

**Kankakee County  
County Board Meeting  
March 8, 2022**

The meeting of the Kankakee County Board, Kankakee, Illinois, held on March 8, 2022 pursuant to the adjourned meeting of September 14, 2021 was called to order at 9:00 a.m., by the Chairman of the Board, Mr. Wheeler. Mrs. Parker delivered the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. The following members were present:

Mr. Hess, Mr. Snipes, Mr. Sirois, Mr. Liehr, Mrs. Webber, Mr. Payton, Mrs. Parker, Mr. Fairfield, Mr. Carrico, Mr. Ekhoﬀ, Mr. Fetherling, Mr. Dunnill, Mr. Miller, Mr. Kerkstra, Mr. Hunter, Ms. Hudson, Mr. Smith, Mr. Rayman, Mr. Wheeler

**Members Absent** – Mrs. Polk, Mr. Tholen, Mrs. Peters, Mr. Swanson, Mr. Long, Ms. Bryan, Mr. Collins, Mr. Alexander-Hildebrand, Mr. Gowler

Mr. Wheeler thanked the Veteran’s Assistance Commission for figuring out how to place the American Flag in its rightful position in the board room.

**Quorum – Present**

Mr. Sirois made a motion to allow Mr. Smith and Mr. Hunter to attend the meeting via zoom while they recuperate. Mr. Ekhoﬀ seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

**Public Commentary - None**

**Presentation – None**

**Vacancy Appointments – None**

**Proclamation –**

A proclamation was read *Honoring Mark Rogers for 36 Years of Public Service to the Citizens of Kankakee County (12)*. Mr. Sirois made a motion to approve the proclamation. Mr. Ekhoﬀ seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote. Mr. Rogers gave a farewell speech and offered his thanks.

**Certificates of Appreciation –**

**15 Years**

John Higginson, Courts  
Bernice Jarrett, Corrections  
Jasper Jones, Corrections  
William Perkins, Coroner

**25 Years**

Todd Schloendorf, Corrections

**Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the February 8, 2022 meeting were submitted to the County Board for approval. The reading of the minutes was waived. Mrs. Parker made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Payton seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

## Claims Committee Reports

A motion to approve the claims reports from January 2022 were made by Mr. Liehr and seconded by Mr. Fairfield. A roll call vote was taken with the motion passing 19 ayes to 0 nays. Motion carried.

## Department Reports

The department reports were read and accepted on the motion of Ms. Hudson and seconded by Mr. Kerkstra. Motion carried by voice vote.

1. County Collector's Monthly Report for January 2022
2. County Treasurer's Monthly Report for January 2022
3. Coroner's Monthly Reports for January 2022
4. Coroner's Monthly Receipts for January 2022
5. Circuit Clerk's Monthly Reports for January 2022
6. Recorder's Monthly Reports for January 2022
7. County Clerk's Monthly Reports for January 2022
8. Kankakee County Building Report January 2022
9. Animal Control's Monthly Reports for January 2022
10. Monthly Resolution List for March 2022

## Committee Presentations and Resolutions

### Consent Agenda

Mr. Hess made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Mr. Hendrickson, County Clerk, read the items into the record. A roll call vote was taken with the motion passing 18 ayes to 1 nay (Rayman). Motion carried.

- *Appointment of Bruce Paarlberg to the Regional Planning Commission (33)*
- *Reappointment of William Hemm to the Bourbonnais Fire Protection District (34)*
- *Reappointment of Alyce Argyelan to the Bourbonnais Fire Protection District (35)*
- *Declaration of Surplus Equipment - Showbus Numbers 10 and 11 (36)*
- *Repeal of Stipulation Listed in Resolution #2019-08-13-124 (38)*
- *Adoption Kankakee County Board's 2022 Legislative Agenda (44)*
- *Amendment to Section 2-24 of the Kankakee County Code – Districts and Representation thereof (45)*

## Highway and Buildings

Mr. Dunnill made a motion to approve the *Concurring Resolution (37)*. Mr. Kerkstra seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the motion passing 19 ayes to 0 nays. Motion carried.

