



Lee County Board Meeting Minutes

Lee County, Illinois

Jan 20, 2022 at 6:00 PM CST Old Lee County Courthouse, Third Floor Boardroom, 112 E Second Street, Dixon, IL 61021

I. Call to Order:

Chairman Olson called the regular session of the Lee County Board to order on January 20, 2022 at 6:00 P.M., at the Old Courthouse in Dixon.

II. Pledge of Allegiance:

Chairman Olson led the pledge of Allegiance.

III. Roll Call:

Clerk Petersen called the roll. Members physically present were Chairman Olson, members: Allen, Bally, Book, Considine, Farster, Hudson, Humphrey, Kitson, Koppien, Mimini, Naylor, Nicholson, Norberg, Palen, Shippert, Skrogstad, Wilson and Zeman. Members present via Zoom were: Schielein Members absent were: McClain, White and Williams. One seat is vacant.

IV. Resolution: One (1) Joseph E. Meyer Tax Auction

Motion to approve. Moved by Mr. Norberg. Second by Ms. Shippert. A Roll Call Vote is called.

YES: Mimini, Naylor, Nicholson, Norberg, Palen, Schielein, Shippert, Skrogstad, Wilson, Zeman, Allen, Bally, Book, Considine, Farster, Hudson, Humphrey, Kitson, Koppien and Olson.

NO: None

ABSENT: White, Williams and McClain

One seat is vacant

Motion is carried by roll call vote.

V. Resolution: Appointment of Tim Bivins to Lee County Board District 3

Motion to approve. Moved by Mr. Nicholson. Second by Mr. Koppien. A roll call vote is called.

YES: Naylor, Nicholson, Norberg, Palen, Schielein, Shippert, Skrogstad, Wilson, Zeman, Allen, Bally, Book, Considine, Farster, Hudson, Humphrey, Kitson, Koppien, Mimini and Olson.

NO: None

ABSENT: White, Williams and McClain

One seat is vacant

Motion is carried by roll call vote.

A. Clerk Petersen gives Oath of Office to Mr. Bivins

Mr. Bivins is marked present at the meeting at approximately 6:05p.m.

VI. Announcements:

A. Please mute or turn off cell phones

B. Resolution in recognition and profound appreciation of distinguished service by **Jim Wentling**

Motion to approve. **Moved** by Mr. Norberg. **Second** by Mr. Koppien. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Becky Brenner read aloud the Resolution and Chairman Olson handed Mr. Wentling a plaque.

C. Harmon Incident-Recognition

Sheriff Simonton spoke on behalf of his deputies that were part of a life-saving incident on December 22nd in Harmon Illinois. In the early hours of December 22nd at approximately 12:56 a.m. Lee County Sheriff's office and the ECC received a call about a missing 3 year old boy from the Harmon area. The night shift that night consisting of Sergeant Derek Rankin, deputies Joe Presley, Colton Morgan and Nathan Hollinger. Upon arrival the deputies began interviewing the father of the boy, determined that they were searching for a very small child and the child was last seen only wearing a diaper and the temperature that morning was only 17 degrees. The deputies searched the home extensively and surrounding area and were added with the search and rescue team led by Deputy Kyle Kellen and EMA Director Kevin Lally, also responded with a drone, two ISP Troopers and one Dixon PD canine officer, Chief Deputy Glessner and lieutenant Matt Fry. Detective Shane Miller also responded to help with the investigation. At approximately 2:27 a.m. Deputy Morgan located the boy laying naked in a ditch on the east side of town unresponsive. It was believed that the boy was exposed to the elements unclothed for approximately two hours, he was then transported

to KSB hospital. On the way to the hospital Deputy Hollinger performed CPR twice on the child getting positive results each time. Once arriving at the hospital they had to perform CPR multiple times on the child again, eventually all efforts were successful and the child regained consciousness. He was subsequently stabilized and transported via helicopter to Saint Francis in Peoria. The statement from the hospital summarizes it best: the quick actions and decision making by on-scene personnel , rapid transport to the hospital , warming the child, performing CPR while in route saved this child life. The Sheriff cannot adequately express his gratitude and pride in knowing how exemplary our personnel responded and performed that morning and how outstanding this whole team performed together.

