

COLES COUNTY BOARD
Regular Meeting
August 8, 2023

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

Invocation was given by Jeremy Doughty
Moment of Silent Reflection
Pledge to the Flag

Point of Order by Jim Dinaso was denied by Chairman Darrell Cox

PUBLIC COMMENTS

James Dinaso	Charles Stodden	Robb Perry	Kevin Gaither	Les Combs
Nicholas Dale	Kirk Allen			

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - July 11, 2023

Motion by Purdy, seconded by Clayton

AYES: Purdy, Shook, Watts, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland, Mason,
McDevitt, Cox (11)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Bennett (1)

APPOINTMENT - NORTH FORK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
Ned Heltsley

For a copy of the appointment see page: 6019-6020

Advice by Cox to appoint Ned Heltsley to the North Fork Conservancy District with the consent of the County Board

AYES: Purdy, Shook, Watts, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland, Mason,
McDevitt, Cox (11)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Bennett (1)

RESOLUTION - 2024 HOLIDAY CALENDAR

For a copy of the resolution see page: 6021-6022

Motion by Corray, seconded by Clayton

AYES: Purdy, Shook, Watts, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland, Mason,
McDevitt, Cox (11)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Bennett (1)

**RESOLUTION - SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR:
PUBLIC DEFENDER & SHERIFF**

For a copy of the resolution see page: 6023

Motion by Freezeland, seconded by Doughty

AYES: Purdy, Watts, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland, Mason,
McDevitt, Cox (10)
NAYS: Shook (1)
ABSENT: Bennett (1)

**RESOLUTION - CONTRACT BETWEEN COLES COUNTY COUNCIL ON AGING
& COLES COUNTY DIAL-A-RIDE**

For a copy of the resolution see page: 6024

Motion by Watts, seconded by Doty

AYES: Purdy, Shook, Watts, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland, Mason,
McDevitt, Cox (11)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Bennett (1)

**RESOLUTION - AUTHORIZING EXECUTION & AMENDMENT OF DOWNSTATE
OPERATING ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT**

For a copy of the resolution see page: 6025

Motion by Watts, seconded by Doty

AYES: Purdy, Shook, Watts, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland, Mason,
McDevitt, Cox (11)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: Bennett (1)

RESOLUTION - SENIOR CITIZEN TAX LEVY APPLICATION FY 22-23

For a copy of the resolution see page: 6026

Motion by Purdy, seconded by Doughty

AYES: Purdy, Shook, Watts, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland, Mason,
McDevitt, Cox (10)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Bennett (1)

ABSTAIN: Clayton (1)

APPROVAL OF BILLS - COLES COUNTY

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

AYES: Purdy, Shook, Watts, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland, Mason,
McDevitt, Cox (11)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Bennett (1)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENTS

Rick Copeland/Brewster-Rice Drainage District
Darrell Lang/Coles-Clark Drainage District
Cory Kauffman/Drainage District #2 Mattoon
David Bumpus/Drainage District #1-B Seven Hickory
Mark Bell/Little Wabash Drainage District
Ronald Curry/Majors Drainage District
Bruce Daily/Union Drainage District #1 Mattoon & Whitley
John Haney/Consolidated Drainage District #4-12 North Okaw

ADJOURNED

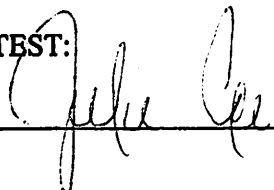
Upon motion by Doty, seconded by Corray, the Coles County Board was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.
with the consent of the County Board.

AYES: Purdy, Shook, Watts, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland, Mason,
McDevitt, Cox (11)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Bennett (1)

ATTEST:



County Clerk

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Allana D. Morris (Paralegal)

July 6, 2023

Coles County Board Chairman
c/o Coles County Clerk
651 Jackson Avenue, Room 326
Charleston, IL 61920

NORTH FORK CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Ned Heltsley's term as trustee for North Fork Conservancy District expires on August 21, 2023.

The board would like to have him reappointed for another five years for the term August 22, 2023 to August 21, 2028.

Please notify me once you made the appointment and I will pass it along to the district.

Thank you.

MEEHLING & BERNARDONI

By *Rich Bernardoni*

RJB/adm

pc: Randell Smith
Jim Nestleroad

**Ned A Heltsley
3263E 300th Rd
Kansas, IL 61933**

Married 35 years to my wife, Becky

Have 3 daughters & 2 grand kids

Lakeland College Graduate - 1982

Farmed in Kansas, IL area since 1976

Served 7 years on IL Beef Association Board of Governors

Served 10 years on Kansas Unit 3 School Board, 4 as President

Currently serving on North Fork Conservancy District as a Trustee

Lifelong commitment to conservation farming practices, long time no-till & strip-till advocate

Purebred Angus breeder

State of Illinois)
County of Coles)

HOLIDAY CALENDAR FOR 2024

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Coles County, Illinois that the following dates are designated as holidays for the year 2024:

Monday, January 1, 2024	New Year's Day
Monday, January 15, 2024	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, February 12, 2024	Lincoln's Birthday
Monday, February 19, 2024	Washington's Day (observed)
Friday, March 29, 2024 ✓	Good Friday
Monday, May 27, 2024	Memorial Day
Wednesday, June 19, 2024	Juneteenth Independence Day
Thursday, July 4, 2024	Independence Day
Monday, September 2, 2024	Labor Day
Monday, October 14, 2024	Columbus Day (observed)
Tuesday, November 5, 2024 ✓	Presidential Election
Monday, November 11, 2024	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 28, 2024	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 29, 2024	Day following Thanksgiving Day
Tuesday, December 24, 2024	Christmas Eve (½ day afternoon)
Wednesday, December 25, 2024	Christmas Day

DATED this ___ day of _____, 2023.

