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Greg Sinn, Dist. 2
Eric Schmidgall, Dist. 3
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County Clerk

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Sam Goddard, Dist. 1
Jon Hopkins, Dist. 2
Maxwell Schneider, Dist. 2
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 MAY 29, 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: Vice Chairman Harris, Members Atkins, Crawford, Deppert, Sam Goddard, Graff, Hall, Hopkins, Joesting, Longfellow, Menold, Mingus, Nelms, Proehl, Rich-Stimson, Schmidgall, Schneider, Sinn - 18. Absent: Members Mark Goddard, Paget, Chairman Zimmerman – 3.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Member Mingus led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL & SWEARING IN OF NEWLY APPOINTED COUNTY BOARD MEMBER

Motion by Member Crawford to approve the appointment of Eric Schmidgall to County Board District 3 seat; seconded by Member Graff. Motion to approve Resolution E-24-68 was approved by voice vote of 17 Yeas; 0 Nays.

County Clerk John C. Ackerman administered the oath of office to County Board District 3 Member Eric Schmidgall.

COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND/OR COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Jodie Zitko, a concerned citizen, spoke on behalf of the United Sovereign Americans of Illinois regarding election validity.

Danielle Reed, a concerned citizen, spoke on election validity. She presented a resolution to the county board.

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Michelle Peterson, a Grundy County resident, spoke on behalf of the United Sovereign Americans of Illinois regarding election validity.

Joe Bridge, a concerned citizen, spoke on behalf of the United Sovereign Americans of Illinois.

Ken Zitko, a concerned citizen, spoke on behalf of the United Sovereign Americans of Illinois. He presented a handout to the board.

Teresa Armstrong, a Peoria County resident, spoke on behalf of the United Sovereign Americans of Illinois regarding election validity.

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

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

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

Tim Baer, a Tazewell County resident, spoke in opposition to solar farms. He spoke on the impact solar farms will have on the farming community.

Luke Ogan, ILOE Local 549 representative, spoke in support of the Coyote Road Solar project.

Dewey Klurfield, representative of Catmint Solar LLC, spoke on the extension of the special use permit for proposed Catmint Solar project.

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

Brad Long, a Tazewell County resident, spoke on regulations and local ordinances regarding wind and solar energy projects.

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

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

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

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COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED & APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS

County Clerk/Recorder of Deeds John C. Ackerman, announced the release of the 2024 Tazewell County Yearbook. He stated the Tazewell County Election Division was recently recognized by the United States Election Assistance Commission for the Election Tabulation Facility and the Illinois Election Integrity Outreach Initiative.

Board Member Nick Graff, thanked County Clerk Ackerman for the wonderful World War II Veteran's program at Morton High School. He notified the board that the budget committee assignments would be released.

Board Member Kim Joesting, spoke on the World War II Veteran's program and he thanked County Clerk Ackerman and Veteran's Assistance Administrator Steve Saal for organizing this event.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 24, 2024, COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Member Schmidgall moved to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held on April 24, 2024, as printed; seconded by Member Crawford. Motion to approve the minutes as printed were approved by voice vote of 18 Yeas; 0 Nays.

IN-PLACE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting started at 7:11 PM and ended at 7:17 PM.

IN-PLACE PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting started at 7:17 PM and ended at 7:20 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Transportation: Approve 20-07111-00-RR-Farmdale Road HMA, RESOLUTION T-24-18. Upon approval of in-place meeting. This item was pulled at committee.**
- 2. Transportation: Approve 24-00000-06-GM-Bituminous Class A-2, RESOLUTION T-24-19. Upon approval of in-place meeting.**
- 3. Transportation: Approve 24-xx000-00-GM-Various R.D – Bituminous A-2, RESOLUTION T-24-20. Upon approval of in-place meeting**
- 4. Transportation: Approve 24-08000-01-GM-Groveland R.D – Bituminous Class A-1, RESOLUTION T-24-21. Upon approval of in-place meeting.**