D. Employee Spotlight

Mr. Norberg spoke on behalf of this newly created program, Employee Spotlight. The county needs to recognize people that work for the county and we need to show them how we appreciate them. Clerk Petersen spoke on behalf of Lori Miller from the Sheriff's/Corner office and the person behind the Lee County Wellness Committee and Ryan Kreps, Maintenance Old County Courthouse. Each one received a card with a gift card in it. Lisa Wiggins could not be here tonight so her recognition will be moved until next month.

VII. Approval of Board Minutes of: December 21, 2021 Regular County Board meeting

The minutes of **December 21, 2021 Regular County Board Meeting** were approved without modification.

VIII. Zoning and Planning Petitions, Reports and Minutes

Motion to approve Minutes. **Motion** by Mr. Norberg. **Second** by Mr. Kitson. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

IX. Petitions Going To the Zoning Board of Appeals:

A. Petition 21-P-1584 Petitioner: Michael Partington PPN# 07-08-06-37-003

Motion to move **Petition 21-P-1584 Petitioner: Michael Partington PPN# 07-08-06-37-003** to the Zoning Board of Appeals. **Moved** by Ms. Shippert. **Second** by Mr. Kitson. Motion carried by unanimously by voice vote.

X. Petitions Going To the Planning Commission:

A. Petition 22-PC-66 - Ordinance: Solar Energy Systems as an Accessory Use

Motion to move Petition 22-PC-66 Ordinance: Solar Energy Systems as an Accessory Use to the Planning Commission. Moved by Mr. Nicholson. Second by Mr. Kitson. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

XI. Petitions Coming From the Zoning Board of Appeals: None

XII. Petitions Coming From the Planning Commission:

A. Petition 21-PC-65 Petitioner: Lee County

Motion to approve Petition 21-PC-65 Text Amendment

Moved by Ms. Shippert. **Second** by Mr. Farster. Motion carried by unanimously by voice vote.

Motion to lay over Ordinance #21-PC-65 which desires to amend Section 10-9-1: Use and Bulk Regulations. **Moved** by Mr. Norberg. **Second** by Ms. Naylor. Motion carried by unanimously by voice vote.

XIII. Administrator Monthly Update and Board Member Comments: None

XIV. Public/Visitor Comments: None

A. Items on the agenda - visitors allowed 10 minutes

B. Items not on the agenda - visitors allowed 5 minutes

XV. Reports of Committee:

A. Administrative Services: Chris Norberg, Chair

Mr. Norberg stated that you can now pull petitions, packets are located in the clerk's office. New claims process is in full swing.

B. Blackhawk Hills Regional Council: John Nicholson, Liaison

No report this month

C. Claims: Marilyn Shippert, Chair

Claims committee has met twice, some of the claims are at the end of your packet. This process is a big learning curve but once we all learn it she believes this process will be wonderful. Committee report is in the packet. New program is called miViewPoint. Department heads scan invoices and approve their invoices, if they are under \$1000 they go right to Treasurer's office if over \$1000 they go to Claims committee where they review the invoice and then approve it

on to the Treasurer's office for a check to be cut. The department heads get to see where they are in their budget, what has been spent and what is left.

D. Finance: Jim Schielein, Chair

Mr. Kitson sat in for finance chair this month. Reviewed a bid for IT services and passed that on and also reviewed and passed on the three recommendations for ARPA. Notes are in the packet

E. Health Department: Katie White, Liaison

Minutes are in the packet

F. 911 Board: Keane Hudson, Liaison

Nothing new to add next meeting is February 26th.

G. Properties / Planning / Zoning: Tom Wilson, Chair

Information is in the packet, one thing that they are working on is seeking bids for the architectural work and the engineering for the old lec building. Hopefully next month they will have that report.

