

**Executive/Legislation Committee**  
**Thursday, February 9, 2023**  
**Joseph G. Cannon Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, 5:00 PM**

## **MINUTES**

### **Agenda Item 1 - Call to Order and Roll Call**

Chairman Larry Baughn, Jr. called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM. Upon the call of roll, the following members were present: Larry Baughn, Jr., Steve Miller, Jerry Hawker, and Nancy O’Kane. Joe Eakle was excused. Mark Steinbaugh was absent. 4 Present 2 Absent. Also attending the meeting were: Craig Golden – County Board Vice Chairman, Darren Duncan – Vermilion County Treasurer, Erika Ramsey – Vermilion County Auditor, Bill Donahue, Risk Consultant for Vermilion County, and Jennifer Jenkins, County Board Office Manager. After the call of roll it was determined that Mr. Golden, as Vice Chairman, serves on this committee and his name was inadvertently left off of the committee assignment list.

### **Agenda Item 2 - Adoption/Amendment to the Agenda**

Hawker moved, seconded by O’Kane, to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

### **Agenda Item 3 - Approval of Minutes from September 29, 2022**

Miller moved, seconded by Golden, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed by acclamation.

### **Agenda Item 4 - Audience Comments**

None

### **Agenda Item 5 – Resolution: Collection of Delinquent Taxes (City of Danville)**

Chairman Baughn advised the committee that he recently met with Mayor Williams, Sam Cole, and Logan Cronk, with the City of Danville in regards to the parcels that were previously withheld as we requested additional information for each of these properties. The City provided us with a list, which was handed out to the committee, which Baughn explained most of them are floodplain and stormwater management. The three miscellaneous are the ones of more concern. Baughn thought moving forward that we need a clear plan. Discussion ensued regarding the County’s position on these. Hawker explained that these vacant lots are taken from speculation, sight unseen. Hawker suggested that any buyer should be present at the auction in order to purchase them. This ensures we are doing our due diligence for the taxpayer to get the highest dollar. Miller explained that the majority of these are vacant land. These properties need to be maintained by the buyer. It was suggested to go ahead and move forward with giving them to the City as was originally presented. The discussion also brought up the property that was removed from the parcels at 103 Cronkhite. This property just came available on the tax sale as it hit the 3 year unpaid tax mark. O’Kane advised that we need to think of the people that are near these properties. She suggested that we should allow these to be purchased by the City, municipalities, etc. This ensures these properties will be taken care of. Miller explained that he did contact the buyer of the property of 103 Cronkhite and the buyer explained to him that he saw a photo of this property and pursued purchase however, once he visited the property it was not what was viewed from the photo. There were significant holes in the roof, windows, etc. This property needs to move to the demolition list. Miller recommended that we vacate the contract for 103 Cronkhite with our tax agent. Miller made a motion that the County Board approve the rescission of its contract with the buyer of 103 Cronkhite and refund his money, and then request the City of Danville to purchase it. Hawker seconded, the following voted yes to wit: Baughn, Golden, Miller, Hawker, and O’Kane. 5 Yes and 2 absent. Item 2 of this agenda item is for the remaining properties on the list. Motion by Hawker, second by Miller the following voted yes to wit: Baughn, Golden, Miller, Hawker, and O’Kane. 5 Yes and 2 absent.

### **Agenda Item 6 – Executive Session-**

No action needed

### **Agenda Item 7 - Items of Information**

Chairman Baughn suggested reviewing and possibly changing our contract with Joseph Meyer and Associates to make it clear of the properties and how they can be removed, etc. if required.

### **Agenda Item 8- Adjournment**

Motion by Hawker, second by O’Kane to adjourn. Chairman Baughn adjourned the meeting at 5:35 P.M.

Minutes by: Jennifer Jenkins, County Board Office Manager