

The County Board of Whiteside County, Illinois, convened in the County Board room at the Law Enforcement Center in Morrison, on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Notice of the meeting was given to all Board Members and was posted in the County Clerk's office.

Mr. Koster, Chairman, called the board meeting to order and directed the Clerk to call the roll. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Barry Cox, Douglas Crandall, Sally Douglas, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Martin Koster, Joan Padilla, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Alex Regalado, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Glenn Truesdell, Matt Ward, Thomas Alex Williams and Tom Witmer (21) were present; member: Michael Clark, Paul Cunniff, Glenn Frank, Chad Weaver and Doug Wetzell (5) was absent.

Mr. Koster led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Motion by Ms. Pearson that the County Clerk dispense with the reading of the minutes of the April 18, 2023 board meeting, and that these minutes, as sent to the members, be approved. Seconded by Mr. Ausman. Motion carried.

Mr. Glazier presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2023-1

WHEREAS, the passing of Jane A. Tornquist, mother of Karen Stralow, occurred on April 6, 2023 and,

WHEREAS, the news of Jane A. Tornquist passing grieves us, recognizing her death brings a deep and abiding sorrow to Karen Stralow and her family and;

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Whiteside County Board, with sincerity and respect, wish to condole Karen Stralow and her family in their hour of bereavement;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board's deepest sympathies, hereby memorialized by this Resolution, be conveyed to Karen Stralow and her family.

Motion by Mr. Glazier to adopt the foregoing Resolution of Condolence in memory of Jane A. Tornquist. Motion carried.

Mr. Glazier presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2023-2

WHEREAS, since our last Whiteside County Board meeting, family and friends of Dr. Richard Cal Vandermyde, have been saddened by his passing on April 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Vandermyde served as a member of the Board of Health from January 1998 thru June 2011 and as President of the Board from May of 2002 to May of 2009; and;

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Whiteside County Board, with sincerity and respect, wish to condole the Vandermyde family in their hour of bereavement;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board's deepest sympathies, memorialized by this Resolution, be conveyed to the Vandermyde family.

Motion by Mr. Glazier to adopt the foregoing Resolution of Condolence in memory of Dr. Richard Cal Vandermyde. Motion carried. Scott Vandermyde was present to accept the Resolution and thanked the board.

Mr. Glazier presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2023-3

WHEREAS, the passing of Gerald Brackemyer, father of Claudia Garcia, occurred on April 22, 2023 and,

WHEREAS, the news of Gerald Brackemyer passing grieves us, recognizing his death brings a deep and abiding sorrow to Claudia Garcia and her family and;

WHEREAS, we, the members of the Whiteside County Board, with sincerity and respect, wish to condole Claudia Garcia and her family in their hour of bereavement;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board's deepest sympathies, hereby memorialized by this Resolution, be conveyed to Claudia Garcia and her family.

Motion by Mr. Glazier to adopt the foregoing Resolution of Condolence in memory of Gerald Brackemyer. Motion carried. Claudia Garcia and Mary Ellen Brackemyer were present to accept the Resolution and thanked the board.

Mr. Russell presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2023-4

WHEREAS, Whiteside Solar 2, LLC, 1750 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 400, Denver, Colorado, 80202, duly filed with the Building and Zoning Administrator, their petition praying that the premises located in the 7900 Block of Hoover Road, Rock Falls, Illinois and legally described as follows:

The North Half of the North Half of the Northwest Quarter of Section 27. Township 20 North, Range 7 East of the Fourth Principal Meridian, Whiteside County Illinois,

be granted a Special Use Permit in the A-1 Agricultural District to allow for a Solar Farm, and;

WHEREAS, the Zoning Hearing Officer has recommended to this Board that said premises should be granted a Special Use Permit in the A-1 Agricultural District with the following conditions:

1. Any outdoor lighting shall be located so that it does not unreasonably disturb the neighboring property owners or the safety of the motoring public.
2. There shall be no employees permanently located at the site.
3. Routine service and maintenance shall only be conducted during regular business hours.
4. Access to the site shall be approved/permitted by the jurisdiction having authority over the roadway.
5. A landscaped buffer of evergreen trees shall be provided along the west and north sides of the solar arrays to create a visual barrier. Evergreen trees shall be six feet (6') in height at time of planting/installation. The evergreen trees shall be planted/installed with spacing no greater than 10 feet (10') on center (o.c.). This buffer shall be maintained in a healthy state and throughout the life of the project. Any evergreens that are dead or dying shall be removed and replaced with another evergreen tree pursuant to the previously outlined specifications.
6. Final project parcel area, approved at time of building permit issuance, including all acreage required to meet setbacks, distances from residences, access to the site from public roadway, etc. shall remain intact and under the full lease control of the owner/operator of said solar farm throughout the life of the project.
7. A surety bond shall be required prior to the issuance of building permits insuring the proper decommissioning of the site.
8. In consideration for the issuance of this Special Use Permit, WHITESIDE SOLAR 2, LLC, 1750 15<sup>TH</sup> STREET, SUITE 400, DENVER, COLORADO 80202, its successors and assigns, shall defend, indemnify and save harmless from liability Whiteside County, Illinois and its officers, officials, employees and members of the County Board from and against any and all claims, demands, losses, lawsuits, causes of action, damages, injuries, costs, expenses, including but not limited to, attorney's fees and costs of litigation arising from or under this Special Use Permit or from the construction, maintenance or operation of the solar energy project contemplated under this Special Use Permit regardless of whether any such claim or litigation is based upon contract, tort or any other claimed legal theory.

NOW THEREFORE be it Resolved and Ordained by this Board, that the above described premises be and they are hereby granted said Special Use Permit in said A-1 Agricultural District.

Motion by Mr. Russell to approve the Resolution for Whiteside Solar 2, LLC requesting the approval of a Special Use Permit in the A-1 Agricultural District to allow for a solar farm in the 7900 block of Hoover Rd., Rock Falls. Motion carried.

Mr. Russell presented the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 05-2023-5

WHEREAS, the Whiteside County Building and Zoning Administrator, duly filed with the Zoning Hearing Officer, her petition praying that the following amendments be made to the Whiteside County Zoning, Planning and Development Ordinance found in Chapter 39, Article V, Section 39-267 and Section 39-268 of the Whiteside County Code; and

WHEREAS, the Zoning Hearing Officer held the required public hearing on the proposed amendments on April 20, 2023, and has recommended to this Board that the entirety of Chapter 39, Article V, Section 39-267 and Section 39-268 be deleted and said amendments be adopted as follows:

#### **Chapter 39-ZONING, PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**

#### **ARTICLE V.-SUPPLEMENTAL USE REGULATIONS**

#### **Sec. 39-267. Wind power.**

(a) *Purpose.*

- (1) This section is designed as such because the enactment of 55 ILCS 5/5-12020 required the County to amend its existing zoning ordinance(s) to comply with the provisions of said statute, and in order to protect public safety and community character, while reasonably accommodating the need for commercial wind energy facilities and complying with State and federal law.

(b) *Application.* This section applies to all commercial wind energy facilities, as those terms are defined by 55 ILCS 5/5-12020 (a).

(c) *Standards.*

- (1) A commercial wind energy facility shall comply with the requirements set forth in 55 ILCS 5/5-12020, including each and every subsection thereof, as may be amended from time to time.
- (2) Test wind towers may be sited without formal Board approval.
- (3) Sound emanating from the wind energy facility shall not exceed those established by the Illinois Pollution Control Board under 35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 900, 901 and 910.
- (4) Any supporting facilities necessary to facilitate the production of energy shall be constructed in conformance with the zoning district regulations in which it is located.
- (5) Vegetative screening may be required to reduce the visual impact of a facility to the neighboring property owners.
- (6) The results and recommendations from consultation with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) that are obtained through an EcoCAT (Ecological Compliance Assessment Tool) shall be provided. The facility shall adhere to those recommendations provided in the EcoCAT.
- (7) The results of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Information for Planning and Consulting environmental review that is consistent with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Land-Based Wind Energy Guidelines shall be provided.
- (8) Facility owner shall demonstrate avoidance of protected lands identified by the Illinois Department of Resources (IDNR) and the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission (INPC).
- (9) The results from consultation with the Illinois Historic Preservation Division to assess potential impacts on state-registered historic sites under the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act shall be provided.
- (10) *Special use permit.* Commercial wind facilities are special uses in all zoning districts.

