

Chairman David Zimmerman
Kim D. Joesting, Dist. 1
Nancy Proehl, Dist. 1
Mark Goddard, Dist. 1
Kaden Nelms, Dist. 1
Nick Graff, Dist. 2
Greg Menold, Dist. 2
Greg Sinn, Dist. 2
Eric Schmidgall, Dist. 3
Dave Mingus, Dist. 3
Tammy Rich-Stimson, Dist. 3



John C. Ackerman
County Clerk

Vice Chairman, Michael Harris, Dist. 3
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

**TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 25, 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, Mark Goddard, Graff, Hall, Hopkins, Joesting, Longfellow, Menold, Mingus, Nelms, Schmidgall, Sinn, Stahl - 16. Absent: Members Sam Goddard, Harris, Paget, Proehl, Rich-Stimson, Schneider- 6.

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

Tim Behr, a concerned citizen, spoke in opposition to solar and wind projects within Tazewell County. He recognized the work of the board for their work on behalf of the citizens of Tazewell County. He encouraged the board members to become informed of the many problems of green energy systems, both locally and across the country.

Elton Rocke, a concerned citizen, spoke on his opposition to CO2 pipeline being proposed for Tazewell County. He referenced CO2 pipeline leak down in Decatur that went unnoticed for a long period of time.

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PRESENTATION: UNITED WAY

Jennifer Zammuto, President of Heart of Illinois United Way, Keith McKeever, Executive Director, United Way Pekin, and Heather Robinson spoke on the 2024 Heart of Illinois United Way Campaign. They provided a handout to the board members.

PROCLAMATION: HUNGER ACTION MONTH SEPTEMBER 2024

Tazewell County Board Chairman David Zimmerman read a proclamation stating September is Hunger Action Month. Amy Fox, Director the Tazewell County Health Department accepted the proclamation and spoke on the need to help end hunger in Tazewell County.

PROCLAMATION: DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH OCTOBER 2024

Tazewell County Board Chairman David Zimmerman read a proclamation stating October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Carol Merna, Chief Executive Officer, Center for Prevention of Abuse along with her staff members Mary Taylor, Kristen Mueller and Barry Pinter accepted the proclamation.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED & APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS

County Clerk/Recorder John C. Ackerman stated Early Voting would begin September 26th and over 10,000 vote by mail ballots would be sent out this election. He spoke on a recent press release from the Illinois Association of County Clerk/Recorders that spoke on contacting election authorities when question's arise on the election process.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 28, 2024, COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Member Mingus moved to approve the minutes of the Board Meetings held on August 28, 2024, as printed; seconded by Member Nelms. Motion to approve the minutes as printed were approved by voice vote of 15 Yeas; 0 Nays.

IN-PLACE HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting started at 6:35 PM and entered Executive Session at 6:36 PM. The Human Resource Committee ended the Executive Session at 7:21 PM. The Tazewell County Board returned to regular session at 7:21 PM.

IN-PLACE PROPERTY COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting started at 7:21 PM and ended at 7:24 PM.

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IN-PLACE FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting started at 7:24 PM and ended at 7:27 PM.

IN-PLACE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting started at 7:27 PM and ended at 7:30 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Transportation: Approve 21-00000-06-MG-Shop Renovation – Amended BLR 09110, Resolution T-24-31.
2. Property: Approve the purchase of a truck for Animal Control, Resolution P-24-25.
3. Property: Approve a proposal for security video monitoring and door access controls for the Health Department at 1800 Broadway, Resolution P-24-26.
4. Property: Approve a bid for sidewalk replacement and repair at the Tazewell County Health Department Building, 1800 Broadway, Pekin, Illinois 61554, Resolution P-24-27. Upon approval of in-place meeting.
5. Finance: Approve budget transfers for General Fund, Special Revenue Fund, and Informational Fee Fund, Resolution F-24-27.
6. Finance: Approve a contract with Heart Technologies for the fiber infrastructure project, and wireless internet at the Justice Center and McKenzie Building, Resolution F-24-28. Upon approval of in-place meeting.
7. Finance: Approve an amendment to the agreement with Heart Technologies for the telephone system, Resolution F-24-29. Upon approval of in-place meeting.
8. Human Resources: Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Illinois Fraternal Order of Police Labor Council and Sheriff's Office Corrections Unit, Resolution HR-24-21.
9. Human Resources: Approve agreement with Pareto/HCC as stop loss carrier, Resolution HR-24-22.
10. Executive: Approve budget for Heritage Lake Special Service Area for FY25, Resolution E-24-104. Upon approval of in-place meeting.

