

The County Board of Whiteside County, Illinois, convened in the County Board Room at the Law Enforcement Center on Tuesday, April 20, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. with board members connecting via Zoom. 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: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (26) were present; member: Charles Brown Jr (1) was absent.

Motion by Mrs. Britt that the County Clerk dispense with the reading of the minutes of the March 16, 2021 County Board meeting, and that these minutes, as sent to the members, be approved. Seconded by Mr. Ausman. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (26) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried.

Mr. Truesdell presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2021-1

WHEREAS, since our last Whiteside County Board meeting, we have been informed of the passing of Truman Harrell, father of our esteemed colleague, Mr. Owen Harrell and;

WHEREAS, the news of Mr. Harrell's passing grieves us, recognizing his death brings a deep and abiding sorrow to Mr. Harrell and his family and;

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Whiteside County Board, with sincerity and respect, wish to condole Mr. Harrell and his family in their hour of bereavement;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board's deepest sympathies, memorialized by this Resolution, be conveyed to Mr. Harrell.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to adopt the foregoing Resolution of Condolence in memory of Truman Harrell, as presented. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (26) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried. Mr. Harrell thanked everyone for acknowledging his dad.

Mr. Truesdell presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2021-2

WHEREAS, the passing of Vernon C. Griffith, father of Sandy Prescott, employee of the Whiteside County Economic Development Department, occurred on March 17, 2021 and;

WHEREAS, the news of Vernon C. Griffith passing grieves us, recognizing his death brings a deep and abiding sorrow to Mrs. Prescott and her family and;

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Whiteside County Board, with sincerity and respect, wish to condole Mrs. Prescott and her family in their hour of bereavement;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board's deepest sympathies, hereby memorialized by this Resolution, be conveyed to Sandy Prescott and her family.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to adopt the foregoing Resolution of Condolence in memory of Truman Harrell, as presented. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (26) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried.

Mr. Truesdell presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2021-3

WHEREAS, since our last Whiteside County Board meeting, family and friends of Gerald "Jerry" Ratajczak, have been saddened by his passing on March 20, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Ratajczak had served on the Planning and Zoning Commission from May 2009 thru December 2020; and

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

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to adopt the foregoing Resolution of Condolence in memory of Gerald "Jerry" Ratajczak, as presented. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (26) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried.

Sheriff Booker informed the board that there had been an issue in the kitchen with floor tiles that had buckled. These tiles will need to be replaced.

Mr. McGinn presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2021-4

WHEREAS, bids were received on March 26, 2021 for Section #19-45137-00-BR, Blue Goose Road Bridge, Hopkins Township, Whiteside County, and;

WHEREAS, the low bid of \$320,712.98 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 low bid of \$320,712.98 from Martin & Company Excavating of Oregon, IL be accepted and approved at a maximum cost not to exceed \$352,784.28 (10% over the 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 and Award for Section #19-45137-00-GM - Hopkins Twp. - Blue Goose Road Bridge to the low bidder, Martin & Company Excavating of Oregon, IL, as presented. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (26) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Mr. McGinn to approve the Federal Aid Agreement (Lyndon Rd - Section #19-00245-00-RS), to be accepted and approved as presented. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (26) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried.

Mr. McGinn presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2021-5

Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code
Section #19-00245-00-RS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of the County of Whiteside Illinois that the following described street(s)/road(s)/structure be improved under the Illinois Highway Code. Work shall be done by Contract.

For Roadway/Street Improvements:

Name of Street(s)/Road(s)	Length (miles)	Route	From	To
Lyndon Rd	5.52	FAS 0076	US 30	Commercial Street

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

1. That the proposed improvement shall consist of Cold in Place Recycling
2. That there is hereby appropriated the sum of Three hundred thirty thousand dollars and no/100 Dollars (\$330,00.00) for the improvement of said section from the Local Public Agency's allotment of Motor Fuel Tax funds.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit four (4) certified originals of this resolution to the district office of the Department of Transportation.

Motion by Mr. McGinn to approve the foregoing Resolution for Improvement by County Under the Illinois Highway Code appropriating County Motor Fuel Tax Funds (Lyndon Road - Section #19-00245-00-RS), to be accepted and approved as presented. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (26) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried.

