

The County Board of Whiteside County, Illinois, convened in the County Board room at the Law Enforcement Center in Morrison on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 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, Doug Crandall, Paul Cunniff, James Duffy, John Espinoza, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Eugene Jacoby, Martin Koster, William McGinn, William Milby, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Robert VanDeVelde, Douglas Wetzell and Steve Wilkins (26) 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 16, 2016, and that these minutes, as sent to the members, be approved. Seconded by Mr. Wilkins. Motion carried.

Mr. Truesdell presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 1

WHEREAS, Tyler Fleetwood of Fulton High School, recently competed in the IHSA State Wrestling Championship, at Champaign, Illinois, held on February 20, 2016 and;

WHEREAS, Tyler Fleetwood, placed first in the 106 pound class in the Class 1A State tournament.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Whiteside County Board offers its congratulations to Tyler Fleetwood 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 Tyler Fleetwood and to Fulton High School.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to adopt the foregoing Resolution of Congratulations for Tyler Fleetwood. Motion carried.

Russ Renner, County Engineer, spoke about an opportunity that he has to speak to the Physics class at Morrison High School about Engineering. He will meet with them once a week and help them work on a pedestrian bridge at Kelly Park.

Bob Sondgeroth, Regional Superintendent of Schools, spoke to the Board about a grant for homeless education. He explained the definition of homeless and how they are trying to identify those children and to assist the families in getting assistance.

Daniel Schultz, Rock Falls, addressed the Board regarding animals running at large. He was seeking help with a neighbor who has horses, pigs, turkeys, geese and chickens running on his property.

Mr. McGinn presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 2

WHEREAS, bids were received on February 19, 2016 for Section #16-44000-01-GM, Fargo Road in Hahnman Road District, Whiteside County, and;

WHEREAS, the low bid of \$71,087.10 was submitted by Civil Constructors of Freeport, IL and;

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

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the bid of \$71,087.10 from Civil Constructors of Freeport, IL be accepted and approved at a maximum cost not to exceed \$78,195.81 (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 Resolution for the Award for Section #16-44000-01-GM for Pavement Resurfacing - Hahnman Township (Fargo Rd.) to the low bidder, Civil Constructors of Freeport, IL, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. McGinn to place on file the Public Works Committee's meeting report, February claims 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, University of Illinois Extension Annual Report, Health Department Annual Report, February claims reports and related informational items, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Wilkins to rescind Resolution #11 dated February 3, 2011 (Electronic Citation Fees), as presented. Motion carried.

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

Mrs. Britt presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 3

Resolution of Adoption of the
Whiteside Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan

WHEREAS, Whiteside County is subject to natural and man-made hazards including floods, tornadoes, severe winter storms, severe thunderstorms, and drought among others, that pose risks to public health and property; and

WHEREAS, Whiteside County desires to prepare and mitigate for such natural and man-made hazards; and

WHEREAS, under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000, the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires that local jurisdictions have in place a FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation Plan as a condition of receipt of certain future Federal mitigation funding after November 1, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Whiteside Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan was developed in accordance with the regulations of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 and guidance provided by FEMA; and

WHEREAS, Whiteside County has participated in developing the Whiteside Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan covering member jurisdictions of Whiteside County;

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Whiteside County Board hereby:

1. Adopts the Whiteside Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of Whiteside County; and
2. Agrees to participate in the annual and 5-year updates to this Plan.

Motion by Mrs. Britt to adopt the Whiteside Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazards Mitigation Plan, as presented. Sergeant Seth Janssen gave an explanation of the plan. On the call of the question, the motion was declared carried.

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

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to confirm the appointment of Gary Camarano as Economic Development Director as approved by the Whiteside Carroll Enterprise Zone Management Organization (EZMO). Mr. Camarano was present and introduced himself to the board and answered questions from the board members. After discussion, the question was called and the motion was declared carried.

Mr. Truesdell presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 4

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 2017, 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 2017.

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 2017.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to adopt the 5311 - DOAP Board Resolution for Fiscal Year 2017, as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Truesdell presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 5

Acceptance of the Special Warranty

WHEREAS, Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended, makes funds available to help offset certain operating deficits of a system providing public transit service in non-urbanized areas; and

WHEREAS, 49 U.S.C. § 5333(b) requires that fair and equitable arrangements must be made to protect the interests of employees affected by such assistance as a condition of receipt of funds under Section 5311; and

WHEREAS, a simplified process for assuring employee protections that accommodates the needs of participants in the Section 5311 program has been agreed upon by the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Transportation by allowing execution of a Special Section 533(b) Warranty for Section 5311 projects (Special Warranty), which the Secretary of Labor certified on May 31, 1979;

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

Section 1. That an application be made to the Division of Public Transportation, Department of Transportation, State of Illinois, for a financial assistance grant under Section 5311 of the Federal Transit Act of 1964, as amended.

