

STATE OF ILLINOIS            )  
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COUNTY OF MADISON        )

Proceedings of the County Board of Madison County, Illinois, at the Reorganizational session of said Board held at the Administration building in the City of Edwardsville, in the County and State aforesaid on Monday, December 5, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. and held for the transaction of county business.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2022**  
**RE-ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

The Reorganizational Meeting was called to order at 5:10 PM by Chairman Prenzler, Chairman of the Board, to conduct the meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all of the Members of the board.

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Linda Andreas, County Clerk and Clerk of the Board, read the Notice of Reorganizational Meeting.

**NOTICE OF REORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**  
**COUNTY BOARD**  
**MADISON COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Madison County Board will be held at its Board Room in the Administration Building in Edwardsville, in said County, at 5:00 o'clock P.M., Central Standard Time, on Monday, December 5, 2022.

A Reorganizational Meeting of said County Board will be held at the time and place aforesaid for the following purpose:

1. Seating of New Board Members
2. Election of Madison County Chairperson Pro Tem
3. Election of Madison County Vice Chairperson Pro Tem
4. Approval of Committee Assignments
5. Setting Schedule of County Board Meetings

Dated at Edwardsville this 1<sup>st</sup> day of December 2022.

s/ Linda Andreas  
County Clerk and Clerk of the Board

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Available for review was the Certificate of Publication and the Certificates of Election.

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All members of the County Board were sworn in by Linda Andreas, County Clerk.

All members of the County Board signed the Oath of Office.

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The Roll Call was called by Linda Andreas, County Clerk, showing the following members present:

PRESENT: Fred Michael, Stacey Pace, William Meyer, Bobby Ross, Mick Madison, Valerie Doucleff, Michael Turner, Michael Holliday, Sr., Bill Stoutenborough, Shawndell Williams, Dalton Gray, Robert Pollard, Matt King, Mike Babcock, Terry Eaker, Robert Meyer, Victor Valentine, Jr., Alison Lamothe, Nick Petrillo, Denise Wiehardt, John Janek, Ryan Kneedler, W. Paul Nicolussi, Charles Schmidt, Chris Guy, and Jason Palmero

REMOTE: None

ABSENT: None

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**Mr. Prenzler:** Thank you. We will now move on to the next item on the agenda since we had the seating of all the new board members has taken place. We're now going to the election of the Madison County Chairperson Pro Tem.

**Mr. Nicolussi:** Chairman, I'd like a point of privilege to make a motion, and give a brief explanation why. I would like to move to postpone the vote on the pro tem today. I think we have a new board today, and I think if we voted to remove the chairman's powers, the vote would go much differently today. I have received a lot of questions from my constituents since I declared I was running for county board. There has been two that stand out. The first is why we have not had county board representation in 16 months. Today is the first day the voters in my district had representation since September 2021. The second question, makes the other one fail in comparison. They ask why the Chairman lost his powers. Then they follow that up with when is he getting them back? I just want to say that I'm not here to rubber stamp everything the chairman does. I'm just here to do the will of my voters and district 23. If someone wants to do the chairman's job, there is an election coming up in 2024. You will be filling your paperwork out, for the primary, a year from January. If you would like to do his job, run against him. What's more democratic than that? So I put forth the motion to postpone the vote.

**Mr. Madison:** This is just shoving off the inevitable. We always have a chairman pro tem, always. And we need to do that. I think we should just not vote to postpone it and have the vote to.

**Mr. Prenzler:** We have a motion and a second. Any other comments? Roll call. Mr. Nicolussi, could you repeat that?

**Mr. Nicolussi:** The motion is to vote to postpone the pro tem until we vote on giving your powers back.

**Mr. Prenzler:** We have a motion and a second. Roll call.

**Mr. Babcock:** Tom, could you please give us an idea...

**Mr. Prenzler:** Mr. Babcock, I've already called roll call.

**Mr. Babcock:** Sorry, I'm asking for his opinion on this.

**Mr. Prenzler:** Mr. Babcock, I've called roll call. You're out of order.

**Mr. Babcock:** I'm going to say it one more time. I need...

**Mr. Prenzler:** Mr. Babcock, you're out of order. Roll call.

**Mr. Babcock:** I need clarification on it.

**Mr. Prenzler:** Mr. Babcock, you're out of order. Roll call. We've had a motion, we've had some discussion. Roll call.

**Mr. Babcock:** I don't think people understand exactly what they're voting for, Chairman. So if you would please allow him to explain what the aye and nay means, please.

**Mr. Prenzler:** It's a postponement until next meeting. I'm presiding over this meeting. Roll call.

Ms. Wiehardt moved, seconded by Mr. Schmidt to postpone the election of the Chairman Pro Tem until the next meeting.

