

COLES COUNTY BOARD

**Regular Meeting
September 12, 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, Gail Mason, Andrew McDevitt, Nancy Purdy, Rick Shook, and Michael Watts, with Chairman Darrell Cox Presiding.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS

James Dinaso Charles Stodden Kevin Gaither Les Combs Nicholas Dale

APPROVAL OF MINUTES - August 8, 2023

Motion by Doughty, seconded by Freezeland

AYES: Shook, Watts, Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland, Mason,
 McDevitt, Purdy, Cox (12)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)

APPOINTMENT - Brewster- Rice Drainage District - Rick Copeland

Appointment was made by Cox, to appoint Rick Copeland to serve on the Brewster-Rice Drainage District until the first Tuesday in September 2026 with the consent of the County Board.

AYES: Shook, Watts, Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland, Mason,
 McDevitt, Purdy, Cox (12)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)

APPOINTMENT - Coles-Clark Drainage District - Darrell Lang

Appointment was made by Cox, to appoint Darrell Lang to serve on the Coles - Clark Drainage District until the first Tuesday September 2026 with the consent of the County Board.

AYES: Shook, Watts, Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland, Mason,
 McDevitt, Purdy, Cox (12)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)

APPOINTMENT - Mattoon Drainage District #2 of Mattoon - Cory A. Kauffman

Appointment was made by Cox, to appoint Cory A. Kauffman to serve on the Mattoon #2 Drainage District until the first Tuesday September 2026 with the consent of the County Board.

AYES: Shook, Watts, Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland, Mason, McDevitt, Purdy, Cox (12)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

APPOINTMENT - Little Wabash Drainage District - Mark Bell

Appointment was made by Cox, to appoint Mark Bell to serve on the Little Wabash Drainage District until the first Tuesday September 2026 with the consent of the County Board.

AYES: Shook, Watts, Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland, Mason, McDevitt, Purdy, Cox (12)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

APPOINTMENT - Majors Drainage District - Ronald W. Curry

Appointment was made by Cox, to appoint Ronald W. Curry to serve on the Majors Drainage District until the first Tuesday September 2026 with the consent of the County Board.

AYES: Shook, Watts, Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland, Mason, McDevitt, Purdy, Cox (12)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

APPOINTMENT - Union #1 of Mattoon & Whitley Drainage District -Bruce Daily

Appointment was made by Cox, to appoint Bruce Daily to serve on the Union Drainage #1 of Mattoon & Whitley Drainage District until the first Tuesday September 2026 with the consent of the County Board.

AYES: Shook, Watts, Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland, Mason, McDevitt, Purdy, Cox (12)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

APPOINTMENT - Consolidated Drainage #4-#12 of North Okaw - John S. Haney

Appointment was made by Cox, to appoint John S. Haney to serve on the Consolidated #4-12 of North Okaw Drainage District until the first Tuesday September 2026 with the consent of the County Board.

AYES: Shook, Watts, Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland, Mason, McDevitt, Purdy, Cox (12)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)

APPOINTMENT - Drainage #1-B of Seven Hickory - David Bumpus

Appointment was made by Cox, to appoint David Bumpus to serve on the Drainage #1-B of Seven Hickory Drainage District until the first Tuesday September 2026 with the consent of the County Board.

AYES: Shook, Watts, Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland, Mason, McDevitt, Purdy, Cox (12)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)

RESOLUTION RE: ACCESS TO JUSTICE IMPROVEMENT GRANT

For a copy of the resolution see page 6031

Motion by Watts, seconded by Doty

AYES: Shook, Watts, Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland, Mason, McDevitt, Purdy, Cox (12)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)

**RESOLUTION: TAX CERTIFICATE 2018-00124
PARCEL 06-0-03714-000**

For a copy of the resolution see page 6032

Motion by Clayton, seconded by Purdy

AYES: Shook, Watts, Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland, Mason, McDevitt, Purdy, Cox (12)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)

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: Shook, Watts, Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland, Mason, McDevitt, Purdy, Cox (12)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Update on pending litigation.

Motion was made by Doughty, seconded by Purdy to enter into Executive Session at 7:45 pm.

AYES: Shook, Watts, Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland, Mason,
McDevitt, Purdy, Cox (12)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

Motion by Doty, seconded by Bennett to exit out of Executive Session at 8:18 pm.

AYES: Shook, Watts, Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland, Mason,
McDevitt, Purdy, Cox (12)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENTS

1. Drainage District #12 of Humboldt - Bill Keller
2. Loxa Drainage District - Charles F. Brown
3. Homann Mutual Drainage District - Bill Voyles

ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Watts, seconded by Corray, the Coles County Board was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. with the consent of the County Board.

AYES: Shook, Watts, Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Freezeland, Mason,
McDevitt, Purdy, Cox (12)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

ATTEST:

_____ County Clerk

State of Illinois)
)
County of Coles)

RESOLUTION RE: ACCESS TO JUSTICE IMPROVEMENT GRANT

WHEREAS, Coles County was awarded the following grant: Access to Justice Improvement Grant – \$2,925.00,

WHEREAS, these funds will be deposited into the General Fund; and used per the grant requirements,

WHEREAS, Coles County Public Defender’s Office is requesting that this grant funds be included; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Board add the revenue line item 001-000-4200-000 to the Budget in the amount of \$2,925.00.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Board add the expense line item 001-020-7242-000 in the amount of \$2,925.00.

DATED this ___ day of _____, 2023.

ATTEST:

County Clerk

RESOLUTION



WHEREAS, The County of Coles, as Trustee for the Taxing Districts therein, has undertaken a program to collect delinquent taxes and to perfect titles to real property in cases in which the taxes on such real property have not been paid, pursuant to 35ILCS 200/21-90, and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to this program, the County of Coles, as Trustee for the Taxing Districts therein, has acquired an interest in the following described real estate:

MOORE PINE ACRES LOT 19 BLOCK 10

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 06-0-03714-000

As described in certificate(s): 201800124 sold on October 24, 2019

Commonly known as: 217 WOODLAWN AVE.

and it appearing to the Finance Committee that it is in the best interest of the County to accept full payment of the delinquent taxes, penalties, interest, and costs from the owner of an interest in said property.

WHEREAS, Kathleen J Daubs, has paid \$6,837.01 for the full amount of taxes involved and a request for surrender of the tax sale certificate has been presented to the Finance Committee and at the same time it having been determined that the County shall receive \$5,072.18 as a return for its Certificate(s) of Purchase. The County Clerk shall receive \$85.00 for cancellation of Certificate(s), the Tax Liquidation Fund shall receive \$115.05 to reimburse the revolving account the charges advanced from this account. Kathleen J Daubs shall receive \$54.00 for overpayment. The remainder is the amount due the Agent under his contract for services.

WHEREAS, your Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF COLES COUNTY, ILLINOIS, that the Chairman of the Board of Coles County, Illinois, hereby authorizes the cancellation of the appropriate Certificate(s) of Purchase on the above described real estate for the sum of \$5,072.18 to be paid to the Treasurer of Coles County, Illinois, to be disbursed according to law. This resolution to 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:

CLERK

COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN

SURRENDER

08-23-001