

The County Board of Whiteside County, Illinois, convened in the County Board room at the Law Enforcement Center in Morrison, on Tuesday, September 19, 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, Sue Britt, Michael Clark, Douglas Crandall, Paul Cunniff, Sally Douglas, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Mark Hamilton, Martin Koster, Joan Padilla, Alex Regalado, Larry Russell, Glenn Truesdell, Daniel (Sam) Wancket, Matt Ward, Doug Wetzell, Thomas (Alex) Williams and Tom Witmer (20) were present; members: Daniel Bitler, Barry Cox, Kurt Glazier, Brooke Pearson, Linda Pennell, Ernest Smith and Chad Weaver (7) were absent.

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

Motion by Mr. Truesdell that the County Clerk dispense with the reading of the minutes of the August 15, 2023 board meeting, and that these minutes, as sent to the members, be approved. Seconded by Mr. Duffy. Motion carried.

Mr. Truesdell presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2023-1

WHEREAS, Bryan Vogel began working for Whiteside County as a Control Room Operator for the Sheriff's Department on April 22, 2000, and;

WHEREAS, Bryan Vogel is retiring after 23 years of service to Whiteside County, and the people of the County of Whiteside;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Whiteside does hereby honor Bryan Vogel for his diligence and exemplary performance as Control Room Operator for the Sheriff's Department of Whiteside County, and to its citizens, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk of Whiteside County be directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to Bryan Vogel.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to approve the foregoing Resolution of Retirement for Bryan Vogel for 23 years of service. Motion carried.

Mr. Truesdell presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2023-2

WHEREAS, Barbara Benson began working for Whiteside County as a Legal Secretary for the States Attorney's Office on February 19, 2004, and;

WHEREAS, Barbara Benson is retiring after 19 years of service to Whiteside County, and the people of the County of Whiteside;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Whiteside does hereby honor Barbara Benson for her diligence and exemplary performance as Legal Secretary for the States Attorney Office and Legal Office Coordinator for the Public Defender Office for Whiteside County, and to its citizens, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk of Whiteside County be directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to Barbara Benson.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to approve the foregoing Resolution of Retirement for Barbara Benson for 19 years of service. Motion carried.

Bill Holesinger, Timber Lane Christmas Tree Farm, addressed the board regarding his plans to build a shed and the problems he is encountering with a zoning ordinance requiring restrooms.

Carrie Folken, Executive Director of Business Employment Skills Team (BEST), gave a brief explanation of the programs that are offered and highlighted recent success stories.

Mr. Wetzell presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2023-3

WHEREAS, the Whiteside County Highway Department has appropriated and budgeted funds for the purchase of

equipment for a new Freightliner cab & chassis, and;

WHEREAS, a quote of \$145,806.00 was received from Monroe Equipment of Monroe, WI for the equipment for a new Freightliner cab & chassis;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the purchase of equipment for a new Freightliner cab and chassis from Monroe Equipment be accepted and approved, at a cost of \$145,806.00.

Motion by Mr. Wetzell to approve the foregoing Resolution for the purchase of equipment from Monroe Equipment for the new Freightliner cab and chassis in the amount of \$145,806.00. After discussion, the question was called and the motion was declared carried.

Motion by Mr. Wetzell to place on file the Public Works Committee's meeting report, August 2023 claims report, Township motor fuel tax claims and related informational items, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Duffy to place on file the County Offices Committee's meeting report, July and August 2023 claims reports, ROE Report of Official Acts and related informational items, as presented. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mr. Hamilton to place on file the Health and Social Services Committee's meeting report, August 2023 claims report and related informational items, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Ausman to place on file the Judiciary Committee's meeting report, August 2023 claims report and related informational items, as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Truesdell presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2023-4

WHEREAS, The County of Whiteside, as Trustee for the Taxing Districts therein, has undertaken a program to collect delinquent taxes and to perfect titles to real property in cases in which the taxes on such real property have not been paid, pursuant to 35 ILCS 200/21-90, and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to this program, the County of Whiteside, as Trustee for the Taxing Districts therein, has acquired an interest in the following described real estate:

PT SE NW SEC 22 TWP 22 RNG 3

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 01-22-100-027

As described in certificate(s): 2019-00010 sold on November 05, 2020

Commonly known as: 5424 SCHAFFER RD.

and it appearing to the Finance Committee that it is in the best interest of the County to dispose of its interest in said property, by a reconveyance, to the owner of a former interest in said property.

WHEREAS, MAK Auto Sales, Kristi Fleetwood & Charles McKenzie, has paid \$10,665.06 for the full amount of taxes involved and a request for reconveyance has been presented to the Finance Committee and at the same time it having been determined that the County shall receive \$7,886.92 as a return for its Certificate(s) of Purchase. The County Clerk shall receive \$104.85 for cancellation of Certificate(s), Clerk Notice Fee and to reimburse the revolving account the charges advanced from this account, and the Recorder of Deeds shall receive \$68.00 for recording. The remainder is the amount due the Agent under his contract for services.

