

**Kankakee County  
County Board Meeting  
January 10, 2023**

The meeting of the Kankakee County Board, Kankakee, Illinois, held on January 10, 2023 pursuant to the adjourned meeting of September 13, 2022 was called to order at 9:00 a.m., by the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Wheeler. Mr. Hess delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following members were present:

Mr. Hess, Mr. Tholen, Mrs. Polk, Mr. Snipes, Mrs. Webber, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Fairfield, Mr. Carrico, Mr. Ekhoﬀ, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Miller, Mr. Kerkstra, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Smith, Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand, Ms. Foster, Ms. Andrade, Ms. Armer-Irps, Mr. Ashcraft, Ms. Munday, Ms. Rittmanic-Emme, Mr. Scanlon, Ms. Turner, Mr. Wheeler

**Members Absent** – Mr. Sirois, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Dunnill, Mr. Long

**Quorum – Present**

**Public Commentary** – Cathy Vanderdyz, Pembroke Twp, spoke regarding the Lift Station Invoices.

Debra Baron, Kankakee, spoke in support of the proposed Mental Health resolution.

Rhonda Showers, Bourbonnais, spoke in support of the proposed Mental Health resolution.

Nicole Smolkovich, Herscher, spoke in support of the proposed Mental Health resolution.

Al Swinford, Manteno, spoke in support of the proposed Mental Health resolution.

Theodis Pace, Kankakee, spoke in support of the proposed Mental Health resolution.

Eric Peterson, Manteno, spoke in support of the proposed Mental Health resolution.

John Bevis, Bradley, spoke in support of the proposed Mental Health resolution.

**Presentation** – Mr. Nugent gave a presentation detailing the annual report of the Kankakee County Economic Alliance.

**Proclamation** – The following proclamation was read following a motion by Mr. Hunter, seconded by Mrs. Polk:

*Proclamation Honoring the Kankakee Eastside Bulldog Cheerleaders for Winning National Recognition During the 2022 United Youth Football League National Competition (1)*

**Certificates of Appreciation** –

**20 Years** Ruth Myrick, Circuit Clerk’s Office

**10 Years** Bernard Ryan, Sheriff’s Department

**Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the December 5<sup>th</sup> and December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meetings were submitted to the County Board for approval. The reading of the minutes was waived. Mr. Ekhoﬀ made a motion to accept the minutes. Mrs. Parker seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

## Claims Committee Reports

A motion to approve the claims reports from November 2022 were made by Mr. Fairfield and seconded by Mr. Smith. A roll call vote was taken with the motion passing 24 ayes to 0 nays. Motion carried.

## Department Reports

The department reports were read and accepted on the motion of Mr. Hess and seconded by Mr. Miller. Motion carried.

1. County Collector's Monthly Report for November 2022
2. County Treasurer's Monthly Report for November 2022
3. Coroner's Monthly Reports for November 2022
4. Coroner's Monthly Receipts for November 2022
5. Circuit Clerk's Monthly Reports for November 2022
6. Recorder's Monthly Reports for November 2022
7. County Clerk's Monthly Reports for November 2022
8. County Clerk's Six-Month Report for June 2022-November 2022
9. Kankakee County Building Report November 2022
10. Animal Control's Monthly Reports for November 2022
11. Monthly Resolution List for January 2023

## Committee Presentations and Resolutions

### Consent Agenda

Mr. Ekhoft made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Ashcraft seconded the motion. Mr. Hendrickson, County Clerk, read the items into the record. A roll call vote was taken with the motion passing 24 ayes to 0 nays. Motion carried.

