



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
January 20, 2023  
Zoom**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) was held on Friday, January 20, 2023, at 2:05 p.m. at which the following were in attendance in-person or via Zoom:

Kendall, Circuit Clerk Matt Prochaska, President  
Cook, Commissioner Dennis Deer, Vice President  
Washington, Chairman David Meyer, Secretary  
Winnebago, Auditor William Crowley, Treasurer  
Cook, Commissioner Alma Anaya  
Cook, Commissioner Stanley Moore  
Cook, Commissioner Monica Gordon  
Kane, Chairwoman Corinne Pierog  
Lake, Chairwoman Sandy Hart  
Ogle, Chairman John Finfrock  
Will, Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant  
Tazewell, Chairman David Zimmerman

**ISACo STAFF**

Joe McCoy, Executive Director

**GUESTS**

DuPage, Life Member Jim Healy

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Treasurer Crowley and seconded by Vice President Deer to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2022, meeting. The motion was approved and the minutes were adopted.

## **ORGANIZATIONAL LEADERSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

Presiding Officer Prochaska indicated the need to elect officers for the 2023-2024 term and asked for a motion and a second to accept nominations for each office.

A motion was made by Board Member Deer and seconded by Board Member Zimmerman to nominate Presiding Officer Prochaska for the office of President. Presiding Officer Prochaska asked three times if there were any other nominations for the office of President. No additional nominations for the office were made.

A motion was made by Board Member Zimmerman and seconded by Treasurer Crowley to nominate Board Member Deer for the office of Vice President. Presiding Officer Prochaska asked three times if there were any other nominations for the office of Vice President. No additional nominations for the office were made.

A motion was made by Treasurer Crowley and seconded by Board Member Deer to nominate Secretary Meyer for another term in the office of Secretary. Presiding Officer Prochaska asked three times if there were any other nominations for the office of Secretary. No additional nominations for the office were made.

A motion was made by Secretary Meyer and seconded by Board Member Zimmerman to nominate Bill Crowley for another term in the office of Treasurer. Presiding Officer Prochaska asked three times if there were any other nominations for the office of Treasurer. No additional nominations for the office were made.

Presiding Officer Prochaska asked for unanimous consent to elect Presiding Officer Prochaska as President, Board Member Deer as Vice President, Secretary Meyer as Secretary and Treasurer Crowley as Treasurer for the 2023-2024 term. Unanimous consent was granted and these aforementioned persons were elected and re-elected as officers.

A motion was made by Treasurer Crowley and seconded by Board Member Bertino-Tarrant to re-appoint Ogle County Chairman John Finfrock to the Board. The motion was approved and Chairman Finfrock was re-appointed to the Board.

## **OFFICER'S REPORTS**

### *President's Report*

President Prochaska thanked the Board for electing him as President and announced that his goal is for ISACo to further the aims of county government. He also welcomed the new members to the Board.

### *Vice President's Report*

Vice President Deer thanked the Board for electing him as Vice President. He stated that he wants to continue to build upon the good work done by ISACo.

### *Secretary's Report*

Secretary Meyer thanked the Board for re-electing him as Secretary.

### *Treasurer's Report*

Treasurer Crowley thanked the Board for re-electing him as Treasurer. He discussed the most recent balance sheet and check detail. He reported that ISACo's financial situation is good. A motion was made by Board Member Finfrock and seconded by Vice President Deer to approve the check detail. The motion was approved.

Director McCoy provided a favorable comparison of ISACo's current fund balance compared to November 2018.

Treasurer Crowley indicated that ISACo has evolved to the point where it should retain a payroll service. Director McCoy expressed appreciation for the significant amount of work done by Treasurer Crowley to maintain financial records and pay ISACo's bills.

Board Member Hart thanked the officers for their leadership within the Association.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director McCoy presented the 2023 ISACo budget for discussion. A motion was made by Vice President Deer and seconded by Board Member Zimmerman to approve the budget. The motion was approved.

Director McCoy requested that the Board approve lobbying contracts for Scarabaeus and ABO for services in 2023. A motion was made by Board Member Zimmerman and seconded by Vice President Deer to approve the contracts. The motion was approved.

Director McCoy requested that the Board name him as ISACo's registered agent for purposes of filing required annual reports with the Secretary of State's Office. A motion was made by Vice President Deer and seconded by Board Member Bertino-Tarrant to name Director McCoy as the registered agent. The motion was approved.

Director McCoy reported that 2023 dues renewal notices were sent out on the first business day of the new year and several counties had already renewed. He discussed that President Prochaska (then serving as presiding officer) joined him at the National Association of Counties (NACo) Presidents and Executives Meeting in early January. He encouraged Board Members to register to attend the NACo Legislative Conference scheduled for February 10-14. ISACo's dinner for Illinois attendees will be held on February 11. Director McCoy indicated he plans to hire two staff members in 2023. One position will be for membership and education and the other for research and policy. ISACo will begin to focus on research, data and analytics. He discussed the onboarding report provided to the Board. He suggested possible dates for the remaining three Board meetings in 2023. Participating Board members indicated the dates would work and Director McCoy indicated he would email the dates to the Board. He reported that ISACo helped Illinois counties by partnering with NACo to contact specific counties that had not yet applied for their ARPA funds through the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATC). Finally, he reported that he would be traveling from March 17-22.

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Director McCoy reported on the 2022 Veto Session scheduled. He discussed the passage of the following: (1) legislation restricting county zoning authority over wind and solar facilities (HB 4412); (2) a trailer bill for the Veterans Assistance Commission law enacted in May 2022 (HB 2369); (3) legislation making it more difficult for counties to transfer certain criminal defendants to the State (HB 240); and (4) legislation banning assault weapons (HB 5471).

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Director McCoy indicated that, per ISACo's by-laws, there is a need to review the bylaws for purposes of determining if changes are necessary. Any proposed amendments to the by-laws must be approved by 60 percent of ISACo member counties representing at least 40 percent of the total population of the State of Illinois.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Association of Counties, a motion was made by Board Member Zimmerman and seconded by Vice President Deer to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.