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5. **Land Use: Approve Case No. 23-38-A- Catmint Solar – Special Use – Groveland Township, RESOLUTION LU-24-06. (Deferred from April meeting)**
6. **Land Use: Approve Case No. 24-13-S – Coyote Road Soar, LLC – Special Use – Malone/Delevan Township, RESOLUTION LU-24-08.**
7. **Land Use: Approve Case No. 24-14-A – Amendment 69, RESOLUTION LU-24-09.**
8. **Property: Approve bid to replace siding and doors on the EMA storage shed, RESOLUTION P-24-09.**
9. **Property: Approve bid to supply materials and labor to replace siding at 1800 Broadway, RESOLUTION P-24-13. Upon approval of in-place meeting.**
10. **Property: Approve the purchase of a truck for the maintenance department, RESOLUTION P-24-15. Upon approval of in-place meeting.**
11. **Finance: Approve payment to the Tazewell County Resource Center, RESOLUTION F-24-18.**
12. **Finance: Approve Opioid settlement funds for usage by Health Department and Coroner, RESOLUTION F-24-19.**
13. **Executive: Approve acceptance of resignation of District 2 County Board member, RESOLUTION E-24-57.**
14. **Executive: Approve polling location change, RESOLUTION E-24-60.**
15. **Executive: Approve appointment to County Board District 3, RESOLUTION E-24-68. This item was moved to beginning of meeting.**

Member Crawford moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as outlined in the Agenda packet; seconded by Member Atkins. The Consent Agenda was approved by voice vote of 18 Yeas; 0 Nays.

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

Item 2 Transportation: Member Hall motioned to approve the Approve 24-00000-06-GM-Bituminous Class A-2; seconded by Member Crawford. Motion passed by voice vote of 18 Yeas; 0 Nays. Resolution T-24-19 was passed by the County Board.

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Item 3 Transportation: Member Deppert motioned to approve 24-xx000-00-GM-Various R.D – Bituminous A-2; seconded by Member Atkins. Motion passed by voice vote of 18 Yeas; 0 Nays. Resolution T-24-20 was passed by the County Board.

Item 4 Transportation: Member Crawford motioned to approve 24-08000-01-GM-Groveland R.D – Bituminous Class A-1; seconded by Member Atkins. Motion passed by voice vote of 18 Yeas; 0 Nays. Resolution T-24-21 was passed by the County Board.

Item 5 Land Use: Member Bill Atkins questioned the State’s Attorney if the board had the authority to grant only a one-year extension instead of a two-year extension. In response to Member Atkins question, Assistant State’s Attorney Matt Drake indicated the time period could be set by the board. Member Atkins motioned to amend Special Use Permit to a one-year extension; seconded by Member Hopkins. Motion to amend Special Use Permit for a one-year extension passed by a voice vote of 17 Yeas; 1 Nay – Menold. Member Crawford voiced concern with this project and referenced the City of East Peoria’s concern over the location of this project. Member Sinn requested the State’s Attorney indicate what the board would be voting on. Assistant State’s Attorney Matt Drake stated the board would be voting on the Special Use Permit Extension for Catmint Solar. Member Graff request a roll call vote pertaining to this matter.

Member Atkins motioned to approve as amended Case No. 23-38-A- Catmint Solar – Special Use – Groveland Township; seconded by Member Hopkins. Motion failed by roll call vote of 8 Yeas; 10 Nay – Crawford, Deppert, Graff, Harris, Longfellow, Menold, Mingus, Proehl, Rich-Stimson, Schmidgall. Resolution LU-24 -06 failed the Tazewell County Board.

Item 6 Land Use: Member Sinn stated he agreed with Tim Bear’s comments regarding the impact of solar farms on farmland. He voiced concern with this project covering over 1300 acres and stated he would not support this resolution. Member Hall motioned to amend this resolution to reduce the tree height from six feet to five feet; seconded by Member Hopkins. Motion to amend the tree height from six feet to five feet for the Coyote Road Special Use was passed by roll call vote of 15 Yeas; 3 Nays – Crawford, Rich-Stimson, Schmidgall. Member Crawford stated he would not support this project. Member Menold voiced concern with removing prime farm ground and will not support this project. Member Sam Goddard spoke on personal property rights, and it was the landowner’s choice to move forward with this project.

