



**REGULAR MEETING OF THE WHITESIDE COUNTY BOARD**

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021 – 6:30 PM**

**CHAIR: JAMES C. DUFFY**

**BOARD ROOM, LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER**

**MORRISON, ILLINOIS**

**OR BY TELECONFERENCE**

**Phone Number: 617-691-8409**

- 1. A CALL TO ORDER BY THE CHAIR.**
- 2. ROLL CALL BY CLERK.**
- 3. READING AND APPROVAL OF THE JOURNAL.**
- 4. STANDING RESOLUTIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.**
- 5. COMMUNICATION:**
  - a. Thank you from Rock River Hospice**
- 6. BUILDING AND ZONING ACTION ITEMS.**
- 7. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC.**
- 8. REPORT FROM COUNTY OFFICERS:**
  - a. Business Employment Skills Team (BEST)**
  - b. Whiteside County Airport**
- 9. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.**
- 10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS.**
- 11. NEW BUSINESS.**
- 12. ADJOURNMENT.**

## **PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE - Mr. Bill McGinn, Chair**

The Public Works Committee met at the County Highway Office at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, August 3, 2021. Members present were: Bill McGinn, Glenn Frank, Tom Ausman, Larry Russell and Doug Wetzell. Others in attendance were: Jim Duffy-County Board Chairman, Sue Britt-County Board member, Joel Horn-County Administrator, Suzan Stickle-Building & Zoning Administrator, Russ Renner-County Engineer and Jennifer Greeley-Office Manager. Chairman McGinn called the meeting to order.

### **1. ROUTINE BUSINESS:**

- a. Township Motor Fuel Tax Claims & Budgetary Status Reports for July 2021 were presented for review and approval. Motion was made by Ausman and seconded by Frank to approve the items as presented. The vote was all ayes.

### **2. BUILDING & ZONING REPORT:**

- a. Suzan Stickle, Building & Zoning Administrator distributed the Building Reports for July, 2021 to the Committee for their review (See #1).
- b. The 1st review of Capitalized Fixed Assets and Service Contracts for CFY'22 was addressed by Ms. Stickle and discussed with Committee.
- c. Ms. Stickle informed the Committee that she is looking at restructuring the permit and penalty fees.
- d. There is no Planning and Zoning Commission meeting in August.

### **3. AIRPORT BOARD REPORT:**

- a. The regular Airport Board minutes from June 10, 2021 were presented for review. Motion was made by Wetzell and seconded by Russell to approve the minutes as presented. The vote was all ayes. (See #2-5)
- b. Tom Ausman will attend the Airport Board meeting on August 12, 2021 @ 5:00 p.m.

### **4. SPECIAL SERVICE AREA #2 REPORT:**

- a. The quarterly report for April – June 2021 was presented to the Committee for review. Motion was made by Wetzell and seconded by Russell to approve the report as presented. The vote was all ayes. (See #6)

### **5. COUNTY HIGHWAY REPORT:**

- a. The Landfill Leachate Report and Inspection Report for July, 2021 were presented for review (See #7-8). Motion was made by Frank and seconded by Ausman to approve the reports as presented. The vote was all ayes.
- b. The following Resolution was presented and discussed for consideration, to be presented to the Full Board:
  - (1) The Committee reviewed bids from a letting held August 3, 2021 for the purchase of unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel. A motion was made by Frank and seconded by Russell to approve the Resolution awarding the low bid for unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel to Gibson Oil Company of Lyndon, IL. The vote was all ayes. (See #9-10)

**MOTION: To recommend the approval of the Resolution for the award of unleaded gasoline and diesel fuel to Gibson Oil Company of Lyndon, IL as presented.**

- c. Mr. Renner updated the Committee on the following projects: Burns/Albany/Fenton Roads, Lyndon Road and Hopkins Township Blue Goose Road Bridge.
- d. The 1<sup>st</sup> review of Capitalized Fixed Assets and Service Contracts for CFY’22 was addressed by Mr. Renner and discussed with the Committee.

**6. OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. Mr. Frank asked if the new hoist has been installed. Mr. Renner informed him that we do have the hoist, but additional footings need to be put into place before the hoist can be installed. He let the Committee know that the Highway Dept. is using the old hoist with jack stands in place.
- b. A discussion was held regarding the Prairie Center Rd/Genesee Ct. Bridge in Morrison, IL.