## Planning, Zoning and Agriculture

Mrs. Webber made a motion to approve the *ZBA Case#21-12; request for Variance to Section 11-99.e (Lot Width) on a parcel generally situated in Section 9 of Limestone Township (39)*. Mr. Fairfield seconded the motion. Mr. Ben Wilson, Transportation & Economic Development Project Coordinator, explained the resolution. Motion carried by voice vote (in favor of denial).

Mr. Fetherling made a motion to approve the *ZBA Case#21-13; request for a Special Use Permit #1 (Amusement Facilities) in the I2-General Industrial District on a parcel generally situated in Section 26 of Manteno Township (40)*. Mr. Dunnill seconded the motion. Mr. Ben Wilson, Transportation & Economic Development Project Coordinator, explained the resolution. Motion carried by voice vote.

Ms. Hudson made a motion to approve the *Resolution Authorizing Execution and Amendment of Section 5311 Grant Agreement for FY23 (41), Resolution Authorizing Execution and Amendment of Downstate Operating Assistance Grant Agreement FY23 (42) and Purchase of Service Agreement with Show Bus to Operate the County's Rural General Public Transportation Service – State FY23 (43)*. Mr. Ekhoﬀ seconded the motion. Mr. Ben Wilson, Transportation & Economic Development Project Coordinator, explained the resolutions. A roll call vote was taken with the motion passing 19 ayes to 0 nays. Motion carried.

## **Finance**

Mr. Fetherling made a motion to approve the *Authorizing the County Board Chairman to sign an Agreement with Vanguard Energy Services for Natural Gas (46)*. Mr. Liehr seconded the motion. Mr. Wheeler explained the resolution. A roll call vote was taken with the motion passing 19 ayes to 0 nays. Motion carried.

Mr. Kerkstra made a motion to approve the *Resolution Appropriating Funds for the Payment of the County Engineers Salary (47)*. Mr. Hudson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with the motion passing 19 ayes to 0 nays. Motion carried.

## **ARPA Fund Projects -Consent Agenda**

Mr. Carrico made a motion to approve ARPA Fund Projects. Mr. Fairfield seconded the motion. Mr. Hendrickson, County Clerk, read the items into the record. A roll call vote was taken with the motion passing 17 ayes to 1 nay (Mr. Rayman) to 1 abstain from #51 (Mrs. Parker). Motion carried.

- *Authorizing Expenditure from FY2021 Fund Number 095 – American Rescue Plan Fund to Limestone Township (48)*
- *Authorizing Expenditure from FY2021 Fund Number 095 – American Rescue Plan Fund to Limestone Park District (49)*
- *Authorizing Expenditure from Fy2021 Fund Number 095 – American Rescue Plan Fund to Laffey's Tiny Tap Inc. (50)*
- *Authorizing Expenditure from FY2021 Fund Number 098 – Lost Revenue Fund to Bishop McNamara High School (51)*

## **Openings**

- There is one opening on the Claussen Park Drainage District
- There is one opening on the Exline Creek Drainage District
- There is one opening on the McGillivray Special Drainage District
- There is one opening on the Emergency Telephone System Board
- There are two openings on the Momence Fire Protection District
- There are two openings on the Canavan Drainage District
- There are two openings on the Manteno No.9 Drainage District
- There are two openings on the Kankakee County Farmland Assessment Review Committee

**New Business –**

Mr. Wheeler stated that Mr. Liehr had asked him if the board was going to do anything in regards to supporting Ukraine. Mr. Wheeler stated they could possibly order and fly a Ukrainian Flag in support. He stated it would be discussed in Executive Committee but wanted to bring it up now so the board was aware. Mr. Hunter agreed that it was a good insight to show support. Mr. Snipes suggested possibly the board themselves to show support by purchasing t-shirts. Mr. Hunter stated he would help with the \$80 cost; Mr. Kerkstra stated he would donate \$20.00; Mrs. Parker stated she would pay for it and Mr. Wheeler stated he could order and pay with his own money then wait for the authorization from the Executive Committee to fly the flag on the county's flag pole.

**Old Business – None**

**Other Business – None**

**Adjournment**

Mr. Hess made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:54 a.m. Mr. Fetherling seconded the motion. Motion carried by voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Hendrickson  
Kankakee County Clerk

**Link to meeting: <https://youtu.be/GUOiIgkqCOg>**