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Greg Menold, Dist. 2
Greg Sinn, Dist. 2
Eric Schmidgall, Dist. 3
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Roy Paget, Dist. 2
Vacant, Dist. 2
Russ Crawford, Dist. 3
William (Bill) Atkins, Dist. 3
Greg Longfellow, Dist. 3

**TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, 2024
6:00 PM**

**James Carius Community Room, Tazewell Law & Justice Center,
101 S. Capitol Street, Pekin, Illinois 61554**

ROLL CALL BY COUNTY CLERK

Attendance was taken by Roll Call and the following members of the board were present: Chairman Zimmerman, Members Atkins, Crawford, Deppert, Sam Goddard, Mark Goddard, Graff, Hall, Hopkins, Joesting, Longfellow, Menold, Mingus, Nelms, Paget, Proehl, Rich-Stimson, Schmidgall, Schneider, Sinn - 20. Absent: Vice Chairman Harris – 1.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Zimmerman led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND/OR COUNTY EMPLOYEES

William Funkhouser, candidate for Tazewell County Auditor, spoke on the referendum language that is on the agenda. He spoke on the auditor position and his plans if elected in November.

Matt Hoffman, a concerned citizen, spoke on the Catmint Solar Special Use Permit request and the options the board could take concerning this matter. He provided a handout to the board.

Carol Vance, a concerned citizen, spoke in opposition to the proposed Catmint Solar project.

Sean Pluta, Catmint Solar Representative, spoke on the special use permit proposal for Catmint Solar.

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Dewey Klurfield, representative of Catmint Solar LLC, spoke on the extension of the special use permit for the proposed Catmint Solar project. He encouraged the board to reconsider their decision from the May board meeting.

John Kahl Mayor, City of East Peoria, spoke on his opposition to Catmint Solar. He stated he was against the location that was chosen for this project and encouraged the board not to reconsider this project.

Keatin Foor, Representative of Land & Liberty Coalition, spoke on land owners rights and farmer's rights.

Linda Betzelberger, a concerned citizen, spoke in support of the Coyote Road Solar project.

Toby Rademaker, a concerned citizen, spoke on behalf of a family member that supports Coyote Road Solar project.

Linda Long, a Mackinaw resident, spoke on her opposition to the two solar projects on the agenda. She provided a handout to the board members.

Joyce Aggertt, a concerned citizen, spoke on the negative impacts of the proposed solar project. She provided a handout to the board members.

Arthur McCrear, a concerned citizen, spoke on his opposition to the Coyote Road Solar project.

David King, a concerned citizen, spoke on agriculture preservation districts and his concern with solar farms.

Matt Bender, Carpenters Local 237 Representative, spoke in support for the Coyote Road Solar project.

Eli Varol, RWE Development Manager, spoke on the proposed Coyote Road Solar project.

Joon Park, RWE Development Director, spoke on the proposed Coyote Road Solar project.

Mark Quarles, RWE Representative, spoke on the benefits of the solar project.

Ben Jacobi, attorney with Polsinelli law firm, spoke on the proposed Coyote Road Solar project.

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED & APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS

Member Graff suggested Chairman Zimmerman move agenda items LU-24-06 and LU-24-08 to the beginning of the meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Member Sam Goodard motioned to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 2 (c) 11 Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting; seconded by Member Hopkins. Motion passed by 18 Yeas; 1 Nays – Crawford.

The Tazewell County Board entered into executive session at 7:07 PM and ended at 7:28 PM.

Land Use: LU-24-06 – Reconsideration of Case No. 23-38-A – Catmint Solar – Special Use – Groveland Township

Member Graff motioned to bring back to the board floor the reconsideration of LU-24-06; second by Member Proehl. Motion passed by roll call vote of 14 Yeas; 5 Nays – Crawford, Deppert, Paget, Rich-Stimson, Schmidgall.

Member Graff spoke on the previous vote and the impact on the citizens of Tazewell County. He confirmed that motion to amend the special use permit for a one year extension was still valid from the May board meeting.

Member Menold stated he was not in favor of this project, but will vote yes because of the circumstances.

Member Crawford spoke in opposition to this project. He voiced concern about East Peoria being land locked.

Member Atkins indicated in this matter the law should apply.

Member Hopkins stated he would support the extension on the basis of the law.