H. Public Safety / Health / Judicial: Mike Koppien, Chair

Notes are in the packet. Shortest meeting they have had because of the change and process of the new claims procedure. Update on the new UTV ordinance came from Mr. Skrogstad, which is still in the works.

I. Transportation / Solid Waste: Doug Farster, Chair (Motion to Approve Claims)

Motion to prove the claims. **Moved** by Mr. Considine. **Second** by Ms. Naylor. Motion carried by unanimously by voice vote.

J. Tri-County Opportunities Council: Marvin Williams, Liaison

No report

K. Tourism: Bill Palen, Liaison

Events are listed in the flyer on your desk. Our share of the hotel motel tax for November is \$6334.76

L. United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI): Doug Farster, Liaison

Minutes are in the packet from the November meeting, next meeting is on the 24th of January, which Mr. Farster will not be able to attend he will be out of the county so if anyone would like to attend via zoom let him know or Chairman Olson.

M. Executive / Claims: Bob Olson, Chair

Minutes are in the packet and no claims to approve since we now have the new claims committee.

XVI. County Officers Reports.

Motion to approve reports. **Moved** by Mr. Norberg. **Second** by Mr. Kitson. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

XVII. Old Business:

A. Resolution: Adjustment of Precinct Boundaries Establishing Polling Locations

Motion to approve Resolution. **Moved** by Mr. Nicholson. **Second** by Ms. Shippert. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

XVIII. New Business:

A. ARPA Committee Funding Recommendations

1. Sauk Valley Community College Agriculture Program - \$100,000
2. Lee County Tourism Council - \$22,000
3. Lee Co Business Permit Fees - \$60,000/year for 2 years

Motion to approve all 3 of these recommendations at the same time.

Moved by Mr. Palen. **Second** by Mr. Kitson. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote to approve all 3 at the same time. **Motion** to approve all 3 recommendations. **Moved** by Mr. Kitson. **Second** by Mr. Hudson. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

B. IT Services - Bid Approval

Motion to approve Bid Approval. **Moved** by Mr. Kitson. **Second** by Ms. Shippert. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

C. Lee County QBS Policy 2022 - Highway Department

D. Lee County QBS Resolution - Highway Department

Mr. Anderson spoke on behalf of QBS Resolution(qualification based selection).In the near future we will need to look at hiring some consultants to do some engineering work that could cost \$40,000 or more which is the threshold with in the law and this just provides a policy or a framework in which the selection process takes place. It mirrors IDOT's Bureau local roads and streets manuals section that addresses the policies. Only action needed is on the resolution itself.

Motion to approve the resolution. **Moved** by Mr. Farster. **Second** by Wilson.
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

E. Resolution: **Support of Law Enforcement Professionals and Demand the Repeal of H.B. 3653/The Safe-T Act in its entirety**

Lee County is sending this resolution to the Illinois House Senate President and to Governor JB Pritzker. Mr. Skrogstad read the resolution to the County Board.

Motion to approve this resolution. **Moved** by Mr. Hudson. **Second** by Mr. Farster.
Discussion: Mr. Bally spoke on behalf of this resolution and he has concerns about how this was put together and he thinks it was put together with a lot of good technical background. It has a lot of changes, sentencing changes, bail changes, he agrees to most everything in this resolution, this is a statewide law. He would support this motion if it was amended and the last sentence was taken out and it further resolved that we demand the Illinois General Assembly to repeal this act.

A roll call vote is called.

YES: Nicholson, Norberg, Palen, Schielein, Shippert, Skrogstad, Wilson, Zeman, Allen, Bivins, Book, Considine, Farster, Hudson, Humphrey, Kitson, Koppien, Mimini, Naylor and Olson

NO: Bally

ABSENT: White, Williams and McClain

Motion carried by a roll call vote

XIX. Appointments: None

XX. Executive Session: None

XXI. Request for Deposit of Funds

Motion to approve Deposit of Funds. **Moved** by Mr. Kitson. **Second** by Mr. Book. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

XXII. Mileage and Per Diem:

Motion to pay Mileage and Per Diem. **Moved** by Mr. Koppien. **Second** by Mr. Kitson. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

XXIII. All Bills and Appropriations allowed by roll call:

Motion to pay All Bills and Appropriations. **Moved** by Mr. Kitson. **Second** by Ms. Naylor. A roll call vote is called.

