

DEWITT COUNTY BOARD MEETING
Apr 20, 2023
6PM
DEWITT COUNTY BUILDING

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Vice Chairman Ferguson.

Roll call was answered by: Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris. Deerwester and Matthews were absent.

Ferguson informed all Board members that they should have received and read a correspondence email from Brian and Camill Tedrick regarding the dangers of some intersections in Creek and Nixon Townships.

Ferguson addressed the correspondence letter from Monica DeGrawe stating that once her term on the Regional Planning Commission expires on April 30, 2023, she does not seek re-appointment. He also advised the Board that the County also received a letter from Kevin Myers stating the same, that once his term expires, he will also not be seeking re-appointment to the Regional Planning Commission.

The County Clerk shared with the Board that the DeWitt County Clerk & Recorder's office received an award and trophy from their recording vendor, Fidlar Technologies, who also service 74 other counties out of Illinois' 102 counties. The award was for the "Highest PFA Volume" for 2022. This means out of the total 75 counties that Fidlar services, DeWitt County had the most residents sign up for the Property Fraud Alert service, which is free to the citizens and notifies any registered person when their name is attached to any document recorded in the Clerk's office. This program was designed to crack down on Property Fraud. The Clerk's office has pamphlets on their office counter as well as a link on their website for citizens to sign up for the free program.

Motion by Carter second by Farris to approve the March 23, 2023, County Board meeting minutes. Aye: Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ferguson second by Myers to re-appoint Kurt Wells as trustee to the Farmer City Fire Department for a three-year term starting May 9, 2023, through May 12, 2026. Aye: Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ferguson second by Carter to re-appoint Spencer Thomas as trustee to the Kenney Fire Protection District with a term ending April 30, 2026. Aye: Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ferguson second by Tilley to re-appoint Gregory W. Hales as trustee to the Wapella Community Fire Protection District for a three-year term to expire on the first Monday of May, 2026. Aye: Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ferguson second by Prestegaard to re-appoint Janine Furman as trustee to the Waynesville Community Fire Protection District for a three-year term to expire on the first Monday of May, 2026. Aye: Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ferguson second by Werts to re-appoint Thomas Dean Cooper as trustee of the Clinton Community Fire Protection District for a three-year term to expire on the first Monday of May, 2026. Aye: Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ferguson second by Farris to re-appoint Curt Utterback as trustee of the Weldon Community Fire Protection District for a three-year term to expire on the first Monday of May, 2026. Aye: Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ferguson second by Werts to appoint Nicole Barber, Clinton, Illinois, to the DeWitt County Community Mental Health Board to fill an unexpired term set to expire 12/31/2025. Aye: Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson. Motion Carried.

Carter gave the Board a brief description of what was discussed at the current month's Land Use meeting. Minutes from the Land Use meeting are filed with these minutes.

Myers gave the Board a brief description of what was discussed at the current month's Public Safety meeting. She informed the Board that the Shelter had a surprise visit from the Department of Ag and the gentleman said the Shelter is one of the nicest and cleanest he has seen in a long time. She also advised the Board that someone has been interviewed for the open position at the shelter and pending a physical and drug test, she hopes the position will be filled within a week. Minutes from the Public Safety meeting are filed with these minutes.

Motion by Myers second by Witte to add two new sections to Chapter 90 of the County Code- Animal Control as follows:

- §90.xxx COLLAR REQUIRED. No person shall own, possess, keep, maintain, or harbor any dog without providing the dog with a collar to be worn at all times.
- §90.xxx IDENTIFICATION TAG REQUIRED. All dogs shall have affixed to their collars or harness an identification tag stating the owner's name, current address, and telephone number.

State's Attorney Markwell suggested to the Board to consider adding an age of the dog to these codes as to when these requirements should start since the code for cats/kittens starts at 3 months.

Aye: Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson. Motion Carried.

Motion by Myers second by Tilley to contract with J&M Critter Care for cleaning on Sundays, holidays and assist on evenings if needed for \$30.00 an hour. State's Attorney Markwell will provide the independent contract agreement to be signed. Aye: Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson. Motion Carried.

Ferguson gave the Board a brief description of what was discussed at the current month's Property meeting. Minutes from the Property meeting are filed with these minutes.

Motion by Ferguson second by Prestegaard to replace the carpet in the main office area of the County Clerk's office with tiling at a cost of \$12,290.00 from Wall to Wall Flooring. (Funds from the Property budget will be used to pay for the project.) Aye: Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson. Motion Carried.

Prestegaard gave the Board a brief description of what was discussed at the current month's Road and Bridge meeting. He let the Board know that Mr. Mathon is looking into the email that was received by

Brian and Camill Tedrick regarding the dangerous intersections. Minutes from the Road and Bridge meeting are filed with these minutes.

Motion by Prestegaard second by Ferguson to approve John Deere 160C Excavator repair quote from Martin Equipment for \$18,470.00. Aye: Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson. Motion Carried.

Motion by Prestegaard second by Myers to approve Resolution and Material Bid (County) Section 23-00000-00-GM. (Resolution and Bid are filed with these minutes). Aye: Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson. Motion Carried.

Motion by Prestegaard second by Carter to approve Resolution and Material Bids (Townships) Section 23-00000-00-GM. (Resolution and Bids are filed with these minutes). Aye: Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson. Motion Carried.

Matthews was not present to give the Board a brief description of what was discussed at the Marina meeting. Minutes from the Marina meeting are filed with these minutes.

Tilley told the Board that the Finance Committee did not meet this month because they did not have anything to discuss.

Motion by Tilley second by Myers to pay all bills. Aye: Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ferguson second by Farris to approve – “Resolution For The Participation of Elected Officials In The Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund”. This is a resolution that must be approved every other year by the County Board. Aye: Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ferguson second by Carter to approve – “Resolution For Updated County Clerk Predictable Fee Schedule”. Aye: Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ferguson second by Prestegaard to approve – “Resolution For The Adopting Of Supplement To DeWitt County Code Of Ordinances”. Aye: Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Farris, Ferguson. Motion Carried.

Prestegaard asked how close Enel was to be up and running. Mr. Nunnery was in the audience and gave some insight to what few things were left to do and Dee Dee said the County only had signs left to be put up but that they are very, very close to going online. Mr. Nunnery and Dee Dee both agreed it could be as soon as May 1, 2023.

Motion by Tilley second by Werts to adjourn at 6:52pm with all in favor.