Member Hall motioned to approve as amended Case No. 24-13-S– Coyote Road Soar, LLC – Special Use – Malone/Delavan Township failed by roll call vote of 8 Yeas; 10 Nays – Crawford, Deppert, Graff, Harris, Longfellow, Menold, Proehl, Rich-Stimson, Schmidgall, Sinn. Resolution LU-24-08 failed the Tazewell County Board.

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County Clerk Ackerman requested the Community Development Department provide a revised County Board Finding of Facts pertaining to this matter. A revised finding of fact regarding Case No. 24-13-S- Coyote Road Soar LLC – Special Use – Malone/Delavan Township would be on file with the Tazewell County Clerk's office.

Item 9 Property: Member Nelms motioned to approve bid to supply materials and labor to replace siding at 1800 Broadway; seconded by Member Crawford. Motion passed by voice vote of 18 Yeas; 0 Nays. Resolution P-24-13 passed the county board.

Item 10 Property: Member Longfellow motioned to approve the purchase of a truck for the maintenance department; seconded by Member Rich-Stimson. Motion passed by voice vote of 18 Yeas; 0 Nays. Resolution P-24-15 passed the county board.

Item 12 Finance: Member Graff motioned to approve Opioid settlement funds usage for Health Department and Coroner; seconded by Member Crawford. Motion passed by voice vote of 18 Yeas; 0 Nays.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

Member Nelms moved to Reappoint Mark Schleder to the Green Valley Fire Protection District; seconded by Member Rich-Stimson. Resolution E-24-55 was approved by voice vote of 18 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Member Nelms moved to Reappoint Stacey Sweeney to the Armington Community Fire Protection District; seconded by Member Rich-Stimson. Resolution E-24-56 was approved by voice vote of 18 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Member Nelms moved to Appoint Michael Deppert to the Farmland Assessment Review Committee; seconded by Member Rich-Stimson. Resolution E-24-58 was approved by voice vote of 17 Yeas; 0 Nays; 1 Abstention - Deppert.

Member Nelms moved to Reappoint John O Willett to the Hickory Grove Drainage and Levee District; seconded by Member Rich-Stimson. Resolution E-24-61 was approved by voice vote of 18 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Member Nelms moved to Reappoint Peter Kalman to the Sheriff's Merit Commission; seconded by Member Rich-Stimson. Resolution E-24-62 was approved by voice vote of 18 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Member Nelms moved to Reappoint Richard Schwab to the Board of Review; seconded by Member Rich-Stimson. Resolution E-24-63 was approved by voice vote of 18 Yeas; 0 Nays.

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Member Nelms moved to Reappoint William Conrad to the Schaeferville Fire Protection District; seconded by Member Rich-Stimson. Resolution E-24-64 was approved by voice vote of 18 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Member Nelms moved to Reappoint David Sangalli to the Brush Hill Fire Protection District; seconded by Member Rich-Stimson. Resolution E-24-65 was approved by voice vote of 18 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Member Nelms moved to Reappoint Debra Garman to the Powerton Fire Protection District; seconded by Member Rich-Stimson. Resolution E-24-66 was approved by voice vote of 18 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Member Nelms moved to Appoint Bradley D. Haning to the West Fork Drainage District; seconded by Member Rich-Stimson. Resolution E-24-67 was approved by voice vote of 18 Yeas; 0 Nays.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

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 JUNE 2024 CALENDAR

Member Schneider moved to approve the June 2024 calendar; seconded by Member Deppert. Motion to approve the June 2024 calendar was approved by voice vote of 18 Yeas; 0 Nays.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Vice Chairman Harris announced the meeting adjourned. The Tazewell County Board Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM. The next scheduled County Board meeting will be June 26, 2024.