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- 11. Executive: Approve tax levy for the Heritage Lake Special Service Area for FY25, Resolution E-24-105. Upon approval of in-place meeting.**
- 12. Executive: Approve County Delinquent Tax Sale resolution, Resolution E-24-110. Upon approval of in-place meeting.**

Member Hall 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 15 Yeas; 0 Nays.

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

Item 1 Transportation: Paul Augspurger, Assistant County Engineer, spoke on the resolution and how this was an IDOT requirement. Member Hall motioned to approve 21-00000-06-MG – Shop Renovation – Amended BLR 09110; seconded by Member Atkins. Motion passed by voice vote of 15 Yeas; 0 Nays. Resolution T-24-31 was passed by the County Board.

Item 4 Property: Member Atkins motioned to approve a bid for sidewalk replacement and repair at the Tazewell County Health Department Building 1800 Broadway Pekin; seconded by Member Hall. Motion passed by voice vote of 15 Yeas; 0 Nays – Resolution P-24-27 was passed by the County Board.

Item 6 Finance: Member Graff motioned to approve a contract with Heart Technologies for the fiber infrastructure project and wireless internet at the Justice Center and McKenzie Building; seconded by Member Longfellow. Motion passed by voice vote of 15 Yeas; 0 Nays. Resolution F-24-28 was passed by the County Board.

Item 7 Finance: Member Atkins motioned to approve amendment to the agreement with Heart Technologies for the telephone system; seconded by Member Deppert. Motion passed by voice vote of 15 Yeas; 0 Nays. Resolution F-24-29 was passed by the County Board.

Item 10 Executive: Member Menold motioned to approve budget for Heritage Lake Special Service Area for FY25; seconded by Member Stahl. Motion passed by voice vote of 15 Yeas; 0 Nays. Resolution E-24-104 was passed by the County Board.

Item 11 Executive: Member Joesting motioned to approve the tax levy for the Heritage Lake Special Service Area for FY25; seconded by Member Nelms. Motion passed by voice vote of 15 Yeas; 0 Nays. Resolution E-24-105 was passed by the County Board.

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Item 12 Executive: Member Crawford motioned to approve the County Delinquent Tax Sale Resolution; seconded by Member Atkins. Motion passed by voice vote of 15 Yeas; 0 Nays. Resolution E-24-110 was passed by the County Board.