WHEREAS, your Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF WHITESIDE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, that the Chairman of the Board of Whiteside County, Illinois, be hereby authorized to execute a deed of conveyance of the County's interest on the above described real estate for the sum of \$7,886.92 to be paid to the Treasurer of Whiteside County, Illinois, to be disbursed according to law. This resolution to be effective for sixty (60) days from this date and any transaction between the above parties not occurring within this period shall be null and void.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to approve the foregoing Resolution authorizing the County to execute a deed of conveyance on the County's interest or cancellation of the appropriate Certificates of Purchase, as the case may be, on said property known

as, Permanent Parcel 01-22-100-027. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to approve the August 2023 mileage and travel reimbursement items for County Board members in the amount of \$1,044.00. On roll call members: Thomas Ausman, Sue Britt, Michael Clark, Douglas Crandall, Paul Cunniff, Sally Douglas, Shawn Dowd, James Duffy, Glenn Frank, Mark Hamilton, Martin Koster, Joan Padilla, Alex Regalado, Larry Russell, Glenn Truesdell, Daniel (Sam) Wancket, Matt Ward, Doug Wetzell, Thomas (Alex) Williams and Tom Witmer (20) 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, August 2023 claims report and related informational items, as presented. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Wetzell to place on file the Wage & Salary Committee's meeting reports and related informational items, as presented. Motion carried.

Joel Horn, County Administrator, briefed the board on the tentative agreement between the Sheriff and the FOP. Motion by Mr. Duffy to approve the tentative agreement between the Whiteside County Sheriff and the FOP, as presented. Motion carried.

Mr. Koster announced the reappointment of Terry Gisi to the Rock Falls Rural Fire Protection District for a three year term. Motion by Mr. Truesdell to approve the foregoing reappointment. Motion carried.

Mr. Koster announced the appointment of Curt Jacobs as Commissioner of Sharon Drainage District. Motion by Mr. Truesdell to approve the foregoing appointment. Motion carried.

Mr. Koster announced the appointment of Amy Robbins as the Authorized Agent for IMRF.

Mr. Truesdell presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2023-5

Appointment of Authorized Agent for IMRF

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Illinois Pension Code Whiteside County participates in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund; and,

WHEREAS, The County Board is required to appoint by resolution an Authorized Agent for the County to participate in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE WHITESIDE COUNTY, as follows:

Paragraph 1. The County does hereby appoint Amy Robbins as the authorized agent to represent Whiteside County in the participation of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund and that the County Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to certify to the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Notice of the Appointment of Authorized Agent.

Paragraph 2. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to adopt the foregoing Resolution appointing Amy Robbins as Authorized Agent to represent Whiteside County in the participation of the Illinois Municipal Retirement fund. Motion carried.

Mr. Koster announced the appointment of Amy Robbins as FOIA Officer for Whiteside County. Motion by Mr. Truesdell to approve the foregoing appointment. Motion carried.

Mr. Truesdell presented the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2023-6

Amending Sec. 3-302 Vacation Leave

WHEREAS, the County of Whiteside, Illinois (the "County") is a duly organized and existing County of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the County is now operating under the provisions of the Illinois Counties Code, as supplemented and amended; and

WHEREAS, the Paid Leave for All Workers Act (P.A. 102-1143) goes into effect on January 1, 2024; and,

WHEREAS, the State Attorney’s office has reviewed our personnel practices code and is recommending our code be amended to comply with the Paid Leave for All Workers Act,

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

Paragraph 1. Appendix A - Personnel Practices Sec. 3-302 - Vacation Leave be amended as follows.

- (2) Department control. Each department may establish individual written regulations regarding the minimum and maximum amount of vacation time which can be used at any one time. Particular regard will be given to the seniority of the employee, the needs of the county, and, in so far as possible, to the wishes of the employee in scheduling vacation time. Typically, vacation leave is limited to no more than three consecutive work weeks. All vacation requests are subject to Department Head approval.

Paragraph 2. This Ordinance and every provision thereof shall:

- Section 1. Be considered separable and the invalidation of any provision(s) shall not affect the validity of the remainder.
- Section 2. Supersede any other Ordinance or Resolutions or parts thereof, in conflict herewith.
- Section 3. This ordinance shall go into effect immediately upon passage.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to adopt the foregoing Ordinance amending the code to comply with the Paid Leave Act. Motion carried.

Mr. Truesdell presented the following Resolution:

RESOLUTION NO. 09-2023-7

ESTABLISHING THE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR
CALENDAR YEAR 2024

WHEREAS, observed county holidays are determined by the Whiteside County Board; and

WHEREAS, the County Board’s Executive Committee has recommended a 13-day Holiday Schedule based on past practice.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, BY THE WHITESIDE COUNTY BOARD, THAT:

Section 1. The Holiday Schedule for Calendar Year 2024 is established, as follows:

	Holiday	Day	Date
1	New Year's Day	Monday	January 1, 2024
2	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday	January 15, 2024
3	Presidents' Day	Monday	February 19, 2024
4	Good Friday	Friday	March 29, 2024
5	Memorial Day	Monday	May 27, 2024
6	Juneteenth	Wednesday	June 19, 2024
7	Independence Day	Thursday	July 4, 2024
8	Labor Day	Monday	September 2, 2024
9	Veterans' Day	Monday	November 11, 2024
10	Thanksgiving Day	Thursday	November 28, 2024
11	Thanksgiving Friday	Friday	November 29, 2024
12	Christmas Holiday (1 st Day)	Tuesday	December 24, 2024
13	Christmas Holiday (2 nd Day)	Wednesday	December 25, 2024

Section 2 This Resolution 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 Resolutions or parts thereof, in conflict herewith.

c. Take effect immediately, upon its adoption.

Motion by Mr. Truesdell to approve the foregoing Resolution setting the 2024 Holiday Schedule, as presented. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mr. Hamilton that this meeting be adjourned, the Board to meet again on October 17, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. for the regular meeting. Seconded by Mr. Duffy. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Dana Nelson
Whiteside County Clerk

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