

**COUNTY BOARD MINUTES - MOULTRIE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
MAY 14, 2020**

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The Moultrie County Board met on Thursday, May 14, 2020 in the County Board Room, Second Floor of the Moultrie County Courthouse, and by virtual connections due to the pandemic Coronavirus. 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 in the Board Room: Dave McCabe, Kevin McReynolds, Arlene Aschermann and Tyler Graven; by virtual connections: Neil Bryan, Mike Barringer, Billy Voyles, Elizabeth Houser, and Todd Maxedon.

There were 19 people in attendance, which included 9 Board members and County Clerk Georgia England.

Mission Statement: Read by Graven.

Correspondence: None

Minutes: Graven moved to approve the March 12, 2020 County Board meeting minutes. Aschermann seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (9 yes, 0 no)

Graven moved to approve the March 16, 2020 Special County Board meeting minutes. Aschermann seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (9 yes, 0 no)

Aschermann moved to approve the March 20, 2020 Special County Board meeting minutes. Graven seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (9 yes, 0 no)

Guest Speaker: Steve Buxton and Paul Deur spoke on behalf of New Illinois, a movement to separate Chicago from Illinois, making Chicago the 51st State. Deur was asking support from Moultrie County by placing a Public Question referenda on the November 2020 ballot. McCabe stated that the topic was not put on the May Agenda to be voted upon and would go before the Legislative Committee in June for discussion.

Unfinished Business: None

Appointments by County Board Chairman: McCabe moved to appoint David Bowers as Trustee of the Lovington Fire Protection District. Term: 1st Monday of May 2020 to 1st Monday of May 2023. Aschermann seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (9 yes, 0 no)

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McCabe moved to appoint Jordan Watkins as Trustee of the Arthur Rural Fire Protection District, placing Jerry J. Ray who resigned. Effective immediately to expire the last day of April 2021. Graven seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (9 yes, 0 no)

McCabe moved to re-appoint Arlene Aschermann to the Moultrie County Board of Review for the term beginning June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021, and until a successor is appointed and qualified. McReynolds seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (9 yes, 0 no)

McCabe moved to re-appoint Richard (Dick) Isaacs to the Moultrie County Board of Review for the term beginning June 1, 2020 through May 31, 2021, and until a successor is appointed and qualified. McReynolds seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (9 yes, 0 no)

NEW BUSINESS:

FINANCE COMMITTEE (Chairman McCabe)

Committee met May 14, 2020.

McCabe moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of March 2020. McReynolds seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (9 yes, 0 no)

McCabe moved to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2020. Graven seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (8 yes, 0 no 1 abstention, with McReynolds having abstained.)

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

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE (Chairman Bryan)

Committee did not meet. No motions.

BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE (Chairman Barringer)

Committee did not meet. No motions.

ROAD & BRIDGE COMMITTEE (Chairman McReynolds)

Committee met March 4, 2020.

McReynolds moved to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with IDOT for HLR Underwater Bridge Inspection, Section #20-07137-00-BI. Aschermann seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (9 yes, 0 no)

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McReynolds moved to approve the Resolution for the Bridge Inspection in Sullivan Twp., Section #20-07137-00-BI. Graven seconded said motion, which passed by roll call vote. (9 yes 0 no)

McReynolds moved to Approve Engineering Agreement with Cummins Engineering Corp. for the Marrowbone Twp. Bridge Project, Section #04-06129-00-BR. 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 did not meet. No motions.

Moultrie County Health Department Administrator, Angela Hogan, reported on Coronavirus Moultrie County. That as of May 14, there have been 197 people tested, of which 187 were negative, 9 positive and 1 pending, and no deaths. Hogan stated that people had to be vigilant with self-care, wash hands, use sanitizer, do not touch the face, safe distancing, and wearing masks.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (Chairman Voyles)

Committee did not meet. No Motions.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE (Chairman Houser)

Committee did not meet. No Motions.

McCabe stated that IT position search has been put on hold due to COVID-19. In the meantime, QNS has assigned their employee, James Sines, to act as the County's IT.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

COMMENTS:

Board: Graven spoke on opening Moultrie County from the Stay-at-Home order. McCabe state that he was advised to take precautions, that doing so may be a liability, and he felt that State's Attorney Tracy Weaver's announcement that she would not prosecute churches or businesses for re-opening or individuals for leaving their home so long as they are not acting in a reckless manner, is sufficient for now. The matter will be brought up again in June.

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Office Holders/Department Heads: County Treasurer stated that after much deliberation, and consideration for taxing Districts needing the disbursements for operating, that she will not be adjusting the way tax bills go out nor the due dates. If an individual has a personal hardship, she will work with them on a one-to-one basis. Tax bills will be mailed out May 29, with the first installment due July 2 and the second installment due September 3.

Public Comments:

With no further business, Houser moved to adjourn the meeting. Aschermann seconded said motion, which passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Georgia C. England
Moultrie County Clerk