

Chairman David Zimmerman
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Kim D. Joesting, Dist. 1
Frank Sciortino, Dist. 1
Nancy Proehl, Dist. 1
Nick Graff, Dist. 2
Greg Menold, Dist. 2
Greg Sinn, Dist. 2
Mary Jo Holford, Dist. 3
Toni Minton, Dist. 3



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Joe Wolfe, Dist. 1
Sue Sundell, Dist. 1
Jay Hall, Dist. 1
Mindy Darcy, Dist. 2
Brandon Hovey, Dist. 2
Carroll Imig, Dist. 2
Russ Crawford, Dist. 3
Michael Harris, Dist. 3
William (Bill) Atkins, Dist. 3
Greg Longfellow, Dist. 3

**TAZEWELL COUNTY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, 2019
6:00 PM**

James Carius Community Room, Tazewell Law & Justice Center,
101 S. Capitol Street, Pekin, Illinois 61554

A. ROLL CALL BY COUNTY CLERK

Attendance was taken by Roll Call and the following members of the board were present: Chairman Zimmerman, Vice Chairman Neuhauser, Members Atkins, Connett, Crawford, Darcy, Graff, Hall, Harris, Holford, Hovey, Imig, Menold, Minton, Proehl, Sciortino, Sinn, Sundell and Wolfe - 19. Absent Members were: Joesting and Longfellow – 2.

B. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chairman Zimmerman requested a moment of silence for Fulton County Sheriff's Deputy Troy Chisum who died in the line of duty, June 25th. Following the moment of silence Chairman Zimmerman led the invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. PUBLIC COMMENT

It was determined that there was no Public Comment.

D. COMMUNICATIONS FROM ELECTED & APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICIALS

County Board Member Graff spoke on the video recording of the board minutes, which began in May. He voiced concerns for the recording starting earlier than the meeting times and he requested the States Attorney's office to review the policies of video recording individuals. He further requested that speakers from the back of the room use microphone for better sound quality.

County Board Member Crawford stated he heard positive comments following the first recording in May. He agreed with Member Graff regarding his concerns and requested the County Clerk to make adjustments on start time of the video.

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Chairman Zimmerman introduced Jeff Ekena as the new Tazewell County Regional Office of Education #53 Regional Superintendent of Schools replacing Patrick Durley, who retired.

E. IN-PLACE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Meeting started at 6:06 PM and ended at 6:42 PM.

F. APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE May 29, 2019 COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Member Darcy moved to approve the May 29, 2019 minutes, as printed; seconded by Member Minton. Minutes for the May 29, 2019 meeting were approved by voice vote of 18 Yeas and 0 Nays.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

- 1. Health Services: Approve bid for mowing at the Pekin Landfill, RESOLUTION HS-19-03.**
- 2. Transportation: Approve low bid for 19-00000-09-GM-Tazewell County – Spray Patching, RESOLUTION T-19-28.**
- 3. Finance: Approve agreement for Abila MIP Fund Accounting Software, RESOLUTION F-19-05.**
- 4. Finance: Approve transfer request for Court Services, RESOLUTION F-19-13.**
- 5. Finance: Approve the FY20 Budget Parameters, RESOLUTION F-19-14.**
- 6. Human Resources: Approve position of Guardian Ad Litem from part time to full time, RESOLUTION HR-19-16.**
- 7. Human Resources: Approve moving two unfunded part time Public Defenders into one full time Public Defender position, RESOLUTION HR-19-17.**
- 8. Executive: Approve County Delinquent Tax Resolution, RESOLUTION E-19-100.**
- 9. Executive: Approve execution and amendment of the Downstate Operating Assistance Grant Agreement for We Care, Inc., RESOLUTION E-19-101.**
- 10. Executive: Approve changes to the precinct boundaries and polling locations, Upon Approval of In-Place Meeting. RESOLUTION E-19-98**

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Member Crawford moved to approve the Consent Agenda items as outlined in the Agenda packet; seconded by Member Sundell. The Consent Agenda was approved by voice vote of 18 Yeas; 0 Nays.

The following items were removed for further discussion.

Item 5 Finance: Approve the FY20 Budget Parameters.

