

STATE OF ILLINOIS     )  
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COUNTY OF VERMILION )

VERMILION COUNTY BOARD  
January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024  
6:00 P.M.

**MINUTES**

The County Board of Vermilion County, State of Illinois met in the Joseph G. Cannon Building in the City of Danville, Vermilion County, Illinois on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Upon call of the roll, 22 were present, 3 were absent, and 2 vacancies.

Invocation/Moment of silence: Jim Russell

Pledge of Allegiance led by: Chairman Baughn

Attest: Robyn Heffern, Chief Deputy Clerk

Chairman Baughn in the Chair

**APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES**

Chairman Baughn entertained a motion to approve Kevin Bodine to fill the vacancy of McLain, and Gary Miller to fill the vacancy of Bird. Motion made by Henderson. Seconded by Weaver. Motion carried.

Upon call of the roll, 22 voted yes, 3 were absent, and 2 vacancies. Motion carried.

The following members voted yea, to-wit: Boyd, Butler, Eakle, Golden, Hawker, Henderson, Hoag, Johnson, Mackiewicz, McFadden, McMahan, Miller, O’Kane, Ryan, Shepard, Stark, Steinbaugh, Walls, Weaver, Weller, Wright, and Chairman Baughn.

The following members were absent, to-wit: Green, Jackson, and Lamar.

**SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD MEMBER, KEVIN BODINE-HONORABLE JUDGE GOODWIN**

Honorable Judge Goodwin administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Bodine, and Mr. Gary Miller to be sworn in the County Clerk’s Office.

**ADOPTION OR AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA**

Chairman Baughn entertained a motion to approve as presented. Motion made by Eakle. Seconded by Weller. No discussion. Motion carried by acclamation.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chairman Baughn entertained a motion to approve as presented. Motion made by Weaver. Seconded by Steinbaugh. Mr. Miller requested the following amendments: Page #4 of the minutes to read, “Mr. Miller presented recommendations made by the committee on committees.” in place of “Mr. Miller presented changes to the committee on committees.” The second paragraph should read “Chairman Baughn entertained a motion to approve changes recommended by the committee on committees” in place of “Chairman Baughn

entertained a motion to approve changes made to committee on committees." With those changes made, motion carried by acclamation.

**REPORT ON CLAIMS (DECEMBER)**

Chairman Baughn entertained a motion to dispense with the reading of the Report on Claims and place on file. Motion made by Steinbaugh. Seconded by Golden. No discussion.

Upon call of the roll, 23 voted yes, 4 were absent. Motion carried.

The following members voted yea, to-wit: Bodine, Boyd, Butler, Eakle, Golden, Hawker, Henderson, Hoag, Johnson, Mackiewicz, McFadden, McMahon, Steve Miller, O'Kane, Ryan, Shepard, Stark, Steinbaugh, Walls, Weaver, Weller, Wright, and Chairman Baughn.

The following members were absent, to-wit: Green, Jackson, Lamar, and Gary Miller.



## Expense Budget Performance Report

Date Range 12/01/23 - 12/31/23

Include Rollup Account and Rollup to Base Account

Account	Account Description	Current Month Transactions
Fund 001 - GENERAL FUND		
Department 110 - County Board		
Project 00 - General		
Fund 001 - GENERAL FUND Totals		\$875,822.01
Fund 002 - IMRF FUND		
Department 197 - IMRF		
Project 00 - General		
Fund 002 - IMRF FUND Totals		\$42,338.98
Fund 003 - VERMILION CO HEALTH		
Department 445 - Health Department		
Project 00 - General		
Fund 003 - VERMILION CO HEALTH		\$76,324.67
Fund 004 - MENTAL HEALTH 708 FUND		
Department 470 - Mental Health		
Project 00 - General		
Fund 004 - MENTAL HEALTH 708 FUND		\$234,058.01
Fund 005 - LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND		
Department 198 - Liability Insurance		
Project 00 - General		
Fund 005 - LIABILITY INSURANCE FUND		\$463,632.00
Fund 006 - PSB RENT FUND		
Department 340 - PSB		
Project 00 - General		
Fund 006 - PSB RENT FUND Totals		\$6,791,793.37
Fund 007 - COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND		
Department 810 - County Highway		
Project 00 - General		
Fund 007 - COUNTY HIGHWAY FUND Totals		\$65,009.65
Fund 009 - LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND		
Department 315 - Law Enforcement		
Project 00 - General		
Fund 009 - LAW ENFORCEMENT FUND		\$646,061.35
Fund 010 - INDEMNITY FUND		
Department 199 - Indemnity Fund		
Project 00 - General		
Fund 010 - INDEMNITY FUND Totals		\$0.00
Fund 011 - ANIMAL CONTROL FUND		
Department 440 - Animal Control		
Project 00 - General		
Fund 011 - ANIMAL CONTROL FUND Totals		\$52,671.59
Fund 012 - VETERANS ASSISTANCE		
Department 125 - Veterans Assistance		



