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Russ Crawford, Dist. 3
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**TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 15, 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, Mark Goddard, Sam Goddard, Graff, Hagaman, Hall, Joesting, Krehbiel, Longfellow, Menold, Mingus, Nelms, Paget, Proehl, Rich-Stimson, Schneider, Sinn, Smith - 22. Absent: None.

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

David Froelich, CVE North America Representative, spoke about the proposed solar project in Tazewell County.

Robin Miller, a Green Valley resident, spoke on Wolf Carbon Solutions proposed CO2 pipeline in Tazewell County.

Seth Uphoff, SOL Systems Representative, addressed the decommissioning plans for Resolution E-23-152.

Brent Heider, a concerned citizen, spoke about the Dream Center of Peoria proposed zoning case within Tazewell County. He encouraged the Tazewell County Board to oppose this project.

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Denise Bailey, Dream Center Representative, spoke on the need for this proposed project and encouraged the board to approve the rezoning application for 1788 Nofsinger Road, Washington.

Andy King, Dream Center Peoria Executive Director, addressed the board on the need for a home for young mothers.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED & APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS

No communications from elected & appointed county officials.

APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 2, 2023, TENTATIVE BUDGET, OCTOBER 25, 2023 FINAL BUDGET AND OCTOBER 25, 2023 COUNTY BOARD MINUTES

Member Nelms moved to approve the minutes of the Tentative Budget Meeting held on October 2, 2023, Final Budget Meeting held on October 25th and the Board Meeting held on October 25, 2023, as printed; seconded by Member Mingus. Motion to approve the minutes as printed were approved by voice vote of 21 Yeas, 0 Nays.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Health Services: Approve agreement with Creve Coeur for Animal Control Services, RESOLUTION HS-23-24.

2. Health Services: Approve agreement with Marquette Heights for Animal Control Services, RESOLUTION HS-23-25.

3. Health Services: Approve agreement with Hopedale for Animal Control Services, RESOLUTION HS-23-26.

4. Health Services: Approve agreement with Tremont for Animal Control Services, RESOLUTION HS-23-27.

5. Health Services: Approve agreement with North Pekin for Animal Control Services, RESOLUTION HS-23-28.

6. Health Services: Approve agreement with Deer Creek for Animal Control Services, RESOLUTION HS-23-29.

7. Health Services: Approve agreement with Green Valley for Animal Control Services, RESOLUTION HS-23-30.

8. Health Services: Approve agreement with Armington for Animal Control Services, RESOLUTION HS-23-31.

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9. **Health Services: Approve agreement with Morton for Animal Control Services, RESOLUTION HS-23-32.**
10. **Land Use: Approve Case No. 23-63-S – Dragon’s Breath Solar – Title XV, Chapter 157, for a Special Use to allow the construction of a 5 Mega Watt Commercial Solar Farm in an A-1 Agriculture Preservation District, RESOLUTION LU-23-23.**
11. **Land Use: Approve Case No. 23-64-S – CVE US IL Washington 323 – Title XV, Chapter 157, for a Special Use to allow the construction of a 5 Mega Watt Commercial Solar Farm in an A-1 Agriculture Preservation District, RESOLUTION LU-23-24.**
12. **Land Use: Approve Case NO. 23-67-Z Keith & Pamela Fiedler – Title XV, Chapter 157, for a Map Amendment to the Official Groveland Township Zoning Map of Tazewell County to change the zoning classification of property from an A-1 Agriculture Preservation District to a R-1 Low Density Residential Zoning District, RESOLUTION LU-23-30.**
13. **Land Use: Approve Case No. 23-68-Z Dream Center of Peoria – Title XV, Chapter 157, for a Map Amendment to the Official Washington Township Zoning Map of Tazewell County to change the zoning classification of property from an A-1 Agriculture Preservation District to a R-1 Low Density Residential Zoning District, RESOLUTION LU-23-31.**
14. **Land Use: Approve renewal of Contractual Agreement with Tucker Plumbing for plumbing inspections, RESOLUTION LU-23-25.**
15. **Land Use: Approve renewal of Contractual Agreement with Dick Young for electrical inspections, RESOLUTION LU-23-13616.**
16. **Land Use: Approve renewal of Contractual Agreement with Central Illinois Fire Inspection Services, LLC for commercial plan review of fire and life safety, RESOLUTION LU-23-28.**
17. **Land Use: Approve renewal of Contractual Agreement with Tri-County Regional Planning Commission for zoning and planning services, RESOLUTION LU-23-28.**
18. **Land Use: Approve renewal of Contractual Agreement with Municipal Addressing Services for addressing services, RESOLUTION LU-23-29.**
19. **Transportation: Approve Resolution appropriating funds for the payment of the county engineer’s salary, RESOLUTION T-23-21.**

