

**COUNTY BOARD MINUTES – MOULTRIE COUNTY, ILLINOIS
JUNE 15, 2023**

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The Moultrie County Board met on Thursday, June 15, 2023, in the Board Room, Second Floor, Moultrie County Courthouse. Chair Bill Voyles called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

The opening prayer was given by board member Aaron Wilhelm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all in attendance.

Mr. Voyles thanked everyone for coming, apologized for being a little late for three other meetings ahead of time.

Roll Call was taken, with the following Board members present, Bill Voyles, Marsha Kirby, John Vander Burgh, Travis Phelps, Scott Buxton, Aaron Wilhelm, Kenny Graven, and Joshua Roe. Absent was Tyler Graven.

There were 20 people in attendance including eight board members and County Clerk Qualls.

Mission Statement - read by Aaron Wilhelm.

Correspondence: None.

Mr. Voyles adds, since we just came out of the GIS meeting, any of the department heads, maybe email information out, but the EagleView is an amazing tool to use. All of us can sign up for it, some of the things it can be used for from an emergency standpoint is amazing.

Minutes: Mr. Wilhelm moved to approve the May 25, 2023, board meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kirby. There being no discussion, roll call vote was taken, the motion passed 8 Yes, 0 No.

Guest Speaker: None

Unfinished Business: None

Appointments by Chair: Mr. Voyles moved to re-appoint Kerry Pate, Dr. Charles Ellington, M.D., and Marge Overlot to the Moultrie County Board of Health with terms to begin July 1, 2023, and end June 30, 2026. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phelps. There being no discussion, roll call vote was taken, the motion passed 8 Yes, 0 No.

Mr. Voyles moved to appoint Josh Roe to the 708 Board to represent the County. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kenny Graven. There being no discussion, roll call vote was taken, the motion passed 7 Yes, 0 No, 1 Abstain by Mr. Roe.

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NEW BUSINESS

STANDING COMMITTEES

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE (Chair: Vander Burgh)

Meeting held June 12, 2023.

Mr. Vander Burgh moved to approve the May 2023 Treasurer's Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phelps. There being no discussion, roll call vote was taken, the motion passed 8 Yes, 0 No.

Mr. Vander Burgh moved to approve all claims as presented. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kirby. There being no discussion, roll call vote was taken, the motion passed 8 Yes, 0 No.

Mr. Vander Burgh moved to add Revenue Line Item 006-045-45084 Covid 19 Vaccination Grant-2023 in the amount of \$100,000.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roe. Mr. Wilhelm asked if the grant was for all vaccinations, Angie Hogan of the Moultrie County Health Department confirmed. With no further discussion, roll call vote was taken, the motion passed 8 Yes, 0 No.

Mr. Vander Burgh moved to revise the following Expenditure Line Items: 006-045-54527 - Professional Fees, increase by \$15,000.00 to \$20,000.00; 006-045-54545 – Contingency, increase by \$72,516.00 to \$86,091.00; 06-045-54552 – Office Equipment, increase by \$11,960.00 to \$21,960.00; 009-045-54575 – Travel, increase by \$524.00 to \$6,524.00. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilhelm. Mr. Wilhelm asked if these are adjustments to line items to account for the \$100,000.00 previously passed. Ms. Hogan affirms. With no further discussion, roll call vote was taken, the motion passed 8 Yes, 0 No.

Mr. Vander Burgh moved to approve the six-month reports from the County Clerk, Circuit Clerk, and Sheriff. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roe. There being no discussion, roll call vote was taken, the motion passed 8 Yes, 0 No.

Mr. Vander Burgh moved to increase the hourly rate of pay to \$19.23 for the Moultrie County State's Attorney Victim Advocate based on an increase in the AG Grant for July 1, 2023. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kirby. There being no discussion, roll call vote was taken, the motion passed 8 Yes, 0 No.

