

**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 October, A.D., 2023, it being the 12<sup>th</sup> day thereof.

This is the second meeting of the September 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:** 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. Brown, Mr. Trager, Ms. Carretto, Mr. Walsh, Mr. Dose, Mr. Aubry, Mr. McEmery, Ms. Znaniecki, Mr. Blue, Mr. Tooley, Mr. Roach, Ms. Busch, Chairman Jensen

**ABSENT:** Ms. McNally, Ms. Beckett, Mr. Slager

There are 17 ayes claiming mileage.

Motion by Mr. Kasap to approve the roll call for mileage and per diem, second by Ms. Carretto. Voice vote: 26 ayes and 3 absent . Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 249 PG 001

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Mr. McEmery to approve the previous meeting minutes as presented, second by Mr. Kasap. Voice vote: 26 ayes and 3 absent (McNally, Beckett, Slager). Motion carried.

**MOTION TO APPROVE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN BILLS**

Motion by Mr. Torres to approve the American Rescue Plan Bills, second by Ms. Znaniecki. Roll call vote: 26 ayes and 3 absent (McNally, Beckett, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 249 PG 002

### **STUDENT EXCELLENCE AWARDS**

Chris Dvorak, Regional Superintendent of Schools introduced three students who were awarded this month's Student Excellence Award. Ellie Nimke a High Honor Roll 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Northlawn Junior High School, Dixie Smick a High Honor Roll 8<sup>th</sup> grade student at Marquette Academy Elementary School and Jenna Gamons a High Honor Roll Senior at Marquette Academy High School. The students were presented with an award from Chairman Jensen and applauded by the Board.

SEE RECORD BOOK 249 PG 003-004

### **MOTION TO PLACE ON FILE**

Motion by Mr. Stockley to place on file, the Probation and Court Services Quarterly Report dated June 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023, second by Mr. Small. Voice vote: 26 ayes and 3 absent (McNally, Beckett, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 249 PG 005-007

### **MOTION TO PLACE ON FILE**

Motion by Ms. Busch to place on file, the Detention Home Quarterly Report dated June 1, 2023 through August 31, 2023, second by Ms. Heller. Voice vote: 26 ayes and 3 absent (McNally, Beckett, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 249 PG 008-009

### **ORDINANCE: (#23-151) PETITION #23-26 SU REQUESTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT UNDER THE LA SALLE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE**

An ordinance was submitted requesting the approval of Petition #23-26 SU filed by owners/applicants, John Beetz, David Beetz and Joseph Beetz for a special use so as to permit a commercial farm fertilizer storage tank in an Agriculture (A1) District, located at 187 N. 46<sup>th</sup> Rd., Mendota, IL., PIN 01-08-404-000, pursuant to the Section 7.1-4H of the La Salle County Zoning Ordinance.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Mr. Gatza to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. Stockley. Voice vote: 26 ayes and 3 absent (McNally, Beckett, Slager). Motion carried.  
SEE RECORD BOOK 239 PG 010-012

**ORDINANCE: (#23-152) PETITION #23-27 SU REQUESTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT UNDER THE LA SALLE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE**

An ordinance was submitted requesting the approval of Petition #23-27 SU filed by the owner Pam Shanley, and the applicant New Leaf Energy, Inc., to be granted a "Special Use" so as to construct a commercial solar energy facility in an Agriculture (A1) District, located on N. 30<sup>th</sup> Road in Rutland Township. PIN 15-40-100-000, pursuant to Section 7.1-4 NN of the La Salle County Zoning Ordinance.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Mr. Stockley to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. Trager. Voice vote: 25 ayes, 1 nay (Busch) and 3 absent (McNally, Beckett, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 249 PG 013-015

**ORDINANCE: (#23-153) PETITION #23-28 SU REQUESTING A SPECIAL USE PERMIT UNDER THE LA SALLE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE**

