

Chairman David Zimmerman  
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Nancy Proehl, Dist. 1  
Mark Goddard, Dist. 1  
Kaden Nelms, Dist. 1  
Nick Graff, Dist. 2  
Greg Menold, Dist. 2  
Greg Sinn, Dist. 2  
Sierra Smith, Dist. 3  
Dave Mingus, Dist. 3  
Tammy Rich-Stimson Dist. 3



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County Clerk

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Jay Hall, Dist. 1  
Michael Deppert, Dist. 1  
Sam Goodard, Dist. 1  
Vivian Hagaman, 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

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**TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 2, 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 David Zimmerman, Vice Chairman Harris, Members Atkins, Crawford, Deppert, Sam Goddard, Graff, Hall, Krehbiel, Longfellow, Menold, Nelms, Rich-Stimson, Schneider -14. Absent Members were: Mark Goddard, Hagaman, Joesting, Mingus, Paget, Proehl, Sinn, Smith– 8

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

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

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, COUNTY EMPLOYEES,  
ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

No communications from members of the public, county employees, elected and appointed officials at this time.

**FISCAL YEAR 2024 BUDGET OVERVIEW**

Chairman Zimmerman turned over control of the meeting to Finance Chairman Nick Graff to conduct the Tentative Budget proceedings for the FY2024 Budget.

Finance Chairman Graff mentioned the Finance Committee held multiple budget meetings to discuss the FY2024 Budget. He thanked the departments that were able to work on reaching the budget goals of the County. He explained that departments had certain board members assigned to review the budget with them. He stated the budget was the most important job for a county board member. He indicated a correction to

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agenda item number seven. He stated it should have stated discussion on tax levy ordinances not adopt them.

### **GENERAL FUND**

County Administrator Mike Deluhery and Assistant County Administrator Mindy Darcy provided an overview of the FY24 Tentative Budget. They provided a power point presentation that discussed Inter-Fund Transfers, ARPA Funds, 5-Year Capital Improvement Plan, General Fund Summary, All Funds Summary, General Fund – Operating Surplus, General Fund Spenddown, 2024 recommended Tax Levy, Levied Fund Dependency on Tax Levy Dollars and Proposed FY24 Property Tax. They discussed the revenues and expenditures of the General Fund. The estimated projected revenue for FY2024 would be \$38,708,363.00. They spoke on the creation of a 5 year Capital Improvement Plan. Administrator Deluhery indicated the General Fund operating surplus was \$2,120,537.00. He explained the recommended tax levy and stated the funds that were part of the levy was as follows: General Fund, University of Illinois Extension, Risk Management, IMRF, Social Security, County Highway, County Bridge, Matching Tax, Health Department, Veterans and People with Developmental Disabilities. He stated Tazewell County's Property Tax rate is the fourth lowest rate of the 102 counties in the State of Illinois. He said 96% of Illinois counties have a higher property tax rate and the median property tax rate of all counties in Illinois is double the property tax rate in Tazewell County.

Member Crawford thanked the Finance Department for their work on the budget and stated he was pleased Tazewell County had the fourth lowest tax rate in Illinois.

County Administrator Deluhery provided an overview of the items that required amendments in the General Fund Budget.

Discussions occurred pertaining to the individual budget lines for the General Fund Budget. Some department budgets did not require any discussions prior to approval.

**Building Administration:** Finance Chairman Graff explained to the board that the Building Administration Budget had an increase of \$3,887 to cover salary estimates.

**External Audit:** Chairman Graff stated the External Audit line showed an increase of \$25,195 for two additional programs requiring audit services.

**General County Operations:** A decrease in the budget by \$3000 to reflect revenue adjustments.

**Information Technology:** A decrease in budget by \$140,500 was to reflect an updated quote for website services.

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**County Clerk/Recorder:** Finance Chairman Graff indicated the County Clerk's budget discussion would take place after the Bellwether Report was completed.

Motion by Member Crawford to amend the General Fund Budget to reflect changes; seconded by Member Atkins.

Member Harris stated he would not support until Clerk/Recorder budget had the proper changes.

