

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD
Special Board Meeting**

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COUNTY OF MADISON)

Proceedings of the County Board of Madison County, Illinois, was held telephonically due to COVID-19 restrictions on January 19, 2021.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 19, 2021
5:00 PM
SPECIAL SESSION**

The Board met pursuant to recess taken December 16, 2021.

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The meeting was called to order by Kurt Prenzler, Chairman of the Board.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all members of the Board.

The Roll Call was called by Debra Ming-Mendoza, County Clerk, showing the following members present:

PRESENT: Pace, Meyer, Ross, Madison, Holliday, Malone, Gray, Pollard, King, Hankins, Valentine, Minner, Messner, Wiehardt, Foster, Petrillo, Glasper, Goggin, Guy, Harriss, Mueller-Jones, Dalton and Kneedler

ABSENT: Kuhn, Dodd, and Walters

VACANT: District 6, District 14, and District 15

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The following resolution was presented:

**RESOLUTION TO SUBMIT AN ADVISORY REFERENDUM TO VOTERS OF MADISON
COUNTY FOR CONSIDERATION IN THE MATTER OF DECENNIAL
COUNTY BOARD REAPPORTIONMENT**

WHEREAS, Section 2-3002(b) of the Illinois Counties Code (55 ILCS 5/2-3002(b)) allows for the submission to the electors of the County by the County Board regarding the number of County Board Members; and

WHEREAS, Section 28-2(c) of the Illinois Election Code, 10 ILCS 5/28-2(c), provides that a resolution of a unit of local government which initiates the submission of public questions pursuant to the law must be adopted no less than 79 days before a regularly scheduled election to be eligible for submission on a ballot at such election; and

WHEREAS, the next regularly scheduled election in Madison County is the Consolidated General Election to be held on April 6, 2021.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the County of Madison, a unit of local government, by and through the Madison County Board, that the following advisory question shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the County of Madison on April 6, 2021:

SHALL THE NUMBER OF COUNTY BOARD MEMBERS BE REDUCED FROM THE CURRENT 29 MEMBERS FOLLOWING THE 2020 DECENNIAL CENSUS?

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this question, as fully set forth in the previous paragraph, is authorized and shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the County of Madison at the Consolidated General Election to be held on April 6, 2021, in accordance with all applicable provisions of Illinois law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County Clerk, as the election authority of Madison County, is hereby directed to certify said advisory question of public policy in accordance with the Illinois Election Code.

On the question:

Mr. Prenzler: We do have 1 item on the agenda this evening and I would ask for a motion to submit the resolution.

Mr. Madison: Mr. Chairman, I believe that the question that would go on the ballot is that should we reduce the number of county board districts. I think that we all know that the voters will overwhelmingly say yes.

Mr. Prenzler: Mr. Madison, before we discuss, we need a motion to put it on the floor.

Mr. Madison: Can I finish? I'm about to make a motion. Knowing that, instead of making a motion, we make a motion to table this until such time there is viable plan ready for discussion. I am willing to help put a plan together to do this and to bypass this process completely and just do it instead of waiting for it to go on the ballot.

Mr. Prenzler: Mr. Madison, today, I did consult with the woman, Christine Dickey, who is our Robert's Rules person and she indicated to me that a motion to table is not possible here because this is the last day unless we were to make a motion to postpone for a later date today, it is 5:00. This motion is not possible.

Mr. Madison: Of course it's possible.

Mr. Prenzler: This is the last day to put it on the April 6th ballot.

Mr. Madison: I'm sorry, but I'm saying let's do it. Why do we need to put it on there if we're going to do it?

Mr. Prenzler: Well, Mr. Madison, first of all, let me back up. Your motion to table is out of order which is what Ms. Dickey told me today.

Mr. Madison: So you're saying you don't want to do it, you just want it on the ballot.

Mr. Prenzler: No, before we discuss it, I need a motion to put it in front of the board and so I'm inviting a motion to put this before the county board.

Ms. Mueller-Jones: Who is here from the State's Attorney's Office?

Mr. Prenzler: Andy Carruthers, his first day on the job and John Hanson.

Ms. Harriss: Can I make a motion to have discussion?

Mr. Prenzler: Well we have to make a motion before we have discussion and then we can vote yes or no.

Ms. Harriss: So you're saying I cannot make a motion to have discussion on the advisory.

Mr. Prenzler: No, we have to make a motion. That's the way we do things, that's the way we always do things, you have to make a motion in favor of the resolution, and then we have discussion and a second, and if there's no motion, then it just fails for lack of a motion. So, is there a motion to put this before the county board? Hearing none, it'll die for lack of a motion.

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Mr. Madison moved, seconded by Mr. Malone to recess this session of the Madison County Board Meeting until Wednesday, January 20, 2021. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ATTEST: Debbie Ming-Mendoza
County Clerk

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