

**Kankakee County  
County Board Meeting  
April 11, 2023**

The meeting of the Kankakee County Board, Kankakee, Illinois, held on April 11, 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. Mrs. Parker 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. Ekhoﬀ, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Miller, Mr. Long, Mr. Kerkstra, Mr. Hunter, Mr. Smith, Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand, Ms. Foster, Ms. Andrade, Mr. Ashcraft, Ms. Munday, Ms. Rittmanic-Emme, Mr. Scanlon, Ms. Turner, Mr. Wheeler

**Members Absent** – Mr. Sirois, Mr. Fairfield, Mr. Carrico, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Dunnill, Ms. Armer-Irps

**Quorum – Present**

Mr. Ekhoﬀ made the motion to allow Ms. Andrade to attend the meeting online, with a second by Mr. Scanlon. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Public Commentary** – Deb Baron, Kankakee, spoke regarding the recent referenda regarding mental health funding.

Mr. Wheeler asked to modify the agenda to allow for the opening on bids for courthouse furniture. Mr. Miller made the motion, with a second by Mr. Fetherling. Motion carried by voice vote. Mr. Hess made the motion to open the bids, seconded by Mrs. Parker. Motion carried by voice vote. Mr. Scanlon made the motion to accept the bid, with a second by Mr. Ekhoﬀ. A roll call vote was taken, with the motion passing 22 ayes to 0 nays.

Theodis Pace, Kankakee, spoke regarding ARPA funding for NAACP partnered projects.

**Presentation** – Sheriff Mike Downey offered a presentation acknowledging Detective Joni Hart on being awarded the Task Force Officer of the Year by the US Marshall’s Great Lakes Task Force.

State’s Attorney Jim Rowe provided a presentation of a timeline regarding the appointment of Andrew Wheeler to the County Board.

Jasmyne Humble offered a report of the impact of America Rescue Plan Act funds.

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

- *Proclamation Declaring April 2023 as Child Abuse Prevention Month*

The following proclamation was read following a motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Tholen:

- *Proclamation Supporting Agriculture in Illinois and Kankakee County*

**Certificates of Appreciation –**

**15 Years:** Carrie Stewart (State’s Attorney’s Office)

**10 Years:** Katie Bukowski (Sheriff’s Department, Medical)

## **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the March 14th, 2023 meeting were submitted to the County Board for approval. The reading of the minutes was waived. Mrs. Parker made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Ekhoﬀ seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

## **Claims Committee Reports**

A motion to approve the claims reports from February 2023 were made by Mr. Ekhoﬀ and seconded by Mrs. Polk. A roll call vote was taken with the motion passing 21 ayes to 0 nays. Motion carried.

## **Department Reports**

The department reports were read and accepted on the motion of Ms. Polk and seconded by Mr. Smith. Motion carried.

1. County Collector's Monthly Report for February 2023
2. County Treasurer's Monthly Report for February 2023
3. Coroner's Monthly Reports for February 2023
4. Coroner's Monthly Receipts for February 2023
5. Circuit Clerk's Monthly Reports for February 2023
6. Recorder's Monthly Reports for February 2023
7. County Clerk's Monthly Reports for February 2023
8. Kankakee County Building Report February 2023
9. Animal Control's Monthly Reports for February 2023
10. Monthly Resolution List for April 2023
11. Quarterly Report of the Superintendent of Schools for Iroquois and Kankakee Counties

## **Committee Presentations and Resolutions**

### **Consent Agenda**

Mr. Ashcraft made a motion to approve the items in the consent agenda. Mrs. Rittmanic-Emme 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. Motion carried.

- Appointment of Christopher Clark to the Kankakee County Board of Examiners and Appeals(86)
- Reappointment of Mike Ruble to the Kankakee River Conservancy District (87)
- Reappointment of Douglas Gray to the Farmland Assessment Review Committee (88)
- Reappointment of Rende O. Langlois to the Kankakee Valley Airport Authority (89)
- Reappointment of Gregory Outsen to Kankakee County Board of Examiners & Appeals (90)
- Reappointment of David Tyson to Kankakee County Board of Examiners & Appeals (91)
- Reappointment of Jeff Jarvis to Kankakee County Board of Examiners & Appeals (92)
- Reappointment of William Warburton to Kankakee County Board of Examiners & Appeals (93)
- Reappointment of Bob BeDell to Kankakee County Board of Examiners & Appeals (94)
- Agreement to Approve Decommissioning Plan and Bond in the Amount of \$299,257 for the Saint Solar 1, LLC, Solar Farm Project (95)
- Agreement to Approve Decommissioning Plan and Bond in the Amount of \$281,956 for the Saint Solar II, LLC, Solar Farm Project (96)
- Agreement to Approve Decommissioning Plan and Bond in the Amount of \$277,121 for the Gar Solar, LLC, Solar Farm Project (97)

- Transportation Grant Agreement Between The State Of Illinois (IDOT) and Kankakee County for FY 2024 Concurring Resolution (98)
- Amending ARPA Resolutions (Scriveners Error on Fiscal Year)

## **PZA**

Mr. Hunter made a motion a approve the following resolution: *Amendment to Chapter 105; Buildings & Buildings Regulations Section 106-67 (c) and Notice of Intent (99)*. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, with the motion carrying (Mr. Snipes voted nay).

Mr. Ekhoﬀ made a motion to accept the following resolution, with a second by Mr. Scanlon: *ZBA Case#23-03; Rezoning From A1-Agricultural District To C2- General Commercial District And C2-General Commercial District To A1-Agricultural District In Section 02 Of Otto Township(100)*. Motion carried by voice vote.

