not meant to be an impact on health and safety issues.

Paragraph 7. This hiring freeze shall remain in effect indefinitely or until deemed fiscally responsible to lift this condition.

Paragraph 8. This Resolution and every provision thereof shall:

- A. Be considered separable and the invalidation of any provision(s) shall not affect the validity of the remainder.
- B. Supercede any other Ordinances or Resolutions or parts thereof, in conflict herewith.
- C. Take effect on April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Motion by Mr. McGinn to amend the foregoing Ordinance previously establishing a hiring freeze. Motion carried.

Mr. McGinn presented the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 9

Establish Maximum Meal Allowance

WHEREAS, the County of Whiteside, Illinois (the "County") is a duly organized and existing County of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the County is now operating under the provisions of the Illinois Counties Code, as supplemented and amended; and

WHEREAS, there is a Whiteside County Code ("the Code"), adopted on November 16, 1982, subject to revision by Ordinance and Resolution of the Whiteside County Board from time to time; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 2. Schedule II.1 of the Code establishes limits for reimbursement of out-of-County travel expenses for County Board Members, and;

WHEREAS, Chapter 3. Section 3-286 of the Code establishes limits for reimbursement of out-of-County travel expenses for County employees,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Whiteside County Board the following:

Paragraph 1. Chapter 2. Schedule II.1 of the Whiteside County Code shall be revised as follows:

Schedule II.1 - Compensation, Reimbursements and Appeals

2. Reimbursements

B. Out of County Expenses

- 1) Meals and Lodging - The maximum per diem reimbursement for meal expense shall be \$41/day in-state and \$50/day out of state.

Paragraph 2. Chapter 3. Section 3-286 of the Whiteside County Code shall be as revised as follows:

Sec. 3-286. Out-of-County travel

(3) Reimbursements for travel expenses.

- B. The maximum per diem reimbursement for meal expense shall be \$41/day in-state and \$50/day out of state.

Paragraph 3. This Ordinance and every provision thereof shall:

Section 1. Be considered separable and the invalidation of any provision(s) shall not affect the validity of the remainder.

Section 2. Supersede any other Ordinance of Resolutions or parts thereof, in conflict herewith.

Section 3. Go into effect immediately upon passage.

Motion by Mr. McGinn to amend the foregoing Ordinance increasing the daily meal allowance for in-state and out-of-state travel. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Wilkins to nominate Mr. Truesdell as Vice Chairman of the Whiteside County Board. Seconded by Mr. Ausman. Motion by Mr. Thompson to close nominations. Seconded by Mr. Bitler. Mr. Duffy called for a show of hands and Mr. Truesdell was elected Vice Chairman unanimously.

Motion by Mr. McGinn to place on file the Executive Committee's meeting report, March claims reports, and related informational items, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bitler that this meeting be adjourned, the Board to meet again on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.  
Seconded by Mr. Milby. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Dana Nelson  
Whiteside County Clerk

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