

STATE OF ILLINOIS)

COUNTY OF LA SALLE)

The La Salle County Board met pursuant to statute at the Governmental Complex, Ottawa, Illinois, on the second Thursday of July, A.D., 2023, it being the 13th day thereof.

This is the second meeting of the June 2022-2023 Session

Chairman Jensen called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Jensen asked the Clerk to call the roll for Per Diem and Mileage.

PRESENT: Ms. McNally, Mr. Small, Ms. Pottinger, Ms. Findley Smith, Ms. Owens, Ms. Bright, Mr. Emmett, Mr. Stockley, Mr. Gatza, Mr. Oscepinski, Ms. Heller, Ms. Bernal, Mr. Kasap, Mr. Savitch, Mr. Torres, Mr. Trager, Ms. Beckett, Ms. Carretto, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Dose, Mr. Aubry, Mr. McEmery, Ms. Znaniecki, Mr. Blue, Mr. Tooley, Mr. Roach, Ms. Busch, Chairman Jensen

ABSENT: Mr. Brown and Mr. Slager

There are 17 ayes claiming mileage.

Motion by Ms. Carretto to approve the roll call for mileage and per diem, second by Ms. Beckett. Voice vote: 27 ayes and 2 absent (Brown, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 248 PG 804

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Ms. Findley Smith to approve the prior meeting minutes from June 12, 2023, as presented, second by Mr. Kasap. Voice vote: 27 ayes and 2 absent (Brown, Slager). Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN BILLS

Motion by Ms. Znaniecki to approve the American Rescue Plan Bills, second by Ms. Busch. Roll call vote: 27 ayes and 2 absent (Brown, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 248 PG 805

CITIZEN COMMENT

Dr. Sarah Scruggs, CEO of Arukah Institute of Healing, presented to the La Salle County Board the statistics for suicides, overdose deaths, substance use, and mental health illnesses and with those on a rise, Dr. Scruggs' proposal of possibility of opening a 24-hour welcoming center called Living Room in Ottawa, located at, 201 E. Joliet Street. Living Room is a free inviting space offering crisis support, social support or basic resources like food, water, laundry, a hot shower, help with a job application, or help obtaining an ID Card. The Living Room will be staffed by counselors, intervention specialists and a psychiatrist who can deliver on-site care or make referrals for those that are experiencing a mental health crisis or substance abuse. Dr. Scruggs asked the La Salle County Board for their consideration of funding the Living Room construction cost at approximately \$150,000.00 not covered by the awarded grant of \$750,000.00. There is a sense of urgency because the requirements of the grant. The way the grant works, operations need to be up and running mid-August and absolutely has to be functioning by September.

Don Jensen spoke to the La Salle County Board members in regards to the Facebook post posted by Clerk, Jennifer Ebner. Mr. Jensen said he didn't approve of the Facebook post and that he didn't feel it was appropriate but in the same sense he defended Ms. Ebner's right to do it. He noted that we have a choice of choosing forgiveness or retribution but as far as he concerned the act of forgiveness is a beginning of healing.

Keith McGrew spoke on behalf of AT&T Wireless in regards to the upcoming resolution to deny a request for a variance to the La Salle County Highway Access Regulation Ordinance. AT&T is proposing a cell tower on part of Ms. Woodward property and approached the Highway Department for an access permit for a proposed

entrance on County Highway 21, for a cell tower. However, Ms. Woodward had already constructed a new private entrance 450 feet west on the same lot unaware it would create too many accesses to the property per the access policy as it only allows one access per property onto a County Highway. AT&T is requesting a variance because if they are denied the commercial entrance, they would have to convince Ms. Woodward to drive across the front of her property to the cell tower.

CONSENT AGENDA

C.23-38 RESOLUTION: Appointing Commissioner of the Drainage District #1 Freedom, Wallace & Dayton

- Appointment – Brian Thompson

Motion by Ms. Znaniecki to approve the consent agenda item, second by Mr. Roach. Voice vote: 27 ayes and 2 absent (Brown, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 248 PG 806-810

MOTION TO PLACE ON FILE

Motion by Mr. Kasap to place the Probation and Court Services Semi-Annual Report dated December 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023, on file, second by Mr. Small. Voice vote: 27 ayes and 2 absent (Brown, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 248 PG 811-817

MOTION TO PLACE ON FILE

Motion by Mr. Roach to place the Detention Home Semi-Annual Report dated December 1, 2022 through May 31, 2023, on file, second by Mr. Emmett. Voice vote: 27 ayes and 2 absent (Brown, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 248 PG 818-819