An ordinance was submitted requesting the approval of Petition #23-28 SU filed by owner, John G. McDonnell Living Trust and applicant La Salle Solar 6 LLC., to be granted a "Special Use" so as to construct a commercial solar energy facility in an Agriculture (A1) District, located at 3311 N. IL RT 23, in Dayton Township. PINS 14-14-412-000 and 14-14-412-000, pursuant to Section 7.1-4 NN of the La Salle County Zoning Ordinance.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Mr. Stockley to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. Aubry. Roll call vote: 21 ayes (Small, Pottinger, Findley Smith, Owens, Bright, Emmett, Gatza, Oscepinski, Heller, Bernal, Kasap, Savitch, Torres, Trager, Carretto, Walsh, Dose Aubry, McEmery, Tooley, Roach), 5 nays (Stockley, Brown, Znaniecki, Blue, Busch) and 3 absent (McNally, Beckett, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 249 PG 016-019

**ORDINANCE: (#23-154) PETITION #23-29 SU REQUESTING A SPECIAL USE UNDER THE LA SALLE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE**

An ordinance was submitted recommending the approval of Petition #23-29 SU filed by the owner/applicant, Pleasant Creek LLC, requesting the approval of amending a Special Use to construct an additional caretaker residence in the campground located in an A1 Zoning District for the property located at 926 N. 2150<sup>th</sup> Rd., Oglesby, IL., PINS 20-10-112-000, 20-10-305-000, 20-10-300-000, pursuant to 7.1-4 E of the La Salle County Zoning Ordinance with a condition.

1. The resident of the premises shall be an employee of Pleasant Creek LLC, and or its successors.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Mr. Stockley to approve the ordinance, second by Mr. Aubry. Roll call vote: 19 ayes (Small, Pottinger, Findley Smith, Bright, Emmett, Stockley, Gatza, Oscepinski, Bernal, Kasap, Savitch, Trager, Carretto, Walsh, Dose, Aubry, Blue, Tooley, Busch), 7 nays (Owens, Heller, Torres, Brown, McEmery, Znaniecki, Roach) and 3 absent (McNally, Beckett, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 249 PG 020-023

**RESOLUTION: (#23-155) HIGHWAY #23-24  
2024 COUNTY BRIDGE AID PETITIONS AND REQUESTS**

A resolution was submitted recommending the approval of five (5) petitions for drainage structures from various Townships for County Bridge Aid and the necessary funds be appropriated from the County Bridge Fund for these improvements. See below, petitions received.

<b><u>TOWNSHIP</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>TYPE</u></b>	<b><u>FUNDING</u></b>	<b><u>ESTIMATED COST</u></b>
DIMMICK	N. 35 <sup>TH</sup> Rd.	BRIDGE REPLACEMENT	50/50	\$360,000.00
EDEN	N. 22 <sup>nd</sup> Rd. S.N. 050-3217	BRIDGE REPAIR	50/50	\$57,500.00

FARM RIDGE	N. 2250 <sup>TH</sup> Rd. S.N. 050-3428 E.16 <sup>TH</sup> Rd./S.N. 050-3170	BRIDGE REPAIR	50/50	\$73,600.00
GRAND RAPIDS	N. 21 <sup>ST</sup> Rd.	CULVERT REPAIR	50/50	\$230,000.00
VERMILLION	N. 1850 <sup>TH</sup> Rd.	CULVERT REPAIR	50/50	\$149,500.00
	<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>\$870,600.00</b>

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Mr. Gatza to approve the resolution, second by Mr. Roach. Roll call vote: 26 ayes and 3 absent (McNally, Beckett, Slager). Motion carried.  
SEE RECORD BOOK 249 PG 024-028

**PROCLAMATION: (#23-156) PROCLAIMING OCTOBER AS DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

A proclamation was submitted recommending the approval of proclaiming the month of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. La Salle County Board is an important partner in Safe Journeys' vision to create a community where people thrive in safe and healthy relationships. The County Board of the County of La Salle, proclaims the month of October, 2023, as Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Mr. Heller to approve the proclamation, second by Mr. Kasap. Voice vote: 26 ayes and 3 absent (McNally, Beckett, Slager). Motion carried.  
SEE RECORD BOOK 249 PG 029