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20. **Transportation: Approve to receive bids for new equipment to replace old equipment, lease, sell, or acquire new equipment, RESOLUTION T-23-22.**
21. **Transportation: Approve Resolution for maintenance under the Illinois Highway Code, RESOLUTION T-23-23.**
22. **Transportation: Approve to receive bids for new bridge and road contracts, RESOLUTION T-23-24.**
23. **Transportation: Approve to attend NACE Conference, RESOLUTION T-23-25.**
24. **Transportation: Approve to attend IPLSA Conference, RESOLUTION T-23-26.**
25. **Property: Approve purchase of a truck for Animal Control, RESOLUTION P-23-14.**
26. **Property: Approve Medical Office Space Lease, RESOLUITON P-23-15.**
27. **Finance: Approve County Recorder fees, RESOLUTION F-23-41.**
28. **Finance: Approve budget transfer for Probation Fund, RESOLUTION F-23-43.**
29. **Finance: Approve budget transfer for VA, RESOLUTION F-23-44.**
30. **Finance: Approve budget transfer for Special Funds, RESOLUTION F-23-45.**
31. **Finance: Approve budget transfer for Farm, RESOLUTION F-23-46.**
32. **Finance: Approve budget transfer for General Fund, RESOLUTION F-23-47.**
33. **Finance: Decline Property Tax Recapture, RESOLUTION F-23-49.**
34. **Finance: Approve reimbursements from the American Rescue Plan Act's State and Local Fiscal Recovery funds, RESOLUTION F-23-50.**
35. **Human Resources: Approve agreement with Pareto/HCC as stop loss carrier, SmithRx as prescription provider, and HealthJoy as telemedicine provider, RESOLUTION HR-23-26.**
36. **Human Resources: Approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Control Room Operators, RESOLUTION HR-23-11.**
37. **Human Resources: Approve the FY24 Cobra rates, RESOLUTION HR-23-22.**
38. **Human Resources: Approve a change in contribution amount for flexible spending, RESOLUTION HR-23-23.**

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39. **Human Resources: Approve amended service agreement with Employee Benefits Corporation (EBC), RESOLUTION HR-23-24.**
40. **Human Resources: Approve Employee Handbook Revisions, RESOLUTION HR-23-25.**
41. **Risk: Approve property, casualty, and worker's compensation insurance providers and premiums, RESOLUTION RM-23-08.**
42. **Executive: Recommend to approve invoice from Farnsworth Group for CDBG RLF Closeout-Sidewalks, RESOLUTION E-23-129.**
43. **Executive: Recommend to approve Chairman to certify ballot question for March 19th primary election, RESOLUTION E-23-148.**
44. **Executive: Recommend to approve resolution urging the Illinois Commerce Commission to deny the Wolf Carbon Solutions US LLC application, RESOLUTION E-23-149.**
45. **Executive: Recommend to approve the Annual Appellate Prosecutor resolution, RESOLUTION E-23-150.**
46. **Executive: Recommend to 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-23-151.**
47. **Executive: Recommend to approve Decommissioning Agreement for Bunker Solar, LLC, RESOLUTION E-23-152.**
48. **Executive: Recommend to approve Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of East Peoria, RESOLUTION E-23-153.**
49. **Executive: Recommend to approve Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Washington, RESOLUTION E-23-154.**

Member Crawford moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as outlined in the agenda packet; seconded by Member Deppert. The Consent Agenda was approved by voice vote of 20 Yeas; 1 Nays – Graff.

