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Greg Menold, Dist. 2
Greg Sinn, Dist. 2
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Sam Goddard, Dist. 1
Vivian Hagamann, Dist. 2
Maxwell Schneider, Dist. 2
Roy Paget, Dist. 2
Randi Krehbiel, Dist. 2
Russ Crawford, Dist. 3
William (Bill) Atkins, Dist. 3
Greg Longfellow, Dist. 3

**TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY MAY 31, 2023
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 Michael Harris, Members Atkins, Crawford, Deppert, Sam Goddard, Graff, Hagaman, Hall, Joesting, Krehbiel, Longfellow, Menold, Mingus, Nelms, Paget, Proehl, Rich-Stimson, Schneider, Sinn, Smith - 21. Absent: Mark Goddard – 1.

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Zimmerman led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

COMMUNICATION FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES

Michael Ragan, a concerned citizen, spoke on veteran issues within Tazewell County. He indicated he is involved in an organization that assists veterans with job placement and suicide prevention.

Tim Behr, a Tazewell County Resident, provided a handout to the board members discussing an issue that occurred from a recent committee board meeting. He encouraged Tazewell County to pass their own Wind Energy Conversion System Ordinance independent of the recently passed state law.

Kate Chapman, Representative for EDP Renewables, spoke on the proposed draft ordinance. She provided a handout that explained her companies support for the proposed amendments. EDP Renewables currently operates the Rail Splitter Wind Farm in Hopedale, Illinois. She spoke on the economic impact this wind farm has brought to Tazewell County schools and the jobs it had created.

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William Shay, attorney with Westervelt, Johnson law firm, spoke on the two solar projects on the board agenda. He encouraged the Tazewell County Board to affirm the Land Use Committee suggestion and deny the special use for these projects.

Matt Hoffman, a concerned citizen, spoke on the proposed solar project in his neighborhood. He provided a handout to the board members. This handout referenced an email from the City of East Peoria's Director of Planning and Community Development. He voiced concerns with noise and glare issues.

Jane Hoffman, a concerned citizen, stated her property was across the street from one of the proposed solar projects. She voiced concern regarding fires at solar farms and stated she was not supportive of these projects.

Jane Chapman spoke on the two proposed solar projects. She voiced concern on how these projects would affect property values.

Max Chapman, Eisele Rd Resident, spoke on the proposed solar projects. He indicated his residence is directly across the street from these projects. He voiced concern with the developer being a very young company and he encouraged them to withdraw their petition.

Carol Vance spoke on her opposition to the proposed solar projects.

Kathy Genard, a concerned citizen, spoke on the concerns for her neighborhood if these proposed projects were developed.

Dewey Klurfield, Representative Cultivate Power, spoke on the development of these proposed solar projects. He stated the positive impact these developments would create. He indicated these projects would abide by all state and local ordinances and they were fully compliant with LaSalle-Sinclair. He indicated his company would withdraw the Hosta Solar Petition if Catmint LLC Solar Petition was approved.

Ben Jacobi, attorney Polsinelli law firm, spoke on behalf of the Hosta and Catmint Solar Projects. He referenced a May 25th letter to the board, which cited legislation that preempted LaSalle Sinclair case law.

Erin Bowen, Representative CohnReznick, spoke on the impact of solar projects effecting property values. She indicated no assessment change occurred per various counties.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED & APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS

Member Crawford spoke on his displeasure of a citizen's letter that was distributed to the board.

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APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE APRIL 26, 2023, COUNTY BOARD MEETING

Member Graff moved to approve the minutes of the Board Meeting held on April 26, 2023, as printed; seconded by Member Deppert. Motion to approve the minutes as printed were approved by voice vote of 20 Yeas, 0 Nays.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Tazewell County Board entered into Executive Session pursuant to 5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (11): Litigation, when an action against or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding must be recorded and entered into the minutes of the close meeting at 7:06 PM. The Tazewell County Board returned to Open Session at 8:09 PM.

CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Land Use: Approve amendment 64 to Title XV, Chapter 157 Zoning Code, RESOLUTION LU-23-07.**
- 2. Land Use: Approve amendment 65 to Title XV, Chapter 157 Zoning Code, RESOLUTION LU-23-08.**
- 3. Land Use: Approve amendment to Title XV, Chapter 153 Wind Energy Code, RESOLUTION LU-23-09.**
- 4. Land Use: Approve amendment to Title XV, Chapter 156 Solar Energy Code, RESOLUTION LU-23-10.**
- 5. Land Use: Approve petition of Hosta Solar, LLC Special Use, RESOLUTION LU-23-11. Withdrawn by the petitioner**
- 6. Land Use: Approve petition of Catmint Solar, LLC Special Use, RESOLUTION LU-23-12.**
- 7. Transportation: Approve IDOT resolution for Salt Dome for Section 23-00000-02-MG, RESOLUTION T-23-15.**
- 8. Transportation: Approve IDOT resolution for Seal Coat for 23-00000-06-RS, RESOLUTION T-23-16.**
- 9. Transportation: Approve IDOT resolution for Seal Coat for 23-XX000-00-MG, RESOLUTION T-23-17.**
- 10. Transportation: Approve IDOT resolution for Seal Coat for 23-100000-01-GM, RESOLUTION T-23-18.**