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

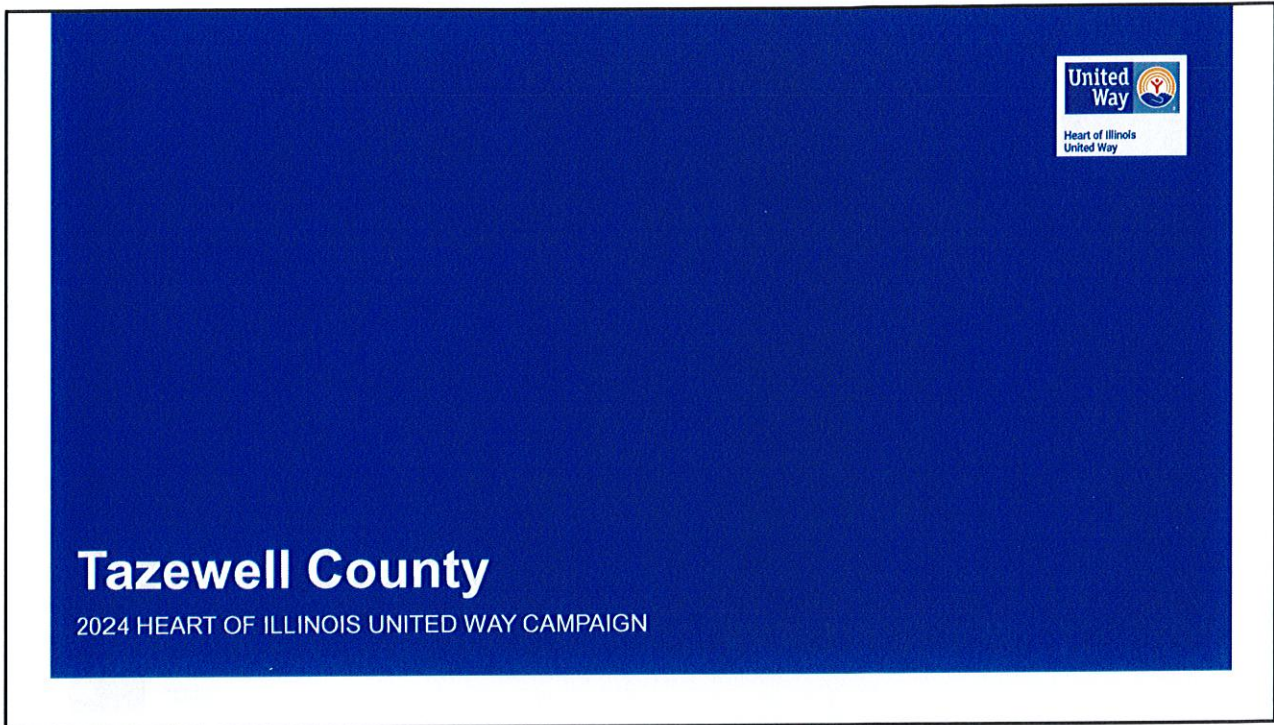
Board Members reviewed the approved bills as presented.

APPROVE THE OCTOBER 2024 CALENDAR

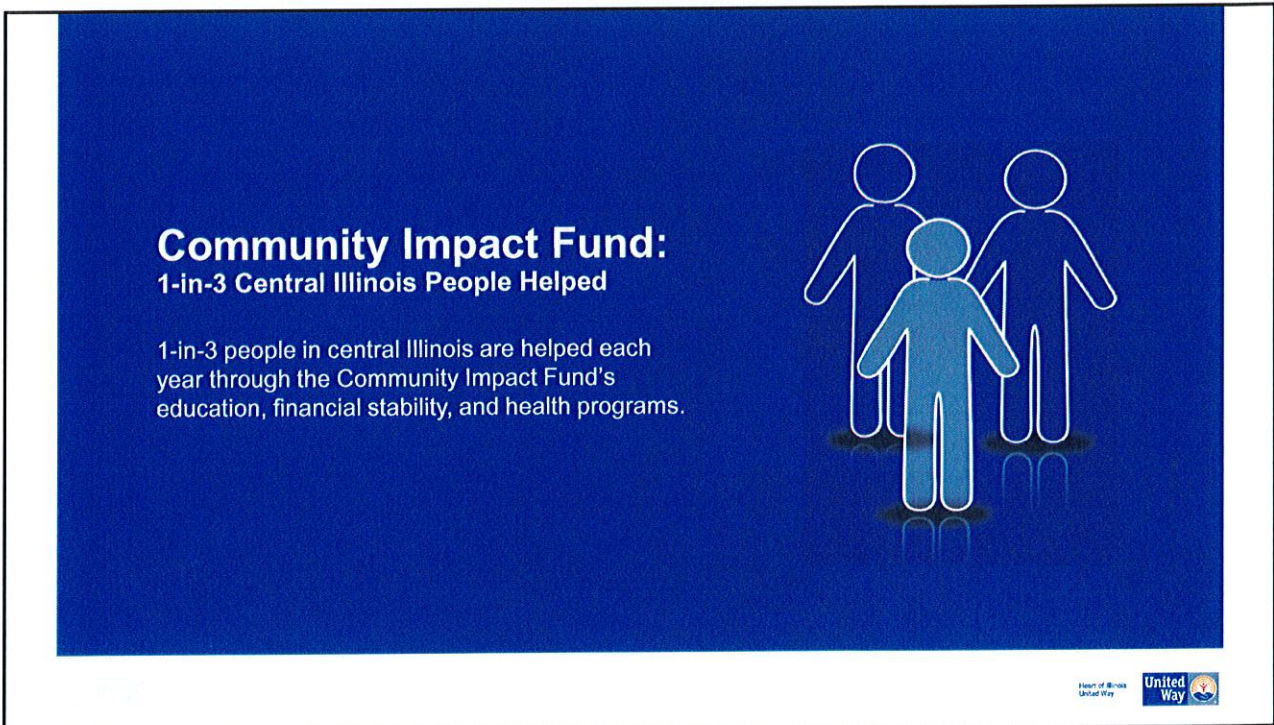
Member Deppert moved to approve the October 2024 calendar; seconded by Member Nelms. Motion to approve the October 2024 calendar was approved by voice vote of 15 Yeas; 0 Nays.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Zimmerman announced the meeting adjourned. The Tazewell County Board Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM. The next scheduled County Board meeting will be October 30, 2024.

