

**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 29, 2021.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021
4:00 PM
SPECIAL SESSION**

The Board met pursuant to recess taken January 20, 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: Kuhn, Pace, Ross, Madison, Walters, Holliday, Malone, Gray, Pollard, King, Hankins, Minner, Messner, Wiehardt, Foster, Petrillo, Glasper, Goggin, Guy, Harriss, Mueller-Jones, Dalton, and Kneedler

ABSENT: Meyer, Dodd, and Valentine

VACANT: District 6, District 14, and District 15

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The following resolution was presented:

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY IN
COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT #6**

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Madison County Board for County Board District #6 due to the resignation of Ray Wesley on November 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Valerie A. Doucleff has been recommended for consideration and appointment to fill this vacancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Madison County, Illinois, that Valerie A. Doucleff, 5805 Greenleaf Avenue, Godfrey, Illinois, 62035, be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Ray Wesley, County Board Member, District #6.

DATED this 29th day of January, 2021.

s/ Kurt Prenzler
Kurt Prenzler
Madison County Board Chairman

s/ Debra Ming-Mendoza
Debra Ming-Mendoza
Madison County Clerk

On the question:

Mr. Holliday: I would like to support Ms. Doucleff as a new appointee to the County Board.

Mr. Madison moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to reconsider the appointment of Valerie Doucleff to County Board District 6.

The ayes and nays being called on the motion to reconsider resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: Kuhn, Pace, Ross, Madison, Walters, Holliday, Malone, Gray, Pollard, King, Hankins, Minner, Messner, Wiehardt, Foster, Petrillo, Glasper, Goggin, Guy, Harriss, Dalton, and Kneedler

NAYS: None

AYES: 22. NAYS: 0. Whereupon the Chairman declared the forgoing resolution reconsidered.

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The ayes and nays being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: Kuhn, Pace, Ross, Madison, Walters, Holliday, Malone, Gray, Pollard, King, Hankins, Minner, Messner, Wiehardt, Foster, Petrillo, Glasper, Goggin, Guy, Harriss, Dalton, and Kneedler

NAYS: None

AYES: 22. NAYS: 0. Whereupon the Chairman declared the forgoing resolution adopted.

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The following resolution was presented:

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY IN
COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT #14**

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Madison County Board for County Board District #14 due to the resignation of Tom McRae on November 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Michael Babcock has been recommended for consideration and appointment to fill this vacancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Madison County, Illinois, that Michael A. Babcock, 2 Hemlock Court, Bethalto, Illinois, 62010, be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Tom McRae, County Board Member, District #14.

DATED this 29th day of January, 2021.

s/ Kurt Prenzler
Kurt Prenzler
Madison County Board Chairman

s/ Debra Ming-Mendoza
Debra Ming-Mendoza
Madison County Clerk

On the question:

Mr. Malone: I was just curious, is Mr. Babcock going to continue to serve as the Township Supervisor?

Mr. Prenzler: That's my understanding.

Mr. Petrillo: I have nothing against Mr. Babcock at all but I am going to be voting no simply because I believe we need to give consideration to the previous member or their recommendations.

Mr. Walters: This gentleman was 1 of the 3 names given to Mr. Prenzler from the prior board member for that district so his name was 1 of the 3 given to the Chairman for consideration.

Mr. Petrillo: I'm sorry, I misunderstood the information I received. I see that Tom is online here. Tom, that was 1 of your 3? If I may ask that question, Mr. Chairman?

Mr. McRae: Yes, I was asked to submit 3 names; Chrissy Dutton, Mike Babcock and John Dugger.

*Ms. Mueller-Jones entered the meeting.

The ayes and nays being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

AYES: Kuhn, Pace, Ross, Madison, Walters, Holliday, Gray, Pollard, King, Messner, Wiehardt, Foster, Glasper, Goggin, Guy, Harriss, Mueller-Jones, Dalton, and Kneedler

NAYS: Malone, Hankins, Minner, and Petrillo

AYES: 19. NAYS: 4. Whereupon the Chairman declared the forgoing resolution adopted.

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The following resolution was presented:

**RESOLUTION CONCERNING APPOINTMENT TO FILL VACANCY IN
COUNTY BOARD DISTRICT #15**

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists on the Madison County Board for County Board District #15 due to the resignation of Chrissy Dutton-Wiley on December 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, Terry Eaker has been recommended for consideration and appointment to fill this vacancy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Madison County, Illinois, that Terry Eaker, 602 Montana Street, Bethalto, Illinois, 62010, be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Chrissy Dutton-Wiley, County Board Member, District #15.

DATED this 29th day of January, 2021.

s/ Kurt Prenzler
Kurt Prenzler
Madison County Board Chairman

s/ Debra Ming-Mendoza
Debra Ming-Mendoza
Madison County Clerk

On the question:

Mr. Foster: I'm confident that we'll recognize Ms. Dutton-Wiley for her service on the board because she did such an excellent job for all of us at a later date.

Mr. Prenzler: Yes.

*Mr. Madison clarified the pronunciation of Mr. Eaker's name.

Mr. Holliday: Was this gentleman a recommendation from the prior county board member?

Mr. Prenzler: That's my understanding.

Mr. Madison: This was a recommendation from Ms. Dutton-Wiley, and from Mr. McRae, and from myself.

The ayes and nays being called on the motion to approve resulted in a vote as follows:

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

NAYS: None

AYES: 23. NAYS: 0. Whereupon the Chairman declared the forgoing resolution adopted.

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*The agenda item to Direct the Madison County State's Attorney to file Declaratory Judgement Lawsuit with respect to time of County Board Appointments was pulled from consideration.

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Mr. Walters: Ladies and gentlemen of the board, I want to thank everybody, I know this has not been an easy couple of weeks. We moved through this as a board. Mr. Chairman, I want to thank you for reaching out to the outgoing 3, getting names and working with us. This will probably get this gentleman in a lot of trouble but Matt King, you've been a lot of help, I've appreciated talking to you. Also, the other 3, I'm going to compliment you, don't get big heads because I'm going to be making fun of you next week; Andy Carruthers, you've spent a lot of time working on this and helping us get through this and explaining why we had to get this done today; Eric Foster, big kudos to you. I know you spent hours on the phone working on negotiations; Erica Harriss, I can't thank you enough, you stood up, you went in, you spent days at the county, hours and hours on phone calls and I want to thank you and anybody else, I know you spent hours on this. The outgoing 3 individuals, thank you very much for your service and thank you for working with us on giving us the names to vote on. I know this wasn't easy but again, everybody else, thank you very much. Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

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The County Clerk swore in Valerie Doucleff (District 6), Michael Babcock (District 14), and Terry Eaker (District 15), as County Board Members.

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

PRESENT: Kuhn, Pace, Ross, Madison, Doucleff, Walters, Holliday, Malone, Gray, Pollard, King, Babcock, Eaker, Hankins, Minner, Messner, Wiehardt, Foster, Petrillo, Glasper, Goggin, Guy, Harriss, Mueller-Jones, Dalton, and Kneedler

ABSENT: Meyer, Dodd, and Valentine

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Mr. Walters moved, seconded by Ms. Kuhn to recess this session of the Madison County Board Meeting until Wednesday, February 17, 2021. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ATTEST: Debbie Ming-Mendoza
County Clerk

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