Section 2. As a condition of the receipt of Section 5311 funds, Whiteside County hereby agrees in writing to the terms and conditions of the Special Warranty (attached) regarding fair and equitable arrangements to protect the interests of employees affected by such assistance.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to adopt the Acceptance of the Special Warranty for Fiscal Year 2017, as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Truesdell presented the following Resolution:

ORDINANCE NO. 6

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
IN WHITESIDE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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 or 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 the Whiteside County Board Chairman of Whiteside County is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file on behalf of Whiteside County a Grant Application to the Illinois Department of Transportation.
- Section 5. That Whiteside County Board Chairman of 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 Ordinance to Provide for Public Transportation in Whiteside County, IL, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Mr. Wilkins to approve a 3.5% across the board increase to all non-union personnel effective March 14, 2016. After discussion, the question was called and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Mr. Wilkins to raise the current Pay Scale 1.5%, as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilkins presented the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 7

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, Sec. 3-302. Vacation leave of the County Code sets vacation accrual rates, and;

WHEREAS, the County wishes to amend its policies regarding vacation accrual rates to include a 5th week beginning in 25th year of service,

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE WHITESIDE COUNTY BOARD, that:

Paragraph 1. Sec. 3302. Vacation leave of the County Code is hereby amended as follows:

Table 3-302 (A). Vacation Accrual Rates

Beginning	Ending	Accrual Rate: Vacation hours accrued per hour of compensable time in a pay period, not to exceed the employee's approved work time)	Accrual Rate Equivalent Days/Year
Upon Employment	Year 1	0.01923 hours per compensable hour	about 5 days
Year 2 of employment	Year 7	0.03847 hours per compensable hour	about 10 days
Year 8 of employment	Year 16	0.05769 hours per compensable hour	about 15 days
Year 17 of employment	Termination Year 24	0.07692 hours per compensable hour	about 20 days
Year 25 of employment	Termination	0.09615 hours per compensable hour	about 25 days
<i>Accrual rates are adjusted on the employee's anniversary date.</i>			

Paragraph 2. 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 or Resolutions or parts thereof, in conflict herewith.
- Section 3. Go into effect March 14th, 2016.

Motion by Mr. Wilkins to approve an ordinance amending our personnel code authorizing a fifth week of vacation to non-union personnel after 25 years, as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Wilkins presented the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 8

Amending the Date of Annual Pay Increases

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, Sec. 3-255. Annual pay increases of the County Code sets policies regarding the timing of annual pay increases, and;

WHEREAS, the County wishes to amend its policies and award annual pay increases the first full pay period in December,

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, BY THE WHITESIDE COUNTY BOARD, that:

Paragraph 1. Sec. 3-255. Annual pay increases is hereby amended as follows:

- (1) Annual pay increases, if awarded, are effective the first complete pay period in ~~June~~ December.
- (2) Employees hired before the first complete pay period in ~~June~~ April October 1st of the same calendar year, are not eligible for the annual pay increase.

Paragraph 2. 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 3. Go into effect upon passage.

Motion by Mr. Wilkins to approve an ordinance to change the date of annual pay increases to non-union personnel to the first full pay period in December, as presented. Joel Horn, Administrator, explained the reason for the change and answered questions from the board. On the call of the question, the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Mr. Wilkins to place on file the Wage & Salary Committee's meeting report and related informational items, as presented. After discussion, the question was called and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to adopt the contract between FOP Sheriff's Union and Whiteside County, as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Duffy announced the reappointment of Rodney Scott as Trustee of the Rock Falls Rural Fire Protection District. Motion by Mr. Truesdell that the foregoing reappointment be confirmed. Motion carried.

Mr. Duffy announced the reappointment of William McCue as Trustee of the Sterling Rural Fire Protection District. Motion by Mr. Truesdell that the foregoing reappointment be confirmed. Motion carried.

Mr. Duffy announced the appointment of Timothy Fassler as Trustee of the Sterling Rural Fire Protection District. Motion by Mr. Truesdell that the foregoing appointment be confirmed. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mr. Thompson that this meeting be adjourned, the Board to meet again on Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Wilkins. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Dana Nelson
Whiteside County Clerk

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