Motion to reconsider Case No. 23-38-A-Catmint Solar-Special Use – Groveland Township passed by roll call vote of 12 Yeas; 6 Nays – Crawford, Deppert, Longfellow, Mingus, Paget, Schmidgall; 1 Present – Graff. Resolution LU-24-06 passed the Tazewell County Board.

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Land Use: LU-24-08 – Reconsideration of Case No. 24-13-S-Coyote Road Solar, LLC – Special Use – Malone/Delavan Township

Motion by Member Menold to bring back to board floor the reconsideration of LU – 24-08; seconded by Member Proehl. Motion passed by roll call vote of 16 Yeas; 3 Nays – Crawford, Paget, Rich-Stimson.

Motion to reconsider Case No. 24-13-S-Coyote Road Solar, LLC – Special Use – Malone/Delavan Township passed by roll call vote of 13 Yeas; 6 Nays – Crawford, Deppert, Graff, Rich-Stimson, Schmidgall, Sinn. Resolution LU-24-08 passed the Tazewell County Board.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 29, 2024, COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Member Mingus moved to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held on May 29, 2024, as printed; seconded by Member Nelms. Motion to approve the minutes as printed were approved by voice vote of 19 Yeas; 0 Nays.

IN-PLACE PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting started at 7:47 PM and ended at 7:49 PM.

IN-PLACE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting started at 7:49 PM and ended at 7:54 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Transportation: Approve 24-00000-10-GM – Cured In-Place Pipe Lining, Resolution T-24-22.**

- 2. Transportation: Approve 24-00000-09-RS-HMA Resurfacing, Resolution T-24-23.**

- 3. Transportation: Approve 24-19000-02-GM – Bituminous A-2 – Washington R.D., Resolution T-24-24.**

- 4. Transportation: Approve North Main Resurfacing – Surface Transp. Block Grant, Resolution T-24-25.**

- 5. Transportation: Approve Miller Road Widening & Resurfacing – Surface Transp. Block Grant, Resolution T-24-26.**

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6. **Land Use: Approve Case No. 24-21-Z – Clayton Moushon - Rezoning – Fondulac Township, Resolution LU-24-10.**
7. **Property: Approve amendment to cleaning contract with Vonachen Services, Inc., Resolution P-24-16.**
8. **Property: Approve bid for a metal building at the Tremont campus, Resolution P-24-17.**
9. **Property: Approve bid for flooring at 1800 Broadway in Pekin, Resolution P-24-18. Upon approval of in-place meeting.**
10. **Finance: Approve budget transfer for the County Clerk to cover cost of printing done by outside company, Resolution F-24-17.**
11. **Finance: Approve outsourcing Vote-By-Mail to Knowink, Resolution F-24-23.**
12. **Finance: Approve recognition of an increase in Animal Control’s budget for grant purposes, Resolution F-24-20.**
13. **Finance: Approve recognition of an increase in EMA’s budget for grant, Resolution F-24-21.**
14. **Finance: Approve annual purchase of network, computer, email, and endpoint security licensing, Resolution F-24-24.**
15. **Finance: Approve budget transfers for Community Development, Resolution F-24-25.**
16. **Executive: Approve six month review of Executive Session minutes by the State’s Attorney’s Office, Resolution E-24-54.**
17. **Executive: Approve amendments to Chapter 95: Food Establishments, Resolution E-24-73. This item removed from the agenda.**
18. **Executive: Approve referendum language regarding the office of the elected County Auditor, Resolution E-24-77.**
19. **Executive: Approve precinct boundaries and polling location, Resolution E-24-78.**

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- 20. Executive: Approve the Energy Transition Grant – Phase II Submittal, Resolution E-24-79.**
- 21. Executive: Approve Decommissioning Agreement for Green Valley Renewables, LLC, Resolution E-24-80.**
- 22. Executive: Approve emergency declaration for Townline Bridge over Prairie Creek, Resolution E-24-81. Upon approval of in-place meeting.**
- 23. Executive: Approve internet service agreement with Stratus Networks, Resolution E-24-82. Upon approval of in-place meeting.**
- 24. Executive: Approve internet service agreement with i3 Broadband, LLC, Resolution E-24-83. Upon approval of in-place meeting.**
- 25. Executive: Approve fully managed IT service agreement with Heart Technologies, Inc., Resolution E-24-84. Upon approval of in-place meeting.**

Member Rich-Stimson moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as outlined in the Agenda packet; seconded by Member Nelms. The Consent Agenda was approved by voice vote of 19 Yeas; 0 Nays.

