

DEWITT COUNTY BOARD MEETING  
Aug 24, 2023  
6PM  
DEWITT COUNTY BUILDING

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

Roll call was answered by Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan.

David Hepler addressed the Board. He introduced himself as a Logan County resident who served 22 years on the Logan County Board, retiring in 2022. He discussed Carbon Capture and asked that the County Board table the motion on the agenda to approve case A-35-2023 Revision to 155.053B(1)(2) Prohibiting CO<sub>2</sub> injection wells in all zoning districts.

Motion by Matthews second by Tilley to go into Executive Session due to Imminent Litigation discussion. Aye: Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan. Motion Carried.

All audience members were asked to leave the Board room and Executive Session was called to order at 6:07 pm and concluded at 6:35pm.

All audience members were brought back into the Board room.

Motion by Tilley second by Ferguson to go out of executive session and back to regular Board meeting. Aye: Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan. Motion Carried.

Motion by Carter second by Farris to approve the July 20, 2023, County Board meeting minutes. Aye: Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan. Motion Carried.

Motion by Matthews second by Ferguson to appoint Doug Oakley to assume the vacant office of Trustee for the Kenney Fire Protection District of DeWitt and Macon Counties with a term ending April 30, 2025. Aye: Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan. Motion Carried.

Motion by Matthews second by Werts to approve Resolution Appointing Drainage Commissioner for terms expiring on or before the first Tuesday of September 2023. The newly appointed terms will expire the first Tuesday of September 2026. The appointments are for the following Drainage Districts as stated in the Resolution:

Barnett Special Drainage District (County of DeWitt)– Appoint James (Jack) Powers  
Clintonia Special Drainage District (County of DeWitt)– Appoint Robert J. Thomas  
Clintonia Union Drainage District No. 1 (County of DeWitt)– Appoint Josh Turney  
Coon Creek Drainage District (County of DeWitt)– Appoint Larry Moody  
Creek Union Drainage District No. 1 (Counties of DeWitt and Macon)– Appoint Ryan Utterback

Friends Creek Special Drainage District (Counties of DeWitt and Piatt)– Appoint David J. Newberg

Mutual Drainage District No. 1 of Maroa – Appoint Craig Hill

Nixon Special Drainage District (Counties of DeWitt and Macon)– Appoint Lindon Riddle

Prairie Center Drainage District (County of DeWitt)– Appoint Russell Dial

Ten Mile Creek Outlet Drainage District (County of DeWitt)– Appoint Andrew Whitted

Texas Creek Union Drainage District No. 1 (County of DeWitt)– Appoint William

Voorhees

Wilson Township Drainage District (County of DeWitt)– Appoint David O'Brien

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

Carter gave the Board a brief description of what was discussed at the current month's Land Use meeting. He said the committee discussed some revisions to the zoning ordinances, but they are not ready to be brought forward at this time. He also shared an update from the storm warning from the June 29<sup>th</sup> storm and said Dee had mailed out the fine and violation letter to Enel and that Enel will be paying the fine. 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 meetings. Myers informed the Board that the committee had met several times this month, including Aug 9 where they discussed interim operations, Aug 17 approving the job descriptions and Aug 22 where they started the interviewing process. Minutes from the Public Safety meetings are filed with these minutes.

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 Ryan to approve Seneca to clean/fuel polish the 3 underground tanks for \$7,061.00. Aye: Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ferguson second by Deerwester to approve the estimate from Trimble Plumbing up to \$25,000 for replacement of drainage pipe in the back restrooms at the County Building. This will cover all repairs and replacements except for the floor tiling. Aye: Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan. Motion Carried.

Prestegaard gave the Board a brief description of what was discussed at the current month's Road and Bridge meeting. He updated the Revere Road project and said they are ahead of schedule and just waiting on shoulder work to get started within the next week or so. He also informed the Board that 2 employees are out with injuries but should hopefully be returning in September and there will be a new hire starting sometime in September as well. Minutes from the Road and Bridge meeting are filed with these minutes.

Motion by Prestegaard second by Deerwester to purchase 2024 Mack Granite dump truck from Decatur Mack including extended warranty in the amount of \$279,736.00. Aye: Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan. Motion Carried.

Matthews gave the Board a brief description of what was discussed at the current month's Marina meeting. He said they talked about some maintenance issues. The committee also approved up to \$5,000.00 of rock at the Sailing Association area. Minutes from the Marina meeting are filed with these minutes.

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

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

Motion by Tilley second by Werts to approve Resolution to increase election judge compensation. Tilley stated that the State is reimbursing an additional \$20 but the judges pay has to be increased by \$20 in order to get the reimbursement. Aye: Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris, Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan. Ferguson Abstained. Motion Carried.

Motion by Tilley second by Prestegaard to approve the 2024 Holiday Schedule. Aye: Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan. Motion Carried.

Motion by Ferguson second by Tilley to award the jail roof replacement to Design Roofing Systems in the amount of \$276,746. Aye: Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan. Motion Carried.

Motion by Matthews second by Witte to notify 1125 Property Management that the County will not be renewing their lease agreement at the Clinton Lake Marina, set to expire on 1/1/2024. Aye: Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan. Motion Carried.

Motion by Matthews second by Ferguson to notify Clinton Lake Sailing Association that the County will not be renewing their lease agreement at Clinton Lake, set to expire on 1/1/2025. Aye: Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan. Motion Carried.

Motion by Carter second by Witte to approve case A35-2023 Revision to 155.053B(1)(2) Prohibiting CO<sub>2</sub> injection wells in all zoning districts. This was an open motion by Carter and Witte that was tabled at July's meeting. Aye: Tilley, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris, Ferguson, Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan. Motion Carried.

Motion by Tilley second by Deerwester to adjourn at 7:05pm with all in favor.