- *Reappointment of Chad Miller to the Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission (1)*
- *Reappointment of Samuel Payton to the Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission (2)*
- *Reappointment of Jeff Jarvis to the Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission (3)*
- *Reappointment of Thomas Sutrina to the Kankakee County Regional Planning Commission (4)*
- *Appointment of Amanda Armer-Irps to the Executive Board of Economic Alliance of Kankakee County (5)*
- *Appointment of Rosemary Foster to the Executive Board of Economic Alliance of Kankakee County (6)*
- *Reappointment of Chad Miller to the Executive Board of Economic Alliance of Kankakee County (7)*
- *Reappointment of Andrew Wheeler to the Executive Board of Economic Alliance of Kankakee County (8)*
- *Authority for Director of Kankakee County Planning Department to Sign Employment Agreement between Kankakee County and Magruder & Associates to Perform Plumbing Inspections (9)*
- *Adoption of an Updated Bereavement Policy of the County of Kankakee Policy and Procedure Manual (10)*
- *Resolution Authorizing the County Board Chairman to Sign Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation and Appropriating Matching Tax Funds for Resurfacing County Highway 18 (11)*
- *Resolution for Maintenance Under the Illinois Highway Code (12)*
- *Resolution Authorizing the County Board Chairman to Sign an Engineering Agreement with Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Inc. And Appropriate Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) Funds to Design A Bridge Replacement on County Highway 17 In Sumner Township (13)*
- *Resolution Authorizing the County Board Chairman to Sign an Agreement for the County Engineers Salary (14)*

## **Executive**

Mr. Tholen made a motion to approve the following resolution: *Resolution Opposing Illinois General Assembly HB5855 Protect Illinois Communities Act, Any Trailer Bill, Any Bill Similar To, Or Any Bill Where the 102nd Illinois General Assembly Desires to Restrict the Right of Citizens as Protected by the Second Amendment of the United States (15)*. Mr. Fetherling seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, with the motion passing (Mr. Kerkstra/Mr Snipes nay).

Mr. Wheeler brought to the Board's attention legislation that could impact local control over Solar Farm sitings.

Mr. Ashcraft made a motion to approve the following resolution: *Authorizing the County Board Chairman to Sign an Agreement with SAQ Consulting Inc. (16)*. Mr. Fairfield seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the motion passing 24 ayes to 0 nays.

A discussion took place regarding the resolution: *Authorizing the County Board Chairman to Place a Citizen's Requested Referendum Supporting Mental Health on the Ballot (17)*. A motion was made by Ms. Munday, and a second by Ms. Foster to suspend the rules to allow subject matter experts to speak. Mr. Hess made the motion to approve the resolution and place the question on the ballot, with a second by Mr. Hunter. A motion was made by Mr. Hunter to close debate, a second by Mr. Scanlon. Motion carried by a voice vote. A roll call vote on the motion was taken, with the motion passing 16 ayes to 6 nays (Carrico, Ekhoﬀ, Fetherling, Smith, Alexander-Hildebrand, Ashcraft). Motion carried.

## **Finance**

Mr. Ekhoﬀ made the motion to approve the resolution *Authorization to Hire the Accounting Firm of Smith, Koelling, Dykstra and Ohm, P.C. to Audit Fiscal Year 2022 Annual Financial Statements (18)*. Mr. Fairfield seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with the motion passing 21 ayes to 0 nays.

## **ARPA Fund Projects – Consent Agenda**

Mr. Hunter made a motion to approve ARPA Fund Projects. Mrs. Polk seconded the motion. Mr. Hendrickson, County Clerk, read the items into the record. A roll call vote was taken with the motion passing 21 ayes to 0 nays.

*-Authorizing Expenditure from FY2022 Fund Number 095 – American Rescue Plan Fund to the Village of Sun River Terrace (19)*

*-Authorizing Expenditure from FY2022 Fund Number 095 – American Rescue Plan Fund to the Limestone Fire Protection District (20)*

*-Authorizing Expenditure from FY2022 Fund Number 098 – American Rescue Plan Lost Revenue Fund to Kankakee County Sheriff's Department – Vehicles (21)*

*- Authorizing the Expenditure of \$2.0 Million of American Rescue Plan Funds to Social Services Programming for Kankakee County (22)*

*- Amending Resolution# 2021-09-14-333 to \$30,000 for the License Plate Reader Program (23)*

## **Openings**

- *One Opening on the Momence and Yellowhead Drainage District No. 1*
- *One Opening on the Manteno Drainage District No. 3*
- *One Opening on the McGillivray Special Drainage District*
- *One Opening on the Emergency Telephone System Board (911)*
- *Three Openings on the I-KAN Joint Education Committee (Board Members)*

## **New Business –**

**Old Business** – Mr. Snipes spoke regarding committee assignments. Mr. Fetherling made a point of order, the speaker had exceeded five minutes. Chairman ruled in favor.

## **Other Business –**

## **Adjournment**

Ms. Munday made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:20 a.m. Mr. Ashcraft seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Hendrickson  
Kankakee County Clerk

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