



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
September 19, 2023  
427 E. Monroe, Springfield, IL and Zoom**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) was held on Tuesday, September 19, 2023, at 2:03 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 Stanley Moore  
Cook, Commissioner Monica Gordon  
Jackson, Board Member Andrew Erbes  
Lake, Chairwoman Sandy Hart  
Ogle, Chairman John Finfrock  
Will, Executive Jennifer Bertino-Tarrant  
Tazewell, Chairman David Zimmerman

**ISACo STAFF**

Joe McCoy, Executive Director  
Nekya Hall, Legislative Advocacy and Research Manager  
Tiffani Homer, Member Services and Communications Manager

**GUESTS**

Cook, Life Member Deborah Sims  
Cook, Derrick Lavender  
DuPage, Life Member Jim Healy  
McHenry, Pete Austin  
McHenry, Alicia Schueller  
McHenry, Chalen Daigle  
Public Surplus, Jacob Holdaway

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Vice President Deer and seconded by Board Member Zimmerman to approve the minutes from the April 14, 2023, meeting. The motion was approved and the minutes were adopted.

## **OFFICER'S REPORTS**

### *President's Report*

President Prochaska provided a recap of the NACo Annual Conference that occurred in Travis County, Texas from July 21-24. The Illinois Counties Dinner was well-attended and well-received. President Prochaska also presented a proposal for the formation of ISACo Policy Committees as explained by an accompanying document. A motion to approve the proposal was made by Vice President Deer and seconded by Board Member Hart. The motion was approved. President Prochaska announced that the Illinois Association of Court Clerks (IACC) approved an affiliation agreement with ISACo. IACC and ISACo look forward to working together on issues of common concern. Finally, President Prochaska reported that ISACo and the United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI) are exploring the possibility of holding a joint County Lobby Day during the spring.

### *Vice President's Report*

Vice President Deer indicated that he is looking forward to becoming more active now that he has overcome some very challenging health issues. Board members congratulated him on the restoration of his health.

### *Secretary's Report*

Secretary Meyer reported about his positive experience attending the NACo Annual Conference. He emphasized the importance of Illinois maintaining a strong voice in NACo.

### *Treasurer's Report*

Treasurer Crowley discussed the most recent balance sheet and check detail. He reported that ISACo's financial situation is strong. A motion was made by Vice President Deer and seconded by Board Member Moore to approve the check detail. The motion was approved. Treasurer Crowley discussed the steps ISACo has taken to acquire and utilize a version of QuickBooks that can be hosted on a server at ISACo's office. He also reported that ISACo has successfully engaged our accounting firm (Estes Bridgewater and Ogden) to manage payroll services on behalf of the Association.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Director McCoy introduced new staff members Nekya Hall (Legislative Advocacy and Research Manager) and Tiffani Homer (Member Services and Communications Manager). He announced the addition of two new member counties (Carroll and Monroe Counties). ISACo now has 31 member counties. He updated the Board about the installation of a server in ISACo's office. Finally, he reported that he had exercised the option in ISACo's lease agreement to renew the lease for an additional two years.

## **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Director McCoy requested that Legislative Advocacy and Research Manager Nekya Hall provide a report on the upcoming 2023 fall Veto Session. She discussed the known issues that included the legislation for which the Governor has issued vetoes or amendatory vetoes. She also referenced ISACo's annual Public Acts and State Mandates Reports and invited Board members to submit legislative proposals.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

President Prochaska asked Director McCoy to introduce Jacob Holdaway from *Public Surplus*. Director McCoy asked Mr. Holdaway to discuss the company and an opportunity for ISACo and *Public Surplus* to enter into a partnership that would result in marketing opportunities for *Public Surplus* and a financial benefit to ISACo. Following the presentation, a motion to approve the partnership was made by Board Member Zimmerman and seconded by Vice President Deer. The motion was approved.

Another item of New Business was a proposal to offer additional benefits to ISACo employees. This proposal was moved up on the agenda to the President's Report to ensure the presence of a quorum. Director McCoy requested that the Board approve the additional of dental, vision and life insurance benefits for ISACo employees. He discussed the cost and the employer-employee share, which, along with other information, was explained in a memorandum provided to the Board in advance of the meeting. A motion was made to approve the additional benefits by Board Member Zimmerman and seconded by Board Member Finfrock. The motion was approved.

## **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 Vice President Deer and seconded by Secretary Meyer to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:51 p.m.