Motion to approve the General Fund budget as amended was passed by voice vote of 12 Yeas; 2 Nays – Harris, Nelms.

County Administrator Deluhery indicated the Amended General Fund budget would be \$40,640,268.00 and the Contingency Line would be \$1,851,359.00.

### Amended General Fund Amounts are as follows:

Circuit Clerk \$1,617,764.00  
Jury Commission \$150,449.00  
State's Attorney \$3,362,176.00  
Public Defender \$1,829,656.00  
Courts \$510,999.00  
Court Services \$3,363,396.00  
Court Security \$863,783.00  
Sheriff \$16,164,729.00  
EMA \$285,590.00  
Coroner \$572,997.00  
Community Development \$441,747.00  
County Board \$234,981.00  
Auditor \$78,611.00  
County Clerk/Elections \$1,722,203.00  
Recorder of Deeds \$28,604.00  
Treasurer and Tax Collector \$525,238.00  
County Administration \$3,358,480.00  
Information Technology \$1,900,231  
Human Resources \$224,765  
Finance \$481,805.00  
External Audit \$160,840.00  
County General Farm \$27,000.00  
Assessments \$466,562.00  
Board of Review \$126,138.00  
Building Administration \$2,033,927.00

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## **SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

Finance Chairman Graff began discussion on the Special Revenue Funds. The Special Revenue Funds were discussed or approved as follows:

IMRF budget had no changes, questions or concerns addressed.

Social Security budget had no changes, questions or concerns.

Health Internal Services budget had no changes. Administrator Delehury stated the Health Internal Services was within the Stop Loss Policy, which currently was in negotiations by the county.

Township Bridge Fund budget had no changes, questions or concerns.

Motion by Member Crawford to Amend the County Highway budget with an increase to the contingency line by \$4,027; seconded by Member Longfellow passed by voice vote of 14 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Motion by Member Crawford to Amend the County Motor Fuel Tax budget with an increase of \$2750 for contingency; seconded by Member Rich-Stimson passed by voice vote of 14 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Township Road Fuel Tax budget had no changes, questions or concerns.

County Bridge Fund budget had no changes, questions or concerns.

Matching Tax budget had no changes, questions or concerns.

Motion by Member Crawford to Amend the County Health budget by an increase of \$139,293; seconded by Member Rich Stimson passed by voice vote of 14 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Special Grants Fund had no changes, questions or concerns.

21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools had no changes, questions or concerns.

Solid Waste Planning Fund had no changes, questions or concerns.

Motion by Member Crawford to Amend the Strengthening IL Public Health Admin Grant budget with a decrease of \$245,786; seconded by Member Longfellow passed by voice vote of 14 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Motion by Member Crawford to Amend the Veterans' Assistance Fund budget to reflect an increase of \$3000.00; seconded by Member Longfellow passed by voice vote of 14 Yeas; 0 Nays.

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Animal Control budget had no changes, questions or concerns.

GIS budget had no changes, questions or concerns.

Persons with Developmental Disabilities budget had no changes, questions or concerns.

American Rescue Plan budget had no changes, questions or concerns.

National Opioid Settlement had no changes, questions or concerns.

LATCF Grant had no changes, questions or concerns.

Sheriff Grant Fund budget had no changes, questions or concerns.

Treasurer's Automation Fund budget had no changes, questions or concerns.

The Energy Transition Community Grant revenue slated for FY2023 would be moved to the FY2024 budget. Motion by Member Crawford to amend the budget to reflect this change; seconded by Member Atkins.

Motion by Member Schneider to Approve the Heritage Lake SSA Fund budget with no changes; seconded by Member Crawford passed by roll call vote of 14 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Discussions between the board members occurred regarding the tax levy, the proposed FY24 Property Tax rate and what levied funds were dependent on tax levy dollars within Tazewell County.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, Finance Chairman Nick Graff announced the meeting was adjourned. The Tazewell County Board Tentative Budget Meeting was adjourned at 7:23 P.M. The next regular scheduled County Board and Final Budget meeting will be October 25, 2023.