

**COLES COUNTY BOARD**

**Regular Meeting**

**January 10, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Coles County Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present, Bob Bennett, Mike Clayton, Denise Corray, John Doty, Tad Freezeland , Lisa Jaco, Gail Mason, Rick Shook, Michael Watts, with Darrell Cox presiding. Absent were members Jeremy Doughty and Nancy Purdy.

Invocation was given by Darrell Cox

Moment of Silent Reflection

Pledge to the Flag

**AMENDED MINUTES - DECEMBER 5, 2022**

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Corray to amend the minutes of the December 5, 2022 Minutes to read that County Clerk Julie Coe called for nominations to appoint a temporary Chairman.

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Cox, Doty,  
Freezeland, Jaco, Mason, Shook, Watts (10)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Doughty and Purdy (2)

**APPROVE MINUTES**

Motion was made by Watts, seconded by Corray to approve the December 5, 2022 Minutes as amended, the (Re-convened September, October) and the ( Re-Convened September, October and November) Minutes.

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Freezeland, Jaco,  
Mason, Shook, Watts, Cox (10)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Doughty and Purdy (2)

**TABLE MINUTES - DECEMBER 13, 2022**

Motion by Mason, seconded by Corray to table the December 13, 2022 Minutes until the February Meeting.

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Freezeland, Jaco,  
Mason, Shook, Watts, Cox (10)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Doughty and Purdy (2)

## **RESOLUTION TO HIRE COUNSEL REGARDING LABOR RELATIONS ACT**

For a copy of the resolution see page 5827

Motion by Shook, seconded by Watts,

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Freezeland, Jaco,  
Shook, Watts, Cox (8)  
NAYS: Doty, Mason (2)  
ABSENT: Doughty, Purdy (2)

## **TAX SALE RESOLUTION 2018-90009**

For a copy of the resolution see page 5828

Motion by Jaco, seconded by Clayton

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Freezeland, Jaco,  
Mason, Shook, Watts, Cox (10)  
NAYS: None (0)  
ABSENT: Doughty and Purdy (2)

## **RESOLUTION TO AWARD - PARADISE TOWNSHIP STRUCTURE NUMBER SECTION 19-100116-00-BR**

For a copy of the resolution see page 5829

Motion by Doty, seconded by Jaco

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Freezeland, Jaco,  
Mason, Shook, Watts, Cox (10)  
NAYS: None (0)  
ABSENT: Doughty and Purdy (2)

## **APPROVAL OF BILLS - Coles County**

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Freezeland to approve the payment of the Coles County bills, with the approval of the County Board.

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Freezeland, Jaco,  
Mason, Shook, Watts, Cox (10)  
NAYS: None (0)  
ABSENT: Doughty and Purdy (2)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Charles Stodden      Kirk Allen      Rob Perry      Rex Dukeman  
Sarah Hocking      James Dinaso      Gail Mason

**ADJOURNED**

Upon motion by Freezeland, seconded by Doty, the Coles County Board was adjourned at 8:03 p.m. with the consent of the County Board.

AYES:      Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Freezeland, Jaco,  
                 Mason, Shook, Watts, Cox (10)

NAYS:      None (0)

ABSENT:    Doughty and Purdy (2)

\_\_\_\_\_ County Clerk

State of Illinois )  
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County of Coles )

**RESOLUTION TO HIRE COUNSEL REGARDING LABOR RELATIONS ACT**

WHEREAS, the County of Coles and the Coles County Sheriff are designated as joint or co-employers of county peace officers and security employees appointed under the authority of the County Sheriff pursuant to the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Illinois Public Labor Relations Act ( 5 ILCS 315/7 *et seq*) the County of Coles and the Coles County Sheriff have a duty to bargain collectively, including meetings in advance of budget-making processes, negotiation in good faith as to wages, hours, and other conditions of employment, and agreements arising thereunder with execution of written contracts incorporating such agreements; and