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Project 00 - General	
Fund 012 - VETERANS ASSISTANCE	\$6,504.31
Fund 013 - GIS AUTOMATION FUND	
Department 131 - GIS Automation Fund	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 013 - GIS AUTOMATION FUND Totals	\$13,070.00
Fund 014 - PROBATION SERVICE FUND	
Department 231 - Probation Service	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 014 - PROBATION SERVICE FUND	\$3,861.58
Fund 015 - COUNTY CLERK VITAL	
Department 511 - County Clerk Vital	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 015 - COUNTY CLERK VITAL	\$533.72
Fund 018 - CO CLERK TAX AUTOMATION	
Department 181 - Co Clerk Tax	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 018 - CO CLERK TAX AUTOMATION	\$0.00
Fund 019 - FICA (SOCIAL SECURITY)	
Department 196 - FICA	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 019 - FICA (SOCIAL SECURITY)	\$135,343.84
Fund 022 - STATE'S ATTY AUTOMATION	
Department 220 - States Attorney	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 022 - STATE'S ATTY AUTOMATION	\$0.00
Fund 035 - CORONER'S AUTOMATION	
Department 350 - Coroner	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 035 - CORONER'S AUTOMATION	\$0.00
Fund 039 - INFRASTRUCTURE FUND	
Department 669 - Infrastructure	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 039 - INFRASTRUCTURE FUND Totals	\$0.00
Fund 041 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	
Department 910 - Capital Improvements	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 041 - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	\$0.00
Fund 042 - NORTH FORK SPEC SERV AREA	
Department 665 - North Fork Spec Serv	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 042 - NORTH FORK SPEC SERV AREA	\$0.00
Fund 043 - NORTH FORK SPEC SERV AREA	
Department 666 - North Fork Spec Serv	



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Date Range 12/01/23 - 12/31/23

Include Rollup Account and Rollup to Base Account

Project 00 - General	
Fund 043 - NORTH FORK SPEC SERV AREA	\$0.00
Fund 044 - NORTH FORK SPEC SERV AREA	
Department 667 - North Fork Spec Serv	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 044 - NORTH FORK SPEC SERV AREA	\$0.00
Fund 048 - Law Enforcement Grant	
Department 148 - Law Enforcement	
Project 50 - Grant - 2020	
Fund 048 - Law Enforcement Grant Totals	\$0.00
Fund 052 - ELECTRONIC CITATION FUND	
Department 210 - Circuit Clerk	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 052 - ELECTRONIC CITATION FUND	\$0.00
Fund 062 - COUNTY BRIDGE FUND	
Department 850 - County Bridge	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 062 - COUNTY BRIDGE FUND Totals	\$15,938.00
Fund 063 - LAW LIBRARY FUND	
Department 950 - Law Library	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 063 - LAW LIBRARY FUND Totals	\$2,684.53
Fund 066 - VC SOLID WASTE	
Department 660 - VC Solid Waste	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 066 - VC SOLID WASTE	\$7,679.38
Fund 071 - TRAFFIC FEE FUND	
Department 958 - Court Support	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 071 - TRAFFIC FEE FUND Totals	\$34,326.38
Fund 074 - COURT AUTOMATION FUND	
Department 961 - Court Automation	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 074 - COURT AUTOMATION FUND	\$14,495.00
Fund 075 - COURT SECURITY FEE FUND	
Department 962 - Court Security Fee	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 075 - COURT SECURITY FEE FUND	\$9,696.76
Fund 076 - RECORDER SPECIAL FUND	
Department 963 - Recorder Special	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 076 - RECORDER SPECIAL FUND	\$1,817.42
Fund 078 - CIRCUIT CLERK OPER &	
Department 178 - Circuit Clerk Oper &	



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Date Range 12/01/23 - 12/31/23