There was no additional business so a motion to adjourn was made by Ausman and seconded by Wetzell. The vote was all ayes and the meeting was adjourned at 2:07 p.m.

Meeting Date: The next regular meeting – September 7, 2021 at 1:30 PM, in County Board Room

**MOTION: To place on file the Public Works Committee’s meeting report, July 2021 claim reports and related informational items, as presented.**

**LANDFILL COMMITTEE - Mr. Ausman, Chair**

The Committee convened in Room 117 of the Morrison Courthouse on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. A teleconference option was also available. Members Present: Mr. Ausman, Mr. Wetzell, and Mr. Frank. Others Present: Mr. Duffy, Mr. Wiersema, Mr. Deets, Mr. Renner and Mr. Horn. Meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m.

- 1. Prairie Hill Recycling and Disposal Facility Reports. Mr. Wiersema presented the following:
  - a. A summarized 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Activity Report for 2021. (See #11-12) The full report is available for review at the County Clerk’s Office. He also submitted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter payment totaling \$54,852.87 as well as a catch up payment of \$259,528.64.
  - b. Historical data:

	2019		2020		2021 – YTD	
<b>Tipping Fees</b>	<b>Tons (in thous)</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>Tons (in thous)</b>	<b>Fees</b>	<b>Tons (in thous)</b>	<b>Fees</b>
Original Area	179	\$ 572,280*	120	\$ 572,280*	12	\$ 286,140*
Expanded Area	73	\$ 252,761	92	\$ 295,910	53	\$ 112,644
<b>Total</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>\$ 825,041</b>	<b>212</b>	<b>\$ 868,190</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>\$ 398,784</b>

\* Guaranteed minimum payment.

- c. Mr. Wiersema informed the committee the leachate evaporators have been approved and should be up and running next summer.

2. Health Department Inspection Reports:

- a. Mr. Deets submitted the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Waste Activity Inspection Report (See #13-15). There were 2 problem in 991 loads. The committee asked why the narrative showed more problems than the actual report. He explained that the narrative included items that Waste Management caught and set aside while the report only shows problems the Health Dept. observes.
- b. Mr. Duffy asked approximately how many loads a day they receive now with the reduced volumes. Mr. Wiersema estimated around 40-50 loads per day.

Committee adjourned at 9:36 a.m.

Meeting Date: The next regular meeting – October 18, 2021 at 9:00 AM, in County Board Room

**MOTION: To place on file the Committee's report, Quarterly Prairie Hill RDF Activity reports, Quarterly Waste Activity Inspection Reports and related informational items, as presented.**

**COUNTY OFFICES COMMITTEE - Mr. Marty Koster, Chair**

The County Offices Committee meeting was held in the Board Room at the Law Enforcement Center on August 2, 2021 at 2:30 PM. Members present were Marty Koster and Brooke Pearson. Ernest Smith was absent. Others present were Jim Duffy, Dana Nelson, Dawn Young, Robin Brands, Lauren Lee, John Maas, Tim Berogan, Chris Tennyson, Joel Horn and Lori Keppen. There was no public comment.

1. The July 2021 claims and the budget status report were reviewed. A motion was made by Brook Pearson to approve the claims. Jim Duffy seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion carried.
2. County Clerk:
  - a. Dana Nelson presented the service contracts and fixed assets requests for FY22.
3. Recorder
  - a. Dawn Young presented the fixed assets requests for FY22.
  - b. Due to the high volume of real estate sales in July, Dawn Young requested a re-appropriation of \$60,000 for real estate stamps. Brooke Pearson made a motion to forward the request of a re-appropriation for \$60,000 to the Finance Committee. Jim Duffy seconded the motion. All voted in ayes. Motion carried.
4. Supervisor of Assessment
  - a. Robin Brands advised the GIS sales were \$360.00 for the period of 5/4/21 – 7/31/21. Forty dollars was collected for address books.
  - b. Robin Brands presented the GIS service contracts request for FY22.

5. IT

- a. John Maas presented the FY22 service contracts request. It was noted his request could change after receiving quotes on updating courtrooms, law library and the board room. Also, more information will be forthcoming on ARP funding requests.

6. Regional Office of Education:

- a. ROE Superintendent, Chris Tennyson presented the monthly report (See #16-20). Highlights were IDPH and CDC requirements for returning to school, along with the Nexus program.
- b. Chris Tennyson presented the FY22 service contracts request.

