

**COLES COUNTY BOARD**

**Regular Meeting**

**September 14, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Coles County Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present, Bob Bennett, Denise Corray, Darrell Cox, John Doty, Jeremy Doughty(arrived late), Jeremy East, Gail Mason, Stan Metzger, Nancy Purdy, Rick Shook, and Michael Watts, with Chairman Brandon Bell presiding.

Invocation was given by Stan Metzger

Moment of Silent Reflection

Pledge to the Flag

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Shook, seconded by Watts to approve the County Board Minutes for August 10, 2021.

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

**APPOINTMENT - E.I.U. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Motion was made by Bell to appointment Jeff Lahr until January, 2026 with the consent of the County Board.

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

**APPOINTMENTS - WABASH FIRE DISTRICT**

Motion was made by Bell to approve the 3 appointments to Wabash Fire District with the consent of the County Board.

Jerry Schultz until May 2025

Gary Kepley until May 2024

Allen Price until May 2023

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

## **APPOINTMENT - COLES COUNTY HOUSING AUTHORITY**

Motion was made by Bell to appointment Matthew Clarkson to serve on the Coles County Housing Authority until February 2025, with the consent of the County Board.

AYES: Bell, Bennett, Corray, Cox, Doty, Doughty,  
East, Metzger, Purdy, Shook, Watts (11)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

ABSTAIN: Mason (1)

## **APPOINTMENTS - DRAINAGE DISTRICTS**

Motion was made by Bell to appoint the following with the approval of the County Board to serve until the First Tuesday of September, 2024, with the consent of the County Board..

James Bell - Drainage #2 of Mattoon

Kevin Conlin - Consolidated Drainage District 4-12 of North Okaw

Jeffrey Hess - Homann Mutual Drainage

Kenneth Beabout - 1-B of Seven Hickory

William Bell, II - Little Wabash Drainage

Paul Hurst - Shellhammer Drainage

Wesley Orman - Majors Drainage

Wesley Orman - Union Drainage #1 of Mattoon & Whitley

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

## **RES: AMENDED HOLIDAY CALENDAR 2022**

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Motion was made by Metzger, seconded by East

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

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: None (0)

**RES: COMPUTER SERVICES BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

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Motion by Metzger, seconded by East

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

**APPROVAL OF ALLOCATING FUNDS OF 2019 PROJECT BOND FOR  
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE JAIL & COURTHOUSE**

Motion by Metzger, seconded by Shook

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

**APPROVAL OF ALLOCATING LOSS OF REVENUE FUNDS  
FOR COURTHOUSE IMPROVEMENTS**

Motion by Metzger, seconded by Purdy

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

**APPROVAL OF BILLS - COLES COUNTY**

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

James Dinaso      Rob Perry      Kirk Allen      John Kraft  
Charles Stodden      Alex Walker      Gail Mason      Rick Shook

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF APPOINTMENTS**

1. Three appointments to the Sheriff's Merit Commission

**RECESSED**

Upon motion by Metzger, seconded by East, the Coles County Board was recessed at 8:04 p.m. with the consent of the County Board.

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

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_ County Clerk

State of Illinois )  
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County of Coles )

HOLIDAY CALENDAR FOR 2022

BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Coles County, Illinois that the following dates are designated as holidays for the year 2022:

Friday, December 31, (2021)	New Year's Day (observed)
Monday, January 17, 2022	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Friday, February 11, 2022	Lincoln's Birthday (observed)
Monday, February 21, 2022	Washington's Day (observed)
Friday, April 15, 2022	Good Friday
Monday, May 30, 2022	Memorial Day
Monday, June 20, 2022	Juneteenth Day (observed)
Monday, July 4, 2022	Independence Day (observed)
Monday, September 5, 2022	Labor Day
Monday, October 10, 2022	Columbus Day (observed)
Tuesday, November 8, 2022	2022 General Election Day
Friday, November 11, 2022	Veterans Day
Thursday, November 24, 2022	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 25, 2022	Day following Thanksgiving Day
Monday, December 26, 2022	Christmas Day (observed)

DATED this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk

State of Illinois )  
County of Coles )

**RESOLUTION RE: BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS  
Computer Services Department**

WHEREAS, the Computer Department requests for budget adjustments for the department as follows:

**EXPENSES:**

1. Increase line item 001-002-7199-000 Computer programs Mtce. \$15,000.00
2. Increase line item 001-002-7195-000 Computer Programs \$41,477.40
3. Decrease line item 001-005-7590-000 Contingency \$56,477.40

WHEREAS, the Regional Planning Commission recommends that these adjustments be made to comply with standard auditing procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Coles County to amend the County Budget as stated above.

DATED this 14th day of September, 2021.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

Brandon Bell, County Board Chair