Mr. Long made a motion a approve the following resolution: *ZBA Case#23-02; request for a Text Amendment to County Code Section 121-3, 121-99, 121- 146, 121-208, 121-209, 121-295, 121-297 (Renewable Energy Facilities). (101)*. Mr. Ashcraft seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken, with the motion carrying (Mr. Snipes voted nay).

Mr. Long made a motion to accept the following resolution, with a second by Mrs. Webber: *DCEO Line Item Appropriations: Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Between The County of Kankakee, Illinois and Various Agencies (102)*. A roll call vote was taken, with the motion passing 21 ayes to 0 nays.

Mr. Long made a motion to accept the following resolution, with a second by Mr. Tholen: *Approval to Select and Enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with Kankakee County and Prairie Engineers for a Hydrographic/Bathymetric Project (103)*. A roll call vote was taken, with the motion passing 20 ayes to 0 nays.

## **Highways and Waterways**

Mrs. Parker made a motion to accept the following resolution, with a second by Mr. Smith: *Amending Resolution 2022-08-09-145 for Aroma Park Boat Launch Dredge Design (104)*. A roll call vote was taken, with the motion passing 20 ayes to 0 nays.

## **Finance**

Mr. Hunter made a motion to approve the following resolution: *Property Tax Abatement for Tax Year 2022 Payable 2023 to be Abated in its Entirety – Series 2022 General Obligation Bond (105)*. Mr. Long seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with the motion passing 20 ayes to 0 nays.

Mr. Ekhoﬀ made a motion to approve the following resolution: *Amending Resolution# 2023-03-14-64 – FY22 Budget Amendment (Scriveners Error)*. Mr. Long seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with the motion passing 20 ayes to 0 nays.

Mr. Hunter made a motion to approve the following resolution: *Authorizing the County Board Chairman or His Designee to Sign the Intergovernmental Agreement on Behalf of the Kankakee County Sheriff's Department with Illinois Department of Children and Family Services (106)*. Ms. Munday seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, with the motion passing 20 ayes to 0 nays.

## **ARPA Funding Request – Consent Agenda**

Mr. Tholen made a motion to approve the ARPA funding requests for the following, with a second by Mrs. Polk:

- *Authorizing Expenditure from FY2023 Fund Number 095 – American Rescue Plan Fund to Kankakee County Fire Chiefs Association (107)*
- *Authorizing Expenditure from FY2023 Fund Number 095 – American Rescue Plan Fund to Catholic Charities (108)*
- *Authorizing Expenditure from FY2023 Fund Number 095 – American Rescue Plan Fund to Josh’s Pizza dba Johnny’s Pizza (109)*
- *Authorizing Expenditure from FY2023 Fund Number 095 – American Rescue Plan Fund to Options Center for Individual Living (110)*
- *Authorizing Expenditure from FY2023 Fund Number 095 – American Rescue Plan Fund to Bishop McNamara High School Softball (111)*
- *Authorizing Expenditure from FY2023 Fund Number 095 – American Rescue Plan Fund to Driven by Ambition (112)*
- *Authorizing Expenditure from FY2023 Fund Number 098- American Rescue Lost Revenue Fund to Kankakee County Animal Control Building (113)*

A roll call vote was taken, with the motion passing 20 ayes to 0 nays.

Mr. Ekhoﬀ made a motion to approve the ARPA funding requests for the following, with a second by Mrs. Webber:

- *Authorizing the End of Phase I KCR3 (Respond) American Rescue Plan Fund Allocations (114)*
- *Authorizing the Return of Internal Allocations as Appropriate*
- *Authorizing the Finance Department to Move Unclaimed Funds Back by April 31, 2024 and ReAllocate by November 30, 2024*
- *Repealing Resolution 2021-10-12-379 – Authorizing Expenditure from FY2021 Fund Number 095- American Rescue Plan Fund to the Kankakee County State’s Attorney Office - Dedicated ARPA legal Counsel for Administration (115)*
- *Repealing Resoution 2021-09-14-316 – Authorizing Expenditure from FY2021 Fund Number 095- American Rescue Plan Fund to Lax Mortuary (Unclaimed) (116)*
- *Repealing Resolution 2022-10-11-210 – Authorizing the Expenditures of American Rescue Plan Act Funds – FY2022 Fund Number 098 – Kankakee County Maintenance Department – Mail Machine (117)*

A roll call vote was taken, with the motion passing 19 ayes to 0 nays.

## **Openings**

- *One Opening on the McGillivray Special Drainage District*
- *One Opening on the Kankakee County Convention and Visitors Bureau*
- *One Opening on the Kankakee River Valley Forest Preserve District Board*
- *One Opening on the University of Illinois Extension*
- *One Opening on the Cabery Area Fire Protection District*
- *One Opening on the Essex Township Fire Protection District*
- *One Opening on the Grant Park Fire Protection District*
- *One Opening on the Greater Momence Fire Protection District*
- *One Opening on the Limestone Fire Protection District*

- *One Opening on the Manteno Community Fire Protection District*
- *One Opening on the Otto Township Fire Protection District*
- *One Opening on the St. Anne Fire Protection District*
- *Two Openings on Bourbonnais Fire Protection District*
- *Two Openings on the Kankakee County Board of Review*
- *Five Openings on the Kankakee County Ethics Commission*

**New Business –**

Mr. Ekhoﬀ asked about the vehicles the Sheriff is planning on purchasing.

**Old Business –**

Mr. Wheeler shared some parliamentary procedure information.

Mr. Snipes spoke regarding his decision at the last meeting regarding ARPA funding for Eastside Football.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Hess made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 11:39 a.m. The motion was seconded by Mr. Scanlon. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Hendrickson  
Kankakee County Clerk

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