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Re: OMA Request for Review – 2020 PAC 66240
Complaint of Kirk Allen

Dear Ms. Steinberg:

I am in receipt of your letter dated January 12, 2021.

In response to the allegations of Mr. Kirk Allen claiming the Coles County Board violated the Open Meetings Act by failing to post notice and its agenda 48 hours in advance of its December 7, 2020, meeting, I respond as follows:

Attached hereto marked as Exhibit A is a copy of the Meetings of Committees that was emailed to all media, individuals, and was posted on the building and on the office door of the County Board and was posted to the Coles County Website on November 23, 2020, the same indicating a meeting of the Committee on Committees December 7, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. to be held at the Courthouse.

Attached hereto marked as Exhibit B is a copy of the Email Notice of Meeting and Agenda Re-Organizational Meeting sent November 30, 2020 at 2:39 p.m. to all news media and individuals giving notice of the Re-Organizational Meeting scheduled for December 7, 2020. Said Notice being more than 7 days in advance of the meeting. This also was posted on the building and on the office door of the County Board.

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Edie Steinberg
Senior Assistant Attorney General
Public Access Bureau
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Attached hereto marked as Exhibit C is a copy of the Coles County Board Re-Organizational Meeting Minutes December 7, 2020, with attached Committees List decision.

Based upon the above, the Coles County Board Committee on Committees held a meeting on December 7, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the Courthouse. That Notice and Agenda of said meeting was posted more than 48 hours in advance.

Please let me know if anything further is needed.

Respectfully submitted,



JESSE DANLEY, State's Attorney

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enclosure
cc: County Board

**PETITION AND NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING
COUNTY BOARD**

STATE OF ILLINOIS
COUNTY OF COLES—ss.

P E T I T I O N

To the Clerk of the County Board of Coles County:

The undersigned, being one third of the membership of the County Board, request that a special meeting be called for Reorganization Meeting

to be held at the hour of 10:00am. at the Coles County Courthouse
on the 7th day of December 2020.

NAME	DISTRICT
<u>Stan Mealy</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Jeremy East</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>11</u>
<u>Rick Shook</u>	<u>8</u>

**NOTICE OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
COLES COUNTY BOARD**

To All County Board Members:

You are hereby notified that there will be a special meeting of the County Board for the purpose, time, and place as set forth in the foregoing petition.

[Signature]
Clerk.

Lisa McMichaels - Coles Co Board

From: Lisa McMichaels - Coles Co Board
Sent: Monday, November 30, 2020 2:39 PM
To: Brian Huston ; Carla Swinford; Charleston Chamber; Darrell Coxdcx1032@gmail.com; Dave Fopay; Denise Corray; Denise Shores - Coles Co Supv of Assessments Office; Diana Stenger - Coles Co Health Dept ; Gail Mason (gailmason@gmail.com); George Edwards - Coles Co Treasurer's Office; Janice Hunt; Jeff Lahr - Coles Co Health Dept; Jeremy Doughty ; Jesse Danley - Coles Co State's Atty's Office; Jimmy Rankin - Coles Co Sheriff's Office; Joda Shick - Coles Co Circuit Court; John & Susan Doty; Julie Deters; Kelly Lockhart - Coles Co Regional Planning; Melissa Hurst - Coles Co Circuit Clerk's Office; Mike Watts ; Mike ZuHone (cbdistrict01@gmail.com); Nancy Purdy ; Newspaper; Noah Spence - Coles Co Regional Planning; Paul Howarth - Coles Co Health Dept; Rick Johnson - Coles Co Highway Dept; Rick Shook; Ron Carrell - Coles Co Courthouse Security; Stacey Fisher - Coles & Cumberland Crt Svcs; Stan Metzger; Tammy Bell; The Radio; Travis Coffey; Tyler Heleine - Coles Co Sheriff's Office; WCIA news; WEIU
Subject: Re-Organizational Meeting Agenda

BOARD
MEETING

AGENDA
COLES COUNTY
RE-ORGANIZATIONAL
December 7, 2020

10:00 A.M.

Swearing - In Ceremony by the Honorable Mark Bovard, Presiding Judge

Call to Order - Julie Coe, Coles County Clerk

Roll Call

Pledge to the Flag - Invocation

1. Appointment of Temporary Chairman
2. Appointment of Chairman
3. Appointment of Vice Chairman
4. Appointment of Committee on Committees
5. Approval of Committees

Executive Session

Public Comment

Adjournment

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**COLES COUNTY BOARD
Re-Organizational Meeting
December 7, 2020**

The re-organizational meeting of the Coles County Board was called to order at 10:01 a.m. with the following members present: Brandon Bell, Travis Coffey, Denise Corray, Darrell Cox, John Doty, Jeremy Doughty, Jeremy East, Gail Mason, Stan Metzger, Nancy Purdy, Rick Shook, and Michael Watts with Mike Zuhone presiding.

