

**COUNTY BOARD MINUTES - MOULTRIE COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
JANUARY 16, 2020**

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The Moultrie County Board met on Thursday, January 16, 2020 in the County Board Room, Second Floor of the Moultrie County Courthouse. Chairman McCabe called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Opening Prayer by Dave McCabe.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said.

Roll Call was taken, with the following Board members present Dave McCabe, Kevin McReynolds, Neil Bryan, Mike Barringer, Arlene Aschermann, Bill Voyles, Elizabeth Houser, Todd Maxedon and Tyler Graven.

There were 28 people in attendance, which included 9 Board members and County Clerk Georgia England.

Mission Statement: Read by Voyles.

Correspondence: None

Minutes: McReynolds moved to approve the November 14, 2019 County Board meeting minutes. Barringer seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (9 yes, 0 no)

Guest Speaker:

Unfinished Business: None

Appointments by County Board Chairman:

McCabe moved to reappoint Jesse Riley to the Farmland Review Committee effective immediately to serve until a successor is approved [replace Robert Riley]. Bryan seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (9 yes, 0 no)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**FINANCE COMMITTEE (Chairman McCabe)**

Committee met December 9, 2019.

McCabe moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of November 2019. McReynolds seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (9 yes, 0 no)

McCabe moved to approve all claims as submitted. Aschermann seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (9 yes, 0 no)

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McCabe moved to approve the hiring of an Administrative Assistant for the Probation Office. Aschermann seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (9 yes, 0 no)

McCabe moved to contribute \$50,000 to SCED to promote tourism in Moultrie County. Aschermann seconded said motion. Laurrie Minor from SCED and Lee Mitchell from the Corps spoke on tourism and the impact made on Moultrie County. Minor stated that the donation would be used only to promote tourism. Bryan did ask for a report comparing what surrounding counties did promoting tourism and the expense involved, plus a more detailed report explaining what the expense claims were for, so the County was fully aware of how the money was being spent. Motion passed by roll call vote. (5 yes, 4 no with Voyles, Maxedon, Graven and Barringer having voted no)

McCabe moved to allow the ESDA coordinator, Caleb Smith, to obtain a credit card with The First Community Bank of Moultrie County to cover training, supplies, etc. Aschermann seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (9 yes, 0 no)

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE (Chairman Bryan)**

Committee did not meet.

Bryan moved to appoint David Fathauer as Drainage Commissioner for Union Drainage District #1 by User of Mt. Zion and Dora Townships, Counties of Moultrie and Macon, Illinois, effective immediately and to expire September 2022. McReynolds seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (9 yes 0 no)

**BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE (Chairman Barringer)**

Committee met January 8, 2020.

Barringer moved to sell the 1994 Chevy Maintenance truck along with the additional items the County needs sold. Items will be sold on consignment with Bauer Auction. Maxedon seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (9 yes 0 no)

Barringer moved to allow Rick Matthews to make the necessary changes in the basement to create a space for the new IT position. Houser seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (9 yes 0 no)

**ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE (Chairman McReynolds)**

Committee met January 7, 2020.

McReynolds moved to approve the 2020 Bridge Petition List. Aschermann seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (9 yes 0 no)

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Barringer seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (9 yes 0 no)

McReynolds moved to approve the 2020 County Motor Fuel Tax Funds Maintenance Program Resolution. Aschermann seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (9 yes 0 no)

**INSURANCE COMMITTEE (Chairman McCabe)**

Committee did not meet. No Motions.

**PLANNING, ZONING & LAND USE COMMITTEE (Chairman Maxedon)**

Committee did not meet. No Motions.

**PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE COMMITTEE (Chairman Aschermann)**

Committee met January 8, 2020.

Aschermann moved to reappoint Jeff Thomas to a 6-year term to the Merit Commission retro from 2018 to 2024. McReynolds seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (9 yes 0 no)

**PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (Chairman Voyles)**

Committee did not meet. No Motions.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS**

**COMMENTS:**

**Board:** None

**Office Holders/Department Heads:**

**Public Comments:** Christa Helmuth asked for explanations for the increase in her property assessment, specifically how the comparisons were performed, how the numbers from the land study were figured, and why storage containers that were grandfathered in before banned are not taxed, yet sheds on skids are taxable. Discussion followed, with Ms. Barringer stating that a sales study on farmland and vacant lots and comparables have not been fully done since 2007 and the guidelines she is given to work by determined how assessments were derived. She further stated that if a person wanted to contest their assessment, they could file a complaint to go before the Board of Review, and that an appraisal on the property does benefit the landowner in the appeal process.

With no further business, Houser moved to adjourn the meeting. Aschermann seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Georgia C. England  
Moultrie County Clerk