

SUMMARY
Effingham County Board Meeting
March 19, 2012

ROLL CALL, PLEDGE, PRAYER

The County Board of Effingham County, Illinois met pursuant to a regular meeting on March 19, 2012 at 4:00 P.M. in the County Board Room, County Building, City of Effingham, State of Illinois. Meeting was called to order by Chairman C. Willenburg.

Roll call was taken with the following Board Members present: C. Wayne Russell, Jim Niemann, David Campbell, Bob Shields, Jeff Simpson, Carolyn Willenburg, Rob Arnold, and Larry Vahling. Karen Luchtefeld was late after attending a meeting in Springfield earlier in the day. Chairman C. Willenburg led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance and L. Vahling gave the Prayer.

AGENDA CONSIDERATIONS - None

RECOGNIZE PERSONS WHO WISH TO SPEAK ON AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS - None

APPROVE MINUTES

Motion made by J. Niemann seconded by W. Russell to approve the County Board meeting minutes of February 21, 2012. Motion carried.

OFFICERS REPORTS

Motion made by J. Simpson seconded by D. Campbell to approve the Officers reports for February 2012. Motion carried.

APPROVE BILLS: COUNTY BOARD PER DIEM & EXPENSES

Motion made by L. Vahling seconded by R. Arnold to approve payment of all the County bills plus County Board per diem and expenses. Roll call was taken and voting was as follows: 8 Aye, 0 Nay. Motion carried.

COUNTY BOARD PER DIEM AND EXPENSES – Paid, 2012

	Per Diem	Mileage
C. Wayne Russell	\$ 420.00	\$ 0.00
Jim Niemann	0.00	0.00
Karen Luchtefeld	840.00	0.00
David Campbell	560.00	0.00
Bob Shields	700.00	0.00
Jeff Simpson	700.00	117.00
Carolyn Willenburg	765.00	160.00
Robert Arnold	210.00	0.00
Larry Vahling	<u>490.00</u>	<u>26.00</u>
Total:	\$ 4685.00	\$277.00

RESOLUTION – Honoring Cowden Herrick Beecher City Coop State Girls Basketball Team

Motion made by B. Shields seconded by J. Simpson to approve the Resolution honoring the Cowden/Herrick/Beecher City Coop Girls Basketball Team for their second place State Finish. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – Honoring Donna Lueken for her 25 years of service with the Health Department

Motion made by D. Campbell seconded by B. Shields to approve the Resolution honoring Donna Lueken for her 25 years of service with the Health Department. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION – Honoring Barbara Funneman for her 25 years of service in the Public Defender's Office

Motion made by L. Vahling seconded by K. Luchtefeld to approve the Resolution honoring Barbara Funneman for her 25 years of service in the Public Defender's Office. Motion carried.

RECOGNITION – Local Government week, March 4-10, 2012

Local Government Week – Ellie Shumaker, and the 4-H Youth Ambassadors in Effingham County passed out cookies to Effingham County officials as a thank you for their work in the County to celebrate Local Government Week, March 4-10, 2012.

COUNTY DRUG CARD - Coast 2 Coast Rx card County Marketing Agreement

Motion made by L. Vahling seconded by J. Niemann to approve the Coast 2 Coast Rx card County Marketing Agreement. Roll Call vote with voting as follows: 9 Aye, 0 Nay. Motion carried. This will provide a discount prescription card to all Effingham County residents at no cost to the County. The County will receive a royalty of \$1.25 on all paid prescriptions on a monthly basis. The County can invest these funds into other community service programs.

RESOLUTION – Supporting ITEP Grant for ECCCMA

Motion made by D. Campbell seconded by R. Arnold to approve the Resolution supporting ITEP Grant for ECCCMA. Roll Call vote with voting as follows: 9 Aye, 0 Nay. Motion carried.