WHEREAS, Coles County Sheriff's Department engages in collective bargaining as early as March of each year and periodically, or as need arises through the fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Coles County State's Attorney has determined pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/4-2003(b) that the public interest requires the appointment of qualified attorneys as Special Assistant State's Attorneys for purposes of matters pertaining to labor relations; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Robbins Schwartz of 55 West Monroe Street, Suite 800, Chicago, Illinois 60603 has historically assisted and has agreed to serve as Special Assistant State's Attorney at the rate not to exceed \$220.00 per hour as set forth on the attached rate notice.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Coles County, Illinois to hire the Law Office of Robbins Schwartz as stated above, at the hourly rate not to exceed \$220.00 per hour for purposes of collective bargaining under the Illinois Public Relations Act.

DATED this \_\_\_\_ day of January, 2023.

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CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

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CLERK

**RESOLUTION**



**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY BOARD CHAIR TO ASSIGN  
MOBILE HOME TAX SALE CERTIFICATE OF PURCHASE**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the authority of 35 ILCS 516/35 the County of Coles, as Trustee for the Taxing Districts, has undertaken a program to collect delinquent mobile home taxes;

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to this program the County of Coles, as Trustee for the Taxing Districts, has obtained a Tax Sale Certificate of Purchase as to the following described mobile home:

504 N DIVISION LOT #69

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 02-C-NEST-00069

As described in certificate(s) : 201890009 sold October 2019

AND WHEREAS, pursuant to public auction sale, Alexander N. Majors, Kristin T. Moreno, Purchaser(s), has/have deposited the total sum of \$905.00 for the purchase of the said Certificate of Purchase and has/have requested that the County of Coles assign to said Purchaser(s) the said Certificate of Purchase and all of the rights of Coles County to obtain a Tax Certificate of Title as to the said mobile home and further, from said payment the County shall receive \$211.71 as a return for its certificate(s) of Purchase. The County Clerk shall receive \$0.00 for cancellation of certificate(s) , the Tax Revolving Account Fund shall receive \$88.29 to reimburse for the charges advanced therefrom; the Auctioneer shall receive \$0.00 for services rendered; the Illinois Secretary of State shall receive the sum of \$150.00 for issuance of the Tax Certificate Title to said Purchaser(s); The remainder is the amount due the Agent under his contract for services;

AND WHEREAS, it appears to the Finance Committee that Coles County and its taxing districts will be best served by assigning its said Tax Sale Certificate of Purchase to said Purchaser(s) in exchange for the aforesaid payment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF COLES COUNTY, ILLINOIS, that the County Board Chair is authorized to assign the abovesaid Tax Sale Certificate of Purchase as to the above described mobile home in exchange for payment to the Treasurer of Coles County, Illinois, of the sum of \$211.71, which shall be disbursed according to law. This resolution shall be effective for sixty (60) days from this date and any transaction between the above parties not occurring within this period shall be null and void.

ADOPTED by roll call vote this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

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CLERK

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COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN

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**RESOLUTION TO AWARD**

Section 19-10116-00-BR

WHEREAS, a letting was held at the Coles County Courthouse on December 6, 2022, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. for the bridge replacement of Structure Number 018-3022 on TR-1 in Paradise Township, and

WHEREAS, said section was advertised in the Charleston Times Courier and the Mattoon Journal Gazette on November 22 & November 29, 2022; and the State's "Notice to Contractors Bulletin" on November 24 and December 1, 2022, and

WHEREAS, bids were received from 3 qualified contractors, and

WHEREAS, Howell Paving, Inc., 1020 N. 13th Street, P.O. Box 1009, Mattoon, IL 61938, submitted the low bid in the amount of \$466,319.95, and

WHEREAS the engineer's estimate for said section was \$399,868.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Coles County award a contract for said section to Howell Paving, Inc., 1020 N. 13th Street, P.O. Box 1009, Mattoon, IL 61938,

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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
COUNTY OF COLES

I, being properly authorized, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the County Board of Coles County on this 10th day of January 2023.

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Julie Coe, County Clerk (SEAL)