(d) *Procedure.* When an application is made for siting approval and special use permits for the purpose of constructing or modifying a commercial wind energy facility, the Zoning Hearing Officer and the County Board shall comply with all procedural requirements of 55 ILCS 5/5-12020(c).

(e) *Private, noncommercial wind energy facilities.* This subsection applies to the siting of private, noncommercial wind energy facilities for primarily on-site energy consumption with a total nameplate generating capacity of 3MW or less.

- (1) These towers require a special use permit when not being placed on a working farm, and are allowed as special uses in any zoning classification.
- (2) These towers shall be setback 500 feet from any primary structure on any adjacent property. This shall be measured from the nearest point of the foundation of the primary structure to the center of the wind facility foundation. The owner of the primary structure on an adjacent property may waive this setback requirement; but in no case shall a tower be located closer to a primary structure than 1.1 times the tower height. Any setback distance waiver requested by the owner of the primary structure located on adjacent property shall provide a notarized letter requesting said waiver. Any waiver shall run with the land and be recorded as part of the chain of title in the deed of the subject property.
- (3) These towers shall be setback a minimum distance of 1.1 times the tower height from public road right-of-way, third party transmission lines, and communication towers.
- (4) These towers shall be setback a minimum distance of 1.1 times the tower height from adjacent property lines. Any setback distance waiver requested by the owner of the adjacent property affected shall provide a notarized letter requesting said waiver. Any waiver shall run with the land and be recorded as part of the chain of title in the deed of the subject property.
- (5) The distance between any protruding blades utilized on a private wind energy facility and the ground shall be a minimum of 15 feet as measured at the lowest point of the blade tip to grade.
- (6) *Sale of excess power.* Excess power generated by a private wind energy facility may be sold to an energy company, provided the facility in question is already providing all of the power needed for the private property on which it is located. These towers shall not be constructed solely for the sale of the power generated.
- (7) *Noise.* The private wind energy facility shall not exceed a noise level of 60 decibels as measured at the closest property line to the tower. The noise level may be exceeded during short-term events such as utility outages and/or severe wind storms.

- (8) **Structural Drawings.** Building permit applications shall be accompanied by standard drawings of the system structure, including the tower, base, footings, and guy cables certified by an Illinois licensed Structural Engineer. This certification may be supplied by the manufacturer.
- (9) **FAA Compliance.** Private wind energy facilities shall comply with all applicable FAA regulations, including any necessary approvals for installations less than two miles from an airport.
- (10) **Utility notification.** Grid-tied wind energy facilities shall be installed to utility company specifications. It is the responsibility of the installer to contact the local utility company for details, regulations and file appropriate applications/documents as this may vary among utility companies. Copies of all applications/documents shall be submitted to the Building and Zoning Office upon acceptance by the utility company to be filed with the wind facility building permit documentation.
- (11) **Radio and television signals.** The private wind energy facility shall not cause any radio, television, microwave, or navigation interference. If a signal disturbance issue is identified, the owner of the facility shall correct the issue within 90 days of the notification of the interference.
- (12) **Aesthetics.** The private wind energy facility shall maintain a galvanized neutral finish or be painted a neutral color to blend the facility color to the surrounding environment to minimize adverse visual effects. No private wind energy facility shall have any signage, verbiage, pictures or decorations placed on it at any time other than required warning, equipment and ownership information. No private wind energy facility shall have any flags, streamers, banners, and other decorative items that extend from any part of the facility placed on it at any time.
- (13) **Decommissioning.** When the facility reaches the end of its useful life and can no longer function properly, the owner of the facility shall remove the facility in its entirety within 120 days of the day the facility last functioned. The owner is solely responsible for the decommissioning of the facility and all costs, financial or otherwise, of facility removal.
- (14) **Fencing.** The tower shall be enclosed with a fence of a least six feet (6') in height or the base of the tower shall not be climbable for a distance of eight feet (8') measured from grade.
- (15) **Required safety features.** The private wind energy facility shall have an automatic overspeed control to render the system inoperable when winds are blowing in excess of the speeds for which the facility is designed and a manually operable method to render the facility inoperable in the event of a structural or mechanical failure of any part of the facility.
- (16) **Facility height.** Facility height shall be measured from grade to the maximum blade tip height and shall be limited as follows:

	A-1, C-1, B-1, B-2, B-3, I-1, I-2	A-R, R-1, R-2, R-3
Acreage	Maximum Height	Maximum Height
0.99 acres or less	50 feet	50 feet
1 to 1.99 acres	65 feet	65 feet
2 to 4.99 acres	80 feet	80 feet
5 acres or more	150 feet	80 feet

(f) **State and federal compliance.** Nothing in this section is intended to preempt any other applicable state and federal laws and/or regulations.