Mr. McGinn presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2021-6

Resolution for Improvement Under the Illinois Highway Code
 Section #19-00245-00-RS

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of the County of Whiteside Illinois that the following described street(s)/road(s)/structure be improved under the Illinois Highway code. Work shall be done by Contract.

For Roadway/Street Improvements:

Name of Street(s)/Road(s)	Length (miles)	Route	From	To
Lyndon Rd	5.52	FAS 0076	US 30	Commercial Street

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,

1. That the proposed improvement shall consist of Cold in Place Recycling
2. That there is hereby appropriated the sum of Six hundred thousand dollars and no/100 Dollars (\$600,00.00) for the improvement of said section from the Local Public Agency's allotment of County Matching Tax Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit four (4) certified originals of this resolution to the district office of the Department of Transportation.

Motion by Mr. McGinn to approve the foregoing Resolution for Improvement by County Under the Illinois Highway Code appropriating County Motor Fuel Tax Funds (Lyndon Road - Section #19-00245-00-RS), to be accepted and approved as presented. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (26) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Mr. McGinn to place on file the Public Works Committee's meeting report, March 2021 claims report and related informational items, as presented. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (26) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Mr. Koster to place on file the County Offices Committee's meeting report, March 2021 claims report and related informational items, as presented. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (26) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried.

Mrs. Karen Nelson presented the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2021-7

AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING DONATION OF REAL PROPERTY
LOCATED AT 104 12TH AVENUE, ROCK FALLS, ILLINOIS,
FROM THE WHITESIDE COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC

WHEREAS, the County of Whiteside ("COUNTY") is a body politic and corporate organized under the laws and Constitution of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Whiteside County Community Health Clinic ("CLINIC") is an Illinois non-profit corporation organized, and currently in good standing, under the laws of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY is authorized, pursuant to the Illinois Counties Code, to accept donations of real property; and

WHEREAS, the CLINIC is the owner of certain real property located at 104 12th Avenue in Rock Falls, Illinois ("PROPERTY"); and

WHEREAS, the CLINIC wishes to donate said PROPERTY to the COUNTY; and

WHEREAS, the County Board has determined that it is advisable, necessary, and in the best interest of the COUNTY to accept the donation of the PROPERTY.

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

SECTION 1. The foregoing recitals are hereby restated and incorporated as findings of fact as if fully set forth herein.

SECTION 2. The COUNTY hereby accepts the donated PROPERTY, located at 104 12th Avenue, Rock Falls, Illinois, which legal description is attached as Exhibit "A" and incorporated into this ordinance by reference.

SECTION 3. The County Board Chairman is hereby authorized to execute any necessary documents to facilitate the transfer of the PROPERTY to the COUNTY.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval as provided by law.

Motion by Mrs. Karen Nelson to adopt the foregoing Ordinance transferring the Mills property to the County, as presented. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (26) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Mrs. Karen Nelson to place on file the Health and Social Services Committee's meeting report, March 2021 claims report and related informational items, as presented. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (26) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Ms. Katherine Nelson to place on file the Judiciary Committee's meeting report, March 2021 claims report and related informational items, as presented. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (26) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Mrs. Britt to place on file the Public Safety Committee's meeting report, March 2021 claims report and related informational items, as presented. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (26) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to approve the March 2021 mileage and travel reimbursement items for County Board members in the amount of \$504.00. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (25) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to place on file the Finance Committee's meeting report, March 2021 claims report and related informational items, as presented. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (25) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Mr. Bitler to place on file the Wage & Salary Committee's meeting report and related informational items, as presented. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (26) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried.

Joel Horn, County Administrator, briefed the board on the Agreement between the Highway Department and the Teamsters. Motion by Mr. Truesdell to approve the tentative agreement between the Whiteside County Highway Department and the Teamsters, as presented. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (25) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried. Shawn Dowd recused himself.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to place on file the Labor Management Committee's meeting report and related informational items, as presented. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (25) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried. Shawn Dowd recused himself.

Mr. Duffy announced the appointment of Brett Johnson as Drainage Commissioner of Drainage District No. Two of the Towns of Tampico and Hahnman. Motion by Mr. Truesdell to confirm the foregoing appointment. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (26) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried.

