

**COLES COUNTY BOARD**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**December 13, 2022**

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, Lisa Jaco, Gail Mason, Nancy Purdy, Rick Shook, Michael Watts, with Darrell Cox presiding. Tad Freezeland was absent.

Invocation was given by Jeremy Doughty

Moment of Silent Reflection

Pledge to the Flag

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Shook to approve the County Board Minutes for September 13, 2022 and November 9, 2022 with the consent of the County Board.

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

**RESOLUTION**  
**Illinois State's Attorney Appellate Prosecutor Contract**

For a copy of the resolution see page 5822

Motion by Jaco, seconded by Doughty

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

County Board member Corray read the minutes from the County Offices/Rules Committee. Doughty moved to Amend the minutes.

Motion by Jaco, seconded by Purdy

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

### **APPROVAL OF BILLS - Coles County**

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

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

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED**

County Board member and WIOA Committee chairman Purdy introduced Kim Edwards as the new Executive Director for the Coles County Council on Aging, Inc.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Amend Minutes - May 10, 2022 Resolution Officers Salary

Motion by Bennett, seconded by Clayton to Amend the Minutes of the May 10, 2022 Resolution Officers Salary

For a copy of the resolution see page 5823

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Doughty,  
Purdy, Shook, Cox (6)  
NAYS: Corray, Doty, Jaco, Watts (4)  
ABSTAIN: Mason (1)  
ABSENT: Tad Freezeland (1)

## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

County Board Member Doughty made a public comment regarding the tax assessments.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Charles Stodden	Kevin Gaither	Kirk Allen	Rob Perry
Sarah Hocking	Chad Larson	James Dinaso	Rex Dukeman

### ADJOURNED

Upon motion by Doughty, seconded by Doty, the Coles County Board was adjourned at 8:15 p.m. with the consent of the County Board.

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Corray, Doty, Doughty, Jaco,  
Mason, Purdy, Shook, Watts, Cox (11)

NAYS: None (0)

ABSENT: Tad Freezeland (1)

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

**RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor was created to provide services to State's Attorneys in Counties containing less than 3,000,000 inhabitants; and

WHEREAS, the powers and duties of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor are defined and enumerated in the "State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's Act", 725 ILCS 210/1 et seq., as amended; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois General Assembly appropriates monies for the ordinary and contingent expenses of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, one-third from the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor's County Fund and two-thirds from the General Revenue Fund, provided that such funding receives approval and support from the respective Counties eligible to apply; and

WHEREAS, the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor shall administer the operation of the appellate offices so as to insure that all participating State's Attorneys continue to have final authority in preparation, filing, and arguing of all appellate briefs and any trial assistance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Coles County Board, in regular session, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ does hereby support the continued operation of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, and designates the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor as its Agent to administer the operation of the appellate offices and process said appellate court cases for this County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the attorneys employed by the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor are hereby authorized to act as Assistant State's Attorneys on behalf of the State's Attorney of this County in the appeal of all cases when requested to do so by the State's Attorney, and with the advice and consent of the State's Attorney, prepare, file, and argue appellate briefs for those cases; and also, as may be requested by the State's Attorney, to assist in the prosecution of cases under the Illinois Controlled Substances Act, the Cannabis Control Act, the Drug Asset Forfeiture Procedure Act, and the Narcotics Profit Forfeiture Act. Such attorneys are further authorized to assist the State's Attorney in the trial and appeal of tax objections.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor will offer Continuing Legal Education training programs to the State's Attorneys and Assistant State's Attorneys.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the attorneys employed by the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor may also assist the State's Attorney of this County in the discharge of the State's Attorney's duties in the prosecution and trial of other cases, and may act as Special Prosecutor if duly appointed to do so by a court having jurisdiction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor is duly appointed to act as a Special Prosecutor in this County by a court having jurisdiction, this County will provide reasonable and necessary clerical and administrative support and victim-witness coordination on an as-needed basis and will also cover all reasonable and necessary case expenses such as expert witness fees, transcripts, evidence presentation, documents, lodgings, and all other expenses directly related to the prosecution of the case.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Coles County Board hereby agrees to participate in the service program of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, commencing December 1, 2022 and ending November 30, 2023, by hereby appropriating the sum of \$17,000.00 as consideration for the express purpose of providing a portion of the funds required for financing the operation of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor, and agrees to deliver the same to the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor on request during the stated twelve month period.

Passed and adopted by the County Board of Coles County, Illinois, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
County Clerk

RESOLUTION RE: COUNTY OFFICERS SALARY

WHEREAS, the Coles County Board is required pursuant to P. A. 89-0405 to fix the salaries of various Coles County Officials 180 days before the term of office begins; and

WHEREAS, this salary will be included in the appropriation of the Coles County Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Coles County Board set the annual salary for the County Officials as follows:

County Board Members

2022 - 2032 \$ 4,800 annual salary

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Coles County Board set the annual salary for the County Board Chairman, in addition to the above stated annual salary, as follows:

County Board Chairman

2022 - 2032 \$ 1,200 annual salary

That the compensation to be paid to the County Board members shall be computed on an annual basis. Said compensation to include mileage and expenses.

DATED this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_ Clerk

THE ATTACHED DOCUMENT WAS ADDED ON 12/16/2022 TO SHOW JEREMY DOUGHTY'S COMMENTS REGARDING THE MINUTES FROM THE COUNTY OFFICES/RULES COMMITTEE REFERENCED IN THE COLES COUNTY BOARD MINUTES DATED DECEMBER 13, 2022

## Minutes:

The County Office and Rules Committee met on December 5, 2022 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm. The meeting lasted an hour. The minutes in this board packet do not reflect some of the aspects of the meetings. I would like to note a few for the record:

1. During the tax cycle update, committee members asked questions regarding, quadrennial assessments and how and when are they scheduled or planned
2. Dec 12th and 19th deadlines for filing complaints/appeals. There is confusion on what homeowners must do as well as worry that not all homeowners will understand the 12th deadline is arbitrary. *20<sup>th</sup> on the website*
3. The committee suggested a press release be written for the newspaper, radio and website so citizens know the correct deadline. SOA's office was never directed to do this.
4. SOA also stated that there could be another multiplier added back from the state that we must wait and see.
5. Clarifications and statements were made several times by members of the committee that this committee must be careful and cannot "investigate or do a formal inquiry into the SOA or her office." There was never any intent to investigate or hold a formal inquiry.
6. We suggested another meeting before the 19th deadline so we could make sure citizens could get relief and help from the SOA's office and educated. I hold that the intent of a "special meeting" was to be a problem-solving meeting.
7. Due to subsequent communications, I reject any characterization that this committee was trying to formalize or backdoor an investigation.

12-13-22

*Jeremy Doughty*