Mr. Vander Burgh moved to approve Agreement relative to payments to be made to the County Collector of Moultrie County for services rendered property of the University of Illinois by local taxing bodies during calendar year 2022. The motion was seconded by Mr. Roe. Mr. Voyles explained the University of Illinois does not have to pay property taxes, as they are tax exempt. They go ahead and pledge to pay their payment of property tax back to Moultrie County. Mr. Vander Burgh noted, this motion did not come from the budget & finance committee meeting. Ms. Qualls explained the

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motion was received from the State’s Attorney. After a short discussion, roll call vote was taken, the motion passed 8 Yes, 0 No.

BUILDING AND PROPERTY (Chair: T. Graven)

Meeting held June 7, 2023.

There were no motions.

ROAD AND BRIDGE (Chair: Voyles)

Meeting held June 6, 2023.

With Mr. Tyler Graven absent, Mr. Voyles stated there are no motions, but sharing that we have a person who has applied for a part-time position for County Engineer. The reason it is part-time is because he is currently full-time with Piatt County. He has discussed it with his board, and they are ok with him being part-time for Moultrie. Details are not worked out, Mr. Voyles mentioned there is nothing to be voted on, he is just filling in the board. Currently Kyle, the interim County Engineer, doesn’t feel since Cameron quit and with the Piatt County Engineer, Eric, coming on board, that he will not have to hire anyone else, it will just be Kyle and Eric. Eric has all state requirements for state certifications, so need to hire outside bridge inspectors. Hopefully, we will have that next month.

PLANNING, ZONING and LAND USE (Chair: Phelps)

Meetings held June 2, 2023

No motions. Mr. Phelps mentioned we have had one application for rezoning. Ms. Hart clarified that the zoning board of appeals had some stipulations, the applicant needs to turn in applications and survey with metes and bounds description, but until he gets that done, it will not go before the board.

PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND WELFARE (Chair: Phelps)

Meeting held June 7, 2023

No motions.

Mr. Phelps said the main topic of their meeting was the Sheriff’s contract, still have some questions since cannabis is now legal and some questions about the cars but getting very close to finishing up with the Sheriff’s deputy contract.

AS NEEDED COMMITTEES

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE (Chair: Kirby)

No meeting. No motions.

INSURANCE COMMITTEE (Chair: Roe)

No meeting. No motions.

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PERSONNEL (Chair: Kirby)

Meeting held June 14, 2023.

Ms. Kirby stated the committee did meet yesterday, that is why there is nothing on the agenda. At the meeting it was discussed about the grievance that was dealt with and Tracy [Weaver] will be figuring out some information on that end.

The personnel committee will meet on July 10, 2023, after the budget and finance meeting to move forward on budgets.

LIQUOR COMMISSION (Chair: Voyles)

Meeting held June 15, 2023, prior to board meeting.

Mr. Voyles moved to amend Sec. 3-3(e) of the Liquor Control Ordinance of Moultrie County from “*No more than four Class F licenses shall be issued and outstanding.*” to “*No more than seven Class F licenses shall be issued and outstanding.*” The motion was seconded by Ms. Kirby. Mr. Voyles stated, for clarification, in the past we have had four licenses and have had someone ask or is thinking about applying for a Class F, which we couldn’t give to them without increasing having more. With no further discussion, roll call vote was taken, the motion passed 8 Yes, 0 No.

Mr. Voyles moved to approve Liquor License applications for the issuance of Liquor Licenses effective July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024, as follows:

License Holder	License Class(es)	Cost
American Legion Post #429 (Lovington)	Class C	\$ 375.00
Findlay Marina	Class J – combined A & F	\$1,000.00
Sullivan Country Club	Class C	\$ 375.00
Sullivan VFW Post #6410	Class C	\$ 375.00
SA Brown Properties d/b/a Rusty’s	Class J – combined A & F	\$1,000.00
JEDE, LLC d/b/a Timberlake Golf Course	Class F	\$ 750.00
Sullivan Rosati, Inc.	Class B	\$ 750.00
Sullivan 66, Inc.	Class A	\$ 750.00
NorthEnd Pub and Grill	Class J – combined E & F	\$1,000.00

The motion was seconded by Mr. Kenny Graven. There being no discussion, roll call vote was taken, the motion passed 8 Yes, 0 No.