**Sec. 39-268. Solar power.**

(a) **Purpose.**

- (1) This section is designed as such because the enactment of 55 ILCS 5/5-12020 required the County to amend its existing zoning ordinance(s) to comply with the provisions of said statute, and in order to protect public safety and community character, while reasonably accommodating the need for commercial solar energy facilities and complying with State and federal law.

(b) **Application.** This section applies to all commercial solar energy facilities, as those terms are defined by 55 ILCS 5/5-12020 (a).

(c) **Standards.**

- (1) A commercial solar energy facility shall comply with the requirements set forth in 55 ILCS 5/5-12020, including each and every subsection thereof, as may be amended from time to time.
- (2) Test solar facilities may be sited without formal Board approval.
- (3) Sound emanating from the solar energy facility shall not exceed those established by the Illinois Pollution Control Board under 35 Ill. Adm. Code Parts 900, 901 and 910.
- (4) Any supporting facilities necessary to facilitate the production of energy shall be constructed in conformance with the zoning district regulations in which it is located.
- (5) Vegetative screening may be required to reduce the visual impact of a facility to the neighboring property owners.
- (6) The results and recommendations from consultation with the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) that are obtained through an EcoCAT (Ecological Compliance Assessment Tool) shall be provided. The facility shall adhere to those recommendations provided in the EcoCAT.
- (7) The results of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Information for Planning and Consulting environmental review that is consistent with any applicable U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service solar wildlife guidelines that have been subject to public review shall be provided.
- (8) Facility owner shall demonstrate avoidance of protected lands identified by the Illinois Department of Resources (IDNR) and the Illinois Nature Preserves Commission (INPC).
- (9) The results from consultation with the Illinois Historic Preservation Division to assess potential impacts on state-registered historic sites under the Illinois State Agency Historic Resources Preservation Act shall be provided.

- (10) A vegetative ground cover to be maintained for the life of the facility that is consistent with the goals of the Pollinator-Friendly Solar Site Act shall be provided.
- (11) A vegetation management plan utilizing the guidelines as set by the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) shall be provided.
- (12) *Special use permit.* Commercial solar facilities are special uses in all zoning districts with the exception of the I-2 Heavy Industrial District. These facilities are a permitted use in the I-2 District, in airport safety zones and at the landfill.
- (d) *Procedure.* When an application is made for siting approval and/or special use permit for the purpose of constructing or modifying a commercial solar energy facility, the Zoning Hearing Officer and the County Board shall comply with all procedural requirements of 55 ILCS 5/5-12020(c).
- (e) *Private, noncommercial solar energy facilities.* This subsection applies to the siting of private, noncommercial solar energy facilities for primarily on-site energy consumption as a permitted accessory use in all zoning districts where structures are allowed, subject to the requirements as set forth below:
  - (1) Building or roof-mount solar energy facilities shall not exceed the maximum height allowed in the zoning district in which it is located.
  - (2) Ground-mount solar energy facilities shall not exceed 20 feet in height at maximum tilt.
  - (3) Building or roof-mount solar energy facilities shall not extend beyond any roof line or any exterior perimeter of the structure. Exterior piping for solar hot water facilities shall be allowed to extend beyond the perimeter of the building in the side yard. Solar facilities mounted on the building and serving as an awning shall be considered to be a building integrated facility and shall be regulated as an awning.
  - (4) Ground-mount solar energy facilities shall not extend into the side or rear yard setbacks at minimum tilt. Ground-mount facilities shall meet the setback requirements for the zoning district in which it is located.
  - (5) *FAA Compliance.* The results of a completed solar glare hazard analysis tool (SGHAT) for the airport traffic control tower cab and final approach paths, consistent with policy, FAA Review of Solar Energy Projects on Federally Obligated Airports or most recent version adopted by the FAA shall be provided for any private solar energy facility located within 500 feet of an airport or within the approach zones of an airport.
  - (6) *Reflectors.* All solar energy facilities using a reflector to enhance solar production shall minimize glare from the reflector affecting adjacent or nearby properties. Measures to minimize glare include but are not limited to selective placement of the facility, screening on the north side of the solar array, modifying the orientation of the facility and reducing use of the reflector facility.
  - (7) *Historic building.* Solar energy facilities on buildings within designated historic districts or on locally designated historic buildings (exclusive of State or Federal historic designation) must be consistent with the standards for solar energy facilities on historically designated buildings published by the U.S. Department of the Interior.
  - (8) *Approved solar components.* Electric solar energy facilities components must have a UL listing or approved equivalent and solar hot water facilities must have an SRCC rating.
  - (9) *Restrictions on solar energy facilities.* Consistent with 765 ILCS 165/, no homeowners' agreement, covenant, common interest community or other contract between multiple property owners within a subdivision of the unincorporated county shall prohibit or restrict homeowners from installing solar energy facilities. No energy policy statement enacted by a common interest community shall be more restrictive than the county's solar energy regulations.
  - (10) *Sale of excess power.* Excess power generated by a private solar energy facility may be sold to an energy company, provided the facility in question is already providing all of the power needed for the private property on which it is located. These facilities shall not be constructed solely for the sale of the power generated.
  - (11) *Utility notification.* Grid-tied solar energy facilities shall be installed to utility company specifications. It is the responsibility of the installer to contact the local utility company for details, regulations and file appropriate applications/documents as this may vary among utility companies. Copies of all applications/documents shall be submitted to the Building and Zoning Office upon acceptance by the utility company to be filed with the solar facility building permit documentation.
  - (12) Ground-mount facilities shall be exempt from impervious surface calculations if the soil under the facility is not compacted and maintained in vegetation. Foundations, gravel or compacted soils are considered impervious.
- (13) *Definitions.*