There was no further business. Brooke Pearson made a motion to adjourn. Jim Duffy seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Meeting Date: The next regular meeting – **Friday, September 10, 2021** at 2:30 PM, County Board Room

**MOTION: To place on file the County Offices Committee’s meeting report, July 2021 claim reports and related informational items, as presented.**

**HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE - Mrs. Karen Nelson, Chair**

The Health & Social Services Committee met on August 4, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in Board Room of the Law Enforcement Center. An option to join by teleconference was also available. Members present were Nelson, Lee, Dowd, and Hamilton. Others present were Sue Britt, Joel Horn, Cheryl Lee (via teleconference), James Garcia, Toni Jones and Bruce Black.

1. Monthly claims were reviewed and approved.

2. Health Department

- a. Ms. Lee informed the committee that the \$1.5 million grant for the building addition has cleared the first hurdle. The funds still need to be appropriated.
- b. Ms. Lee reminded the committee the site visit for the Federal Clinic will be in September 7-9.
- c. Ms. Lee spoke with the committee about the Governors announcement requiring masking in schools and mandating vaccinations in state facilities.
- d. Ms. Lee informed the committee that our region is in the orange level now with respect to Covid-19 metrics.
- e. Ms. Lee reported they have released the RFB for construction of a garage on the Animal Control property for the storage of the Mobile Unit.
- f. Mr. Garcia requested that Cat and Dog registration fees (altered) be increased from \$12 and \$15 respectively to \$15 and \$20. The fees for unaltered cats and dogs would also be increased. He indicated we have not increase the fees since 2011 and are lower than our neighboring counties. He will have a handout on board night with the comparison. He also indicated the budget for this year shows a \$35,000 loss. The increase is necessary to continue to be self-sufficient. The Animal control fund’s main sources of funding are

registration fees and contracts for service. After a brief discussion Mr. Hamilton moved the cat and dog registration fees be increased as presented, seconded by Mr. Dowd, motion carried (See #21-24).

**MOTION: To lay over an increase in the registration fees for cats and dogs effective January 1<sup>st</sup> of 2022 as presented.**

- g. Mrs. Nelson reminded the committee they will also have the plumbing ordinance to vote on that was laid over last month. This has now been reviewed by the States Attorney's office and is ready for action (See #25-26).

**MOTION: To approve an Ordinance amending Chapter 20 - Health and Public Welfare, Article III. - Food and Food Handlers to require prep sinks in all food service establishments as presented.**

3. U of I Extension

- a. Mr. Black distributed the Calendar of Events. Copies will distributed on board night.
  - b. Mr. Black spoke with the committee about the Master Gardener program which will be a hybrid version this year. The cost will be \$175 to cover the cost of the manual. There is also a volunteer commitment.
  - c. Mr. Black reported that the 4-H Fair was a success and 31 local participants will be heading to the State Fair this year.
  - d. Mr. Black also reported on the summer gardening program and the horticulture classes at Challand School.
4. Veterans Assistance Commission – reports were reviewed for the months of May and June (See #27-28)
5. 708 Board-Minutes of the July 27, 2021 meeting and the awards were presented (See #29-31).

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Meeting Date: The next regular meeting – September 8, 2021 at 6:30 PM in County Board Room

**MOTION: To place on file the Health & Social Services Committee's meeting report, July 2021 claim reports and related informational items, as presented.**

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE - Ms. Katherine Nelson, Chair**

The Judiciary Committee meeting was held in the Board Room at the Law Enforcement Center on August 4, 2021 at 4:00 PM. Members present were Katherine Nelson, Kurt Glazier and George Kelly arrived at 4:15 PM. Charles Brown was absent. Others present were Jim Duffy, Kevin Johnson, Jennifer Kelly, Sue Costello, Joel Horn and Lori Keppen.

- 1. Chair Katherine Nelson called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM. There was no public comment.
- 2. A motion was made by Kurt Glazier to approve the July 2021 claims. Jim Duffy seconded the motion. All voted in favor. Motion passed.
- 3. Court Services
  - a. Kevin Johnson presented the monthly report (See #32).

- b. A staff update was given. Daniel Willis was hired as a probation officer. Michelle Elmendorf retired after 10 years of employment. His office is still taking applications for one more position.
- c. Kevin Johnson presented the FY22 service contracts and fixed assets request.

4. Public Defender

- a. Jennifer Kelly presented her monthly report. It was noted the number of defendants is not the total number of cases they are handling. There could be several cases for one defendant.

