

COLES COUNTY BOARD

Regular Meeting

March 14, 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, Jeremy Doughty, Tad Freezeland, Lisa Jaco, Gail Mason, Rick Shook, and Michael Watts, with Vice Chairman Nancy Purdy presiding. Absent was member Darrell Cox.

Invocation was given by Lisa Jaco

Moment of Silent Reflection

Pledge to the Flag

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - FEBRUARY 14, 2023

Motion by Doughty, seconded by Freezeland

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland,
Jaco, Mason, Purdy, Shook, Watts (11)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Cox (1)

**APPOINTMENT TO THE COLES COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH 708 BOARD
STAN METZGER**

Motion by Freezeland, seconded by Doty to appoint Stan Metzger to serve on the Mental Health 708 Board until June, 2025 with the consent of the County Board

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland,
Jaco, Purdy, Shook, Watts (10)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Cox (1)

ABSTAIN: Mason (1)

RES: AMEND HIRING FREEZE

For a copy of the resolution see page 5866

Motion by Corray, seconded by Doughty

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland,
Jaco, Mason, Purdy, Shook, Watts (11)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Cox (1)

TABLED - RESOLUTION - RAISE LAND RECORD FEES

Motion by Jaco, seconded by Doughty to table the resolution.

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland,
Jaco, Mason, Purdy, Shook, Watts (11)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Cox (1)

TABLED – RESOLUTION: COUNTY OFFICER SALARY - SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS

Motion to table was made by Watts, seconded by Doughty to table the resolution.

AYES: Bennett, Corray, Doughty, Freezeland, Mason, Watts (6)

NAYS: Clayton, Doty, Purdy, Shook (4)

ABSENT: Cox (1)

ABSTAIN: Jaco (1)

**RESOLUTION: RETURN OF UNUSED ARPA FUNDS
STATES ATTORNEY'S OFFICE**

For a copy of the resolution see page 5867

Motion by Jaco, seconded by Corray

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland,
Jaco, Purdy, Shook, Watts (10)

NAYS: Mason (1)

ABSENT: Cox (1)

**RESOLUTION: RETURN OF UNUSED ARPA FUNDS
COLES CO. PREMIUM PAY ACCOUNT**

For a copy of the resolution see page 5868

Motion by Jaco, seconded by Corray

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

NAYS: Mason (1)

ABSENT: Cox (1)

**RESOLUTION: AWARD CONTRACT FOR STRUCTURE REPLACEMENT
TR-119A (1100N)**

For a copy of the resolution see page 5869

Motion by Doty, seconded by Bennett

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland,
Jaco, Mason, Purdy, Shook, Watts (11)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Cox (1)

APPROVAL OF BILLS - COLES COUNTY

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

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland,
Jaco, Mason, Purdy, Shook, Watts (11)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Cox (1)

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Heather Mumma
Charles Stodden

James Dinaso
Kirk Allen

Rob Perry
Rex Dukeman

ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENTS

1. Two appointments to the Regional Planning Development Commission
2. One appointment to the Lincoln Fire District

ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Freezeland, seconded by Doty, the Coles County Board was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. with the consent of the County Board.

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland,
Jaco, Mason, Purdy, Shook, Watts (11)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Cox (1)

ATTEST:

_____ County Clerk

State of Illinois)
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County Coles)

RESOLUTION RE: HIRING FREEZE

WHEREAS, the County Board adopted a hiring freeze resolution for full-time and non-budgeted part-time employees on March 10, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the intent of this Resolution is to reduce salary expense for the County; and

WHEREAS, since adoption of the above stated resolution, several County offices have requested a waiver of this resolution to fill existing positions to avoid overtime expenses; and

WHEREAS, after considerable debate, the County Offices/Rules Committee voted to define the hiring freeze as follows:

1. No new positions shall be created without County Board approval further defined a Zero Growth Policy; and

2. The replacement of an existing position shall be up to the discretion of the elected officials and County Officer/Department Head based on the job classifications for the position that has been vacated; and

3. No additional compensation shall be distributed within the office without prior notice to the County Office's appropriate County Board Committee; and

WHEREAS, the County Offices/Rules Committee recommends that the Finance Committee during budget hearings determine the budgetary funds for appropriate staffing in all County offices.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board of Coles County, Illinois, to define the hiring freeze as stated above.