**ORDINANCE: (#23-104) PETITION #23-02 MA REQUESTING A MAP
AMENDMENT FROM RR (RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT) TO AC
(AGRICULTURE CONSERVATION DISTRICT)**

An ordinance was submitted requesting the approval of Petition #23-02 MA filed by the owner Wayne Hayse to be granted a map amendment approval under the La Salle County Zoning Ordinance from RR (Rural Residence District) to AC (Agriculture Conservation District). The property located at 979 N. 24th Rd., Deer Park, Deer Park Township, PIN: 20-34-409-000, pursuant to Section 14.9 of the La Salle County Zoning Ordinance.

This shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form.

Motion to Approve: Motion by Mr. Stockley to approve the ordinance, second by Ms. Bright. Voice vote: 27 ayes and 2 absent (Brown, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 248 PG 820-821

**ORDINANCE: (#23-105) PETITION #23-10 SU REQUESTING A SPECIAL USE UNDER
THE LA SALLE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE**

An ordinance was submitted recommending the approval of Petition #23-10 SU filed by Wayne Hayse, requesting the approval of a "Special Use" to permit guest accommodations on the property located at 979 N. 24th Rd., Deer Park, IL., PIN 20-34-409-000, located in an AC (Agriculture Conservation District) pursuant to 7.2-4-E of the La Salle County Zoning Ordinance with certain conditions.

1. No ancillary structures or recreational vehicles shall be used for rental habitation.
2. A plat shall be recorded of the PUD depicting the (2) single family homes sites, (from ordinance #21-24).

3. In the event of the destruction of one of the existing single family home structures, only one single-family home shall be allowed to exist on the subject property, (from Ordinance #21-24).

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form.

Motion to Approve: Motion by Mr. Aubry to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. Small. Voice vote: 26 ayes, 1 nay (Walsh) and 2 absent (Brown, Slager). Motion carried.
SEE RECORD BOOK 248 PG 822-823

ORDINANCE: (#23-106) PETITION #23-03 MA REQUESTING A MAP AMENDMENT FROM B2 (BUSINESS DISTRICT) TO A1 (AGRICULTURE DISTRICT)

An ordinance was submitted requesting the approval of Petition #23-02 MA filed by the owners Donald Kroneck and Juanita Kroneck, to be granted a map amendment approval under the La Salle County Zoning Ordinance from B2 (Business District) to A1 (Agriculture District). The property located at 2038 N. 46th Rd., Leland, Adams Township, PIN: 04-16-109-000, pursuant to Section 14.9 of the La Salle County Zoning Ordinance.

This shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form.

Motion to Approve: Motion by Mr. Stockley to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. Aubry. Voice vote: 27 ayes and 2 absent (Brown, Slager). Motion carried.
SEE RECORD BOOK 248 PG 824-825

ORDINANCE: (#23-107) PETITION #23-11 SU REQUESTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT UNDER THE LA SALLE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

An ordinance was submitted requesting the approval of Petition #23-11 SU filed by owners Donald Kroneck and Juanita Kroneck, who are requesting a Special Use to permit a lot less than 35 acres in the A1 District at the property located at 2038 N. 46th

Rd., Adams Township, PIN: 04-16-109-000, pursuant to Section 7.1-4 B of the La Salle County Zoning Ordinance.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form.

Motion to Approve: Motion by Mr. Stockley to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. Tooley. Voice vote: 27 ayes and 2 absent (Brown, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 248 PG 826-827

ORDINANCE: (#23-108) PETITION #23-14 SU REQUESTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT UNDER THE LA SALLE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

An ordinance was submitted requesting the approval of Petition #23-14 SU filed by the petitioners Gerald Goellner and Georgia Goellner, who are requesting a Special Use to permit two lots less than 35 acres in an Agriculture (A1) District on the property owned by them, located at 1075 N. 45th Rd., Earlville, Adams Township, PIN: 02-14-402-000, pursuant to Section 7.1-4 B of the La Salle County Zoning Ordinance.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form.

Motion to Approve: Motion by Mr. Stockley to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. Small. Voice vote: 27 ayes and 2 absent (Brown, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 248 PG 828-829

ORDINANCE: (#23-109) PETITION #23-03 VAR REQUESTING A VARIANCE PERMIT UNDER THE LA SALLE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE

An ordinance was submitted recommending the approval of Petition #23-03 VAR filed by the owners, Heirs of Patricia Thomas, and the applicant Jeff Zavada (contract purchaser) who are requesting a variance to decrease the east front yard setback from 70 feet from the centerline of right of way to 2 feet from the edge of right of way in the R2 district on the property commonly known as 17 Valley View Dr., Streator, IL. PINS: 33-23-

302-009, 33-23-302-008 and 33-23-302-004 pursuant to 14.8 of the La Salle County Zoning Ordinance.