Category	May	June	July
Number of Defendants	657	662	671
Number of new appointments	38	56	42
Number of defendants taken by private counsel	6	4	5
Number of defendant resolved	27	43	54
Number of defendants at end of month	662	671	654
Bond reductions	0	0	0
Plea agreements	19	34	45
Felony	11	15	24
Misdemeanors	8	19	21
Open pleas	1	0	1
Felony	1	0	1
Misdemeanors	0	0	0
Jury trials	0	0	0
Bench trials	0	0	0
Felony	0	0	0
Misdemeanors	0	0	0
Sentence hearings	0	1	2
Felony	0	0	2
Misdemeanors	0	1	0
Dismissed cases	8	8	7
Juvenile appearance in court	152	147	121**

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- b. Due to the increase in the State’s Attorneys salary on July 1<sup>st</sup>, the Public Defender’s salary must be set for reimbursement from the state. A motion was made by Kurt Glazier to set the Public Defender’s salary at \$165,090.76, with the salary being retro-active to July 1, 2021. George Kelly seconded the motion. All voted yes and the motion carried.

**MOTION: To approve setting the Public Defender’s salary at \$165,090.76, with the salary being retro-active to July 1, 2021.**

- c. Discussion was held on a request for hiring another assistant due to the increased case load. When Mark Holldorf became Public Defender the case load was 439, which was in 2019. As of June 2021, when Jennifer Kelly took over the office, the case load was at 671. According to Jennifer Kelly, the Circuit Judges support another Assistant Public Defender being hired due to the current case load.

It was also noted the current office needs to be redesigned to hold the current personnel. At this time no clients are allowed into the office. Meetings are held on the fourth floor of the courthouse.

- d. Jennifer Kelly presented the FY22 service contracts request.

5. Circuit Clerk

- a. Sue Costello presented her monthly report (See #33-34). There was 56.2% received from some kind of “e” file for the month. Collections were \$8,981.26 for the month. Due to wage garnishments being reinstated in July the filings by e-file were 3,382.
- b. There was one grand jury held. Several criminal trials have been scheduled for August.
- c. Computer updates and training will be completed in August and September.
- d. Sue Costello reviewed her FY22 service contracts and fixed asset requests.

Kurt Glazier made a motion to adjourn with George Kelly seconding the motion. All voted in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Meeting Date: The next regular meeting – September 8, 2021 at 4:00 PM in County Board Room

**MOTION: To place on file the Judiciary Committee’s meeting report, July 2021 claims report and related informational items, as presented.**

**SPECIAL SERVICE AREA # 1 COMMITTEE: - Ms. Katherine Nelson, Chair**

The Ambulance Committee met at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, July 19, 2021 in the Board Room of the Law Enforcement Center. There was also a teleconference option available. Members present: Katherine Nelson, Harrell, Dowd and Pennell (via teleconference). Others present: Horn, Duffy, Ryan Venema, Chad Hartman and Cindy Zander (via teleconference).

1. Mr. Venema submitted his report and the financials for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter of 2021(See #35-39).
2. Mr. Venema highlighted several items in his report including but not limited to the following:
  - a. Staffing continues to be the largest issue. They have a meeting with WACC tomorrow to talk about introducing an EMS training program and potential internships.
  - b. They have been discussing other options to address the staffing issue including but not limited to, adding another BLS truck and going to a tiered response, switching back to 24 hour shifts, etc.

Mr. Harrell asked if they were back to 2019 levels, Mr. Venema indicated we are not back to those levels yet. In addition the staffing shortages are impacting the transports which is the most profitable area of service.

Mr. Duffy asked if they are considering wage studies to insure our pay is competitive. Mr. Venema and Ms. Zander both indicated that although they are in the process of doing a wage study the employees have recently organized putting everything on hold until the negotiations are complete. A 2.5% COLA increase has been budgeted.

There being no further business the committee adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Meeting Date: The next regular meeting – October 18, 2021 at 5:00 PM, in County Board Room

**MOTION: To place on file the Special Service Area #1 Committee’s meeting report and related informational items, as presented.**



**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE - Mrs. Sue Britt, Chair**

The Public Safety Committee meeting was held on August 5, 2021 in the Law Enforcement Center Board Room. The meeting was called to order by Chair Sue Britt at 2:30 PM. Members present were Sue Britt, Paul Cunniff, Fidencio Hooper-Campos and Linda Pennell (via teleconference). Others present were Jim Duffy, Terry Costello, John Booker, Joel Horn and Lori Keppen. There was no public comment.