ATTEST:

Clerk

M.R. 5272

SUPREME COURT
STATE OF ILLINOIS

Order

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the following holidays shall be observed by all courts in this State and by the Administrative Office of the Illinois Courts for the year 2024:

January 1	New Year's Day	Monday
January 15	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	Monday
February 12	Lincoln's Birthday	Monday
February 19	Washington's Birthday (Obsvd.)	Monday
May 27	Memorial Day	Monday
June 19	Juneteenth Independence Day	Wednesday
July 4	Independence Day	Thursday
September 2	Labor Day	Monday
October 14	Columbus Day (Obsvd.)	Monday
November 11	Veterans' Day	Monday
November 28	Thanksgiving Day	Thursday
November 29	Day Following Thanksgiving Day	Friday
December 25	Christmas Day	Wednesday

In addition to the foregoing holidays, the chief judge in each circuit in this State may declare a court holiday in any county in the circuit when the court facilities in that circuit or county are otherwise closed for the observance of a holiday not listed above. These additional observances shall be limited to only those situations in which both court security is unavailable and all county government offices are closed.

In the event the court facilities in a circuit or county are to remain open on one or more of the holidays, the chief circuit judge in which that situation occurs, may disregard the listed holiday and declare the court open on that day.

Dated this 9th day of June, 2023.



Chief Justice
Supreme Court of Illinois

FILED
June 9, 2023
SUPREME COURT
CLERK

State of Illinois)
)
County of Coles)

RESOLUTION RE: SALARY ADJUSTMENT FOR PUBLIC DEFENDER & SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the Cost Of Living Adjustment (COLA) has increased for the State's Attorneys salaries by 4.6%; and

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois requires an increase to the Coles County Public Defender and Coles County Sheriff, based on this COLA; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Coles County Board adjust salaries of the following County Officials as follows:

Public Defender	As of 7-1-23	\$177,693
, Sheriff	As of 7-1-23	\$157,949

DATED this ___ day of _____, 20__.

ATTEST:

_____ Clerk

RESOLUTION NO _____

Non-Urbanized Area Transportation Operating and

**Administrative Assistance Project Agreement Between Coles County, the Primary Participant and
Coles County Council on Aging, The Provider**

This Agreement is made by and between Coles County and the Coles County Council on Aging.

WHEREAS, the Grantee proposes to provide public transportation services in Coles County,

WHEREAS, Coles County has applied under Section 18 of the Federal Transit Act, as amended. (49 U.S. C. A. Section 5311), to the Illinois Department of Transportation (hereinafter "The Department") for federal operating and administrative assistance for this Project;

WHEREAS, the Department's application has been approved by IDOT;

WHEREAS, the Grantee has made application under the provisions of Illinois Compiled Statues 20 ILCS 2705/49 et seq ., paragraph 30 ILCS 740/1 et seq., herein referred to as the "Acts," and

WHEREAS, such application has been approved by the Department;

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth, this Agreement is made to provide for the administration of financial assistance (hereinafter referred to as the "Grant"), to set forth the terms and conditions upon which the Grant will be made available and set forth the Agreement of the Parties as to the manner to which the Project will be undertaken, completed and used.

Passed this 31st day of July, 2023.

ATTEST:

Commission Chair

APPENDIX 2

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION AND AMENDMENT OF DOWNSTATE OPERATING ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the provision of public transit service is essential to the people of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, the Downstate Public Transportation Act (30 ILCS 740/2-1 et seq.) (Act), authorizes the State of Illinois, acting by and through the Illinois Department of Transportation ("DEPARTMENT"), to make funds available to assist in the development and operation of public transportation systems; and

WHEREAS, awards for said funds will impose certain obligations upon the PARTICIPANT, including provisions by it of the local share of funds necessary to cover costs not covered by funds provided under the Downstate Public Transportation Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BOARD OF County of Coles:

Section 1. That the County Board of the County of Coles enter into a Downstate Public Transportation Operating Assistance Agreement ("Agreement") with the State of Illinois and amend such Agreement, if necessary, for fiscal year 2024 in order to obtain assistance under the provisions of the Act.

Section 2. That the County Board is hereby authorized and directed to execute the Agreement or its amendment(s) on behalf of the County of Coles for such assistance for fiscal year 2024.

Section 3. That the County Board of the County of Coles is hereby authorized to provide such information and file such documents as may be required to perform the Agreement and to request and receive the funding for fiscal year 2024.

Section 4. That while participating in said operating assistance program the County of Coles shall provide all required local matching funds.

PRESENTED and ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 20__

(Signature of Authorized Official)	(Attest)
County Board	(Date)
(Title)	

Resolution: Senior Citizens Property Tax Levy Applications

FY 22-23

Whereas, the Senior Citizens Property Tax Levy Committee of Coles County has reviewed the application from area senior citizen organizations for funds available in FY 22-23 from the Senior Citizen Property Tax Levy, and

Whereas, the Senior Citizens Property Tax Levy Committee recommends that the tax levy funds be allocated as follows:

Agency	FY 22-23	FY 21-22	FY 20-21
Council on Aging	\$166,725	\$135,437	\$135,437
Care Horizon	\$12,871	\$10,456	\$10,456
Peace Meal	\$16,550	\$13,444	\$13,444
TOTALS	\$196,146	\$159,337	\$159,337

(Any Additional tax dollars received above the original allocation estimate will be disbursed to the Coles County Council on Aging; any deficit will automatically be deducted from each funded agency on a pro-rata basis)

Now therefore be it resolved that the County Board of Coles County approves the above recommendations of the Senior Citizens Property Tax Levy Committee as the proposed.

Date:

Chairperson, Coles County Board

Coles County Clerk