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form.

Motion to Approve: Motion by Mr. Aubry to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. Stockley. Voice vote: 27 ayes and 2 absent (Brown, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 248 PG 830-831

ORDINANCE: (#23-110) UPDATING THE LA SALLE COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

An ordinance was submitted requesting the approval of updating the La Salle County Comprehensive Plan.

Motion to Approve: Motion by Mr. Stockley to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. Kasap. Voice vote: 27 ayes and 2 absent (Brown, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 248 PG 832

RESOLUTION: (#23-111) HIGHWAY #23-17 AUTHORIZING A SUPPLEMENTAL PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH HUTCHISON ENGINEERING INC. FOR CONSTRUCTION ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR SECTION 18-36810-00-DR, N. 36TH RD. OVER BUCK CREEK IN WALLACE TOWNSHIP

A resolution was submitted recommending the approval for authorizing a Supplemental Professional Service Agreement for preliminary engineering services with Hutchison Engineering, Inc., for additional engineering service for Section 18-36810-00 DR, N. 36th Road over Buck Creek in Wallace Township. The compensation for the engineering services be according to the actual costs plus profit and overhead, not to exceed \$7,500.00, in accordance with the provisions of the attached agreement and the sufficient funds be appropriated from the County Bridge Fund to cover the cost of said preliminary engineering services.

Motion to Approve: Motion by Mr. Gatza to approve the resolution, second by Mr. Torres. Roll call vote: 27 ayes and 2 absent (Brown, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 248 PG 833-839

RESOLUTION: HIGHWAY #23-18 DENYING A REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE TO THE LA SALLE COUNTY HIGHWAY ACCESS REGULATION ORDINANCE FOR A PROPOSED COMMERCIAL ENTRANCE TO COUNTY HIGHWAY 21 FOR MS. BARBARA WOODWARD

A resolution was submitted recommending denying a request from Ms. Barbara Woodward for a variance to the La Salle County Highway Access Regulation Ordinance for a proposed commercial entrance to County Highway 21 to access a cell tower. The lot is zoned rural residential located west of Wedron in Dayton Township. Construction at a new private entrance 450 feet west on the same lot, Ms. Woodward created an access hardship for her property because the access would be too close to existing drives, and would create a second access to the same parcel. The County Engineer has determined that the proposed access would be detrimental to the regional flow of traffic in terms of safety, capacity and speed.

Motion to Approve: Motion by Mr. Gatza to approve the resolution to decline the request for a variance to the La Salle County Highway Access Regulation Ordinance, second by Mr. Aubry. Voice vote: Uncertain of the outcome, Chairman Jensen asked for a roll call vote: 13 ayes (Findley Smith, Gatza, Oscepinski, Heller, Savitch, Torres, Trager, Carretto, Walsh, Aubry, Blue, Tooley, Roach), 14 nays (McNally, Small, Pottinger, Owens, Bright, Emmett, Stockley, Bernal, Kasap, Beckett, Dose, McEmery, Znaniiecki, Busch) and 2 absent (Brown, Slager). Motion denied.

SEE RECORD BOOK 248 PG 840

**RESOLUTION: (#23-112) APPROVING CONTRACT FOR CATLIN PARK
ELECTRICITY PROJECT**

A resolution was submitted recommending the approval that the County of La Salle enter into a contract with Corn Belt Energy as the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder for the electricity project at Catlin Park in the amount of \$79,295.00. The Chairman of the Board is authorized to execute said agreement.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval. Any resolution or part thereof which is in conflict with any term or provision of this resolution is hereby repealed to the extent of any such conflict.

Motion to Approve: Motion by Mr. McEmery to approve the resolution, second by Mr. Emmett. Roll call vote: 26 ayes and 3 absent (Small, Brown, Slager). Motion carried.
SEE RECORD BOOK 248 PG 841-842

**RESOLUTION: (#23-113) APPROVING CONTRACT FOR LA SALLE COUNTY GLAZING
REPLACEMENT PHASE II**

A resolution was submitted recommending the approval of entering into a contract with The Glass Shop Inc. Ltd., for the insulated glazing replacement phase II at the La Salle County Governmental Center. The Glass Shop Inc. is determined the lowest most responsible bidder for the project in the amount of \$193,000.00. The Chairman of the Board is authorized to execute said agreement.