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11. Finance: Approve Board recognition of an increase in the Sheriff's budget for vehicle trade-in purposes, RESOLUTION F-23-21.
12. Human Resources: Approve correction in the County's Health Insurance Plan Document, RESOLUTION HR-23-09.
13. Human Resources: Approve the reclassification of the position of Administrative Assistant to the Director of Court Services, RESOLUTION HR-23-10.
14. Executive: Approve payment for contractual services for the Community Development Block Grant Revolving Loan Closeout – Accessibility Improvements, Grant # 18-248592 per contractual agreement with Knapp Concrete Contractors, Inc., RESOLUTION E-23-74.
15. Executive: Approve payment for contractual services for the Community Development Block Grant Revolving Loan Closeout – Buildings, Grant # 18-248591 per contractual agreement with Bishop Bros, RESOLUTION E-23-75.
16. Executive: Approve payment for activity delivery services for the Community Development Block Grant Revolving Loan Closeout – Buildings, Grant # 18-248591 per contractual agreement, RESOLUTION E-23-77.
17. Executive: Approve Letter of Engagement with Korn Ferry, RESOLUTION E-23-78.
18. Executive: Approve second change order for the Community Development Block Grant Revolving Loan Closeout – Building, Grant # 18-248591, RESOLUTION E-23-81.
19. Executive: Approve first change order for the Community Development Block Grant Revolving Loan Closeout – Sidewalks, Grant 18-248952, RESOLUTION E-23-87.
20. Executive: Approve payment for activity delivery services for the Community Development Block Grant Revolving Loan Closeout – Buildings, Grant # 18-248592 per contractual agreement, RESOLUTION E-23-88.
21. Executive: Approve the thirteenth invoice from Kenyon & Associates for Community Development Block Grant Revolving Loan Closeout – Buildings, Grant # 18-248591, RESOLUTION E-23-89.
22. Executive: Approve amendments to the County Board Rules – Chapter 33 of the County Code, RESOLUTION E-23-90.

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Member Crawford moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as outlined in the agenda packet; seconded by Member Atkins. The Consent Agenda was approved by voice vote of 20 Yeas; 0 Nays.

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

Item 1 Land Use: Member Rich-Stimson requested an update on the proposed amendments. Community Development Director Jacklyn Workman provided an update on the amendment. Member Crawford motioned to approve amendment 64 to Title XV, Chapter 157 Zoning Code; seconded by Member Sam Goddard. Motion passed by voice vote of 20 Yeas; 0 Nays

Item 2 Land Use: Community Development Director Jacklyn Workman provided an update on the amendment. Member Sam Goddard motioned to approve amendment 65 to Title XV, Chapter 157 Zoning Code; seconded by Member Rich-Stimson. Motion passed by voice vote of 20 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Item 3 Land Use: Community Development Director Workman provided an update on the amendment. Member Sinn suggested the Land Use Committee look into further amendments to the code in the future. Member Atkins motioned to amend stated amendment language; seconded by Member Deppert. Discussion took place regarding the proposed amendment.

Member Atkins motioned to amend amendment to Title XV, Chapter 153 Wind Energy Code; seconded by Member Deppert. Motion passed by roll call vote of 16 Yeas; 4 Nays – Sam Goddard, Graff, Proehl, Sinn.

Motion to approve amendment to Title XV, Chapter 153 Wind Energy Code, as amended passed by roll call vote of 18 Yeas; 2 Nays – Graff, Proehl.

Item 4 Land Use: Member Atkins motioned to amend amendment to Title XV, Chapter 153 Solar Energy Code; seconded by Member Crawford. Motion passed by roll call of 16 Yeas; 4 Nays – Sam Goddard, Graff, Proehl, Sinn.

Motion to approve amendment to Title XV, Chapter 156 Solar Energy Code, as amended passed by roll call vote of 18 Yeas; 2 Nays – Graff, Proehl.

Item 6 Land Use: Chairman Zimmerman explained a yes vote denies request and a no vote approves the petition. Member Graff stated this proposed location was not suited for a solar project but will vote to allow such project. Member Hagaman said she agreed with Member Graff's comments.

Member Schneider motion to approve petition of Catmint Solar, LLC Special Use; seconded by Member Sinn. Motion passed by roll call vote of 8 Yeas –Crawford,

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Harris, Krehbiel, Menold, Mingus, Paget, Rich-Stimson, Smith ; 11 Nays; 1 Abstention – Hall.

Member Sinn motioned to amend the Finding of Facts; seconded by Member Graff. Motion to amend Finding of Facts were approved by roll call vote of 13 Yeas; 7 Nays – Crawford, Harris, Krehbiel, Menold, Proehl, Rich-Stimson, Smith; 1 Abstention – Hall.