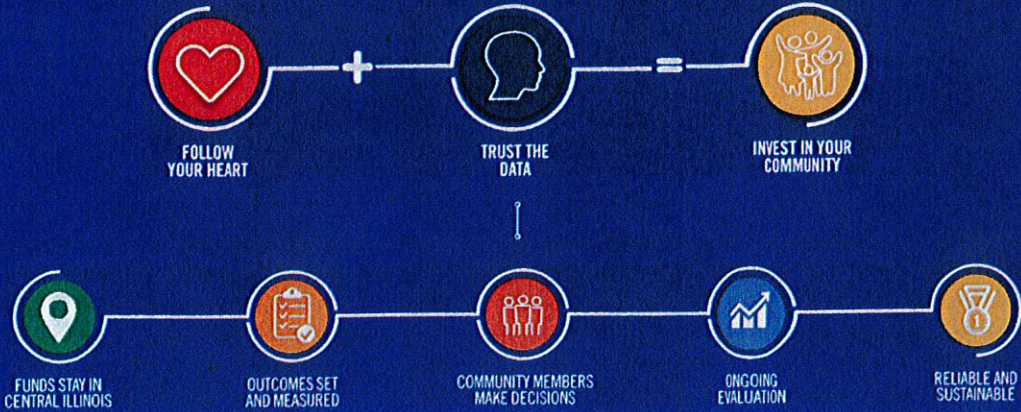


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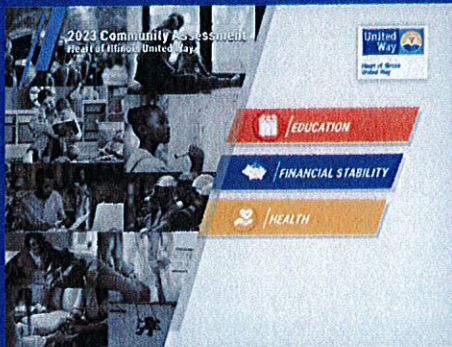
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United Way at Work: Community Impact Fund Process



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Heart of Illinois United Way Community Assessment:



- Researched and published every three years.
- Highlights critical needs in the six-county Peoria region focused on the areas of education, financial stability and health.
- Data provides critical information that enables our United Way to effectively identify, assess and support key areas of social concern, as well as strengthen our ability to provide leadership to the region.



