

MOTION

E-24-56

MOTION BY MEMBER MINGUS, SECOND BY MEMBER HALL to reappointment of Stacey Sweeney to the Armington Community Fire Protection District

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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E-24-58

MOTION BY MEMBER MINGUS, SECOND BY MEMBER HALL to appointment of Michael Deppert to the Farmland Assessment Review Committee

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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E-24-61

MOTION BY MEMBER MINGUS, SECOND BY MEMBER HALL to reappointment of John O. Willett to the Hickory Grove Drainage and Levee District

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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E-24-62

MOTION BY MEMBER MINGUS, SECOND BY MEMBER HALL to reappointment of Peter Kalman to the Sheriff's Merit Commission

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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E-24-63

MOTION BY MEMBER MINGUS, SECOND BY MEMBER HALL to reappointment of Richard Schwab to the Board of Review

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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E-24-64

MOTION BY MEMBER MINGUS, SECOND BY MEMBER HALL to reappointment of William Conrad to the Schaeferville Fire Protection District

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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E-24-65

MOTION BY MEMBER MINGUS, SECOND BY MEMBER HALL to reappointment of David Sangalli to the Brush Hill Fire Protection District

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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E-24-66

MOTION BY MEMBER MINGUS, SECOND BY MEMBER HALL to reappointment of Debra Garman to the Powerton Fire Protection District

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

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E-24-67

MOTION BY MEMBER MINGUS, SECOND BY MEMBER HALL to reappointment of Bradley D. Haning to the West Fork Drainage District

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY**

Discussion:

Eliminating Auditor Referendum

Chairman David Zimmerman stated that he would like to get the committee's input before moving forward.

Member Proehl stated that we hire an auditor then we pay an elected auditor and as a taxpayer and member of the board, she is not sure we need both.

Member Harris voiced his concern regarding internal control.

Member Atkins questioned when the last referendum was. Auditor Grimm stated that it was in 2018.

Member Longfellow stated that he would like to hear more from the Auditor, HR, or Mindy to see if it is a needed position.

Member Graff stated that one of our prior auditors left the office and the work was not being done and we had to step in and do it. He stated that given the fact that Peoria County just decided to eliminate the auditor, that we should consider it.

Member Schneider stated that given the fact that we have had an auditor who left and we had to step in and do their work, that apparently there is work that needs done. He stated that since the auditor has a relatively low salary, maybe we should keep that person there.

Administrator Deluhery stated that this has been passed in other counties and the auditor's duties are handled by the finance office.

Member Longfellow stated that when the outside firm comes in to audit the county, they do not audit 100% of the files.

Administrator Deluhery stated that invoices used to be sent out to all board members for review but once we changed financial systems that dropped off. He stated that he has spoken with Assistant County Administrator Mindy Darcy about getting that restarted.

Member Graff stated that he would get a report from Auditor Grimm and would review it and would ask questions if anything looked out of place.

Member Proehl voiced her concern that the Administrator has no control over the elected auditor, who will be managing the county' money.

Chairman Zimmerman stated that he will reach out to each member to get their input.

Auditor Brett Grimm stated that he had planned on addressing this issue in two years. He stated that he pushed hard to get this on the referendum last time. He stated that there is a tremendous difference between an external audit and internal audit. Auditor Grimm stated that he recommended William Funkhouser because he is a registered certified public accountant, full time faculty member in economics and finance at Bradley, former president of Bank One in Peoria, he has a Master's degree from the University of Illinois, and a Bachelor's degree from Millikin. He stated that Mr. Funkhouser has the experience and credentials to know what the county needs. He stated that his plan in two years was to have Mr. Funkhouser go through everything and let us know what we need and do not need and to let us know if we need this office. Auditor Grimm requested that we not put this on the referendum at this time.

Reports/Communications:

Member Proehl wanted to publicly thank Greg Longfellow for all of his hard work on the property committee.

Chairman Zimmerman advised that the handicap ramp at the courthouse looks great.

Chairman Zimmerman stated that he has received several emails requesting that he pass a resolution in support of Israel. He stated that he is 100% behind Israel, however, he tries to keep things that we do not control away from the board.

Chairman Zimmerman recessed the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Gullette)