

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

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The Moultrie County Board met for an **Emergency meeting** on Monday March 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, Mike Barringer, Neil Bryan, Arlene Aschermann, Billy Voyles, Todd Maxedon, Tyler Graven Absent: Kevin McReynolds and Elizabeth Houser

There were 13 people in attendance, which included 7 Board members and County Clerk Georgia England.

McCabe stated that action by the County Board was necessary for the County Clerk to cluster precincts and to reduce the number of election judges for each precinct if necessary, for the upcoming General Primary Election on March 17, 2020. Due to the COVID-19 virus the County Clerk has numerous election judges dropping off on March 16, 2020 and the Ordinances should be in place if the judge count were to decrease even more.

Bryan moved to approve An Ordinance Allowing the Election Authority to Cluster up to Four Contiguous Precincts into a Clustered Voting Zone for the Upcoming March 17, 2020 Presidential Primary Election. Aschermann seconded said motion. County Clerk England stated that by clustering if there was a precinct without enough judges then precincts could be combined, and the judges would be shared amongst the shared precincts. Motion passed by roll call vote. (7 yes, 0 no)

Aschermann moved to approve An Ordinance Reducing the Number of Election Judges to Three for Primary Elections. Bryan seconded the motion. County Clerk England stated that several precincts only had three available judges and by allowing three to work the election then those precincts would not need to be moved at the last minute and clustered. Motion passed by roll call vote. (7 yes, 0 no)

McCabe asked if the Board had any further questions, which there were none. England asked if anyone in the audience had questions. Brad Graven asked why England did not reach out earlier, which was explained that while setting up equipment, and before returning to the office, that 11 judges had backed out on that very day. England also explained that she did not do social media on her phone, nor at work. Graven stated that there were four individuals present at the meeting that would like to step up and offer assistance. State's Attorney Tracy Weaver explained that Election Judges needed to be certified by the Circuit Judge and trained.

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England explained that the only exception to that was if a person walks into a precinct and the precinct was needing a judge; if the person was of the same party that was needed they could be given an oath and sworn in right then to work the day if the Precinct felt it necessary to fill the vacancy. The four quests where then invited into the Clerk's office after the meeting to see which precincts needed judges.

With no further business, Maxedon moved to adjourn the meeting. Aschermann seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Georgia C. England
Moultrie County Clerk