

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF

THE COUNTY BOARD

OF

IROQUOIS COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RECESSED SESSION

FEBRUARY 8, A.D., 2011

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February 8, 2011

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**THE
IROQUOIS COUNTY BOARD
OFFICIAL REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS**

The Iroquois County Board met in Recessed Session at the Administrative Center on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Schroeder called the meeting to order and asked County Clerk Lisa Fancher to call the roll.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY**

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Recessed Session, February 8, 2011

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to call the roll

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Copas, Curtis, Deany, Hansen, Hiles, Hubert, Hurt, Lemenager, McCray, McTaggart, Meyer, Schmid, Schroeder, Schultz, Storm, Whitlow, Wilkening, Wynn Bence, Zumwalt

Absent: Krumwiede, Pursley, Wasmer

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Board member Jean Hiles introduced Reverend Joel Brown, Pastor of the St. Peter Lutheran Church in Crescent City, who gave the opening prayer after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

AGENDA

It was moved by Mr. Schultz and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried by a voice vote.

MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Meyer and seconded to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2011 Recessed Session County Board meeting. Motion carried by a voice vote.

PAYROLL

It was moved by Mr. Deany and seconded to approve the January payroll of \$315,491.67. At this time, questions were raised as to whether or not employees should be paid on days that the buildings are closed due to inclement weather. Since the matter has not been negotiated, it was the consensus of the Board to follow prior practice and compensate employees for the days in question until the next contract negotiation, which will begin in June of 2011. The motion to approve the January payroll carried by a roll call vote.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY**

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve the January payroll

Aye: Anderson, Bills, Deany, Hansen, Hiles, Hubert, Lemenager, McCray, McTaggart, Meyer, Schmid, Schultz, Storm, Whitlow, Wilkening, Wynn Bence, Zumwalt

Nay: Alt, Copas, Curtis, Hurt

Absent: Krumwiede, Pursley, Wasmer

COUNTY BOARD SERVICES

Charles Alt	\$151.50
Kyle Anderson	\$117.84
Russell Bills	\$75.00
Rod Copas.....	\$90.80
Ernest Curtis.....	\$120.90
Don Deany (2 Months)	\$175.00
Kevin Hansen.....	\$157.62
Jean Hiles	\$67.14
David Hubert.....	\$123.96
Merle Lemenager	\$70.46
Jim McCray.....	\$185.68
Keith McTaggart.....	\$105.60
Bret Schmid	\$80.60
Ron Schroeder.....	\$266.78
Dale Schultz	\$151.50
Osborne Storm	\$144.88
Jed Whitlow	\$80.60
John Wilkening	\$187.72
Adam Zumwalt	-0-

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Richard Swartz, Carolyn Graham, and Theta Lee, all of Prairie Green Township, addressed the Board regarding wind farms and the possibility of one coming to their township.

Mr. Swartz spoke of the need to raise the EAV in the township, to be able to levy for more, which in turn would allow for necessary repairs to roads and bridges that have been neglected.

Ms. Graham informed the Board of a Wind Farm Conference in Normal, IL, on February 9, 2011, that she would be attending to learn about the impact of wind farms and cited some of the items that would be on the agenda of that meeting.

Ms. Lee, who has been on the steering committee working with Horseshoe Wind Farm, addressed the Board with many pros and cons of wind farms. She said decommissioning and setbacks need to be reasonable as wind farms seem to be the only businesses willing to come to Iroquois County, other than landfills which are also followed by controversy.

Finally, Barb Offill, representing the Iroquois County Tea Party, invited any persons interested, to a Wind Energy Informational Meeting that would show the other side of wind farms. The meeting will be held at the Masonic Lodge in Watseka on February 10, 2011.

DISCUSSION

Chairman Schroeder said the Board needs to appoint a Freedom of Information Officer for the County. On January 1, 2010, a law went into effect that all units of government must have a designated FOIA Officer to take all FOIA requests. The Chief Deputy in the State's Attorney's Office was the person who processed all FOIA requests until she retired in December 2010. At that time, State's Attorney Jim Devine sent Chairman Schroeder a memo noting that his office would no longer be staffed to handle the FOIA requests and he would no longer be the FOIA Officer for the County. Mr. Devine said the person appointed must be familiar with statutes, available, and responsible due to minimal time frame allowed to answer such requests. After a brief discussion, Chairman Schroeder asked Mrs. Wynn Bence, Chairman of the Judicial and Public Safety Committee, to find a replacement FOIA Officer for the County.

POLICY & PROCEDURE

January 11, 2011

Mr. Schroeder, Chairman of the County Board, read the report of the Policy & Procedure Committee. It was moved by Mr. Schultz and seconded to approve the Policy & Procedure Committee report. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

STATE OF ILLINOIS IROQUOIS COUNTY

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Recessed Session, February 8, 2011

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve the January 11, 2011 Policy & Procedure Committee report

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Copas, Curtis, Deany, Hansen, Hiles, Hubert, Hurt, Lemenager, McCray, McTaggart, Meyer, Schmid, Schultz, Storm, Whitlow, Wilkening, Wynn Bence, Zumwalt

Absent: Krumwiede, Pursley, Wasmer

STATE OF ILLINOIS IROQUOIS COUNTY

County Board, Recessed Session

February 8, A.D., 2011

Mr. Chairman and members of the County Board:

Your Committee to whom was referred **Policy & Procedure** would beg leave to submit the following report on the matters before them:

Your Committee met at the Administrative Center on January 11, 2011 following the January Recessed County Board meeting. Members present were Ron Schroeder, Russell Bills,