**Building-integrated solar energy facilities.** A solar energy facility that is an integral part of a principal or accessory building, rather than a separate mechanical device, replacing or substituting for an architectural or structural component of the building. Building-integrated systems include but are not limited to photovoltaic or hot water solar energy facilities that are contained within roofing materials, windows, skylights and awnings.

**Grid-tied solar energy facility.** A photovoltaic solar energy system that is connected to an electric circuit served by an electric utility company.

**Ground-mount solar facility.** A solar energy facility mounted on a rack or pole that rests or is attached to the ground. Ground-mount facilities can be either accessory or principal uses.

**Photovoltaic facility.** An active solar energy facility that converts solar energy directly into electricity.

**Roof-mount solar facility.** A solar energy facility mounted on a rack that is fastened to or ballasted on a building roof. Roof-mount facilities are accessory to the principal use.

**Solar facility.** A device, structure or a part of a device or structure for which the primary purpose is to transform solar radiant energy into thermal, mechanical, chemical or electrical energy.

**Solar energy.** Radiant energy received from the sun that can be collected in the form of heat or light by a solar facility.

**Solar energy facility.** A device, array of devices or structural design feature for which the primary purpose is to transform solar radiant

energy into thermal, mechanical, chemical or electrical energy. This may include the collection, storage and distribution of solar energy for space heating or cooling, daylight for interior lighting or water heating.

*Solar hot water system.* A system (also referred to as solar thermal) that includes a solar collector and a heat exchanger that heats or preheats water for building heating systems or other hot water needs, including residential domestic hot water and hot water for commercial processes.

*Solar storage.* A component of a solar energy facility that is used to store solar generated electricity or heat for later use.

(f) *State and federal compliance.* Nothing in this section is intended to preempt any other applicable state and federal laws and/or regulations.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the Whiteside County Board concurs with the Zoning Hearing Officer and hereby deletes Chapter 39, Article V, Section 39-267 and Section 39-268 in their entirety and adopts said proposed Zoning, Planning and Development Ordinance amendments, as part of Chapter 39, Article V, Section 39-267 and Section 39-268 of the Whiteside County Code and;

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that the effective date is immediately upon adoption.

Motion by Mr. Russell to approve the foregoing Ordinance for text amendments in the Zoning, Planning and Development Ordinance, Section 39-267 Wind Power and Section 39-268, Solar Power. Motion carried.