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

Item 10 Land Use: Discussion from board members regarding Case No. 23-63-S-Dragon's Breath Solar. Chairman Zimmerman requested the board enter into Executive Session citing Section 2 (c) (11) Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on

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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 shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. Member Rich-Stimson motioned to enter into Executive Session; seconded by Member Paget. Tazewell County Board entered into Executive Session at 6:33 PM.

Tazewell County Board returned to Open Session at 6:56 PM.

Resolution LU-23-23, Case No. 23-63-S-Dragon's Breath Solar – Title XV, Chapter 157, for Special Use to allow the construction of a 5 Mega Watt Commercial Solar Farm in an A-1 Agriculture Preservation District was approved by roll call vote of 15 Yeas; 5 Nays – Harris, Longfellow, Menold, Paget, Rich-Stimson. 1 Absent – Schneider.

Item 11 Land Use: Member Crawford motioned to approve Resolution LU-23-24, Case No. 23-64-S – CVE US IL Washington 323 – Title XV, Chapter 157, for a Special Use to allow the construction of a 5 Mega Watt Commercial Solar Farm in a A-1 Agriculture Preservation District; seconded by Member Hall. Motion was approved by voice vote of 16 Yeas; 5 Nays – Harris, Longfellow, Menold, Paget, Rich-Stimson.

Item 12 Land Use: Member Crawford motioned to approve Resolution LU-23-30, Case No. 23-67-Z – Keith & Pamela Fiedler – Title XV, Chapter 157, for a Map Amendment to the Official Groveland Township Zoning Map of Tazewell County to change the zoning classification of property from an A-1 Agriculture Preservation District to a R-1 Low Density Residential District; seconded by Member Sam Goddard. Motion was approved by voice vote of 21 Yeas; 0 Nays

Item 13 Land Use: Member Proehl motioned to approve Case No. 23-68-Z Dream Center of Peoria – Title XV, Chapter 157, for a Map Amendment to the Official Washington Township Zoning Map of Tazewell County to change the zoning classification of property from an A-1 Agriculture Preservation District to an R-1 Low Density Residential Zoning District; seconded by Member Nelms. Resolution LU-23-31 was approved by voice vote of 20 Yeas; 1 Nays – Longfellow.

Item 17 Land Use: Member Sam Goddard motioned to approve renewal of Contractual Agreement with Tri-County Regional Planning Commission for zoning and planning services; seconded by Member Smith. Member Sinn voiced dissatisfaction with Tri-County Regional Planning Commission and stated he would not support this resolution. Member Proehl stated the issues involving the Tri-County Planning Commission needs to be discussed with the entire board because of the amount of money spent.

Resolution LU-23-28 was approved by voice vote of 20 Yeas; 1 Nays – Sinn.

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Item 19 Transportation: Member Menold motioned to amend Resolution T-23-21 regarding the salary of County Engineer Parr; seconded by Member Crawford. Motion to amend Resolution T-23-21 passed by voice vote of 20 Yeas; 1 Nays – Mark Goddard. Motion to approve Resolution T-23-21 as amended was approved by voice vote of 20 Yeas; 1 Nays – Mark Goddard.

Item 27 Finance: Discussion took place of the four options for the recorder fees: Option A would be fees set at the 2018 level, Option B would be no salaries in fee fund, Option C would accommodate salaries in the document storage fund, and Option D would be the Bellwether Study proposal. Member Graff motioned to approve Option D; seconded by Member Crawford. Motion to approve Option D of Resolution F-23-41 was approved by voice vote of 17 Yeas; 4 Nays – Mark Goddard, Sam Goddard, Harris, Schneider. Motion as amended was passed by voice vote of 19 Yeas; 2 Nays – Mark Goddard, Sam Goddard.

