

# RESOLUTION

**RE: Policy Regarding Naming of Public Property**

WHEREAS, the County desires to establish a policy regarding the naming of public buildings for certain individuals, and,

WHEREAS, the County has received recommendations concerning such from the Property Committee and the Executive and Legislative Committee addressing the concerns and various ideas surrounding the process of naming public property after certain individuals, and

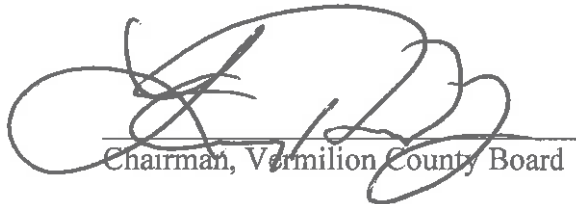
WHEREAS, the County has reviewed and now accepts such policy as is now attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Vermilion County Board that the attached Policy on Naming Public Property is hereby adopted and shall guide and request to so name public property.

PRESENTED, APPROVED, and RESOLVED by the County Board of Vermilion County, Illinois, at their July 9, 2019, session.

DATED, this 9th day of July, 2019, A.D.

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Chairman, Vermilion County Board

ATTEST:  
  
Clerk of the County Board

Resolution No. 19-0701

APPROVED BY PROPERTY COMMITTEE:  
June 17, 2019

Wesley Biertz  Y  N  A  
*Committee Chairperson*

Joe Eakle  Y  N  A

Diana Frazier-Brenneman  Y  N  A

Adam Hart  Y  N  A

Greg Thatcher Y  N  A

Mitch Weaver  Y  N  A

Dan Wright Y  N  A

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APPROVED BY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:  
June 27, 2019

Larry Baughn, Jr. <i>Committee Chairperson</i>	Y	N	A
Craig Golden	Y	N	A
Steven Fourez	Y	N	A
Kevin Green	Y	N	A
Crisi Walls	Y	N	A
Greg Thatcher	Y	N	A
Becky Stark	Y	N	A

# Policy on Naming Public Property

Given the number of people who could justifiably be honored by the naming of a public building or portion thereof, as well as roads, bridges or other public property, in their honor, the Property Committee has developed a policy to guide its recommendations as to the appropriateness of naming a public building in honor of an individual's achievements. Looking back on Vermilion County's history, so many people have contributed much to this community that there are not enough public buildings to honor them all. However, the naming of a public building is a recognized tradition in this and other communities. To fairly consider any such request, the following guidelines are offered:

1. A petition to so name a specific building or public property should be presented to the County Board Chairman, along with a written narration addressing the appropriateness of such action using at a minimum the criteria set out in this policy, and thereafter transmitted to the Property Committee Chairperson, containing at least 500 signatures of the residents of Vermilion County, being 18 years of age or older, in support of such action. The signatures must be accompanied by the person's address, date of birth, and printed name in order to verify that they are residents of Vermilion County, Illinois.
2. The proposed person for whom a building or public property is to be named must have a record of demonstrable achievements dedicated for the public good, be of good character, have devoted at least twenty years of public service to the community or have performed such heroic or memorable acts in defense of others or their Country such that their name on a public building will add meaning to others in our community and be of long lasting significance to the community.
3. The Property Committee and the Executive/Legislative Committee upon consideration of those factors, will vote to either forward such recommendation for the naming of a public building or public property to the County Board as a whole, or permit the request will die without further action by the Committee. Such a vote will require a majority of voting members present of each committee to affirmatively pass such recommendation to the County Board as a whole.
4. To adopt such recommendation, the full County Board pass such recommendation by two-thirds vote of the entire County Board, and not just those present, for such action to be taken by the County.
5. There shall be no extravagant funding or material alteration of the building or other public property through the use of taxpayer funds beyond reasonable signage, which the County may pay for to the extent necessary to properly identify the site. The County may accept private donations for any memorial plaque, signage, or site identification above and beyond routine or standard signage.