1. A motion was made by Fidencio Hooper-Campos approve the July 2021 claims. Linda Pennell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken: Hooper-Campos – yes; Cunniff – yes; Pennell – yes; Britt – yes. Motion passed.
2. State’s Attorney
  - a. Terry Costello presented the monthly and juvenile case statistic reports (See #40-41).

	May	June	August
Felony convictions	13	15	35
Misdemeanor convictions	9	9	13
Traffic convictions	107	114	119
DUI convictions	7	10	7
Juvenile Adjudications (delinquency, child abuse etc)	0	1	1
Juvenile Permanency/Reviews	36	14	20
Found not guilty(felony,traffic,misd jury/bench trials)	1	0	1

There were 22 defendants convicted of felony crimes in July 2021. Among the felony convictions were: 13 Violations of Probation, 1 Burglary, 4 Forgery, 1 Criminal Trespass Residence, 1 Mob Action, 1 Escape, 1 Aggravated Fleeing, 1 Aggravated Battery, 2 Felon Possession of Weapon, 1 Unlawful Delivery of Controlled Substance, 1 Unlawful Delivery Methamphetamine, 1 Unlawful Possession Cannabis, 5 Unlawful Possession Methamphetamine, 1 Aggravated DUI and 1 DWLR.

This report does NOT include statistics for bond reduction hearings, Sexual Dangerous Persons petitions, post-trial petitions, post-conviction petitions, mental health petitions, Statutory Summary Suspension hearings, Petitions to Revoke Probation hearings, suppression hearings, and other motion and pretrial hearings.

- b. State’s Attorney Costello presented his FY22 budget requests for service contracts, fixed assets and grant award. Terry Costello requested the appellate prosecutor for labor negotiations be taken out of his budget. The Committee concurred.
3. Sheriff’s Report
  - a. Sheriff Booker presented the monthly report.

	May	June	June
<b>CIVIL PROCESS – REVENUE</b>	<b>\$6,286.00</b>	<b>\$5,403.60</b>	<b>\$9,311.00</b>
Papers Served	143	242	150
Sheriff Sales	9	3	1
<b>MISCELLANEOUS FEES</b>			
Police Vehicle Fund	\$0	\$20.00	\$0
DUI Fund	\$789.50	\$527.00	\$542.50
Drug Fund	\$25,268.37	\$299.14	\$3,970.09
Periodic Imprisonment Fees	\$500.00	\$440.00	\$680.00

Sheriff Fees	\$1,750.00	\$1,047.80	\$1,540.24
E-Citation	\$225.90	\$258.84	\$336.21
Fines & Fees	\$24,871.09	\$26,531.14	\$30,260.75
Traffic Fees	\$470.36	\$195.50	\$116.02
Judicial Security	\$12,965.69	\$10,983.54	\$11,786.88
Arrestees Medical	\$377.38	\$258.60	\$218.77
Police Reports	\$80.00	\$152.12	\$214.43
Prisoners Trust Fund	\$484.92	\$519.85	\$391.18
Sex Offender Registration Fee	\$410.00	\$500.00	\$700.00
Chief Deputy Credit Card Refund	\$103.49	\$0	\$0
Lectronic – Tower Rent	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$75.00
DOI Treasury	\$0	\$8,775.00	\$0
Susan Mendoza – Transports	\$0	\$194.25	\$0
FTA Warrant Fees	\$140.00	\$70.00	\$70.00
Restitution – Champion Booking Dmgs	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>MISCELLANEOUS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$68,512.65</b>	<b>\$50,847.78</b>	<b>\$50,902.07</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$74,798.65</b>	<b>\$56,250.78</b>	<b>\$60,213.07</b>

	May			June			July		
	Male	Female		Male	Female		Male	Female	
Beginning Census	58	10		74	23		57	8	
Admissions	44	14		56	12		49	10	
Releases	48	15		73	27		55	14	
Ending Census	54	9		57	8		51	4	
Average Daily			70			69			67
Meals Served			6,596			6,391			6,446
Number Accidents			25			30			33
Number of Calls/Logs			1,290			1,316			1,244
Patrol Miles			39,660			36,849			39,670

b. Sheriff Booker's Comments:

- K-9 report presented (See #42-43).
- Jail populations was discussed and possibly housing inmates from other counties. Ten inmates were taken to Department of Corrections last week.
- Staff updates were given. Sergeant testing and interviews are being conducted.
- Discussion was held on the UPS and FedEx boxes at the entrance on Knox Street. Sheriff will look into moving them to the other side of the courthouse.
- Sheriff's Department was awarded \$16,000 from the Mental Health Board for FY22.

c. Sheriff Booker presented his FY22 budget requests for service contracts, fixed assets and grant awards.