Include Rollup Account and Rollup to Base Account

Project 00 - General	
Fund 078 - CIRCUIT CLERK OPER &	\$95.63
Fund 079 - COURT DOCUMENT STORAGE	
Department 967 - Court Document	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 079 - COURT DOCUMENT STORAGE	\$2,323.19
Fund 080 - DRUG COURT FEE FUND	
Department 880 - Operations	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 080 - DRUG COURT FEE FUND Totals	\$680.00
Fund 081 - VC ELECTRONIC MONITOR	
Department 881 - VC Electronic Monitor	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 081 - VC ELECTRONIC MONITOR	\$0.00
Fund 082 - Public Defender Court Fund	
Department 182 - Public Defender Court	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 082 - Public Defender Court Fund	\$35,151.16
Fund 088 - TREASURER AUTOMATION	
Department 965 - Treasurer Automation	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 088 - TREASURER AUTOMATION	\$317.77
Fund 091 - CHILD SUPPORT/MAINT	
Department 966 - Child Support &	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 091 - CHILD SUPPORT/MAINT Totals	\$2,138.34
Fund 097 - VICTIM WITNESS/ATTY	
Department 999 - Victim Witness	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 097 - VICTIM WITNESS/ATTY	\$2,208.32
Fund 099 - VC MEG/EXP MULTI-JUR NARC	
Department 998 - MEG Grant	
Project 00 - General	
Fund 099 - VC MEG/EXP MULTI-JUR	\$0.00
Grand Totals	\$9,536,576.96

**RAFFLE/POKER RUN APPLICATION LIST (DECEMBER)**

Chairman Baughn entertained a motion to dispense with the list and place it on file. Moved by Mackiewicz. Seconded by Butler. No discussion. Motion carried by acclamation.

**REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEE**

Mr. Miller stated the committee on committees unanimously recommended Kevin Bodine to serve on the Health & Education, and Tax & Elections Committees. Gary Miller to serve on Judicial & Rules, and Public Safety Committees, Greg Shepard no longer to serve on the Public Safety and Tech Committees, but will serve on the Finance Committee. Jerry Hawker to replace Mr. Bird as Chairman of Judicial & Rules Committee. Mr. Miller moved to approve. Seconded by Henderson. Discussion made by Eakle, Hawker, and McFadden. Motion carried by acclamation.

**AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Mr. Cronkhite's comments attached below.

**FILED**

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Vermilion County Board - Jan 9th, 2024

*Courtney (Vermilion)*  
COUNTY CLERK  
VERMILION CO.

In December's Board Member comments, our newest appointed Board Member, stood and claimed a technical Parliamentary right, as though the floor had not already been granted.?

What came next was an outstanding "stump" speech. Where our new member went on and on about fitting the needs of different kinds of folks, working together, fixing what is wrong while keeping everything on the "level". It was the usual platitudes, of a seasoned political operative.

Our prearranged Board Member then placed considerable emphasis, on their previous political experience. Which is a bit puzzling... in now having to remind an "old pro", that here - we promote the peoples business not our own.

As for the extensive political experience that we've seen before... we are not impressed! So much so, that you may only be here, because the citizens never had a say in the matter. Allowing hidden hands to further mold the kind of board they need, in maintaining control.

With regard to how people respond to me... it needs said, that as far as anyone knows, both the States Attorney and Sheriff departments are well run and honorable. It's a kind of thing where no news "is" good news, in the two most powerful and secretive institutions, in which we currently "assume," everything is "on the level".

Although... I am a bit curious, in what became of the certified letter sent to the States Attorney, alerting them to the life-threatening racial threats against Dr. Alicia Geddis and her family.

It would also be nice to know why an attorney on our dime, supposedly working "for" us on the Renewables Scam, always seems to be laboring shoulder to shoulder with over-seas corporate interests. An obvious Pritzker Legal Eagle, who is here when they are, reminding us of our role as a surf.



## Vermilion County Board - Jan 9th, 2023/

The new-member stump speech was tolerable, until... proclaiming that Board Members have their right of speech, but we peasants cannot criticize local politicians. It's ok to question State and Federal levels, but we must never speak against local officials?!

If there was ever a speech, disqualifying someone at every level of American leadership, it was the "A right for me - but not thee", diatribe.

It was another example of the wokeish delusions we witnessed in early 2023, when a clan of political radicals attempted a surprise takeover and re-write of the Board and County laws, to suit their perceived view of the world. Legislation - still on the table.

So! If you really want to be a Hero Board Member, lets see you take on and resolve the apparently untouchable, mismanaged department that is loading us up with future employee liabilities, while exploding department costs and budgets.

You do that!... and we will be impressed.