YES: Norberg, Palen, Schielein, Shippert, Skrogstad, Wilson, Zeman, Allen, Bally, Bivins, Book, Considine, Farster, Hudson, Humphrey, Kitson, Koppien, Mimini, Naylor, Nicholson and Olson.

NO: None

ABSENT: White, Williams and McClain

Motion carried by a voice vote.

Motion to pay All Bills and Appropriations from the month of December 2021-which was missed at the Regular Lee County Board Meeting on December 21, 2021. **Moved** by Mr. Bally. **Second** by Mr. Book. A roll call vote is called.

YES: Palen, Schielein, Shippert, Skrogstad, Wilson, Zeman, Allen, Bally, Bivins, Book, Considine, Farster, Hudson, Humphrey, Kitson, Koppien, Mimini, Naylor, Nicholson, Norberg and Olson.

NO: None

ABSENT: White, Williams and McClain

XXIV. Motion to Adjourn:

Motion to adjourn. **Moved** by Mr. Considine. **Second** by Ms. Allen. Motion carried by unanimously by voice vote.

Adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

Robert Olson Chairman Lee County Board

Attest: Nancy Petersen Ex-Officio Clerk of the Lee County Board

LEE COUNTY BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 20, 2022

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WHEREAS, The County of Lee, 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 Lee, as Trustee for the Taxing Districts therein, has acquired an interest in the following described real estate:

SECT/LOT:00 TWP:19RNG/BLK:010WOODHAVEN LAKES UNIT 17 PHASE 2 PT SECS 1 2 LT
282 BK 0007-2098 WD JT

PERMANENT PARCEL NUMBER: 13-21-01-303-027

As described in certificate(s): 2018-00156 sold on October 30, 2018

Commonly known as: 17 282 bradford dr

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, Don & Diane Stender, has paid \$2,333.08 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 \$1,528.22 as a return for its Certificate(s) of Purchase. The County Clerk shall receive \$145.00 for cancellation of Certificate(s) and to reimburse the revolving account the charges advanced from this account. 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 LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, that the Chairman of the Board of Lee County, Illinois, hereby authorizes the cancellation of the appropriate Certificate(s) of Purchase on the above described real estate for the sum of \$1,528.22 to be paid to the Treasurer of Lee 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 20th day of January, 2022

ATTEST:

N. Peterson
CLERK

Robert J. De...
COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN



SURRENDER

Lee County Board
Dixon, Illinois

Resolution # 01.22.002

**DECLARING VACANCY IN COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT 3
AND
APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY OF COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT 3**

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board was duly organized pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/1-3005; and,

WHEREAS, James Horstman, a duly elected County Board Member, resigned from this County Board, County Board District 3, effective January 3, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, at the time of his election, Member Horstman was a member of the Republican Party; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Illinois law, it is necessary that the County Board declare a vacancy exists in this County Board District 3; and,

WHEREAS, in accordance with Illinois Compiled Statute 10 ILCS 5/25-11, the Central Committees of the Lee County Republican Party and Lee County Democratic Party have been duly informed of said vacancy; and,

WHEREAS, the vacancy occurred with less than 28 months remaining in the unexpired term;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Lee County Illinois, that:

- a. Having received the resignation of James Horstman, a vacancy is hereby declared to exist in this County Board District 3; and,
- b. The appointment of Timothy Bivins to fill the unexpired term of James Horstman in Lee County Board District 3 is hereby approved.



ATTEST:



Lee County Clerk

PASSED BY THE LEE COUNTY BOARD

THIS 20th DAY OF January, 2022.

