

**COLES COUNTY BOARD
Re-Organizational meeting
December 5, 2024**

SWEARING IN CEREMONY

Honorable Mitch Shick, presiding Judge administered the Oath of Office to the following County Board Members.

Board Members Mike Clayton, Tad Freezeland, Thomas Royal, Rick Shook and Michael Watts.

Re-Organizational Meeting

County Clerk Julie Coe then called the re-organizational meeting of the Coles County Board to order at 3:15 p.m. with the following members present Bob Bennett, Mike Clayton, Darrell Cox, Tad Freezeland, Gail Mason, Nancy Purdy, Tom Royal, Rick Shook and Michael Watts. Absent were members Denise Corray, John Doty and Jeremy Doughty with County Clerk Julie Coe presiding.

After the Pledge to the Flag, an Invocation was given by Tad Freezeland followed by a moment of silent reflection.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

Motion was made by Watts to nominate Darrell Cox for Temporary Chairman, seconded by Bennett.

Watts made the motion to close nominations, seconded by Shook

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Freezeland, Mason, Purdy, Royal, Shook, Watts
ABSENT: Corray, Doty, Doughty
ABSTAIN: Cox
NAYS: None

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

Motion was made by Bennett to nominate Darrell Cox for Chairman, seconded by Freezeland.

Watts made the motion to close nominations, seconded by Bennett

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Freezeland, Purdy, Royal, Shook, Watts
ABSENT: Corray, Doty, Doughty
ABSTAIN: Cox, Mason
NAYS: None

APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Motion was made by Clayton to nominate Tad Freezeland for Vice Chairman, seconded by Bennett.

Purdy made the motion to close nominations, seconded by Watts

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Mason, Purdy, Royal, Shook, Watts

ABSENT: Corray, Doty, Doughty

ABSTAIN: Freezeland

NAYS: None

PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

For a copy of the Committee Assignments see page 6691

Cox appointed Bennett, Purdy and Watts to serve on the Committee for Committees.

After discussion, motion was made by Bennett to approve the Committee Assignments, as presented, seconded by Watts.

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Freezeland, Mason, Purdy, Royal, Shook, Watts

ABSENT: Corray, Doty, Doughty

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Shook, seconded by Freezeland the County Board was adjourned at 3:25 p.m. with the consent of the County Board.

AYES: Bennett, Clayton, Cox, Freezeland, Mason, Purdy, Royal, Shook, Watts

ABSENT: Corray, Doty, Doughty

ABSTAIN: None

NAYS: None

ATTEST:

_____ County Clerk

COLES COUNTY BOARD
Darrell Cox, Chairman
Tad Freezeland, Vice Chair
COMMITTEES

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Bob Bennett, Chairman
Rick Shook
Tom Royal
John Doty
Gail Mason

COOPERATIVE EXTENSION BOARD

Denise Corray, Chairman
Gail Mason

COUNTY OFFICES/RULES

Denise Corray, Chairman
Jeremy Doughty
Nancy Purdy
Tom Royal
Mike Clayton

EDUCATIONAL SERVICE REGION

Nancy Purdy

EMERGENCY FOOD & SHELTER BOARD

Jeremy Doughty

FINANCE

Darrell Cox, Chairman
Tad Freezeland
Nancy Purdy
Mike Clayton
Mike Watts

HEALTH & SAFETY

Darrell Cox, Chairman
Jeremy Doughty
Denise Corray
Gail Mason
Tad Freezeland

INSURANCE

Nancy Purdy, Chairman
Denise Corray
John Doty
Mike Watts
Tom Royal

WIB

Nancy Purdy

LIQUOR COMMISSION

Darrell Cox, Chairman
John Doty
Gail Mason

MENTAL HEALTH BOARD

Tad Freezeland

911 BOARD

Rick Shook

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

Mike Watts, Chairman
Tad Freezeland
Darrell Cox
Mike Clayton
Jeremy Doughty

PUBLIC HEALTH BOARD

Jeremy Doughty

ROAD & BRIDGE

John Doty, Chairman
Rick Shook
Jeremy Doughty
Tom Royal
Bob Bennett

SENIOR CITIZENS BOARD

Nancy Purdy, Chairman
Mike Watts

SHERIFF & LAW ENFORCEMENT

Bob Bennett, Chairman
Rick Shook
Mike Clayton
Gail Mason
Tom Royal

SUPPLIES & CLAIMS

Bob Bennett, Chairman
Mike Clayton
Denise Corray
Tad Freezeland
Gail Mason