**RESOLUTION: (#23-157) AMENDING SAFETY POLICY AND PROCEDURES MANUAL RESOLUTION #18-216 DATED NOVEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

A resolution was submitted recommending the approval of adopting the amended 2018 Safety Policy and Procedures Manual. Amendments to the Safety Policy and Procedures Manual to reflect current safety law and recommended guidelines.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Mr. Stockley to approve the resolution, second by Mr. Small. Voice vote: 26 ayes and 3 absent (McNally, Beckett, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 249 PG 030-031

**RESOLUTION: (#23-158) AUTHORIZING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT CONCERNING THE INTENT TO INTERVENE WITH THE LA SALLE COUNTY BOARD OF REVIEW APPEAL PROCEEDINGS FOR PROPERTY ASSESSMENT COMPLAINT.**

A resolution was submitted recommending the approval of entering into an intergovernmental agreement for property tax assessment appeals with the Board of Education of Dimmick C.C.S.D. #175, the Board of Education of La Salle-Peru Township High School District #120, Illinois Valley Community College and the County of La Salle. Each has concerns regarding the value submitted with the assessment complaint appeal for the following properties: 17-04-101-013, (MENARD, INC., PERU, ILLINOIS), 17-17-05-410-012, 17-05-410-013, 17-05-410-014 and 17-05-410-015, (PERU MALL AMA LLC, PERU, IL). The parties agree to intervene in the Property Tax Appeal Board proceeding. Dimmick, IVCC, and the County agree to share the legal fees, analysis and other necessary expenses. The cost of the appraisal shared between Dimmick, L-P, IVCC and the County. This agreement will expire upon the Property Tax Appeal Board issuing a decision or a settlement being executed by parties or unless the parties agree, in writing, to continue to work cooperatively and take further action.

***Motion to Approve:*** Motion by Mr. Dose to approve the resolution, second by Mr. Small. Roll call vote: 26 ayes and 3 absent (McNally, Beckett, Slager). Motion carried.  
SEE RECORD BOOK 249 PG 032-035

**RESOLUTION: (#23-159) AUTHORIZING INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BEWTWEEN THE COUNTY OF COOK ON BEHALF OF THE COOK COUNTY SHERIFF AND THE COUNTY OF LA SALLE ON BEHALF OF THE LA SALLE COUNTY SHERIFF**

A resolution was submitted recommending approval of entering into by and between the County of Cook, Illinois, on behalf of the Sheriff of Cook County and the County of La Salle, Illinois, on behalf of the La Salle County Sheriff. Cook County Sheriff's Department of Corrections has a need for additional housing of individuals in custody and La Salle County Jail will be utilized by the Sheriff of Cook County to place individuals

to help address overcrowding, segregation and other safety and security issues facing the Cook County Department of Corrections and its population. In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements attached.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Mr. Emmett to approve the resolution, second by Mr. Roach. Voice vote: 26 ayes and 3 absent (McNally, Beckett, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 249 PG 036-043

**RESOLUTION: (#23-160) REAPPOINTMENT OF LA SALLE COUNTY MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR**

A resolution was submitted recommending the approval of the reappointment of the La Salle County Maintenance Director. Robert Kaminski was recommended to be reappointed as an at-will employee for a term beginning on December 1, 2023 until November 30, 2026. The annual compensation for said position is set at the sum of \$100,00.00. The annual compensation for each year of the term thereafter shall be determined by and based upon the evaluation of the La Salle County Property Committee and La Salle County Salary & Labor Committee.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Mr. Savitch to approve the resolution, second by Ms. Heller. Roll call vote: 26 ayes and 3 absent (McNally, Beckett, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 249 PG 044-046