STATES ATTORNEY DATABASE/CIRCUIT CLERK JEMS PROSECUTOR

Motion made by J. Simpson seconded by B. Shields to approve to convert the State's Attorney database to the same as the Circuit Clerk JEMS Prosecutor, includes 2 years of maintenance fees to be paid out of Court Automation Fund. Roll Call vote with voting as follows: 8 Aye, 1 Nay. Motion carried. Disapproving vote cast by D. Campbell.

MFT AUDIT

The audit reports covering the receipt and disbursement of Motor Fuel Tax funds by Effingham County for the period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 were presented to the Board. This annual report is from the Illinois Department of Transportation.

ELECTED OFFICIAL REPORTS

EMA Director Russ Thomas reported that he has received four generators for use in the County in the case of emergency. Russ had one parked in front of the County Building for all to inspect. Director Thomas also announced the Red Cross would be in the County on Wednesday, March 21, 2012 for emergency shelter management training.

County Clerk Kerry Hirtzel reminded everyone of the General Primary Election of March 20, 2012.

Circuit Clerk Becky Jansen reported the collection service who is working on past unpaid fines has been sold and there has been an increase in issues being resolved with the company who has bought out the contract. The Circuit Clerk's office is also starting digital imaging of files.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Member J. Simpson reported the Board is looking into a new computerized mailing system. The 911 committee will be meeting March 27 to RFP requirements.

Member D. Campbell announced the Economic Development Advisory Board will meet Tuesday, March 20, 2012. The Health Department is still looking into tipping fees and a host agreement. The new hanger at the airport is coming along.

Member R. Arnold announced a meeting of the Poor Farm Cemetery Committee on March 26 at 6:00 p.m.

Road & Bridge – February 14, 2012

Committee members present: Bob Shields, Larry Vahling and Jeff Simpson

Other Board members present: K. Luchtefeld Others: E. Hoopingarner, Joe Thoele, Wayne Russell, B. Westendorf, B. Hoopingarner and G. Koester. L. Vahling moved and B. Shields seconded to approve the January 31, 2012 minutes, unanimous. Committee reviewed and signed claims.

Old Business:

1. Tractor – the Dittamore tractor was just shy of the minimum bid specs. Dittamore revised the tractor to meet specs; otherwise, next lowest bidder will be contacted.

New Business:

1. Lucas Township Bridge Aid – As a follow-up to recent bridge inspections, Lucas Township may petition county for ½ costs to implement scour control measures along an abutment. Gabions and riprap may be replaced, estimated near \$3,000. L. Vahling moved and J. Simpson seconded to recommend approval to board at next meeting.
2. Railroad Crossings –
 - Requesting an extension of time to complete 100th Street, wait for better weather.
 - Gates and lights will be installed as well at 1100th Avenue and Union Pacific, just north of Altamont. No approach work is necessary.
3. Union Township Bridge (Section #10-13112-00-BR) we will inform the board at next week's meeting of the bid results. Low bidder, Perry County Construction of Herrin, IL for \$138,659, will not likely begin until May.
4. Status of Maintenance –
 - Cleaned ditches along the existing road of West Evergreen river bottom. Feutz, contractor for project, cleaned around the project limits. Overall, better drainage should allow them to start construction sooner this spring.
 - Patcher oil almost gone. Liberty was scheduled yesterday, postponed to prepare for snow.
 - Last night's snow was not significant and we have a good forecast.
 - Drainage work and check and replace culvert ends.
 - Training continues with pipeline safety, spray school, and Etnyre has annual training.
5. Miscellaneous
 - Lee Goeckner, Union Township Highway Commissioners, intend to resign. We plan to meet and assist Lee's replacement as soon as the replacement is official.
 - Airport – Highway department is keeping track of occasional work performed for airport. A viewing area will be constructed just east of shop hanger, not to exceed \$20,000.00 in costs and to be reimbursed by Heartland Dental.