Mr. Duffy announced the reappointment of Karl Kovarik as Trustee for the Tampico Rural Fire Protection District. Motion by Mr. Truesdell to confirm the foregoing reappointment. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (26) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried.

Mr. Duffy announced the reappointment of Merle Gaulrapp for Rock Falls Rural Fire Protection District. Motion by Mr. Truesdell to confirm the foregoing reappointment. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (26) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried.

Mr. Duffy announced the reappointment of Timothy Fassler for Sterling Rural Fire Protection District. Motion by Mr. Truesdell to confirm the foregoing reappointment. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul

Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (26) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried.

Mr. Duffy briefed the board on the reason for reducing the liquor license fee for the upcoming year. Motion by Mr. Truesdell to approve a \$50 fee for all classes of liquor licenses except Class F (one time events) for July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (26) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried.

Mr. Truesdell presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-2021-8

A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO
PROTECT LOCAL CONTROL OF ZONING AND LAND USE

WHEREAS, Counties are authorized by the Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/1-1001 *et seq.*) to adopt and develop zoning regulations; and

WHEREAS, Section 5-12001 of the Counties Code provides “the county board or board of county commissioners, as the case may be, of each county, shall have the power to regulate and restrict the location and use of buildings, structures and land” and “to regulate and restrict the intensity of such uses, to establish building or setback lines on or along any street, trafficway, drive, parkway or storm or floodwater runoff channel or basin outside the limits of cities, villages and incorporated towns which have in effect municipal zoning ordinances” (55 ILCS 5/5-12001); and

WHEREAS, consistent with their zoning authority, numerous Counties throughout the state of Illinois have adopted zoning and setback regulations related to wind energy facilities such as the model ordinance prepared by the Chicago Environmental Law Clinic and have made substantial revisions over time to suit the needs of their Counties and the residents of their Counties; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1602 was filed in the Illinois Senate on February 26, 2021 and seeks to mandate very specific timelines and procedural requirements regarding siting approval or a special use permits for commercial wind energy facilities; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1602 also mandates substantive changes including setback requirements, blade tip height limitations, and sound limitations; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1602 requires that any currently-existing county zoning ordinances pertaining to wind farms be amended within 120 days to comply with the requirements of the bill and prohibits a county from adopting any future restrictions on the installation or use of a commercial wind energy facility that are inconsistent with the provisions of the bill; and

WHEREAS, the changes contained in Senate Bill 1602 ignore differences that occur locally from county to county across the State of Illinois and remove a county board’s ability to regulate those local differences and address the concerns of their residents; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1602 further undermines local control in that it substitutes state level legislative determination for the local control exercised by county zoning commissions, zoning boards of appeals, and county boards; and

WHEREAS, the County Board is the best entity to support the needs, interests, and safety of its residents due to direct feedback and understanding of the County’s needs, while State officials or industry leaders who do not reside in these Counties may not be aware of the most relevant and current information.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Board of Whiteside County, Illinois as follows:

1. The County Board opposes Senate Bill 1602 or any similar legislation that would undermine the County Board’s local zoning authority.
2. The County Board urges the Illinois General Assembly to abandon any efforts to advance Senate Bill 1602.
3. The County Board urges Governor Pritzker to veto Senate Bill 1602 or any similar bill should the General Assembly pass such legislation.

4. The Clerk is hereby directed to send copies of this Resolution to Governor Pritzker, the legislative leaders of both chambers of the Illinois General Assembly, and the representatives and senators representing this County.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to approve the foregoing Resolution. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (26) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to place on file the Executive Committee's meeting report, March 2021 claims report and related informational items, as presented. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (26) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried.

Mr. Duffy announced the appointment of a Reapportionment Committee with members Daniel Bitler, Martin Koster, George Kelly, Doug Wetzell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, Kurt Glazier and James Duffy.

Motion by Mr. Thompson that this meeting be adjourned, the Board to meet again on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. for the regular meeting. Seconded by Mrs. Stanley. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Owen Harrell, Fidencio Hooper-Campos, George Kelly, Martin Koster, Will Lee, William McGinn, Karen Nelson, Katherine Nelson, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Ruth Stanley, Howard Bud Thompson, Glenn Truesdell, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (26) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Dana Nelson
Whiteside County Clerk

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