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Greg Menold, Dist. 2  
Greg Sinn, Dist. 2  
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Dave Mingus, Dist. 3  
Tammy Rich-Stimson, Dist. 3



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County Clerk

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Jay Hall, Dist. 1  
Michael Deppert, Dist. 1  
Sam Goddard, Dist. 1  
Jon Hopkins, Dist. 2  
Maxwell Schneider, Dist. 2  
Roy Paget, Dist. 2  
Eric Stahl, Dist. 2  
Russ Crawford, Dist. 3  
William (Bill) Atkins, Dist. 3  
Greg Longfellow, Dist. 3

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**TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 7, 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, Vice Chairman Harris, Members Atkins, Crawford, Deppert, Sam Goddard, Graff, Hall, Hopkins, Joesting, Longfellow, Menold, Mingus, Nelms, Rich-Stimson, Schmidgall, Schneider, Sinn - 18. Absent: Members Mark Goddard, Paget, Proehl, Stahl – 4.

**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**

No communications from members of the public and/or county employees.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED & APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS**

Tazewell County Auditor Brett Grimm voiced concern with the cost of the proposed new Justice Center Annex and encouraged everyone to research the funding sources needed for completion of this project.

Tazewell County Clerk/Recorder John C. Ackerman spoke on vote by mail reminder cards to be mailed to all registered voters, which is a state requirement. He reminded everyone that these cards do have an option to opt out of similar mailings. This mailing should begin on August 12, 2024.

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## **IN-PLACE PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING**

Meeting started at 6:07 PM and ended at 7:07 PM.

## **RETURNED TO REGULAR SESSION AT 7:07 PM**

### **Item 1 Property: Approve schematic design for new Justice Center Annex, Resolution P-24-22.**

Member Atkins motioned to place this item on the floor for discussion, seconded by Member Deppert.

Judge Gorman, Chief Judge for the 10<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, spoke on the opportunity to have a facility for future generations. She spoke on the age of the current courtrooms and the need for an updated facility.

Tazewell County State's Attorney Kevin Johnson, stated he agreed with Judge Gorman regarding the need of an updated facility. He spoke on the rise of juvenile cases and a newer facility would assist in their many needs.

Vice Chairman Harris stated he would support Option F3 not F4 and he was concerned with the cost of the project.

Tazewell County Sheriff Jeff Lower, spoke on court security and the need for an updated facility.

County Board Member Schneider stated he agreed a new facility was needed but voiced concerns with the cost being \$10 million over the original budgeted amount. He voiced concern with the large amount of tax payer money being budgeted for this project.

Member Menold indicated he would support Option F4, because this option plans for the future.

Member Graff referenced when the justice center was built years ago, the future construction needs were not addressed. He encouraged that if the board would not support Option F4, to please support Option F3.

Member Atkins stated many past projects have come in under budget and he supported Option F4. He indicated the county needs to plan for the future, therefore, build for the future.

Member Hall indicated he hoped the new construction would guarantee that the offices in the old post office and Tazewell building would be vacated.

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County Administrator Mike Deluhery presented a power point presentation on the Justice Center Annex financial information. He stated the funding source for Option F4 was as follows: Capital Improvement Fund (CIP) – Amount in FY24 Budget was \$34,412,394. CIP Fund – estimated additional interest income in FY24 was \$2,000,000. General Fund – Fund Balance transferred to CIP Fund would be \$7,630,345. The total funding for Justice Center Annex Project would be \$44,042,739. Administrator Deluhery indicated CIP Funds for Facilities Improvements were as follows: Cash remaining in CIP Fund (excluding Annex) was \$12,220,923. The proposed additional funding from General Fund would be \$500,000. The total proposed funds for a 5-year CIP Fund would be \$12,720,923. Administrator Deluhery stated the amounts would decrease as projects are completed in FY2024. He further stated the CIP Interest estimated for FY25 (with F-4) would be \$1,300,000 - \$1,500,000. He explained the General Fund Balance was as follows: FY25 estimated balance after transfer to CIP Fund would be \$20,053,188. The FY25 estimated balance as percent of expenditures would be 50.10%. Administrator Deluhery provided historical general fund information. He stated the revenue growth over a 10 year average was 6.13% and expense growth over that same 10 year average was 2.15%. He compared the Public Safety Sales Tax, Income Tax and Cannabis Tax from 2019 to 2023. The 2019 actual numbers show revenues for Public Safety Sales Tax at \$6,561,257, Income Tax at \$2,723,242 and Cannabis Tax at \$0.00. Then the 2023 actual numbers show Public Safety Sales Tax at \$9,676,417, which was an increase of \$3,115,160. The Income Tax in 2023 was at \$3,867,380, which was an increase of \$1,417,406. Cannabis tax generated \$474,847 in 2023, which was a new revenue source for the county. County Administrator Mike Deluhery provided the FY25 General Fund Operating Budget as the following: FY25 Revenues \$42,171,847, FY25 Expenses \$40,137,569 and a budget surplus would be \$2,034,277.

At the request of Member Crawford, Finance Director Mindy Darcy spoke on the financial needs for the new justice center annex. She stated the county cannot control the revenues and the concern of a financial downturn was an unknown. She indicated she worked closely with County Administrator Deluhery on the numbers provided. Finance Director Darcy stated if an economic downturn occurred the county would have many options to discuss in that situation.

Member Mingus stated the county needed to prepare for the future.

Board Chairman Zimmerman reflected out of the top 20 counties in Illinois, Tazewell was the only county that didn't have security with a back hallway or any type of separation between the public and incarcerated individuals.

Member Sam Goddard indicated he supported Option F2, which is budgeted at \$34,602,048.

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Member Sinn said he supported Option F4 because anything other than that option would require additional building with additional cost.

Member Schneider motioned to replace Option F4 with Option F2; seconded by Member Crawford for discussion purposes only.

Motion to approve Resolution P-24-22 – Option F-2 budgeted at \$34,602,048 failed by voice vote of 4 Yeas; 13 Nays – Atkins, Deppert, Graff, Hall, Harris, Hopkins, Joesting, Longfellow, Menold, Mingus, Nelms, Rich-Stimson, Sinn.

Member Hopkins voiced concern with the cost to complete the remaining courtrooms from Option F4. He stated he would not be supporting Option F4.

Chairman Zimmerman stated the county fund balances needed to be spent and encouraged support for the project.

Member Crawford motioned to approve Resolution P-24-22 – Option F-3 budgeted at \$37,705,239; seconded by Vice Chairman Harris. Motion to approve Option F-3 failed by roll call vote of 5 Yeas; 12 Nays – Atkins, Deppert, Graff, Hall, Joesting, Longfellow, Menold, Mingus, Nelms, Rich-Stimson, Schneider, Sinn.

Motion to approve Resolution P-24-22 – Option F-4 budgeted at \$44,042,739, passed by roll call vote of 12 Yeas; 5 Nays – Sam Goddard, Harris, Hopkins, Schmidgall, Schneider.

### **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.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Zimmerman announced the meeting adjourned. The Tazewell County Board Meeting adjourned at 8:20 PM. The next scheduled County Board meeting will be August 28, 2024.