L. Vahling moved and B. Shields seconded to adjourn, unanimous

S/ Greg Koester
County Engineer

2/29/ 2012

S/ Bob Shields 2/29/ 2012
Chr. of Road & Bridge Committee

Road & Bridge – February 29, 2012

Committee members present: Bob Shields, Larry Vahling and Jeff Simpson

Other Board members present: K. Luchtefeld, Wayne Russell. Others: E. Hoopingarner, Joe Theoele, B. Westendorf, B. Hoopingarner and G. Koester.

L. Vahling moved and J. Simpson seconded to approve the February 14, 2012 minutes, unanimous. Committee reviewed and signed claims.

Old Business:

2. Subdivisions –
 - a. Steve Kinkelaar Subdivision – Preliminary plat was conditionally approved. Doubtful we see the improvement plans and final plat in time for our consideration at March 13th committee meeting.
 - b. Another subdivision is proposed south of Lake Sara. Preliminary plat may be available at next committee meeting.

New Business:

6. IDOT Audit of MFT/TBP funds – the audit was made available to the committee and will be presented at the next board meeting. No comments/concerns were noted in the audit.
7. Oil Letting – will be scheduled in late April to early May. An earlier letting date was considered as oil prices have increased in recent weeks continued to rise. Considered moving up the letting as oil prices continue to rise.
8. 2012 Rock Purchases – extending some quantities on stockpiles where we received a good bid. Rock price increases have always outpaced interest rates on money in the bank.
9. Railroad Crossings – Finalizing plans to improve roadway approaches along 100th Street and 775th Street. May start project April and May.
10. Status of Maintenance – Excellent weather continues as we continue to improve drainage, patch, blade off high spots with stinger teeth, shoulder S. Altamont, and prepare to replace several large drainage structures.
11. Miscellaneous
 - Koester attended a conference yesterday at University of Illinois;
 - Township Commissioner meeting will likely be scheduled in late March
 - Orientation for new commissioners in Unions and Lucas is scheduled Friday morning
 - Feutz Construction plan to start W. Evergreen in 10 days
 - West Township Bridge will need trees cut by April 1st before the Indiana Bat nests
 - Union Township Bridge – relocate some utilities for construction in May.

B. Shields moved and J. Simpson seconded to adjourn, unanimous

S/ Greg Koester
County Engineer

3/13/ 2012

S/ Bob Shields 3/13/ 2012
Chr. of Road & Bridge Committee

Legislative - March 12, 2012

Committee Members Present: Carolyn Willenburg, Chair, Rob Arnold, Vice-Chair, Karen Luchtefeld, Jim Niemann, Larry Vahling, Jeff Simpson, David Campbell, Wayne Russell, Bob Shields. Officials: Sheriff John Monnet

Others: Ed Hoopingarner, Doug McCain, Jane Wheat (AFLAC), Melissa Myers (AFLAC) Joe Thoele, Gene Jackson

Item #1 – Minutes - The minutes were approved for the February meeting. L Vahling motioned to accept the minutes and K Luchtefeld seconded. Motion carried.

Item #2 – Unfinished Business - IACBMC introduces new prescription drug card for Counties in Illinois - K Luchtefeld motioned and D Campbell seconded to recommend to the Full Board on Monday, March 19 for Effingham County to sign with Coast2Coast Rx Card County Marketing. Motion carried. This will provide a discount prescription card to all Effingham County residents at no cost to the County. The county will receive a royalty of \$1.25 on all paid prescriptions on a monthly basis. The county can invest these funds into other community service programs.

Item #3 – New Business - Amusement tax legislation - Hardin County Board of Commissioners sent a letter asking for County Board support on bill #5479 allowing county boards to enact an amusement tax, up to 3% with populations under 35,000, on admission fees to certain entertainment events that occur in the county. There was no action taken. The Board does not support this bill.

Jane Wheat – AFLAC - Jane would like to set a time for new employees and existing employees to go over AFLAC insurance programs. The board said she should set this up through Joyce Worman from 11:00AM to 1:00PM or after work at 4:00PM.