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Honorable Judge Brian O'Brien administered the Oath of Office to the following Officers and County Board Members.

Circuit Clerk - Melissa J. Hurst
Coroner - J. Edward "Ed" Schniers

COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS

District 1 - Darrell Cox
District 2 - Travis Coffey
District 5 - John Doty
District 8 - Rick Shook
District 11 - Brandon Bell
District 12 - Gail Mason

RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Mike Zuhone then called the Re-Organizational Meeting of the Coles County Board to order with the following members present: Brandon Bell, Travis Coffey, Denise Corray, Darrell Cox, John Doty, Jeremy Doughty, Jeremy East, Gail Mason, Stan Metzger, Nancy Purdy, Rick Shook, and Michael Watts with Mike Zuhone Presiding.

Pledge to the Flag

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

Denise Corray nominated Stan Metzger, Nancy Purdy nominated Brandon Bell to serve as Temporary Chairman.

Brandon Bell then withdrew his nomination for Temporary Chairman with the consent of the board.

AYES: Bell, Coffey, Corray, Cox, Doty, Doughty,
East, Mason, Metzger, Purdy, Shook, Watts (12)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)

Doty made a motion to cast a unanimous vote for Stan Metzger to be appointed to the Temporary Chairman, seconded by Coffey.

AYES: Bell, Coffey, Corray, Cox, Doty, Doughty,
East, Mason, Metzger, Purdy, Shook, Watts (12)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Doty made the nomination to appoint Brandon Bell to the Chairman position, seconded by Corray.

Motion to close nominations was made by Doty, seconded by Watts

Motion by Doty for a unanimous consent to appoint Brandon Bell, seconded by Coffey.

AYES: Bell, Coffey, Corray, Cox, Doty, Doughty,
East, Mason, Metzger, Purdy, Shook, Watts (12)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN PRO TEM

Coffey made the motion to appoint Darrell Cox to Chairman Pro Tem, seconded by Shook.

Motion by Doty to close nominations, seconded by Purdy.

AYES: Bell, Coffey, Corray, Cox, Doty, Doughty,
East, Mason, Metzger, Purdy, Shook, Watts (12)
NAYS: None (0)
ABSENT: None (0)

APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Chairman Bell appointed Metzger, Purdy and Watts to serve on the Committee on Committees with the approval of the County Board.

The committee recessed at 10:25 for the Committee to retire to the Committee Room.

The County Board resumed at 10:45.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

(For a copy of the Committee Assignments see page 4835)

Motion by Metzger, seconded by East to approve the committee assignments with the approval of the County Board.

AYES: Bell, Coffey, Corray, Cox, Doty, Doughty,
East, Mason, Metzger, Purdy, Shook, Watts (12)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Metzger, seconded by Shook the Coles County Board was adjourned at 10:48 a.m. with the consent of the County Board.

AYES: Bell, Coffey, Corray, Cox, Doty, Doughty,
East, Mason, Metzger, Purdy, Shook, Watts (12)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

ATTEST:

County Clerk

COLES COUNTY BOARD
Brandon Bell, Chairman
Darrell Cox, Chairman Pro Tem
COMMITTEES

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Travis Coffey, Chairman
Brandon Bell
Nancy Purdy
Rick Shook
Mike Watts

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION BOARD

Nancy Purdy, Chairman
Denise Corray
Gail Mason

COUNTY OFFICES/RULES

Stan Metzger, Chairman
Denise Corray
John Doty
Jeremy Doughty
Jeremy East

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE REGION

Nancy Purdy

EMERGENCY FOOD & SHELTER BOARD

Jeremy Doughty

FINANCE

Stan Metzger, Chairman
Darrell Cox
Travis Coffey
Jeremy East
Mike Watts

HEALTH & SAFETY

Brandon Bell, Chairman
Darrell Cox
Stan Metzger
Rick Shook
Jeremy Doughty

INSURANCE

Nancy Purdy, Chairman
Denise Corray
John Doty
Jeremy East
Gail Mason

LIQUOR COMMISSION

Brandon Bell, Chairman
Darrell Cox
Gail Mason

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Stan Metzger

SI1 BOARD

Darrell Cox

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Stan Metzger, Chairman
Rick Shook
John Doty
Darrell Cox
Jeremy East

PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD

Jeremy Doughty

ROAD & BRIDGE

John Doty, Chairman
Travis Coffey
Jeremy Doughty
Rick Shook
Jeremy East

SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD

Nancy Purdy, Chairman
Mike Watts

SHERIFF & LAW ENFORCEMENT

Travis Coffey, Chairman
Denise Corray
Rick Shook
Brandon Bell
Mike Watts

SUPPLIES & CLAIMS

Darrell Cox, Chairman
Brandon Bell
Rick Shook
Stan Metzger
Gail Mason

WIB

Nancy Purdy