By: 

Lee County Board Chairman

LEE COUNTY BOARD

Resolution # 01.22.003

**IN RECOGNITION AND PROFOUND APPRECIATION
OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
BY JIM WENTLING**

WHEREAS, Jim Wentling has always been mindful of the interests of Lee County and worked tirelessly towards the betterment of the County. His involvement in County Government included being a member of the Lee County Board for 15 years (2006-2021), serving as the Lee County Board Chairman from December of 2016 through November of 2018. Jim served as a member of the Transportation/Solid Waste Committee, Administrative Services Committee, Public Safety-Health-Judicial Committee and the Executive Committee. Jim also sat as the Chair of the Negotiations Committee and the Finance Committee. After resigning his duties as an Elected Official, Jim continues to work diligently with the Elections Department during every election.

WHEREAS, Jim Wentling provided outstanding leadership and guidance to Lee County in each and every capacity he served in, and

WHEREAS, Jim Wentling served faithfully and with honor, integrity and great distinction during his years in County Government, earning the respect of board members, county officers, employees and the public.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, THAT the Lee County Board formally acknowledges and extends its profound appreciation to Jim Wentling for the contributions made during his service to Lee County.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED, that to commemorate his extraordinary dedication and service to the citizens of Lee County, a copy of this Resolution will be presented in his honor at the January 2022, County Board meeting and shall be duly recorded and spread upon the minutes of the January 20, 2022, meeting of the Lee County Board.



PASSED BY THE LEE COUNTY BOARD
THIS 20th DAY OF January, 2022

BY: [Signature]
Lee County Board Chairman

Attest:

[Signature]
Nancy Petersen, Lee County Clerk

**Lee County Board
Dixon, Illinois**

RESOLUTION NO. 01.22.004

**ADJUSTMENT OF PRECINCT BOUNDARIES
ESTABLISHING POLLING LOCATIONS
AMENDMENT DUE TO SCRIVNER'S ERROR**

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Illinois Election Code 10 ILCS 5/11-2 (Election Precincts) the County Board in each county shall divide its election precincts so that each precinct shall contain, as near as may be practicable, 1,200 registered voters.

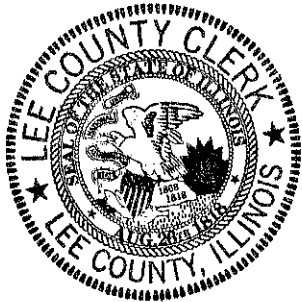
WHEREAS, in order to situate each precinct within a single district or ward, the County Board shall change the boundaries of election precincts after each decennial census as soon as is practicable following the completion of congressional and legislative redistricting, except that, in 2021, the county board shall change the boundaries at a regular or special meeting within 60 days after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 102nd General Assembly, November 15, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Board approved changes to the precinct boundaries following the decennial census pursuant to Resolution #12-21-016, adopted by the Board on December 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, subsequent to the December 21, 2021 Board approval, staff in the Election Department have discovered a scrivener's error resulting in Dixon Precinct 16 having too few registered voters.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Lee County Board hereby corrects the scrivener's error as follows:

1. Consolidates the former Dixon Precincts 16 and 18 into a single Precinct, hereafter known as DIXON PRECINCT 16 (REVISED). (Attached EXHIBIT A)
2. Establish the Lee County polling locations as set forth on EXHIBIT B – REVISED POLLING LOCATIONS.



ATTEST:

BY: Nancy Petersen
Lee County Clerk

PASSED BY THE LEE COUNTY BOARD

THIS 20th DAY OF January, 2022

BY: [Signature]
Lee County Board Chairman

EXHIBIT A: DIXON TOWNSHIP PRECINCTS (REVISED)