Mr. Russell presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2023-6

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2, dated April 18, 1995, was approved by the County Board as it was presented a resolution in error for the rezoning of the North Half of the described property instead of the South Half as requested by the petitioners, and;

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission voted to recommend approval of said request at the required public hearing, and;

NOW THEREFORE be it Resolved and Ordained by this Board that Resolution No. 2, dated April 18, 1995, be Rescinded, and;

WHEREAS, James & Kevan DeVault, had duly filed with the Building and Zoning Administrator, their petition praying that the premises located at 23080 Waller Road, Fulton, Illinois and legally described as follows:

The **South Half** of the premises described below:

A part of the South Half of Section 1, East of a public road known as Illinois State Highway 84 also formerly known as Illinois State Highway 80 and West of the former public road known as the Fulton Thomson Road all being situated in Township 22 North, Range 3 East of the 4<sup>th</sup> P.M. and being more fully described as follows: Commencing at a concrete monument at the intersection of the South line of said Section 1 and the East right-of-way of said Illinois State Highway 84: thence Northeasterly along the East right-of-way of said Highway 84 a distance of 450 feet to the point of beginning of the tract of land to be described; thence continuing Northeasterly along the East right-of-way of said Highway 84 a distance of 400 feet; thence Southeasterly at an angle of 90 degrees to Illinois Highway 84 a distance of 300 feet; thence Southwesterly parallel to the right-of-way of Illinois Highway 84 a distance of 400 feet; thence Northwesterly a distance of 300 feet to the point of beginning,

be granted a Rezoning from the A-1 Agricultural District to a B-2 General Commercial District, and;

WHEREAS, the Planning and Zoning Commission had voted to recommend to this Board at the required public hearing that said premises should be Rezoned from the A-1 Agricultural District to a B-2 General Commercial District,

NOW THEREFORE be it Resolved and Ordained by this Board, that the above described premises be Rezoned to a B-2 General Commercial District.

Motion by Mr. Russell to approve the foregoing Resolution rescinding Resolution #2 dated April 18, 1995 and approving the rezoning of the South Half of the described premises to B-2 General Commercial District at 23080 Waller Road. Motion carried.

Dawn Tubbs, representative from Illinois Senator Win Stoller's Geneseo Office, introduced herself to the board and invited them to contact her with any constituent issues and concerns.

Katie Wetzell, citizen, addressed the board regarding a hog confinement on Manton Road. She stated the confinement had changed ownership and she had concerns regarding drag lines through ditch lines.

Mr. Russell presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 05-2023-7

ILLINOIS TOWNSHIP BRIDGE PROGRAM (TBP)  
Whiteside County Board Resolution of Support for Increased TBP Funding

WHEREAS, there are over 12,000 bridges in Illinois under the jurisdiction of over 1400 Illinois Townships; and

WHEREAS, there are numerous other stream, creek, lake, road or other crossings that are currently under 20' in width, therefore not identified as bridges, but still need to be replaced with new bridges to meet the needs of the Township Road System; and

WHEREAS, the Township Bridge Program is a legislated (605 ILCS 5/6-901) fund designated for construction and maintenance of bridges on the Township Highway System; and,

WHEREAS, the Township Bridge Program was initiated in 1979 with an annual allocation of \$15 million from the Illinois Road Fund and has received no increase in funding level in the 43 years since initiated while the Illinois Road fund has seen an increase in revenue of over 400% over the same duration; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering News Record Construction Cost Index has increased over 300% since initiation of the TBP program hence \$15 million from 1980 would equate to a TBP appropriation of \$3.69 million today or a loss of 75% of the programs purchasing power; and

WHEREAS, the TBP program resulted in the number of deficient Township Bridges being reduced from 6063 to 1624 over the past 43 years and the average lifespan of a Township Bridge is approximately 55 years, therefore the bridges constructed during the infancy of TBP themselves will need to begin to be replaced over the next 10 years; and

WHEREAS, Township Bridges account for the largest number of load and width restrictions present within the transportation network of the State of Illinois thereby negatively impacting the ability to transport agricultural and industrial goods and equipment throughout the State;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that we hereby notify our Governor, Senator, and Representative of the State of Illinois that we request an increase to the Township Bridge Program be included in the next budget that is representative of the 400% increase in revenue seen by the Illinois Road Fund since the TBP Program was initiated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we hereby notify our Governor, Senator, and Representative of the State of Illinois that we request the said increase to the Township Bridge Program be codified in law to provide ensured future funding for the Township Bridge Program.