4. Coroner

a. The Committee reviewed the monthly report.

	May	June	July
Number of Cases	40	55	44
Autopsies	7	3	3
Permits Issued	23	34	29
Revenue	\$5072 (\$150 billing, \$1000 current permits, \$3922 from State of IL Death Certificate)	\$1950 (\$500 billing, \$1450 current permits)	\$900 (\$100 billing, \$800 current permits)

b. Joel Horn presented the Coroner’s FY22 service contract budget request. Discussion was held on a vehicle for the Coroner’s office.

A motion was made by Paul Cunniff to adjourn the meeting. Fidencio Hooper-Campos seconded the motion. Nobody changed their prior roll call vote. The meeting adjourned at 3:55 PM.

Meeting Date: The next regular meeting – September 9, 2021 at 2:30 PM in County Board Room

**MOTION: To place on file the Public Safety Committee’s meeting report, July 2021 claim reports and related informational items, as presented.**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE – Mr. Glenn Truesdell, Chair**

The Finance Committee was held on Monday, August 9, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board Room at the Courthouse or using the website – freeconferencecall.com. Members present were Truesdell, Bitler, Harrell, and Thompson. Also present were Board Chair Duffy, County Treasurer Penny VanKampen, Economic Development/Enterprise Zone Administrator Gary Camarano, Tori McDaniel (via telephone), County Administrator Joel Horn, and Amy Robbins.

1. The Committee reviewed the monthly claims and budget reports. A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Harrell, to approve the monthly claims and budget reports as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.
2. County Treasurer Penny VanKampen presented the monthly Temporary Investment Report and Summary of Fund Balance Report for July 2021. Mrs. VanKampen informed the Committee we have 60% distribution of the property taxes and the second installment is due September 1<sup>st</sup>. Mrs. VanKampen informed the committee there is a great tool on her web page (<https://www.whiteside.org/departments/collector-treasurer.html>) developed by our GIS Coordinator to track the collection and distribution of property taxes. It’s called the Whiteside County Tax Collector Indicators.
3. Mrs. VanKampen presented her request for fixed assets and service contract funding for FY2022 for review by the Committee. No action was taken.
4. Resolutions were presented by the Treasurer on one property in Sterling Township that have had their delinquent taxes purchased by a private buyer. If these Resolutions are approved, the properties will be placed back on the tax rolls. A motion was made by Bitler, seconded by Thompson, to recommend the adoption of the Resolutions authorizing the County to execute deeds of conveyance on the County’s interest or the cancellation of the appropriate Certificates of Purchase, as the case may be, on said properties. All voted in favor of the motion. (See #44)

**MOTION: To approve the Resolution’s authorizing the County to execute a deed of conveyance of the County’s interest or cancellation of the appropriate Certificates of Purchase, as the case may be, on certain property known as, Permanent Parcel #11-22-402-006.**

5. Tori McDaniel stated the Senior Center is hiring an Executive Director and plans to re-open the facility in October. Ridership numbers are slowly increasing.
6. Gary Camarano stated Whiteside County’s unemployment rate is at 5.2% and hiring is a continued issue for businesses. E-Zone currently has 12 projects compared to 15 total last year. Mr. Camarano presented various ways to distribute the ARP funds hoping to attract employees to the community including student loan help, housing down payments, and utility/mortgage payment help. The Committee agreed a process designed to help businesses/people with financial difficulties is moving in the right direction. More information will be presented.
7. Mr. Camarano presented his request for fixed assets and service contract funding for FY 2022 for review by the Committee. After discussion, the Committee requested Mr. Camarano bring further information to the next meeting.
8. Mr. Horn presented a request to re-appropriate \$60,000 from Contingency for revenue stamps. A motion was made by Bitler, seconded by Harrell, to approve the re-appropriation as presented. All voted in favor of the motion.
9. Mr. Horn informed the Committee we will be soliciting bids for the upcoming insurance renewal and discussed the process for the ARP funding budget.
10. Mr. Horn presented his request for fixed assets and service contract funding for FY 2022 for review by the Committee. No action was taken.
11. The mileage reimbursements and per diems for County Board members were reviewed and approved. (A copy will be available for inspection on board night.) A motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Bitler, to place on the agenda for Board action the July 2021 mileage and travel reimbursements for County Board members in the amount of \$1,130.64. All voted in favor of the motion.