The following items were removed from the Consent Agenda for further discussion.

Item 9 Property: Member Crawford motioned to approve as amended the bid for flooring at 1800 Broadway in Pekin; seconded by Member Mingus. Motion passed by voice vote of 19 Yeas; 0 Nays. Resolution P-24-18 was passed by the County Board.

Item 18 Executive: Member Sinn asked if the current auditor would like to comment on this proposed referendum. Tazewell County Auditor Brett Grimm spoke on his opposition to the proposed referendum. He spoke on the qualifications for candidate Funkhouser. Member Mingus stated he supported action to allow the voters to decide the auditor position. Member Schneider indicated he would not be supporting the resolution. Member Crawford spoke on the 2018 referendum vote regarding the auditor and stated he would not be supporting the proposed referendum. Member Proehl said she would not be supporting this resolution. Chairman Zimmerman indicated Mr. Funkhouser was a very qualified individual, but the board needs to look at the position not the candidate. He mentioned how several counties have already eliminated the auditor position or have on this year's ballot a referendum to eliminate the position.

Motion to approve referendum language regarding the office of the elected County Auditor failed by roll vote of 4 Yeas; 15 Nays – Atkins, Crawford, Deppert, Sam

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Goodard, Graff, Hall, Hopkins, Longfellow, Menold, Nelms, Paget, Proehl, Schmidgall, Schneider, Sinn.

Item 22 Executive: Member Hopkins motioned to approve emergency declaration for the Townline Bridge over Prairie Creek; seconded by Member Proehl. Motion passed by voice vote of 19 Yeas; 0 Nays. Resolution E-24-81 was passed by the County Board.

Item 23 Executive: Member Hall motioned to approve internet service agreement with Stratus Networks; seconded by Member Longfellow. Motion passed by voice vote of 19 Yeas; 0 Nays. Resolution E-24-82 was passed by the County Board.

Item 24 Executive: Member Nelms motioned to approve internet service agreements with i3 Broadband, LLC; seconded by Member Atkins. Motion passed by voice vote of 19 Yeas; 0 Nays. Resolution E-24-83 was passed by the County Board.

Item 25 Executive: Member Graff indicated the approval of this agenda item will involve personnel matters for the county.

Member Atkins motioned to enter into Executive Session pursuant to Section 2 (c) 1 the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity; seconded by Member Hall. Motion to enter into Executive Session passed by voice vote of 19 Yeas; 0 Nays.

The Tazewell County Board entered into executive session at 8:11 PM and ended at 8:29 PM.

The Tazewell County board returned to open session at 8:29 PM.

Member Hall motioned to approve fully managed IT service agreement with Heart Technologies, Inc.; seconded by Member Atkins. Motion passed by voice vote of 19 Yeas; 0 Nays. Resolution E-24-84 passed the county board.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Member Atkins moved to Reappoint Dr. Steven Dickey to the Board of Health; seconded by Member Deppert. Resolution E-24-69 was approved by voice vote of 19 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Member Atkins moved to Reappoint Bobbi Mullis to the Board of Health; seconded by Member Deppert. Resolution E-24-70 was approved by voice vote of 19 Yeas; 0 Nays.

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Member Atkins moved to Reappoint Gary Burton to Board of Health; seconded by Member Deppert. Resolution E-24-71 was approved by voice vote of 19 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Member Atkins moved to Appoint Eric Schmidgall to the Tazewell Woodford Youth Services; seconded by Member Deppert. Resolution E-24-74 was approved by voice vote of 18 Yeas; 0 Nays; 1 Abstention - Schmidgall.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

County Clerk John C. Ackerman thanked the board for the approval of the Knowink – vote by mail contract that passed earlier in the meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

It was determined the board had no new business at this time.

REVIEW OF APPROVED BILLS

Board Members reviewed the approved bills as presented.

APPROVE THE JULY 2024 CALENDAR

Member Nelms moved to approve the July 2024 calendar; seconded by Member Joesting. Motion to approve the July 2024 calendar was approved by voice vote of 19 Yeas; 0 Nays.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Zimmerman announced the meeting adjourned. The Tazewell County Board Meeting adjourned at 8:32 PM. The next scheduled County Board meeting will be July 31, 2024.