To download a copy:
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EDUCATION	FINANCIAL STABILITY	HEALTH
 <p>"My son was struggling and falling behind by midterms. The staff and tutors worked with him and he raised his grade by a full letter and had a terrific final report card. Thank you!"</p> <p><i>- Mother of a 4th grade student enrolled in a United Way funded after-school program</i></p>	 <p>"I was struggling to find a job in retail, I needed a driver's license, and my support dog needed vaccinations so I could stay in my apartment. The outreach staff helped me with my job search and got me back on track with vet services I didn't know about."</p> <p><i>- Adult participating in a United Way funded supportive employment program</i></p>	 <p>"We didn't have any fresh fruits or vegetables at home. My after school program started sending me home with a backpack full of food and recipes each Friday night. Now every weekend, my family and I cook lots of healthy meals together."</p> <p><i>- Student of a family participating in a United Way funded nutritious meal program</i></p>

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Components of an Effective Housing Response System:


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Outreach and Coordinated Entry
Prevention and Diversion
Emergency Shelter
Rapid Rehousing
Permanent Supportive Housing

Access to stable housing is the foundation upon which all other support, including health care, is built. By supporting individuals and families seeking permanent, safe, and affordable housing, our Home for All Continuum of Care network partners support people experiencing homelessness.

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LIFE CAN BE HARD. FINDING HELP CAN BE EASY. START WITH HEART OF ILLINOIS 2-1-1.

- Available 24/7
- Free and confidential
- Connect to critical services
- Online at 211hoi.org
- Call 211 or 309-999-4029

Top 5 Need Referrals for 211:

- Housing**
- Utilities**
- Family Support**
- Personal or Household Items**
- Health Care**

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Community-Based Volunteer Program:

volunteer.hoiunitedway.org:

- Online volunteer center connects employees, retirees, students and many more to community needs including disaster relief (Activate for Disasters).
- Our Corporate Volunteer Council provides opportunities to collaborate with companies and support employee volunteer teams.
- The Skills Link networking platform offers employees the opportunity to share professional talents.

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Learning Opportunities Offered by United Way:



Poverty Simulations:

Poverty simulations are designed to help participants begin to understand what it is like to live as a low-income family trying to survive from month-to-month.

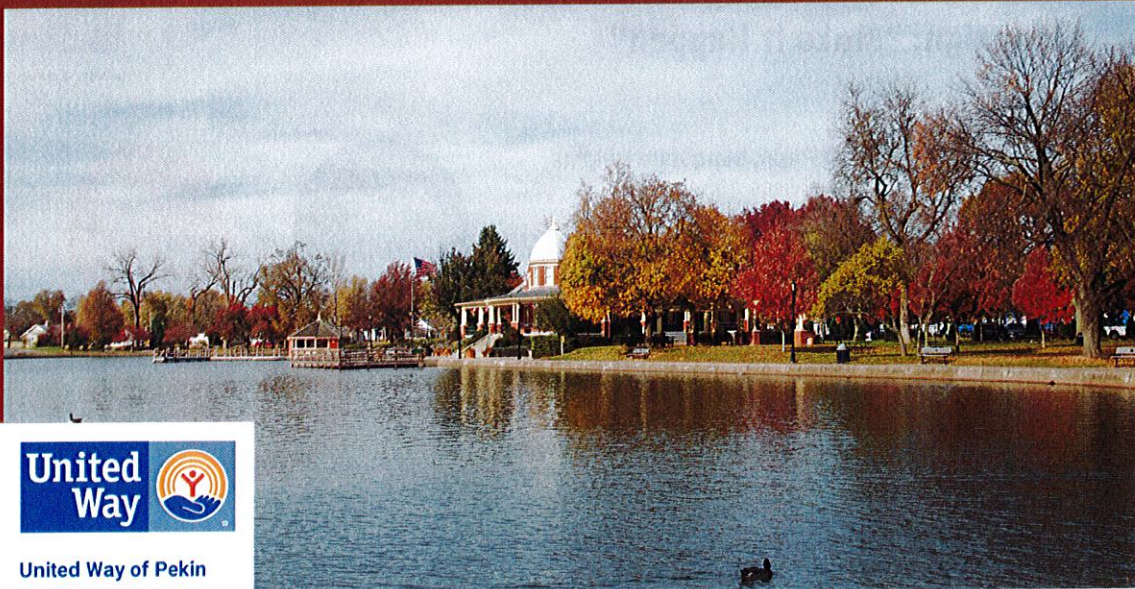


BoardSERVE:

Learn what it takes to serve on a nonprofit committee or Board of Directors through our BoardSERVE seminars.



