

The County Board of Whiteside County, Illinois, convened in the Auditorium at Morrison High School in Morrison on Monday, December 7, 2020 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: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Charles Brown Jr, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (22) were present; members: Paul Cunniff, Owen Harrell, Martin Koster, Brooke Pearson and Ruth Stanley (5) 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 Ms. Kathy Nelson. The Clerk called for additional nominations. Motion by Mr. Bitler to close the nominations. Seconded by Mr. Thompson. Motion carried. The Clerk called for a vote and Ms. Kathy Nelson was declared elected Temporary Chairman.

Ms. Nelson assumed the Chair and announced that the first order of business would be to appoint a Committee on Credentials. Ms. Nelson appointed members: Mr. Bitler, Mr. Glazier, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Truesdell. The Chair announced a short recess while the Committee examined the Credentials.

Upon reconvening of the board, Mr. Truesdell moved to accept the credentials of the board members, as presented, and place on file with the County Clerk. Seconded by Mr. Bitler. Motion carried.

At the direction of the Chair, the Clerk requested each newly elected and re-elected 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".

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

Ms. 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. Hamilton. 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 their continued confidence.

Motion by Mr. Thompson to adopt the proposed County Board rules, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Ausman. Motion carried.

Mr. Duffy informed the board members that their committee assignments were handed out to them prior to the meeting.

Mr. Duffy announced a short recess to allow the committee's to meet and set their regular meeting dates.

Motion by Mr. Thompson that this meeting be adjourned, the Board to meet again on December 22, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Ausman. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Dana Nelson
Whiteside County Clerk