Motion by Mr. Russell to approve the foregoing Resolution of Support for Increased Funding to the Illinois Township Bridge Program (TBP), as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Russell to place on file the Public Works Committee's meeting report, April 2023 claims report and related informational items, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Glazier to place on file the Landfill Committee's report, Quarterly Prairie Hill RDF Activity Reports, Quarterly Waste Activity Inspection Reports and related informational items, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Ms. Pearson to place on file the County Offices Committee's meeting report, April 2023 claims report and related informational items, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton to approve awards totaling \$272,004 to various agencies serving seniors in the County, as presented. Motion carried. Mrs. Pennell abstained from voting.

Motion by Mr. Hamilton to place on file the Health and Social Services Committee's meeting report, April 2023 claims report and related informational items, as presented. After discussion, the question was called and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Mr. Ausman to place on file the Judiciary Committee's meeting report, April claims report and related informational items, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Glazier to place on file the Public Safety Committee's meeting report, April 2023 claims report and related informational items, as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Truesdell presented the following Ordinance:

**ORDINANCE NO. 05-2023-8**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COUNTY’S GROUP INSURANCE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, 55 ILCS 5/5-1069 allows the Whiteside County Board (the “Board”) to provide, for the benefit of employees of the County, group hospital and medical insurance, provided that the county board complies with all other requirements of this Section; and

WHEREAS, the Board may exercise the powers granted in 55 ILCS 5/5-1069 if it provides for self-insurance or group insurance through an insurance carrier authorized to do business in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, 55 ILCS 5/5 -1069 authorizes the Board to enact an ordinance prescribing the method of operation of the group insurance program; and

WHEREAS, Appendix A - DIVISION 4. - GROUP HEALTH AND LIFE INSURANCE – Sec. 3-316. - Professional services of the Whiteside County Code, enacted by Ordinance, authorizes and prescribes the method of the operation of the County’s group health insurance program; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-316 specifically provides for the “Development, establishment and maintenance of a plan that identifies, prioritizes and attempts to lay out a schedule of changes that addresses plan improvements, risk reductions and risk management.”; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee of the Whiteside County Board, upon the advice of the Insurance Committee, recommends that certain features of the core group health insurance benefits described in Appendix A - DIVISION 4. of the Whiteside County Code be administered as a fully self-funded program by the County in an attempt to control healthcare costs to the County and its employees.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD, AS FOLLOWS:

Paragraph 1. The Chair is authorized to execute a one year contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois, a State-licensed third party administrator to administer a fully self-insured group health insurance program beginning July 1, 2023, with core contract benefits and features summarized in Table 1.1

Table 1.1

Benefits/Features	In-Network	Out-of-Network
Office Visit Co-Payments	\$20/\$40.00(specialist)	60% / 40% after Deductible
Annual Deductibles - Individual	\$2,500	\$5,000
Annual Deductibles - Family	\$5,000	\$10,000
Co-insurance	20%	60% / 40%
Maximum Out-Of-Pocket - Individual	\$3,270	\$8,080
Maximum Out-Of-Pocket - Family	\$6,540	\$16,160
Prescription Drug Co-Payments	\$20/\$40/\$50; Three months supply for two months - mail order	
Prescription Out-of-Pocket Maximum	\$500 (individual)/\$1,000(family)	

Paragraph 2. Costs associated with the County’s self-funded group health benefits are set forth in Table 2.1 beginning July 1, 2023:

Table 2.1

Coverages	Limit	Total Cost
Specific Stop Loss - \$297.09/Employee pepm*	\$75,000	\$837,797.18
Aggregate Coverage - Attachment Point	\$4,072,926	\$30,625.20
TPA/Administrative Costs - \$23.56 pepm*		\$66,439.20

\*per employee per month



Paragraph 3. Section 3-320(5) B. of the Whiteside County Code is hereby amended, as follows:

**PARTICIPATION IN THE GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE PROGRAM.**

- (1) Spouses with health insurance coverage available through their own employer will not be eligible for the Counties group health insurance plan.
- (2) Persons deemed eligible to participate in the group health insurance program and the group dental program shall participate in paying the following premium co-payments:

Full-Time Employees* / Certain Elected Officials *Employees with an Approved Work Time equal to or greater than 70 hours per pay period.	Premium Co-Payments	
	Monthly	per Pay Period
a. Single	\$178.24	\$82.27
b. Single plus One Dependent:	\$684.24	\$315.81
c. Single with Two or More Dependents	\$881.51	\$406.85

Part-Time Employees* *Employees with an Approved Work Time greater than 60 and less than 70 hours per pay period.	Premium Co-Payments	
	Monthly	per Pay Period
a. Single	\$297.07	\$137.11
b. Single plus One Dependent:	\$798.28	\$368.44
c. Single with Two or More Dependents	\$1,028.42	\$474.66

**Medicare Retirees\***

Continuation Coverage - Single	\$794.21 per Month
Continuation Coverage - Family	\$1,489.75 per Month

Paragraph 4. The Chair is authorized to execute a one year contract with Gallagher Williams-Manny, a state-licensed Insurance Company, to act as the County's agent beginning July 1, 2023.

Paragraph 5. The Chair is authorized to execute a one year contract with Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Illinois, a State-licensed third party administrator, for the administration of the County's fully self-funded dental benefits, beginning July 1, 2023 at a cost of \$7.14 per employee per month.

Paragraph 6. This Ordinance and every provision thereof shall:

- A. Be considered separable and the invalidation of any provision(s) shall not affect the validity of the remainder.
- B. Supersede any other Ordinances or Resolutions or parts thereof, in conflict herewith.
- C. Take effect on July 1, 2023, with prospective member premium co- payments beginning June 2023.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to approve the foregoing Ordinance amending the County's Group Insurance Program, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to approve the April 2023 mileage and travel reimbursement items for County Board members in the amount of \$1,249.02. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Daniel Bitler, Sue Britt, Barry Cox, Douglas Crandall, Sally Douglas, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Kurt Glazier, Mark Hamilton, Martin Koster, Joan Padilla, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Alex Regalado, Larry Russell, Ernest Smith, Glenn Truesdell, Matt Ward, Thomas Alex Williams and Tom Witmer (21) voted yes; members voting no: none, and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to place on file the Finance Committee's meeting report, April 2023 claims report, 2022 Whiteside County audit and related informational items, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Duffy to place on file the Special Service Area #1 Committee's meeting reports and related informational items, as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Koster announced the reappointment of Kent A. Nicolaysen to the Fulton Flood Control District as a trustee for a five year term. Motion by Mr. Glazier to confirm the foregoing reappointment. Motion carried.

Mr. Koster announced the reappointment of Terry Kernan as Trustee of the Albany Fire Protection District. Motion by Mr. Glazier to confirm the foregoing reappointment. Motion carried.

Mr. Koster announced the reappointment of Brian Rowland as Trustee of the Albany Fire Protection District. Motion by Mr. Glazier to confirm the foregoing reappointment. Motion carried.

Mr. Koster announced the reappointment of Boyd VanDellen as Trustee of the Fulton Fire Protection District. Motion by Mr. Glazier to confirm the foregoing reappointment. Motion carried.

Mr. Koster announced the reappointment of Louise Clark to the Board of Review for a two year term 2023-2025. Motion by Mr. Glazier to confirm the foregoing reappointment. Motion carried.

Mr. Koster announced the reappointment of William McGinn to the Board of Review for a two year term 2023-2025. Motion by Mr. Glazier to confirm the foregoing reappointment. After discussion, the question was called and the motion was declared carried.

Mr. Koster announced that Brhenan Linke had resigned from the Board in District 2 and that he is working on an appointment to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Koster announced the reappointments of Rebecca Munoz-ripley, Josh Knuth and Dr. Mathew Mathew to the Whiteside County Board of Health. Motion by Mr. Glazier to confirm the foregoing reappointments. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Glazier to authorize the Chair to enter a two year contract with the low bidder for the municipal aggregation bid, as presented. Mr. Mudge, representative from Rock River Energy Services explained the fluctuation in the energy market. After discussion, the question was called and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Mr. Glazier to place on file the Executive Committee's meeting report, April 2023 claims report and related informational items, as presented.

Mr. Koster announced that there would be a Labor Relations meeting after the board meeting.

Motion by Hamilton that this meeting be adjourned, the Board to meet again on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. for the regular meeting. Seconded by Mr. Glazier. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Dana Nelson  
Whiteside County Clerk

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