Item #4 – Appointments – None.

Item #5 – General Information - D Campbell reported the Dive Rescue Team has moved completely out of the Shumway Fire Protection building as of today.

R Arnold suggested storing the new generators Russ Thomas is receiving at various County Fire Departments and maybe the new Dive Rescue Building.

Item #6 – Adjourn

J Simpson made the motion to adjourn. R Arnold seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Joyce Worman, County Board Office Administrator

911 - March 13, 2012

Board Members Present: Nick Althoff, Russ Thomas, Terry White, John Loy, Jon Becker, Mike Schutzbach

Absent: Karen Luchtefeld, Kate Weber, Ken Schwerman (came late)

Some of Others Present: Jodi Moomaw; Jason Repking; Tina Daniels; Jane Lustig; Danielle Newman; Larry Finrock, President FOP Local 977; Deputy Darin Deters; other FOP Local 977 Members; Fire Chief Joe Holomy; WEIU; Bill Grimes (EDN); County Board Members Wayne Russell & Jeff Simpson

Accept Financial Statement FY Ended November 30, 2011 - J Loy motioned and R Thomas seconded to accept the financial statement FY ended November 30, 2011. Roll Call Vote Taken (Approving Votes: Thomas, White, Althoff, Becker, Loy, Schutzbach; Disapproving Votes: 0; Absent: Luchtefeld, Weber, Schwerman) Motion carried.

Minutes and Financial Report - On a motion by J Loy and seconded by T White minutes of the February 14, 2012 meeting were approved as written. M Schutzbach gave the financial & expenditure report showing a February 29, 2012 balance of \$540,718.43 along with an Expenditure Statement totaling \$29,727.09. On a motion by R Thomas and seconded by J Loy the financial & expenditure report was accepted. Roll Call Vote Taken (Approving Votes: Thomas, White, Althoff, Becker, Loy, Schwerman, Schutzbach; Disapproving Votes: 0; Absent: Luchtefeld, Weber) Motion carried.

Committee Reports - None.

Addressing Reports - T Daniels had 8 new addresses for residences in February. Daniels is working on pipeline addresses. She is making corrections and working with mapping & MSAG.

PSAP Supervisor's Report - PSAP OPERATIONS February STATS

	CITY AND COUNTY
TOTAL 911 WIRELESS CALLS	560
TOTAL LANDLINE CALLS	887

Moomaw reported Daniels and herself attended "911 goes to Springfield". Discussions were held with Legislators on the following:

- The sunset clause is set to expire in 2013, which pertains to the collection of wireless surcharge. Legislators are not concerned right now, but look at making a decision to continue it in the fall.
- If the decision is made to sweep funds; we will not be able to apply for federal grants for NG.
- Legislators did not show support for House bills 5541 and 5542

Moomaw said April is Awareness Education month. She would like to promote awareness of 911 in April by doing the following:

- Press release
- In school education
- Artisan Fair
- Easter Extravaganza

The tri-annual SMUG meeting will be on March 28, 2012 at South Holland.

IT Report - Nothing to report.

New Business - Sheriff's Office FOP – Radio System Concern

Deputy Larry Finrock, President of FOP Local 977, read a statement advising the 911 Board of their concern with the interoperability of the current radio/communication system in Effingham County. He read there are 3 separate incompatible public safety radio systems operating in Effingham County posing unsafe situations not only for the officers but for the public. The systems being used are, StarCom used by the city and state, 800MHZ used by the county and high band radios used by the fire districts. (Local #977 statement attached) The interoperability is with the law enforcement officers, from the county, not having portable coverage with the city or state, outside their squad cars. Many of the 911 Board thought the radio interoperability issue was not 911's responsibility. The 911 PSAP's system is set up to receive and dispatch all calls. This radio interoperability is limited to law enforcement agencies. Jim Niemann, County Board Member, said "the ball started here in 2008 when the 911 Board voted unanimously to go with StarCom. Then in 2009, they switched to high band." He feels the 911 Board now needs to follow through with the issue.