**MOTION: To approve the July 2021 mileage and travel reimbursement items for County Board members in the amount of \$1,130.64 (must be a roll call vote).**

12. There being no further business, a motion was made by Thompson, seconded by Bitler, to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 pm. All voted in favor of the motion.

Meeting Date: The next regular meeting – September 13, 2021 at 1:00 PM in County Board Room

**MOTION: To place on file the Finance Committee’s meeting report, July 2021 claim reports and related informational items, as presented.**

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Mr. Jim Duffy, Chair**

The Executive Committee meeting was held on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. with board members in the Board Room at the Courthouse or using the website – freeconferencecall.com. Members present were Duffy, Truesdell, Koster, Britt (via telephone), McGinn, Katherine Nelson, and Karen Nelson. Also present were Ausman, Administrator Joel Horn, and Amy Robbins.

1. Chairman Duffy noted the following communications:
  - a. Thank you from Rock River Hospice
2. The Whiteside County Airport and Business Employment Skills Team (BEST) will present to the Board at the next meeting.
3. All Standing Committees, Landfill, and Special Service Area #1 Committee reported.
4. A motion was made by Katherine Nelson, seconded by Koster, to place the following reappointments on the agenda for Board action. A roll call vote was called and all were in favor of the motion.
  - a. Reappointment of James Rus to the Meredosia Levee & Drainage District.

**MOTION: To approve the Reappointment of James Rus to the Meredosia Levee & Drainage District.**

- b. Reappointment of Kurt Wirth to the Sharon Levee & Drainage District.

**MOTION: To approve the Reappointment of Kurt Wirth to the Sharon Levee & Drainage District.**

- c. Reappointment of Tim Bush to the Union Drainage & Levee District No. 1 of Erie & Fenton.

**MOTION: To approve the Reappointment of Tim Bush to the Union Drainage & Levee District No. 1 of Erie & Fenton.**

- d. Reappointment of William Wisdom to the Whiteside & Rock Island Drainage & Levee District.

**MOTION: To approve the Reappointment of William Wisdom to the Whiteside & Rock Island Drainage & Levee District.**

5. A motion was made by Karen Nelson, seconded by Katherine Nelson, to place the following appointments on the agenda for Board action. A roll call vote was called and all were in favor of the motion.
  - a. Appointment of Brian Rowland to the Albany Fire District.

**MOTION: To approve the Appointment of Brian Rowland to the Albany Fire District.**

6. A motion was made by Koster, seconded by Truesdell, to place the following appointments on the agenda for Board action. A roll call vote was called and all were in favor of the motion.
  - a. Appointment of new County Board Member.

**MOTION: To approve the Appointment of new County Board Member.**

7. A motion was made by Britt, seconded by Katherine Nelson, to place the following appointments on the agenda for Board action. A roll call vote was called and all were in favor of the motion.
  - a. Appointment of Gary Camarano to the Quad Cities Regional Economic Development Authority.

**MOTION: To approve the Appointment of Gary Camarano to the Quad Cities Regional Economic Development Authority.**

8. A motion was made by Britt, seconded by Katherine Nelson, to place a resolution requiring masks be worn in the Courthouse with the provision the Sheriff may end the masking requirement on the agenda for Board action (See #45). A roll call vote was called and all were in favor of the motion.

**MOTION: To approve the Masking Resolution, as presented.**

9. The Committee reviewed the monthly claims and budget reports. A motion was made by Britt, seconded by Karen Nelson, to approve the claims and budget reports as presented. A roll call vote was called and all were in favor of the motion.
10. There being no further business, a motion was made by Katherine Nelson, seconded by Koster, to adjourn the meeting. All voted in favor of the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting:	Executive Committee:	09/14/21
	County Board:	09/21/21
Compensation and Reimbursements:	Payroll Check Print Date	08/27/21
	Reimbursement Check Print Date	09/02/21

**MOTION: To place on file the Executive Committee’s meeting report, July 2021 claims reports and related informational items, as presented.**