

The County Board of Whiteside County, Illinois, convened in the County Board room at the Law Enforcement Center in Morrison on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 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 board meeting to order and directed the Clerk to call the roll. On roll call members: William Abbott, James Arduini, Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Robert Bradley, Sue Britt, Fidencio Campos, Jr., 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 (26) were present; no members were 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 June 16, 2015, and that these minutes, as sent to the members, be approved. Seconded by Mr. Wilkins. Motion carried.

Mr. Duffy announced the appointment of Doug Crandall to the Whiteside County Board to replace Dennis Cook who had resigned. Motion by Mr. Truesdell to confirm the foregoing appointment. Motion carried. Mr. Duffy announced that Mr. Crandall would be serving on the Health and Social Services Committee. Mr. Duffy moved Mr. Thompson to the Public Safety Committee.

Dana Nelson, County Clerk, administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Crandall whereupon he was congratulated and authorized to take his seat as a full member of this board.

Mr. Truesdell presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, the Fulton High School Boys Baseball Team competed in the IHSA Boys Class 1A Baseball Championship at Dozer Park in Peoria, Illinois on Saturday, June 6th, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the Fulton High School Boys Baseball Team returned with a 3rd place team finish.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Whiteside County Board offers its congratulations to the Fulton High School Boys Baseball Team for its achievement 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 the Fulton High School.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to adopt the foregoing Resolution of Congratulations recognizing the Fulton High School Boys Baseball Team for their 3rd place finish in the IHSA Boys Class 1A Baseball Championship. Motion carried.

Mr. Truesdell presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, the Newman High School Girls Softball Team competed in the IHSA Girls Class 1A Softball Championship at East Side Centre in Peoria, Illinois on Saturday, June 6th, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the Newman High School Girls Softball Team returned with a 4th place team finish.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Whiteside County Board offers its congratulations to the Newman High School Girls Softball Team for its achievement 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 the Newman High School.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to adopt the foregoing Resolution of Congratulations recognizing the Newman High School Girls Softball Team for their 4th place finish in the IHSA Girls Class 1A Softball Championship. Motion carried.

Mr. Truesdell presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 3

WHEREAS, the Fulton Boys High School Track Team competed in the IHSA Boys Class 1A State Championship at O'Brien Stadium in Charleston, Illinois on Saturday, May 30, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, the Fulton Boys High School Track Team placed in the following events:

4th Place Triple Jump (Rodney Gossard) 43-2

3rd Place 800 Relay (Rodney Gossard, Jason Osborn, Michael Dixon, Trey Simmons) 1:30.53

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Whiteside County Board offers its congratulations to the Fulton High School Boys Track 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 Fulton High School.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to adopt the foregoing Resolution of Congratulations recognizing the Fulton High School Boys Track Team for the 4th place finish in the Triple Jump and the 3rd place finish in the 800 Relay in the IHSA Boys Class 1A State Championship. Motion carried.

Mr. Truesdell presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 4

WHEREAS, Regan Todhunter of the Newman Boys High School Track Team competed in the IHSA Boys Class 1A State Championship at O'Brien Stadium in Charleston, Illinois on Saturday, May 30, 2015; and,

WHEREAS, Regan Todhunter returned with a third place in the 110 Hurdles with a time of 14.77.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Whiteside County Board offers its congratulations to Regan Todhunter for his 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 Regan Todhunter and the Newman High School.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to adopt the foregoing Resolution of Congratulations recognizing the Newman High School Boys Track Team for the 4th place finish in the Triple Jump and the 3rd place finish in the 800 Relay in the IHSA Boys Class 1A State Championship. Motion carried.

The Clerk read communications from Stan Domack, Chairman of the Whiteside County Airport Board regarding an article in the newspaper and the City of Sterling, opposing the rezoning of Jerry Rodriguez.