J Loy motioned for the 911 Board to send a letter to all public safety agencies in the County 911 system and ask them to pick a primary system, which they would like to use, return in a self addressed envelope by April 10, 2012 to be opened at the 911 April Board Meeting. R Thomas seconded. Roll Call Vote Taken (Approving Votes: Loy, Thomas ; Disapproving Votes: White, Althoff, Becker, Schwerman, Schutzbach 0; Absent: Luchtefeld, Weber) Motion did not carry.

K Schwerman motioned and M Schutzbach seconded to table the interoperability issue until further research is completed. Roll Call Vote Taken (Approving Votes: Thomas, White, Althoff, Becker, Loy, Schwerman, Schutzbach; Disapproving Votes: 0; Absent: Luchtefeld, Weber) Motion carried.

J Loy motioned to add Ken Schwerman to the Communications Committee. Loy amended his motion to add Ken Schwerman and Jon Becker (representing Fire Departments) to the Communications Committee. J Becker seconded the amended motion. Roll Call Vote Taken (Approving Votes: Thomas, White, Althoff, Becker, Loy, Schwerman, Schutzbach; Disapproving Votes: 0; Absent: Luchtefeld, Weber) Motion carried.

The Communications Committee now consists of Ken Schwerman (replacing Leonard Waldhoff), Chief Deputy John Loy, Police Chief Mike Schutzbach, Russ Thomas, Terry White and Jon Becker (replacing Steve Westjohn).

Old Business - J Loy motioned and K Schwerman seconded to table the purchase of 2 Motorola portable units for the PSAP's until the interoperability of the radio system is resolved. Roll Call Vote Taken (Approving Votes: Thomas, White, Althoff, Becker, Loy, Schwerman, Schutzbach; Disapproving Votes: 0; Absent: Luchtefeld, Weber) Motion carried.

Adjournment/Next Meeting - On a motion by J Loy and seconded by K Schwerman the meeting was adjourned. The next regular Effingham County Emergency Telephone System meeting will be on the Third Floor at the Effingham County Building on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 12:00 P.M. (NOON) preceded by the Quarterly Emergency Service Agencies Meeting at 11:45 A.M. Minutes Taken by Joyce Worman, Administrative Aide to the Board

Building & Grounds – March 14, 2012

Committee Members Present: Larry Vahling, Chairman; Jim Niemann, Vice-Chairman; Karen Luchtefeld, Carolyn Willenburg, David Campbell, Jeff Simpson, Wayne Russell. Absent: Rob Arnold

Others Present: Delaine Donaldson, Gene Jackson, Joe Thoele, Ed Hoopingarner

Minutes - C Willenburg motioned and J Niemann seconded to approve the February 8, 2012 minutes as written.

Unfinished Business - WITNESS STANDS AT THE GOVERNMENT CENTER- L Vahling reported D Bushur has extended the platform on the witness stand in one of the court rooms at the Government Center an additional 12 inches. Bushur has said Judge Kim Koester is requesting the other 3 witness stands to be extended. Bushur said he checked and the revision is ADA compliant. Trigg Flooring will be repairing the carpet.

New Business - DELAINE DONALDSON-ECCCA – Donaldson reported on recent activities and plans of ECCCA. He said the renovation of the old courthouse is moving forward. The group has enough funds to proceed with the asbestos abatement. Donaldson said, even though the museum will emphasize transportation, they are going to have a veterans exhibit room in conjunction with the new Veterans Memorial outside of the courthouse. It will feature a computer station relating to the names on the monument. They are hoping to have the first floor open to the public to display exhibits by the Fall. They would like to apply again for the ITEP

grant, which will be due May 30. The County Board will put this on their March County Board agenda. Donaldson said since the Veterans Memorial construction, there is a large hole on the SE corner behind the air conditioner with exposed wires. It is causing some leakage in the basement. Donaldson was told to contact Chris Thies. The clock tower project was put on hold until the asbestos is removed. The group applied for an extension on the Landmark Illinois grant.