EXHIBIT B – REVISED POLLING LOCATIONS

PRECINCTS	LOCATION	ADDRESS	TOWN
Alto	Ogle-Lee Fire Station	311 Main St	Steward 60553
Amboy 1	Amboy Community Building	280 W. Wasson Rd	Amboy 61310
Amboy 2	Amboy Community Building	280 W. Wasson Rd	Amboy 61310
Amboy 3	Amboy Community Building	280 W. Wasson Rd	Amboy 61310
Ashton 1	Mills & Petrie Building	704 N. First St	Ashton 61006
Ashton 2	Mills & Petrie Building	704 N. First St	Ashton 61006
Bradford	Mills & Petrie Building	704 N. First St	Ashton 61006
Brooklyn 1	St Mary Parish Hall	2530 Johnson St	W. Brooklyn 61378
Brooklyn 2	Compton Village Hall	766 IL RT 251	Compton 61318
Dixon 1	Elks Lodge	1279 Franklin Grove Rd	Dixon 61021
Dixon 2	Elks Lodge	1279 Franklin Grove Rd	Dixon 61021
Dixon 3	Elks Lodge	1279 Franklin Grove Rd	Dixon 61021
Dixon 4	St. Patrick Church, Holloway Center	612 Highland Ave	Dixon 61021
Dixon 5	St. Patrick Church, Holloway Center	612 Highland Ave	Dixon 61021
Dixon 6	St. Patrick Church, Holloway Center	612 Highland Ave	Dixon 61021
Dixon 7	Loveland Comm. Building	513 W. Second St	Dixon 61021
Dixon 8	Loveland Comm. Building	513 W. Second St	Dixon 61021
Dixon 9	Loveland Comm. Building	513 W. Second St	Dixon 61021
Dixon 10	Bethel Church, Pre-school Gym	125 North Court	Dixon 61021
Dixon 11	Bethel Church, Pre-school Gym	125 North Court	Dixon 61021
Dixon 12	Bethel Church, Pre-school Gym	125 North Court	Dixon 61021
Dixon 13	Bethel Church, Pre-school Gym	125 North Court	Dixon 61021
Dixon 14	Northside Baptist Church	598 River Ln	Dixon 61021
Dixon 15	Masonic Friendship Lodge	1409 N. Galena Ave.	Dixon 61021
Dixon 16	Masonic Friendship Lodge	1409 N. Galena Ave.	Dixon 61021
Dixon 17	Masonic Friendship Lodge	1409 N. Galena Ave.	Dixon 61021
East Grove	Harmon CommBldg/FireStation	104 E. Main St	Harmon 61042
Franklin Grove 1	Franklin Grove Village Hall	105 E. South St	Fr. Grove 61031
Franklin Grove 2	Franklin Grove Village Hall	105 E. South St	Fr. Grove 61031
Hamilton	Harmon CommBldg/FireStation	104 E. Main St	Harmon 61042
Harmon	Harmon CommBldg/FireStation	104 E. Main St	Harmon 61042
Lee Center	Amboy Community Building	280 W. Wasson Rd	Amboy 61310
Marion	South Dixon Township Building	1558 Dutch Rd	Dixon 61021
May	Ellice Dinges Center	202 S. West St	Sublette 61367
Nachusa	Elks Lodge	1279 Franklin Grove Rd	Dixon 61021
Nelson	South Dixon Township Building	1558 Dutch Rd	Dixon 61021
Palmyra 1	Northside Baptist Church	598 River Ln	Dixon 61021
Palmyra 2	Northside Baptist Church	598 River Ln	Dixon 61021
Palmyra 3	Northside Baptist Church	598 River Ln	Dixon 61021
Reynolds	Mills & Petrie Building	704 N. First St	Ashton 61006
South Dixon	South Dixon Township Building	1558 Dutch Rd	Dixon 61021
Sublette	Ellice Dinges Center	202 S. West St	Sublette 61367
Viola	St Mary Parish Hall	2530 Johnson St	W. Brooklyn 61378
Willow Creek	Ogle-Lee Fire Station	311 Main St	Steward 60553
Wyoming 1	Paw Paw Comm. Building	362 Chicago Rd	Paw Paw 61353
Wyoming 2	Paw Paw Comm. Building	362 Chicago Rd	Paw Paw 61353