Arthur Cronkhite

**EXECUTIVE & LEGISLATION (BAUGHN)**

**RESOLUTION #24-0101: COLLECTION OF DELINQUENT TAXES**

Chairman Baughn entertained a motion to dispense with the reading and approve as presented. Motion was made by Walls. Seconded by Henderson. Discussion made.

Upon call of the roll, 20 voted yes, 1 voted no, 2 abstentions, and 4 absent. Motion carried.

The following members voted yea, to-wit: Boyd, Butler, Eakle, Golden, Henderson, Hoag, Johnson, Mackiewicz, McFadden, McMahan, O'Kane, Ryan, Shepard, Stark, Steinbaugh, Walls, Weaver, Weller, Wright, Bodine, and Chairman Baughn.

The following members voted no, to-wit: O'Kane

The following members abstained, to-wit: Hawker, and Steve Miller.

The following members were absent, to-wit: Green, Jackson, Lamar, and Gary Miller.

**FINANCE (MILLER)**

**FINANCIAL UPDATE**

Mr. Steve Miller gave brief updates regarding finance and ARPA.

**ORDINANCE #24-0102 RE: ABATING ANNUAL TAX LEVY-JAIL EXPANSION AND JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER PROJECTS-\$549,087.00**

Mr. Steve Miller moved to dispense with the reading and move for its adoption. Seconded by McMahan. Motion carried.

Upon call of the roll, 23 voted yes, 4 were absent. Motion carried.

The following members voted yea, to-wit: Butler, Eakle, Golden, Hawker, Henderson, Hoag, Johnson, Mackiewicz, McFadden, McMahan, Steve Miller, O'Kane, Ryan, Shepard, Stark, Steinbaugh, Walls, Weaver, Weller, Wright, Bodine, Boyd, and Chairman Baughn.

The following members were absent, to-wit: Green, Jackson, Lamar, and Gary Miller.

**ORDINANCE #24-0103 RE: AMENDMENT TO THE COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH 708 COMMUNITY BOARD-BUDGET AMENDMENT-\$152,404.00. (FROM FY2023 TO FY2024)**

Mr. Steve Miller moved to dispense with the reading and move for its adoption. Seconded by Hawker. Mr. Henderson requested narratives be revised. Motion carried.

Upon call of the roll, 23 voted yes, 4 were absent. Motion carried.

The following members voted yea, to-wit: Eakle, Golden, Hawker, Henderson, Hoag, Johnson, Mackiewicz, McFadden, McMahan, Steve Miller, O'Kane, Ryan, Shepard, Stark, Steinbaugh, Walls, Weaver, Weller, Wright, Bodine, Boyd, Butler, and Chairman Baughn.

The following members were absent, to-wit: Green, Jackson, Lamar, and Gary Miller.

**ORDINANCE #24-0104 RE: AMENDMENT TO THE COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE ANIMAL CONTROL FUND-BUDGET AMENDMENT-\$49,948.00. (FROM FY2023 TO FY2024)**

Mr. Steve Miller moved to dispense with the reading and move for its adoption. Seconded by Henderson. Mr. Henderson requested narratives be revised. Motion carried.

Upon call of the roll, 23 voted yes, 4 were absent. Motion carried.

The following members voted yea, to-wit: Golden, Hawker, Henderson, Hoag, Johnson, Mackiewicz, McFadden, McMahon, Steve Miller, O'Kane, Ryan, Shepard, Stark, Steinbaugh, Walls, Weaver, Weller, Wright, Bodine, Boyd, Butler, Eakle, and Chairman Baughn.

The following members were absent, to-wit: Green, Jackson, Lamar, and Gary Miller.

**ORDINANCE #24-0105 RE: AMENDMENT TO THE COMBINED ANNUAL BUDGET AND APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR THE PUBLIC DEFENDER DEPARTMENT-BUDGET AMENDMENT-\$1000.00. (FROM FY2023 TO FY2024)**

Mr. Steve Miller moved to dispense with the reading and move for its adoption. Seconded by Weaver. Motion carried.

Upon call of the roll, 23 voted yes, 4 were absent. Motion carried.

The following members voted yea, to-wit: Hawker, Henderson, Hoag, Johnson, Mackiewicz, McFadden, McMahon, Steve Miller, O'Kane, Ryan, Shepard, Stark, Steinbaugh, Walls, Weaver, Weller, Wright, Bodine, Boyd, Butler, Eakle, Golden, and Chairman Baughn.

The following members were absent, to-wit: Green, Jackson, Lamar, and Gary Miller.

**TRANSPORTATION (EAKLE)**  
**RESOLUTION #24-0106: REAPPOINTING COUNTY ENGINEER**

Mr. Eakle motioned to dispense with the reading and approve as presented. Seconded by Steinbaugh. No discussion.