Item 6 Human Resources: Approve position of Guardian Ad Litem from part time to full time.

Item 7 Human Resources: Approve moving two unfunded part time Public Defenders into one full time Public Defender position.

Item 10 Executive: Approve changes to the precinct boundaries and polling locations – Upon approval of In-Place meeting.

Item 1 Finance: Member Sinn questioned the differences between last year's parameters and the FY20 parameters. County Administrator Wendy Ferrill indicated she had language changes regarding total commodities and total contractual services listed under the FY20 budget parameters. She continued to review what parameters remained the same and what parameters had changes in fiscal year 2020. Member Neuhauser moved to approve the FY20 Budget Parameters; seconded by Member Wolfe. Motion to approve RESOLUTION F-19-14 passed by voice vote of 18 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Item 6 Human Resources: Member Proehl stated it was standard practice to pull an item from the Consent Agenda concerning Human Resource matters and she encouraged the board to approve this request. Member Harris questioned the need for a new hire and how the new position would be funded. Chairman Zimmerman stated with the rise in Meth related cases more children are being removed from their home resulting in the need for Juvenile Court to add an additional day of court hearings. Member Crawford indicated this request should not be approved because of the budget crisis. He recommended hiring an additional part time employee. County Administrator Ferrill explained this position was a Grade 18 and the annual salary would be \$75,000 with benefits. She stated the salary was between the minimum and midpoint levels of the salary scale. At the request of Member Connett Chief Public Defender Luke Taylor spoke regarding moving the position of Guardian Ad Litem from part time to full time. Mr. Taylor explained that in 2014 Juvenile Court had approximately 116 cases; in 2019 the number is projected to be 280 cases. He stated if the board would not approve this item then private attorneys would be appointed to represent the juveniles at a higher cost than requested for the full time Guardian Ad Litem position. Member Minton thanked Mr. Taylor for his information and voiced support for this item. Member Proehl

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moved to approve the position of Guardian Ad Litem from part time to full time; seconded by Member Sundell. Motion to approve RESOLUTION HR-19-16 passed by voice vote of 18 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Item 7 Human Resources: Chief Public Defender Luke Taylor explained to the board that last year Tazewell County had 858 felony cases, which were more than Peoria County and 97% of these cases required representation from the Public Defender's Office. He requested support for moving two unfunded part time Public Defenders into one full time position to help with the high number of cases his office handled. Member Sundell moved to approve moving two unfunded part time Public Defenders into one full time Public Defender position; seconded by Member Proehl. Motion to approve RESOLUTION HR-19-17 passed by voice vote of 18 Yeas; 0 Nays.

Item 10 Executive: Board Member and Parliamentarian William Atkins explained this item failed at the Executive Committee In-Place meeting, but per Robert Rules of Order a minority report could be submitted by the maker and seconder of the defeated party to place item back on the agenda for a vote by the entire county board. Member Graff moved to bring a minority report to the full board regarding the changes to the precinct boundaries and polling locations; seconded by Member Sinn. Discussions were held on the procedural effects of such vote with Assistant States Attorney Mike Holly, Board Member Atkins and Chairman Zimmerman leading the discussion. Member Graff moved to Table this item until the July 31st County Board Meeting; seconded by Member Atkins. Motion to Table Item 10 to approve changes to the precinct boundaries and polling locations to the July 31, 2019 County Board Meeting passed by voice vote of 15 Yeas; 3 Nays –Sinn, Menold and Harris.

APPOINTMENTS/REAPPOINTMENTS

E-19-99: Member Proehl moved to Reappoint Mark Berg to the Spring Lake Drainage District; seconded by Member Connett. RESOLUTION E-19-99 was approved by voice vote of 18 Yeas; 0 Nays.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

It was determined that there was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

It was determined that there was no new business.

REVIEW OF APPROVED BILLS

Board Members reviewed the approved bills as presented.

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APPROVE the JULY 2019 CALENDAR

Member Wolfe moved to approve the July 2019 calendar; seconded by Member Imig.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, Chairman Zimmerman announced the meeting was adjourned. The Tazewell County Board Meeting was adjourned at 7:33P.M. The next regular scheduled County Board meeting will be July 31, 2019.