**Lee County Board
Dixon, Illinois**

RESOLUTION NO. 01.22.006

**SUPPORT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS AND DEMAND THE
REPEAL OF H.B. 3653/THE SAFE-T ACT IN ITS ENTIRETY**

WHEREAS, for generations, the brave men and women of the law enforcement community have answered the call to serve and protect our communities. Our Law Enforcement Officers embody the courage and honor that represent the best of the State, County, and Local Jurisdictions throughout the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, in moments of danger and desperation, the first people we turn to are Law Enforcement Officers. These often unsung heroes risk their lives so that we can live in peace and security; and

WHEREAS, enduring long shifts in dangerous and unpredictable circumstances, our Law Enforcement Officers demonstrate remarkable self-control and operate under extreme pressure with uncommon professionalism. They deal with complex, challenging situations, and see the worst elements of humanity in the underbelly of society, situations to which most citizens have the privilege of turning a blind eye; and

WHEREAS, we owe dutiful respect and humble gratitude to the Law Enforcement Officers who work tirelessly with honor, dedication, and integrity to protect us and sacrifice so much to maintain and defend civil order in our community; and

WHEREAS, on January 13, 2021 the Illinois General Assembly passed House Bill 3653, which sponsors of the bill called the SAFE-T Act, and abolished cash bail, hinders law enforcement's ability to apprehend offenders, fails to protect victims, and emboldens criminals by removing consequences; and

WHEREAS, the new law created a task force to study qualified immunity for police officers, created an anonymous compliant process to pressure officers, and made dangerous changes in the use of force by officers, putting both the public and law enforcement at risk; it changed the standards for felony murder to make it more difficult to charge some of our society's most dangerous perpetrators;

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board feels this new law has made the job of protecting the public more difficult for law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the Lee County Board believes law enforcement is essential to protecting lives, property, and businesses, and firmly supports Law Enforcement Officers at State, County and Local levels who put their lives at risk every day to serve and protect our community.

**Lee County Board
Dixon, Illinois**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS THAT:

SECTION 1: The Lee County Board thanks the Law Enforcement Officers who stand everyday as our guardians of peace and order, ready to protect our families and businesses, and our very freedoms.

SECTION 2: The Lee County Board publicly acknowledges our support and appreciation for the commitment and sacrifice made by every member of the law enforcement community to keep the public safe.

SECTION 3: The Lee County Board recognizes the importance of continuing to foster positive interactions between State, County, and Local law enforcement officers and members of our community.

SECTION 4: The Lee County Board acknowledges the rising trends in law enforcement response calls relating to mental health, domestic abuse, and addiction, and recognizes the need to support our community and our law enforcement officers with appropriate resources to help properly respond to these societal challenges.

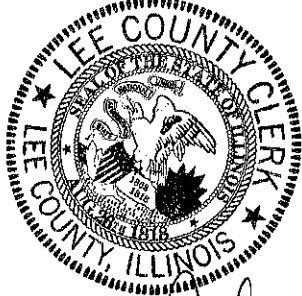
SECTION 5: The Lee County Board recognizes the importance of continuing to promote diversity in our law enforcement recruitment efforts, and to invest in our police officer training and professional development programs.

SECTION 6: The Lee County Board acknowledges that law enforcement Officers. Often times take it upon themselves to demonstrate random acts of generosity and kindness throughout our community, and do so without any desire for fanfare or public recognition.

SECTION 7: The Lee County Board encourages our fellow residents, business, civic groups, and sister agencies to do all in their power and spheres of influence to express their appreciation and support of our State, County, and Local Law Enforcement Officers.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF LEE COUNTY, ILLINOIS, that we demand the Illinois General Assembly to value and protect crime victims and law enforcement, those that are on the streets protecting the community and public every day;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we demand the Illinois General Assembly repeal HB3653/the SAFE-T Act in its entirety.



ATTEST:

BY: _____

Nancy Peterson
Lee County Clerk

PASSED BY THE LEE COUNTY BOARD

THIS 20th DAY OF January 2022

BY: _____

Robert J. Clark
Lee County Board Chairman