Upon call of the roll, 23 voted yes, 4 were absent. Motion carried.

The following members voted yea, to-wit: Henderson, Hoag, Johnson, Mackiewicz, McFadden, McMahon, Steve Miller, O'Kane, Ryan, Shepard, Stark, Steinbaugh, Walls, Weaver, Weller, Wright, Bodine, Boyd, Butler, Eakle, Golden, Hawker, and Chairman Baughn.

The following members were absent, to-wit: Green, Jackson, Lamar, and Gary Miller.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS**

Chairman Baughn stated there is no need for Executive Sessions.

**CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS/ITEMS OF INFORMATION**

January Birthdays: Phearn Butler, Jerry Hawker, Tim McFadden, and Crisi Walls

Committee Chairperson's Comments: Chairman Baughn-nothing to report, Golden-nothing to report, Steve Miller-Finance Committee will meet, Green-nothing to report, McFadden-nothing to report, Eakle-will meet, and Walls-nothing for Tech.

Board Member Comments: Mr. Eakle welcomed Mr. Bodine to serve on the County Board for District #3, Mr. McFadden welcomed Mr. Eakle back, Chairman Baughn mentioned meeting with different offices in the month of February and to watch emails, mentioned the meeting with CRIS Rural Mass Transit will be held at the Danville Public Library, January 18, 2024 at 4:30, and also spoke regarding the Annex Project.

#### **APPOINTMENTS JANUARY 2024**

Motion to approve the appointments as presented made by Johnson.  
Seconded by Weaver. Motion carried by acclamation with one abstention made by Mr. Steve Miller.

The following appointment is for **North Fork SSA**

Declined Reappointment: D. Stan Seaman; PO Box 50, Alvin, IL 61811

**Appointment: Michael Andrews; 27328 State Route 1, Danville, IL 61834**

Term: 01/09/2024 thru 01/2027

The following appointment is for **North Fork SSA**

Term Expired: Thomas Beckner; 35369 N. 1830 E. Rd, Rossville, IL 60963

**Reappointment: Thomas Beckner; 35369 N. 1830 E. Rd, Rossville, IL 60963**

Term: 01/09/2024 thru 01/2027

The following appointment is for **North Fork SSA**

Term Expired: Doug Cunningham; 26735 N. 1950 East Rd., Bismarck, IL 61814

**Reappointment: Doug Cunningham; 26735 N. 1950 East Rd., Bismarck, IL 61814**

Term: 01/09/2024 thru 01/2027

The following appointment is for **North Fork SSA**

Term Expired: John Hathaway; PO Box 86, Rossville, IL 60963

**Reappointment: John Hathaway; PO Box 86, Rossville, IL 60963**

Term: 01/09/2024 thru 01/2027

The following appointment is for **North Fork SSA**

Term Expired: Richard Kentner; 26851 N. 1850 E. Rd., Bismarck, IL 61814

**Reappointment: Richard Kentner; 26851 N. 1850 E. Rd., Bismarck, IL 61814**

Term: 01/09/2024 thru 01/2027

The following appointment is for **North Fork SSA**

Term Expired: Edward Layden; 41314 N. 2000 E. Rd., Hoopeston, IL 60942

**Reappointment: Edward Layden; 41314 N. 2000 E. Rd., Hoopeston, IL 60942**

Term: 01/09/2024 thru 01/2027

The following appointment is for **North Fork SSA**

Term Expired: Shawn Swartzentruber; 18289 State Route 9, Hoopeston, IL 60942

**Reappointment: Shawn Swartzentruber; 18289 State Route 9, Hoopeston, IL 60942**

Term: 01/09/2024 thru 01/2027

The following appointment is for **North Fork SSA**

Term Expired: Jeffrey P. Acton; 14306 E. 2400 N. Rd., Danville, IL 61834

**Reappointment: Jeffrey P. Acton; 14306 E. 2400 N. Rd., Danville, IL 61834**

Term: 01/09/2024 thru 01/2027

The following appointment is for **Vermilion County Health Department Board**

Term Expired: Marla Mackiewicz; 144 Adams, Westville, IL 61883

**Appointment: Philip Jackson; 13897 Markin Rd., Danville, IL 61832**

Completing Term: 01/09/2024 thru 11/2024

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m. to Tuesday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 6 P.M.-Joseph G. Cannon building located at 201 N. Vermilion Street.

Cathy Jenkins, Vermilion County Clerk