DATED this ___ day of _____, 2023.

ATTEST:

_____ Clerk

State Of Illinois)
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County Of Coles)

Resolution to return ARPA Funds

WHEREAS, The American Rescue Plan Act provides for State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, a definition which includes Coles County, Illinois, and

WHEREAS, The United States Treasury Department was tasked with administration of the American Rescue Plan Act and in July 2021 issued instructions, criteria, and limitations for the use of funds provided by the American Rescue Plan Act compiled titled U.S. TREASURY INTERIM FINAL RULE & GUIDANCE FOR STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (31 CFR Part 35 / RIN 1505-AC77) henceforth U.S. TREASURY INTERIM FINAL RULE, and

WHEREAS, in January 2022, the U.S. TREASURY issued U.S. TREASURY FINAL RULE AND GUIDANCE FOR STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS (31 CFR Part 35 RIN 1505-AC77) henceforth U.S. TREASURY FINAL RULE

WHEREAS, Coles County elected the Standard Allowance method of calculating Lost Revenue as allowed by the U.S. TREASURY FINAL RULE, thus enabling Coles County to use available ARPA STATE AND LOCAL FISCAL RECOVERY FUNDS for *"a broad range of government services, programs, and projects outside of typical eligible used of recovery funds under the final rule"* and in accordance with cited restrictions defined in the U.S. TREASURY FINAL RULE.

WHEREAS, an amount of \$ 12,000.00 was awarded to the States Attorney's office for new computers on April 12, 2022. At the completion of this project, \$ 9,362.00 was expended.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Coles County, Illinois shall return unused funds to the American Rescue Plan Act, State and Local Fiscal Recovery fund and shall authorize the Coles County Treasurer to properly record such return.

The unexpended amount of \$2,638.00 shall be returned to the ARPA fund from the States Attorney Computers account.

DATED THIS 14th day of March, 2023

ATTEST:

County Clerk & Recorder

County Board Chairman

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WHEREAS, an amount of \$ 135,000.00 was awarded for premium pay for Coles County employees on May 10, 2022. At the completion of this project, \$ 132,557.00 was expended.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Coles County, Illinois shall return unused funds to the American Rescue Plan Act, State and Local Fiscal Recovery fund and shall authorize the Coles County Treasurer to properly record such return.

The unexpended amount of \$ 2,443.00 shall be returned to the ARPA fund from the Coles County Premium Pay account.

DATED THIS 14th day of March, 2023

ATTEST:

County Clerk & Recorder

County Board Chairman

RESOLUTION TO AWARD

Section 21-04136-00-BR

WHEREAS, a letting was held at the Coles County Courthouse on February 16, 2022, at the hour of 10:00 A.M. for the bridge replacement on TR-119A (1100N) in Humboldt Township, and

WHEREAS, said section was advertised in the Charleston Times Courier and the Mattoon Journal Gazette and the State's "Notice to Contractors Bulletin" on February 2 and February 9, 2023, and

WHEREAS bids were received from 1 qualified contractor, and

WHEREAS, C-Hill Civil Contractors, PO Box 58, Campbell Hill, IL 62916, submitted the low bid in the amount of \$ 334,488.00, and

WHEREAS the engineer's estimate for said section was \$ 395,614.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Board of Coles County award a contract for said section to C-Hill Civil Contractors, PO Box 58, Campbell Hill, IL 62916.

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 14th day of March 2023.

Julie Coe, County Clerk (SEAL)