It was discussed at Legislative to store the generators at the new Dive Rescue Building and various county fire departments. Thomas said the generators would still belong to IEMA. Thomas is having a class on how to operate and maintain the generators on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at 2:00 P.M. at the IEMA building.

J Simpson motioned and B Shields seconded that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Joyce Worman, County Board Office Administrator

Tax & Finance – March 15, 2012

Committee Members Present: Jeff Simpson, Chair, David Campbell, Vice-Chair, Bob Shields, Carolyn Willenburg, Wayne Russell, Karen Luchtefeld, Larry Vahling. Absent: Rob Arnold, Jim Niemann

Others: Pam Braun, Sheriff Monnet, Becky Jansen, Ed Deters, Jason Repking, Bill Grimes (EDN), Gene Jackson, Ed Hoopingarner, Joe Thoele, Daniel Doedtman, Denise Willenburg, Tony Pals

Item #1- Minutes - L Vahling made the motion to approve the January minutes. B Shields seconded. Motion carried.

Item #2 – Unfinished Business - L Vahling reviewed the Revenue and Expense report for FY ending November 30, 2011, highlighting the offices that went over budget. J Simpson said he would be reviewing the budget after the first quarter and see where everyone is at for FY2012.

Item #3 – New Business - ANNUAL REPORT EFFINGHAM COUNTY SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

Denise Willenburg, Administrative/Education Coordinator, Tony Pals, part-time Resource Conservationist and Dan Doedtman were all present to report on the annual accomplishments of the Soil & Water Conservation District of Effingham County. Denise reviewed the different educational programs that were presented to children pre-K through 5th grade this past year. Tony Pals reviewed the Soil & Water Conservation District and the Natural Resource Conservation Services. Dan Doedtman thanked the Board for their continued support.

UPGRADE SOFTWARE STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE - Ed Deters reported SDS started a software program about 10 years ago consisting of his database files. The program is no longer supported or maintained. This program was paid for out his Drug Forfeiture Fund, which is no longer funded. Becky Jansen is proposing the Court Automation Fund will pay to set up the State's Attorney and will pay for one year of maintenance for this program through JIMS Prosecutor. The Chief Judge has signed off on this purchase because of the interfacing with the Circuit Clerk's court records and will decrease in Circuit Clerk staff time handling paper in relation to criminal cases and files. He said the State's Attorney will be responsible, thereafter, out of the State's Attorney's budget.

K Luchtefeld motioned and B Shields seconded to recommend to the Full Board on Monday, March 19, 2012 the County Board concurs to convert the State's Attorney's database to the JIMS Prosecutor database. Software, licenses, implementation & training plus one year of maintenance fees to be paid out of Court Automation Fund. Motion carried.

POSTAGE MACHINE/STAMPS.COM - J Repking reported there is a demo setup with stamps.com on March 20 at 1:30PM. Hopefully, after this meeting, he will know the plan that would benefit the county and the printers & supplies needed to print the stamps.

Item #4 – General Information - C Willenburg reported receiving correspondence from the Illinois Department of Agriculture that the County Board will be designated as the **Control Authority** under the Illinois Noxious Weed Law.

Item #5 – Adjourn - C Willenburg motioned and D Campbell seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Minutes Taken By

Joyce Worman, County Board Office Administrator

CLOSED SESSION - None

ADJOURN TO April 16, 2012 AT 4:00 P.M.

Motion made by R. Arnold seconded by K. Luchtefeld to adjourn to Monday, April 16, 2012 at 4:00 P.M. Motion carried.

We, the committee of three, appointed to approve the minutes find the same to be true and correct to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Jim Niemann

David Campbell

Dated this 16 day of April, 2012

C. Wayne Russell