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2025 Campaign: "Make It Happen"



Your local leadership:



United Way of Pekin
Executive Director
Keith McKeever



United Way of Pekin
President
Michelle Watson
Pekin Community High School



United Way of Pekin
Treasurer
Shannon Johnson
Commerce Bank

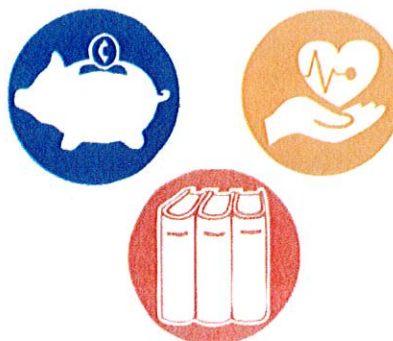


Tazewell County
Campaign Coordinator
Dawn Cook

2025 Campaign: "Make It Happen"



- Serving, Pekin, S. Pekin, N. Pekin, Marquette Heights, Hopedale and Tremont areas since 1954!
- \$21,000,000+ raised since 1954 to support our friends, neighbors and family right here in this community.
- Our focus is on access to healthcare, education initiatives and financial security.
- Nearly 1 in 4 people in the UW of Pekin area has been impacted by our partner agencies over the past few years.



2025 Campaign: “Make It Happen”



Our accomplishments in the past year:

- **UWW Annual Day of Action:** June 21st annually we host a service project in the community, in 2024 we held a resume and mock interview workshop in partnership with the Pekin Public Library.
- Overhauled our website and social media platforms and implemented the online donation platform Givebutler and online volunteer platform, POINT.
- Records digitization process and implemented new technological platforms to increase operational efficiencies.
- Strategic plan & multi year budget: ensure organizational objectives are at the forefront of all decisions and that we can continue to be forward thinking in our efforts to serve the people of this community.

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2025 Campaign: “Make It Happen”



What are the needs?

- We have over 3,000 local students:
 - Social emotional/mental health needs, financial security and food insecurity.
- Homelessness & housing affordability:
 - Increasing number of calls for funding to help with rising utility costs, rental assistance, food pantry lists, etc.
 - Availability of suitable, affordable housing remains an issue for many.
- Transportation and healthy food choices for senior populations.
- Counseling, trauma services and court advocacy for youth.
- Violence prevention and support for survivors.
- Financial security:
 - Basic financial education and skills, support and information needed to make well informed decisions.

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2025 Campaign: "Make It Happen"

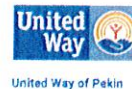


Our 2024-2025 Partner Agencies




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2025 Campaign: "Make It Happen"





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 - Email: unitedwayofpekin@gmail.com
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 - Email: keith.unitedwayofpekin@gmail.com
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2024 Hunger Action Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, hunger and poverty are issues of vital concern in Illinois where 12% of people face hunger in Illinois and one in every 9 children do not know where their next meal will come from; and

WHEREAS, everyone needs nutritious food to thrive, and in every community in America, people are working hard to provide for themselves and their families—yet in 2022, 44 million people—1 in 7— including more than 13 million children—1 in 5—faced food insecurity in the U.S. That includes over 42,000 in the Tri-County area; and

WHEREAS, the Tri-County is committed to taking steps to combat hunger in every part of our community and to provide additional resources that those in the Tri-County in need; and

