

Fulton County Board Committee Minutes

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Committee: Property, Courts, Public Safety & Campground

Meeting Place: Jane Boyd Building, 260 West Lincoln St., Lewistown, IL

Time: 6:30 pm

Date: January 3, 2023

CALL IN INFORMATION:

Call in number: (425) 436-6382

Meeting code: 5189940 #

1. Call to Order

Time: 6:34pm

MEMBERS:

Jim Barclay (present/xxxxxx)

Stan Berry (present/xxxxxx)

Dan Kumer (present/xxxxxx)

Joe Murphy (present/xxxxxx)

Ryan Sloan (present/xxxxxx)

David Widger (present/xxxxxx)

Karl Williams (present/xxxxxx)

Other Board Members: John Spangler

Elected & Appointed Officials: Chris Helle ESDA Director, John Young – Campground Superintendent, Julie Russell – Supervisor of Assessment, Justin Jochums – States Attorney

Staff: Cindy Simpson – Fulton County Board Administrative Assistant

Guests: None

2. Roll Call

Roll call was taken, quorum present

3. Call for Additions/Deletions To and Approval of the Agenda

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

4. Approval of Previous Minutes – December 6 – Property & Courts, December 13, 2022 – Public Safety & Campground

Member Berry moved to approve the minutes from December 6 – Property & Courts, December 13, 2022 – Public Safety & Campground with a second from Member Kumer. Motion carried by roll call vote (7-0).

5. Announcements, Communications and Correspondence – None

6. Public Remarks

Name: Sue Scott

Address: Dunfermline, IL

Topic: Village Of Dunfermline Warning Siren

Speaker did not attend the meeting.

Chris Helle Director of ESDA, stated he will work with the Village of Dunfermline regarding their siren issue. Member Williams stated he received a call regarding the Smithfield siren not working for approximately 5 years. Director Helle will look into the issue and report back to the committee.

7. Claims

a. Discussion/Action: Claims

Member Berry moved to approve the claims with a second from Member Murphy. Motion carried by roll call vote (7-0).

8. Old Business

a. Discussion/Action: Capital Projects Fund - Pulled

b. Discussion/Action: Property Repairs – Pulled

Member Murphy moved to pull agenda items 8a and 8b with a second from Member Berry. Motion carried by roll call vote (7-0).

9. New Business

a. Discussion: Property tour of Jail and Courthouse – Tabled

b. Discussion/Action: Metropolitan Water Reclamation District contract discussion

Member Williams discussed the lease with MWRD. Justin Jochums, States Attorney, stated members that agreed to the lease agreement are no longer working for the county.

Supervisor of Assessment, Julie Russell, stated the 4 parcels the campground is paying taxes on for 2021 total approximately \$9,000.00. Russell stated the taxes for the additional house on the property is approximately \$2,000.00 per year. Superintendent Young stated the house the additional property taxes are being paid is in disrepair and the county has no access to the property. One additional issue is the crop land is included on the assessment of the property with the house and the county does not receive any income from the land being farmed.

Member Williams does not see why the county would have to pay taxes on farm ground that the county is not receiving cash rent or income from. Member Williams would like to have a discussion with MWRD regarding these issues in the future.

PUBLIC SAFETY

10. Policies - None

11. Declaration of Surplus Property - None

12. Claims

a. Sheriff

Sheriff Webb reported the first Sheriff claims were \$721.98. Member Murphy moved to approve the claims with a second from Member Kumer. Motion carried by roll call vote (7-0).

Sheriff Webb reported the second Sheriff claims were \$12,568.68. Member Murphy moved to approve the claims with a second from Member Kumer. Motion carried by roll call vote (7-0).

b. Jail

Sheriff Webb reported the total Jail claims were \$7,081.04. Member Kumer moved to approve the claims with a second from Member Murphy. Motion carried by roll call vote (7-0).

c. Animal Control

Sheriff Webb reported the first Animal Control claims were \$720.81. Member Kumer moved to approve the claims with a second from Member Widger. Motion carried by roll call vote (7-0).

Sheriff Webb reported the second Animal Control claims were \$454.01. Member Kumer moved to approve the claims with a second from Member Widger. Motion carried by roll call vote (7-0).

d. Merit

Sheriff Webb reported the total Merit claims were \$605.00. Member Kumer moved to approve the claims with a second from Member Murphy. Motion carried by roll call vote (7-0).

13. ESDA

a. ESDA Claims

Director Helle reported the total ESDA claims were \$350.82. Member Kumer moved to approve the claims with a second from Member Murphy. Motion carried by roll call vote (7-0).

14. Old Business

15. New Business

a. **Discussion/Action: Resolution:** Jay Valencia – Appointment - Merit Commission

Member Kumer inquired if Jay Valencia is a Democrat to replace Todd Fletcher. Member Williams stated the appointment is a Democrat.

Member Murphy moved to approve the resolution with a second from Member Barclay. Motion carried by roll call vote (7-0).

b. **Discussion/Action:** Filing Complaint with Board of Review

Campground Superintendent John Young discussed the house on the property that the county is paying taxes on. Young stated the house needs to be demolished.

Members inquired who would pay to demolish the house. Chairman Spangler stated there are discussion needed with MWRD regarding the property and the lease agreement.

Member Murphy moved to approve Superintendent Young to file a complaint with the Board of Review regarding the property taxes for the additional house on the campground leased property with a second from Member Widger. Motion carried by roll call vote (7-0).

16. Campground

a. Campground Claims

Superintendent Young reported the first Campground claims were \$4,632.44. Member Berry moved to approve the claims with a second from Member Murphy. Motion carried by roll call vote (7-0).

Superintendent Young reported the second Campground claims were \$43.62. Member Berry moved to approve the claims with a second from Member Murphy. Motion carried by roll call vote (7-0).

b. Web claims

17. Old Business – None

18. New Business – None

19. Fulton County Camping and Rec

a. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Young reported over 20% of the campground campers have paid for the 2023 camping season. The final date to pay the campground contracts is January 15, 2023. The numbers are similar for the power bills being paid.

Communications with Mid-Century have resolved the easement issues and the fiber optics project is starting to progress.

The campground wait list is currently 43 for the 2023 season. The campground has eight electric sites and three non-electric sites open to the public and seven electric sites and two non-electric sites available for the campers 2023 bidding cycle.

Superintendent Young gained permission from MWRD's legal department December 29, 2022, to do an inspection of the house across from the Little Sister Loop boat ramp. The house was not secure and all the basement windows are out. There is mold and animal feces present in the house and the house is uninhabitable. Young hopes to file a complaint with the Board of Review to reduce the taxes the campground pays.

Spoon River Electric Co-op's rates will be going up approximately 10% in 2023 per the letter received on December 16, 2022.

The Campground is working on the 2023 calendar of events and the tentative list of events and dates are subject to change. There will be both live and passive programs. A finalized list will be coming out soon.

April

- Come Fly a Kite
- Morell Mushroom Contest*

May

- Veterans' Fishing Derby
- Natural Scavenger Hunt*

June

- Family Fishing Derby

August

- Back-to-schoolpalooza

September

- Fart Squirrel 5K Color Run for Charity

*passive programming

20. **Executive Session:** – None

21. **Misc.** – None

22. **Adjournment**

Time: 7:19pm

Member Kumer moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:19pm with a second from Member Sloan. Motion carried by roll call vote (7-0).