AD HOC COMMITTEES

EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK (Chair: Michelle Liddiard)

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Ms. Liddiard stated the committee met to go over the changes made by the County Clerk's office after the last approval, changing some things back, keeping some things, and removing others.

Mr. Wilhelm moved to approve the amendments to the Moultrie County Employee Handbook as approved by the Moultrie County Employee Handbook Committee on June 7, 2023. The motion was seconded by Mr. Buxton. Mr. Wilhelm thanked the committee for meeting so quickly after last month's board meeting. After some discussion concerning people signing and returning forms to the County Clerk's office, with those not returning the forms being given a reminder, roll call vote was taken and the motion passed 8 Yes, 0 No.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Voyles moved to approve the 2023 Moultrie County Comprehensive Plan. The motion was seconded by Mr. Wilhelm. Mr. Wilhelm encouraged everyone to take a look at the plan, there is a lot of helpful, informative information included. Copies were handed out to the board members not in attendance at the meeting. Kelly Lockhart of Coles County Regional Planning Commission thanked the members for the opportunity to serve. Explained they were hired in 2018, after the committee was formed, Covid hit; if anyone has any questions, please call.

Mr. Lockhart explained the purpose of the plan is to look at land use, future land use, especially. To be able to map out areas where you believe land development will occur and look at transportation. The plans are now required for many state grants. After some additional discussion, roll call vote was taken, the motion passed 8 Yes, 0 No.

Mr. Voyles moved to approve the Moultrie County Hazard Mitigation Plan. The motion was seconded by Ms. Kirby. Mr. Voyles moves to amend the motion to table until further notice. The amendment to the motion was seconded by Mr. Vander Burgh. Mr. Voyles explained the plan is simply not ready. With no further discussion, roll call vote was taken, the motion passed 8 Yes, 0 No.

EXECUTIVE SESSION 5 ILCS 120/2

No executive session was held.

COMMENTS

BOARD

Mr. Wilhelm with a childcare update, the committee has transitioned to focus on new providers. Recap: the new provider fund began with \$280,000.00. \$8,000.00 of that has already been given out and \$216,000.00 earmarked for new providers. There is a new project south of Sullivan and one the group is talking to in Lovington. The goal of this program entirely is to gain 100 slots in daycare. We are on target to go over.

Mr. Wilhelm would like to reach out to the ARPA recipients to invite them to a county board meeting to update the board on how they used the money, how it's had an impact on them, just so we can see the good the money did in our community.

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Mr. Wilhelm went on to ask about the status of the TIF for the City of Sullivan which was brought up in the board meeting a couple months ago and he has not heard anything more since. He was wondering if the TIF IV discussions have been paused due to the new city council. Mr. Voyles affirmed; in addition, it was tabled due to the TIF attorney. Mr. Voyles and Supervisor of Assessments, Lori Barringer have been invited to sit in on the discussions about TIF IV.

Ms. Barringer spoke about attending the Bethany TIF meeting earlier in the day. It was an overview of what their TIF funds were used for in the Bethany community over the past year. Their TIF expires in a couple of years.

Mr. Buxton spoke that he went to Champaign earlier in the day for the HSTP Region VIII meeting, there was lots of information. Mr. Buxton stated he is on the policy committee and part of their hiring and retention committee. Like everyone else, the struggle is pay and to keep people. Some of the requirements of the shuttle bus drivers is getting tough, the cost to the drivers, and finding IDOT certified drivers. The decommissioning of the shuttle busses is far behind since IDOT has been short staffed. They are working at full staff and working on catching up.

OFFICE HOLDERS/DEPARTMENT HEADS

Treasurer Helmuth stated the first installment of taxes will be due July 7, 2023, prior to the next meeting.

PUBLIC

None.

ADJOURN: Mr. Voyles asked for a motion to adjourn, which motion was made by Mr. Roe and seconded by Mr. Kenny Graven. The motion passed by voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Linda S. Qualls,
Moultrie County Clerk