**RESOLUTION: (#23-161) REAPPOINTMENT OF LA SALLE COUNTY LAND USE DIRECTOR**

A resolution was submitted recommending the approval of the reappointment of the La Salle County Land Use Director. Brian Gift was recommended to be reappointed as an at-will employee for a term beginning on December 1, 2023 until November 30, 2026. The annual compensation for said position is set at the sum of \$99,436.35. The annual compensation for each year of the term thereafter shall be determined by and based upon

the evaluation of the La Salle County Land Use and TIF Committee and La Salle County Salary & Labor Committee.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Mr. Stockley to approve the resolution, second by Ms. Busch. Roll call vote: 26 ayes and 3 absent (McNally, Beckett, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 249 PG 047-049

**RESOLUTION: (#23-162) REAPPOINTMENT OF THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE LA SALLE COUNTY NURSING HOME**

A resolution was submitted recommending the approval of reappointing the Administrator of the La Salle County Nursing Home. Carrie Becker was recommended to be reappointed as an at-will employee for a three-year term beginning on December 1, 2023 until November 30, 2026. The compensation for December 1, 2023 to November 30, 2024 of said position shall be set at the sum of \$93,500.00. The annual compensation for each year of the term and thereafter shall be determined by and based upon the evaluation of the La Salle County Nursing Home and VAC Committee and La Salle County Salary & Labor Committee.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Mr. Brown to approve the resolution, second by Mr. Small. Voice vote: 26 ayes and 3 absent (McNally, Beckett, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 249 PG 050-052

**RESOLUTION: (#23-163) APPROVING CONTRACT FOR ELECTION EQUIPMENT FOR THE LA SALLE COUNTY CLERK**

A resolution was submitted recommending approval of approving contract for La Salle County Election Equipment for the La Salle County Clerk. Liberty Systems, LLC was the lowest, responsive and responsible bidder with the advice by La Salle County Clerk, IT Director, La Salle County Board Chairman and La Salle County State's Attorney recommend awarding the project to Liberty Systems , LLC., at a cost of \$1,017,393.00.



**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Ms. Findley Smith to approve the resolution, second by Ms. Heller. Roll call vote: 26 ayes and 3 absent (McNally, Beckett, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 249 PG 053-055

#### **MOTION TO APPROVE**

Motion by Ms. Carretto to approve the County Clerk's Semi-Annual Report for the period of December 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 through May 1<sup>st</sup> 2023, second by Mr. Stockley. Voice vote: 26 ayes and 3 absent (McNally, Beckett, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 249 PG 056-057

#### **ORDINANCE: (#23-164) SETTING THE PER DIEM RATE OF PAY FOR ELECTION JUDGES**

An ordinance was submitted recommending the approval of the compensation of election judges within La Salle County for consolidated, primary and general elections be set at \$175.00 per day in compliance with 10 ILCS 5/13-10, with the State Board of Elections reimbursing the County \$65.00 per day.

**Motion to Approve:** Motion by Ms. Heller to approve the ordinance, second by Ms. Findley Smith. Roll call vote: 26 ayes and 3 absent (McNally, Beckett, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 249 PG 058-059

#### **MOTION TO APPROVE**

Motion by Mr. Emmett to approve the amended 2022-2023 tentative full board session schedule, second by Mr. Tooley. Voice vote: 26 ayes and 3 absent (McNally, Beckett, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 249 PG 060

#### **MOTION TO APPROVE**

Motion by Mr. Tooley to approve the 2023-2024 tentative full board session schedule, second by Mr. Oscepinski. Voice vote: 26 ayes and 3 absent (McNally, Beckett, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 249 PG 061

### **MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE & REPORTS**

The Treasurer's Investments Report dated October 3, 2023, was submitted.

***Motion to Approve:*** Motion by Mr. Stockley to approve the miscellaneous correspondence and reports, second by Mr. Emmett. Voice vote: 26 ayes and 3 absent (McNally, Beckett, Slager). Motion carried.

SEE RECORD BOOK 249 PG 061-062

***Motion to Recess:*** Motion by Mr. Dose to recess the meeting until November 2, 2023, at 1:00 p.m. in room 250, second by Ms. Busch. Voice vote: 26 ayes and 3 absent (McNally, Beckett, Slager). Motion carried.

**CHAIRMAN JENSEN RECESSED THE MEETING AT 2:43 P.M.**