

The County Board of Whiteside County, Illinois, convened in the County Board room at the Law Enforcement Center in Morrison on Monday, December 1, 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.

Dana Nelson, County Clerk, called the meeting to order and called the roll. On roll call members: William Abbott, James Arduini, Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Robert Bradley, Sue Britt, Shane Celestino, Paul Cunniff, James Duffy, John Espinoza, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Eugene Jacoby, Martin Koster, William McGinn, William Milby, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Ruth Stanley, Howard "Bud" Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Robert VanDeVelde, Douglas Wetzell and Steve Wilkins (25) were present; members: Donald Blair and Dennis Cook (2) were absent.

The Clerk led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The Clerk announced that the first order of business would be to elect a temporary Chairman to Chair the meeting until such time as a permanent Chairman is elected.

The Clerk called for nominations for Temporary Chairman and Mr. Duffy nominated Mrs. Karen Nelson. The Clerk called for additional nominations. Motion by Mr. Thompson to close the nominations. Seconded by Mr. Glazier. Motion carried. The Clerk called for a vote and Mrs. Nelson was declared elected Temporary Chairman.

Mrs. Nelson assumed the Chair and announced that the first order of business would be to appoint a Committee on Credentials. Mrs. Nelson appointed members: VanDeVelde, Jacoby, Hamilton, Arduini and Abbott. The Chair announced a short recess while the Committee examined the Credentials.

Motion by Mr. Arduini to accept the credentials of the board members, as presented, and place on file with the County Clerk. Seconded by Mr. VanDeVelde. Motion carried.

At the direction of the Chair, the Clerk requested each member to stand, raise his or her right hand and answer to the following oath: "Having been elected to the Whiteside County Board, do you solemnly swear or affirm to support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and to faithfully discharge the duties of the office of County Board Member, so help you God?" Each of the Board Members answered "I do".

Mrs. Nelson announced that the next order of business would be to elect the permanent Chairman of this Board. Mr. VanDeVelde nominated Mr. Duffy. The Chair called for additional nominations. Motion by Mr. Thompson to close nominations. Seconded by Mr. Glazier. Motion carried. The Chair called for a vote and Mr. Duffy was elected Chairman of this Board for the ensuing two years.

Mrs. Nelson announced that the next order of business would be to select the Vice Chairman of this Board. Mr. Bitler nominated Mr. Truesdell. The Chair called for additional nominations. Motion by Mr. Thompson to close nominations. Seconded by Mr. Ausman. Motion carried. The Chair called for a vote and Mr. Truesdell was elected Vice Chairman of this Board for the ensuing two years.

Mr. Duffy assumed the Chair and thanked the Board Members for the confidence.

Mr. Duffy announced that the next order of business would be to adopt a set of by-laws to govern the Board for the ensuing term. Motion by Mr. Wilkins that this Board continue with the rules that were adopted by the last board. Seconded by Mr. Frank. Motion carried.

Mr. Duffy announced that the committee Chairmen would remain the same. He placed Mr. Celestino on the Health and Social Services Committee and that everyone else would remain on their current committees. Any changes will be announced at the regular December meeting.

Motion by Mr. Thompson that this meeting be adjourned, the Board to meet again on December 16, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Ausman. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Dana Nelson  
Whiteside County Clerk