WHEREAS, the Tri-County is committed to working with the Partnership for a Healthy Community HEAL team, the HEAL-FSP program, Food Pantry Network-HOI, including Midwest Food Bank and Peoria Area Food Bank, the latter a member of the Feeding America® nationwide network of food banks, in educating people about the role and importance of food banks in addressing hunger and raising awareness of the need to devote more resources and attention to hunger issues; and

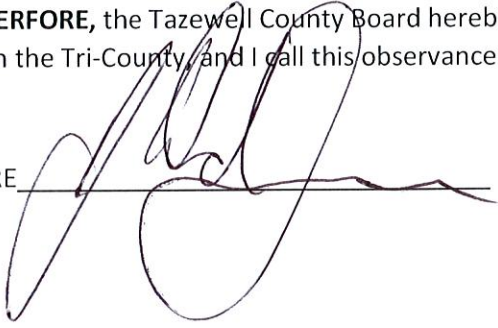
WHEREAS, more than 23,730 in Peoria County/14,430 in Tazewell County/3,760 in Woodford County individuals in the Tri-County rely on food provided by the members of the Midwest Food Bank and Peoria Area Food bank annually; and

WHEREAS, the members of Midwest Food Bank and Peoria Area Food Bank distributed more than food through its network of food pantries, soup kitchens, shelters, and other community organizations; and

WHEREAS, the month of September has been designated “Hunger Action Month” in order to bring attention to food insecurity in our communities and to enlist the public in the movement to end hunger by taking action – including volunteer shifts, social media shares, and donations – to ensure every community, and everybody in it, has the food they need to thrive.

WHEREAS, food banks and organizations across the country, including the members of the Partnership for a Healthy Community HEAL priority action team in the Tri-County – will host numerous events throughout the month of September to bring awareness and help end hunger in their local community;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Tazewell County Board hereby recognizes September 2024, as **HUNGER ACTION MONTH** in the Tri-County, and I call this observance to the attention of our citizens.

SIGNATURE 

DATE 9/27/24



Proclamation Tazewell County, Illinois

Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2024

WHEREAS, domestic violence is a serious and pervasive crime affecting millions of women, men, children, and communities in the United States every year; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence and intimate partner violence can have life-long consequences emotionally, mentally, socially, spiritually, and physically; and

WHEREAS, domestic violence harms the core of the human spirit and jeopardizes the future wellbeing of citizens in our community; and

WHEREAS, most cases of domestic violence are never reported, and victims suffer in silence waiting for someone to save them; and

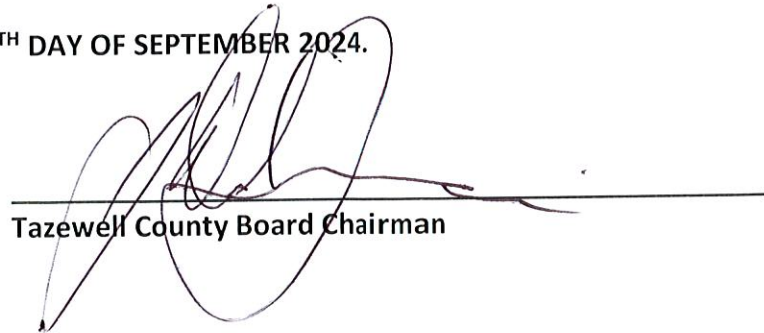
WHEREAS, effective domestic violence prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among families, social service agencies, schools, religious and civic organizations, law enforcement agencies, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, ending domestic violence requires the leadership of survivors, the collaborative efforts of the law enforcement, the justice system, public health officials, and community members and requires that everyone commit to non-violence and respect; and

THEREFORE, we call upon Tazewell County, law enforcement, health officials and all community programs to speak out against domestic violence and actively support local efforts to assist survivors of violence to be safe and live their lives free from violence, to hold abusers and systems accountable and to respect, and honor, all citizens of Tazewell County.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Tazewell County Board hereby recognizes October 2024, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Tazewell County and we call this observance to the attention of our citizens.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 25TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2024.


Tazewell County Board Chairman