

Fulton County Board Committee Minutes

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Committee: Executive Committee

Meeting Place: Fulton County Board Office, 257 West Lincoln St., Lewistown, IL 61542

Time: 6:45pm

Date: June 8, 2022

CALL IN INFORMATION:

Call in information: 1-425-436-6307

Access code: 835427

1. Call to Order

Time: 6:45pm

Members:

Cindy Arnett (present/xxxxxx)

Steve Bohler (present/xxxxxx) – by phone

Roger Clark (present/xxxxxx)

Mary Deushane (present/xxxxxx) arrived at 6:47pm by phone

Laura Kessel (present/xxxxxx)

Nestor Madson (present/xxxxxx)

Craig Medus (xxxxxx/absent)

John Spangler (present/xxxxxx)

Lisa Thompson (present/xxxxxx)

OTHER BOARD MEMBERS: None

STAFF: Cindy Simpson - Fulton County Board Administrative Assistant

ELECTED/APPOINTED OFFICIALS: None

GUESTS: None

MEDIA: None

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken, quorum was present

3. Call for Additions/Deletions to and Approval of Agenda

Member Spangler moved to approve the agenda with a second from Member Kessel. Motion carried by roll call vote (7-0).

4. Approval of Previous Minutes –May 4, 2022

Member Madson moved to approve the May 4, 2022 minutes with a second from Member Arnett. Motion carried by roll call vote (8-0).

5. Announcements, Communication and Correspondence

a. Co2 Pipeline

Chairman Clark discussed Joyce Blumenshine from the Central Illinois Alliance Board member will be attending the Fulton County Board meeting on June 14, 2022 to speak regarding the Co2 pipeline. Joyce will be giving a short presentation discussing the Co2 Pipeline at the board meeting.

Member Spangler asked what Fulton County's role is with the Co2 Pipeline. Chairman Clark stated the opposition to the pipeline wants Fulton County to stop the progress of the pipeline. Member Arnett discussed this is similar to the hog confinements, if the Fulton County Board acts as a unified groups and says no and sends that message to Springfield, IL, it gives support to Fulton County's representatives to support the county's decision. Member Bohler inquired if the county will get any fees from the pipeline? Chairman Clark stated the he doubted any fees would be received by Fulton County. The pipeline is coming from Minnesota to Christian County located by Taylorville. Chairman Clark stated Co2 comes from a byproduct from making Ethanol fuel and some of the uses are carbonation for soda and dry ice. Member Arnett discussed that Fulton County needs to help protect the landowners of the county that do not want the pipeline. Member Thompson inquired if the pipeline needs to acquire easements from the landowners. Chairman Clark stated yes an easement is needed for the pipeline but if an easement is not obtained, eminent domain takes effect.

b. UCCI annual conference July 25 – 26, 2022

Chairman Clark discussed the upcoming UCCI conference at Eagle Ridge Resort July 25- July 26, 2022.

6. Public Remarks – None

7. Old Business – None

8. New Business

a. **Discussion:** Courthouse repairs

Member Arnett discussed the courthouse repairs. Bids will be taken for the clock tower. The tile flooring in the Circuit Clerk's office and Treasurer's office will not be removed due to the heat treatment being used on the courthouse floor. The courthouse floors are wooden and 150 years old the concern is this would be a fire hazard.

Bill Smick will continue to replace any tiles that are loose and not broken.

The Dollar General building was discussed and the renovations would be too costly to update the building.

Chairman Clark discussed the cost for the Dollar General building fire suppression system is approximately \$180,000.00. The recommendation from Phillips & Associates is not to do this as the county would have a building with a wooden roof.

The Courthouse first floor restrooms were discussed and the cost estimates for renovations are \$50,000.00 for each restroom. Member Madson suggested making a single bathroom and having the bathroom unisex. This could eliminate the cost for one of the restrooms. The bids for the projects have all been sent by Philipps and Associates.

9. Reports from Committee Chairs

a. **Community Development**

Member Bohler discussed the Green Subdivision is waiting on the septic to be approved by the Health Department.

b. **Finance/Insurance**

Nothing to report.

c. Health

Member Kessel reported the Clayberg has no cases of Covid. Currently there are 42 residents at the Clayberg. The Clayberg hired three CNAs and three additional CNA positions remain open at this time. The parking lot project is on hold due to the shower project that is in the works. The bids for the shower project will be accepted until June 23, 2022.

The Health Department has submitted their order for vaccinations for children 6 months to 5 years old. Member Kessel reported the Covid numbers are going up in Fulton County.

Member Kessel discussed the Eagle Scout project Ella Renick is doing at the Clayberg. The project includes landscaping and new benches. The benches were ordered and Ella is doing fund raisers to help pay for the benches at the Clayberg. If anyone would like to make a donation, contact Member Kessel. Member Kessel stated the landscaping project looks very nice.

d. County Highway

Member Madson reported the Highway Department went to Summer hours of 6:00am to 4:30pm Monday through Thursday and closed on Fridays.

Mowing and ditch work is being done by the Highway Department.

Funds will need to be transferred due to the increase price of fuel.

Bids for the new Highway facility architecture have been sent out.

e. Property & Courts

Member Clark reported the Sheriff's office generator stopped working. The generator is a Cummings Generator and Cummings advised the alternator on the generator is bad and it will take 60 weeks to get a replacement alternator. Cummins is willing to replace the generator but the replacement generator will take 70 weeks for a replacement generator.

Chairman Clark contacted Altorfer in East Peoria to rent a generator. The cost is approximately \$350.00 per day, \$850.00 per week or \$2,500.00 per month. The total monthly charge to rent a Caterpillar generator with all the fees is approximately \$3,312.00. Chairman Clark provided the information to Sheriff Standard.

f. Personnel & Legislative

Member Thompson reported the committee approved two appointments.

g. Public Safety & Campground

Member Deushane reported Sheriff Standard is working on the budget.

The Campground will have a fishing day on June 11, 2022 from 7:00am – 11:00am.

The Campground on Memorial Day had all the electric sites full and it was a very good weekend.

Road work continues at the Campground.

10. Misc.

Chairman Clark discussed the four Ash trees in front of the courthouse are dead or dying. The trees and stumps will be removed. Chairman Clark would like to replace the trees with trees that do not block the view of the courthouse.

Member Thompson inquired about the grievance at the Sheriff's office. Chairman Clark reported the grievance was withdrawn.

11. Adjournment

Time: 7:20pm

Member Kessel moved to adjourn at 7:20pm with a second from Member Arnett. Motion carried by roll call vote (8-0).