Item 36 Human Resources: Member Proehl motioned to amend Resolution HR-23-11; seconded by Member Rich-Stimson. Motion to amend was approved by voice vote of 21 Yeas; 0 Nays. Motion to approve as amended was approved by voice vote of 21 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Item 44 Executive: Member Nelms motioned to approve Resolution E-23-149; seconded by Member Harris. Motion to approve Resolution E-23-149 passed by voice vote of 21 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Item 47 Executive: Member Atkins motioned to amend Resolution E-23-152; seconded by Member Longfellow. Mr. Uphoff spoke on the Decommissioning Agreement for Bunker Solar, LLC. Motion to amend Resolution E-23-152 was passed by voice vote of 21 Yeas; 0 Nays. Motion as amended was passed by voice vote of 21 Yeas; 0 Nays.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

E-23-142: Member Atkins moved to Reappoint Amy McClanahan to the Zoning Board of Appeals; seconded by Member Crawford. Resolution E-23-142 was approved by voice vote of 21 Yeas; 0 Nays.

E-23-143: Member Atkins moved to Reappoint Don Vaughn to the Zoning Board of Appeals; seconded by Member Crawford. Resolution E-23-143 was approved by voice vote of 21 Yeas; 0 Nays.

E-23-144: Member Atkins moved to Reappoint Duane Lessen to the Zoning Board of Appeals; seconded by Member Crawford. Resolution E-23-144 was approved by voice vote of 21 Yeas; 0 Nays.

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E-23-145: Member Atkins moved to Reappoint Todd Bong to the Zoning Board of Appeals; seconded by Member Crawford. Resolution E-23-145 was approved by voice vote of 21 Yeas; 0 Nays.

E-23-146: Member Atkins moved to Reappoint Samuel Miller to the Zoning Board of Appeals; seconded by Member Crawford. Resolution E-23-146 was approved by voice vote of 21 Yeas; 0 Nays.

E-23-147: Member Atkins moved to Appoint Lori Prater to the Northern Tazewell Fire Department; seconded by Member Crawford. Resolution E-23-147 was approved by voice vote of 21 Yeas; 0 Nays.

LU-23-21 Land Use: Approve Case No. 23-57-S-EDPR NA DG, LLC – Title XV, Chapter 157, for a Special Use to allow the construction of a 4.95 Mega Watt Commercial Solar Farm in an A-1 Agriculture Preservation District

Discussion took place regarding the Zoning Board of Appeals approval and the Land Use Committee's denial for the petition of a special use. Assistant State's Attorney Mike Holly stated the States Attorney's office does not agree with the denial recommendation from Land Use. Member Atkins reminded the board a Yes vote would be approval of the petition and a No vote would be a denial. Community Development Director Workman stated the petition had significant changes from its original request.

Motion to approve Special Use to allow construction of a 4.95 Mega Watt Commercial Solar Farm in an A-1 Agriculture Preservation District was approved by roll call vote of 11 Yeas; 10 Nays – Crawford, Hagaman, Hall, Harris, Longfellow, Mingus, Paget, Proehl, Rich-Stimson, Smith.

LU-23-22 Land Use: Approve Case No. 23-58-S – EDPR NA DG, LLC – Title XV, Chapter 157, for a Special Use to allow the construction of a 4.95 Mega Watt Commercial Solar Farm in an A-1 Agriculture Preservation District

Community Development Director Workman indicated some adjustments from previous application was completed.

Member Sam Goddard motioned to approve Special Use to allow Construction of a 4.95 Mega Watt Commercial Solar Farm in an A-1 Agriculture Preservation District; seconded by Rich Stimson. Motion was approved by roll call vote of 12 Yeas; 9 Nays – Crawford, Hagaman, Hall, Harris, Longfellow, Mingus, Paget, Rich Stimson, Smith.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Member Menold thanked County Engineer Dan Parr for his dedication and loyalty to the county. He indicated Mr. Parr received an excellent evaluation.

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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 DECEMBER AND JANUARY 2023-2024 CALENDAR

Member Joesting moved to approve the December 2023 and January 2024 calendar; seconded by Member Hall. Motion to approve the December 2023 and January 2024 calendar was approved by voice vote of 21 Yeas; 0 Nays.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Zimmerman thanked County Administrator Mike Deluhery and Finance Director Mindy Darcy for their hard work on the 2024 Budget. He also thanked Member Longfellow and Facilities Director Mike Schone on the work regarding the new employee parking lot.

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Zimmerman announced the meeting adjourned. The Tazewell County Board Meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM. The next scheduled County Board meeting will be January 31, 2024.