This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval. Any resolution or part thereof which is in conflict with any term or provision of this resolution is hereby repealed to the extent of any such conflict.

Motion to Approve: Motion by Mr. Torres to approve the resolution, second by Mr. Kasap. Roll call vote: 26 ayes and 3 absent (Brown, Dose, Slager). Motion carried
SEE RECORD BOOK 248 PG 843-845

RESOLUTION: (#23-114) AMENDED SALARIES FOR THE LA SALLE COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY, SHERIFF AND PUBLIC DEFENDER

A resolution was submitted recommending the approval of the amended salaries for the La Salle County State's Attorney, Sheriff and Public Defender. These increases in salary for these offices are required by law.

Whereas, 55 ILCS 5/4-2001 provides the State's Attorney shall receive a salary as set by the Compensation Review Board has set the salary of the La Salle County States Attorney at \$197,436.44 effective July 1, 2023 until further changed by law, due to a COLA (cost of living adjustment).

La Salle County has a population exceeding 30,000 and the La Salle County Public Defender is a full-time position and the appointed Public Defender is not allowed to engage in the private practice of law, 55 ILCS 5/3-4007 (c) provides that his or her salary shall be 90% of the salary paid to the State's Attorney of the same county. The salary of the La Salle County Public Defender is set at \$177,692.80 effective July 1, 2023 until further change by law.

Whereas, 55 ILCS 5/3-600.5 sets the salary of the Sheriff at 80% of the salary of the State's Attorney of the same county. The salary for the La Salle County Sheriff is set at \$157,949.15 effective July 1, 2023 until further changed by law.

Motion to Approve: Motion by Mr. Roach to approve the resolution, second by Ms. Heller. Roll call vote: 27 ayes and 2 absent (Brown, Slager). Motion carried

SEE RECORD BOOK 248 PG 846-849

ORDINANCE: (#23-115) BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR 2022-2023 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Motion by Ms. Znaniecki to approve an amendment to the 2022-2023 Budget and Appropriations Ordinance for increases in salary, which are required by law for State's Attorney, Sheriff and Public Defender.

Motion to Approve: Motion by Ms. Znaniecki to approve the budget amendment, second by Mr. Tooley. Roll call vote: 27 ayes and 2 absent (Brown, Slager). Motion carried
SEE RECORD BOOK 248 PG 850-851

RESOLUTION: (#23-116) REAPPOINTMENT OF CHIEF COUNTY ASSESSMENT OFFICER

A resolution was submitted recommending the approval of the reappointment of Stephanie Kennedy as Chief County Assessment Officer. The term is to begin on August 8, 2023 and, if still employed by the County shall expire on August 7, 2027. Stephanie's annual per year salary for the four-year term shall be as follows:

Year	Compensation
1 st August 8th, 2023 to August 7th, 2024	\$106,044.52
2 nd August 8th, 2024 to August 7th, 2025	\$111,346.75
3 rd August 8th, 2025 to August 7th, 2026	\$115,800.62
4 th August 8th, 2026 to August 7th, 2027	\$120,432.65

Motion by Mr. Savitch to approve the resolution, second by Mr. Trager. Roll call vote: 26 ayes, 1 nay (Pottinger) and 2 absent (Brown, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 248 PG 852-855

RESOLUTION (#23-117) APPROVE OUT OF STATE TRAVEL EXPENSE OVER \$1,000.00 LIMIT FOR RECORDER

Motion by Ms. Bright to approve the travel expenses over \$1,000.00 as per ordinance #23-79 for the out-of-state travel of Recorder, second by Mr. Tooley. Roll call vote: 23 ayes, 4 nays (Pottinger, Kasap, Walsh, Blue) and 2 absent (Brown, Slager) Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 248 PG 856-861

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chairman Jensen made the board aware that there is a process going on for a 24-million-dollar business resiliency grant in the state of Illinois by the Department of Economic Development. He would like the board members to contact businesses let them know that it is up to \$20,000.00 per business and if interested to contact the board office or North Central Illinois Council of Government.

Motion to Adjourn: Motion by Ms. Busch to adjourn the meeting until August 10, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. in room 250, second by Mr. McEmery. Voice vote: 27 ayes and 2 absent (Brown, Slager). Motion carried.

CHAIRMAN JENSEN RECESSED THE MEETING AT 3:18 P.M.