Item 5 Land Use: The petition of Hosta Solar, LLC Special Use was withdrawn by the petitioner following the passage of the Catmint Solar LLC, Special Use.

Item 7 Transportation: Member Menold provided an update on the proposed new Salt Dome for the Highway Department. Member Menold moved to approve IDOT resolution for Salt Dome for Section 23-00000-02-MG; seconded by Member Longfellow. Motion passed by voice vote of 20 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Item 22 Executive: Motion by Nelms to approve amendments to the County Board Rules-Chapter 33 of the County Code; seconded by Member Rich-Stimson. Motion passed by voice vote of 20 Yeas; 0 Nays.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

E-23-67: Member Sinn moved to Reappoint Gary Flairty to the Green Valley Community Fire District; seconded by Member Schneider. Resolution E-23-67 was approved by voice vote of 20 Yeas; 0 Nays.

E-23-68: Member Sinn moved to Reappoint Brian Wilson to the Greater Creve Coeur Sanitary District; seconded by Member Schneider. Resolution E-23-68 was approved by voice vote of 20 Yeas; 0 Nays.

E-23-69: Member Sinn moved to Reappoint Shawne Combs Woodard to the Tremont Fire Protection District; seconded by Member Schneider. Resolution E-23-69 was approved by voice vote of 20 Yeas; 0 Nays.

E-23-70: Member Sinn moved to appoint Traci Kraemer to the Deer Creek Fire Protection District; seconded by Member Schneider. Resolution E-23-70 was approved by voice vote of 20 Yeas; 0 Nays.

E-23-71: Member Sinn moved to reappoint Brian Goodlick to the Schaeferville Fire Protection District; seconded by Member Schneider. Resolution E-23-71 was approved by voice vote of 20 Yeas; 0 Nays.

E-23-72: Member Sinn moved to appoint Nancy Proehl to Tazwood Community Services; seconded by Member Schneider. Resolution E-23-72 was approved by voice vote of 19 Yeas; 0 Nays; 1 Abstention – Proehl.

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E-23-79: Member Sinn moved to reappoint Jimmy Stevens to the Board of Review; seconded by Member Schneider. Resolution E-23-79 was approved by voice vote of 20 Yeas; 0 Nays.

E-23-80: Member Sinn moved to reappoint John Bisanz to the Board of Review; seconded by Member Schneider. Resolution E-23-80 was approved by voice vote of 20 Yeas; 0 Nays.

E-23-82: Member Sinn moved to reappoint John Tharp to the Central Fire Protection District; seconded by Member Schneider. Resolution E-23-82 was approved by voice vote of 20 Yeas; 0 Nays.

E-23-83: Member Sinn moved to reappoint Paul Anglin to the Central Fire Protection District; seconded by Member Schneider. Resolution E-23-83 was approved by voice vote of 20 Yeas; 0 Nays.

E-23-84: Member Sinn moved to reappoint Chris Meyers to the Central Fire Protection District; seconded by Member Schneider. Resolution E-23-84 was approved by voice vote of 20 Yeas; 0 Nays.

E-23-85: Member Sinn moved to appoint Stacey Sweeney to the Armington Community Fire Protection District; seconded by Member Schneider. Resolution E-23-85 was approved by voice vote of 20 Yeas; 0 Nays.

E-23-86: Member Sinn moved to reappoint Brian Tanner to the Morton Area Farmers Fire Protection District; seconded by Member Schneider. Resolution E-23-86 was approved by voice vote of 20 Yeas; 0 Nays.

IN-PLACE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting started at 8:45 PM and ended at 9:08 PM. The Executive Committee Meeting went into closed session at 8:47 PM and returned to open session at 9:07

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

It was determined no unfinished business for the board at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

It was determined no new business for the board at this time.

ACTION FROM EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

E-23-91: Approve Second Change Order for the Community Development Block Grant Resolving Loan Closeout – Sidewalks, Grant # 18-248952. Motion by Member Sam Goddard to approve the second change order for the Community Development Block

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Grant Resolving Loan Closeout – Sidewalk, Grant # 18-248952; seconded by Member Proehl. Motion was approved by voice vote of 20 Yeas; 0 Nays.

E-23-92: Approve Amendment to the Agreement with Pictometry International Corp., for GIS Flyover. Motion by Member Crawford to approve amendment to the agreement with Pictometry International Corp., for GIS Flyover; seconded by Member Menold. Motion was approved by voice vote of 20 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Review of approved bills.

Board Members reviewed the approved bills as presented.

APPROVE THE JUNE 2023 CALENDAR

Member Krehbiel moved to approve the June 2023 calendar; seconded by Member Longfellow. Motion to approve the June 2023 calendar was approved by voice vote of 20 Yeas; 0 Nays.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Board Chairman Zimmerman announced the meeting was adjourned. The Tazewell County Board Meeting adjourned at 9:10 PM. The next scheduled County Board meeting will be June 28, 2023.