Mr. McGinn presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 5

WHEREAS, Case #685, Jerry Rodriguez, 1702 W. 4th St., Sterling, IL 61081, owner of the within described real estate duly filed with the Planning and Zoning Administrator, their petition praying that the premises described as follows to wit:

The South 360' of Lot M-6 in Martin Estates Subdivision of part of Southwest Quarter of Section 20, Township 21 North, Range 7 East of the 4th P.M., Whiteside County, Illinois; according to the Plat thereof recorded September 17, 1934 in Plat Book 7, page 37.

be re-classified from a "B-2" district to an "A-1" district, and;

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission has recommended to this Board that said premises should be re-classified to an "A-1" district.

NOW THEREFORE be it Resolved and Ordained by this Board, that the above described premises be and they are hereby re-classified as an "A-1" district.

Motion by Mr. McGinn to approve the rezoning for Jerry Rodriguez from B-2 to A-1 at 1702 W. 4th St., Sterling, as presented. On roll call members: Abbott, Arduini, Ausman, Bitler, Bradley, Britt, Campos, Celestino, Crandall, Cunniff, Duffy, Espinoza, Frank, Glazier, Hamilton, Jacoby, Koster, McGinn, Milby, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Stanley, Thompson, Truesdell, VanDeVelde, Wetzell and Wilkins (27) voted yes; no, none and the motion was declared carried.

Shawn Smith, addressed the board regarding an incident that happened on his property. He stated that the State's Attorney had not returned his calls. Trish Joyce, State's Attorney, explained to the Board that this was not the forum for this matter to be heard and gave a brief background of the situation.

Motion by Mr. McGinn to approve the IDNR Hennepin Canal - License Agreement for the 5-year term with a single payment of \$500.00, as presented. After discussion, the question was called and the motion was declared carried.

Mr. McGinn presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 6

WHEREAS, bids were received on June 29, 2015 for Section #15-55000-01-GM, Various Roads in Sterling Road District, Whiteside County, and;

WHEREAS, the bid of \$245,749.00 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 \$245,749.00 from Martin & Company Excavating of Oregon, IL be accepted and approved at a maximum cost not to exceed \$270,323.90 (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. #15-55000-01-GM Sterling Township (Hot Mix - Various Road) as presented. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mr. Ausman to place on file the Landfill Committee's report, Quarterly Prairie Hill RDF Activity reports, Quarterly Waste Activity Inspection Reports and related informational items, as presented. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mrs. Britt to authorize the Chairman to approve the ordinance prosecution agreements with local units of government within the County, as presented. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Truesdell presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 7

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF
WHITESIDE COUNTY PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION POLICIES

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

WHEREAS, it is imperative to Whiteside County Public Transportation that transit policies be in place; and

WHEREAS, Whiteside County Senior Center is the contact provider of the Whiteside County Public Transportation Services; and

WHEREAS, Whiteside County, Illinois adopt such Transit Policies to be observed by the Whiteside County Transportation System and its employees; and

WHEREAS, the two (2) Whiteside County Public Transportation Transit Policies in full context are on file in the Whiteside County Clerk's office and are listed within this Resolution as follows:

1. Vehicle Preventative Maintenance
2. Procurement

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Whiteside County Board as Grantee of the Public Transportation grants and funds, are hereby authorized to adopt the policies described herein, on behalf of the Whiteside County Public Transportation System.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to approve the foregoing resolution adopting Whiteside County Public Transportation Policies, as presented. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mr. Wilkins to lay over the ordinance amending the County Code, as presented. Motion carried.

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

Mr. Duffy announced the appointments of Mitch McNinch, Marv Lofgren and Randy Nelson to the Ad-hoc Building Code Committee. Motion by Mr. Truesdell that the following appointments be confirmed. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to extend the option with Sterling Today for purchase of the upper floors of the Lawrence Building for one year. Motion by Mr. Arduini to amend the motion by adding Point #2 - County take all steps necessary to have the existing cell tower leases with T6 and USCOC assigned to Sterling Today upon conveyance of the real estate as provided for herein. Seconded by Mr. Ausman. Motion carried. The question was then called on the original motion, as amended, and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to approve a franchise agreement with Comcast, as presented. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mrs. Britt that this meeting be adjourned, the Board to meet again on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Bitler. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Dana Nelson
Whiteside County Clerk

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