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

AYES: Ross, Turner, Williams, Gray, R. Meyer, Janek, Nicolussi, Schmidt, and Guy

NAYS: Michael, Pace, W. Meyer, Madison, Doucleff, Holliday, Stoutenborough, Pollard, King, Babcock, Eaker, Valentine, Lamothe, Petrillo, Wiehardt, and Palmero

ABSTENTIONS: Kneedler

AYES: 9. NAYS: 16. ABST.: 1. Whereupon the Chairman declared the foregoing motion to postpone failed.

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**Mr. Prenzler:** Next, I would entertain nominations for the pro tem.

Mr. Eaker moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to nominate Mick Madison for Chairperson Pro Tem.

Ms. Wiehardt moved, seconded by Mr. Babcock to nominate Stacey Pace for Chairperson Pro Tem.

MADISON: Ross, Madison, Doucleff, Turner, Gray, Eaker, R. Meyer, Valentine, Janek, Kneedler, Nicolussi, Schmidt, and Palmero

PACE: Michael, Pace, W. Meyer, Holliday, Stoutenborough, Williams, Pollard, King, Babcock, Lamothe, Petrillo, and Wiehardt

ABSTENTIONS: Guy

MADISON: 13. PACE: 12. ABST.: 1.

**Mr. Haine:** Then elect by a simple majority, which is the majority of the board present. Chris Guy is present, he is just abstaining. One needs to have 14 votes in order for that person to be elected pro tem. Due

to the fact that the ordinance says shall, this board cannot move onto the next item until a pro tem is elected. For example, only the pro tem can do committee assignments.

**Mr. Eaker:** Does Chris Guy need to say why he's abstaining?

**Mr. Haine:** A board member is allowed to abstain if he in his own judgement believes he has conflict of interest and doesn't have to say why. I assume Mr. Guy has made that analysis in his own mind. So someone needs to obtain 14 votes, and the roll call would need to be conducted until that occurs. No other business can be conducted by this body until that occurs. That is my understanding.

**Mr. Prenzler:** It is my understanding that Robert's Rules says that when someone abstains, it counts with the majority.

**Mr. Haine:** I disagree with that. That's where we are. Does anyone have any questions?

**Mr. Nicolussi:** These are very unprecedented circumstances. Can we have a vote on Chairman Prenzler just to give him his powers back with a simple majority.

**Mr. Haine:** You can't hold a vote on a matter, we talked about this before when we had the OMA Open Meetings Act Orientation, Paul. Unless a matter is on the agenda, the board can't take final action on it. So there being no item on this agenda relating to that ordinance change, the ordinances can't be changed. If a pro tem is elected now, and the board decides to change the ordinances however it would like subject to the requirements of OMA, its up to the board. But until such time that someone obtains 14 votes, this board needs to continue to consider and debate and potentially modify votes in one direction or the other. This is how democracy works.

**Mr. Guy:** Can I ask for a 5 minute recess, just so we can have some time to discuss this?

**Mr. Prenzler:** Granted.

**Mr. Haine:** Just a reminder, subject to OMA, when discussing this issue amongst yourselves, you cannot discuss in groups of more than 6 or it will be required to be public. You can discuss it in groups of 6 or fewer, but you cannot discuss in groups of 7.

Chairman Prenzler declared a 5 minute recess at 5:24 PM.

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Chairman Prenzler reconvened the meeting at 5:29 PM.

**Mr. Prenzler:** We might encourage them to come back inside. Just as a matter of information for the county board, at the conclusion of this meeting, I will be circulating a petition for you to sign or to not sign to call a special meeting Tuesday next week at 5:00 for the express purpose of repealing the resolution that put in effect this new system. Let's do this over again. I would entertain nominations for the chairperson pro tem.

Mr. Eaker moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to nominate Mick Madison for Chairperson Pro Tem.

Ms. Wiehardt moved, seconded by Mr. Babcock to nominate Stacey Pace for Chairperson Pro Tem.

MADISON: Ross, Madison, Doucleff, Turner, Gray, Eaker, R. Meyer, Janek, Kneedler, Nicolussi, Schmidt, Guy, and Palmero

PACE: Michael, Pace, W. Meyer, Holliday, Stoutenborough, Williams, Pollard, King, Babcock, Valentine, Lamothe, Petrillo, and Wiehardt

MADISON: 13. PACE: 13.

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**Mr. Prenzler:** I would entertain a motion to adjourn this meeting.

**Mr. Nicolussi:** I second.

**Mr. Prenzler:** No, you would make the motion. Is there a second?

**Mr. Madison:** So you're not going to have any committees?

**Mr. Janek:** Second.

**Mr. Madison:** So you're not going to be able to pay any bills this month?

**Mr. Prenzler:** We're calling a special meeting for Tuesday next week.

**Mr. Madison:** We're not going to have any committees. Can we at least vote on the committees?

**Mr. Haine:** The motion to adjourn has to pass prior to adjourning.

**Mr. Prenzler:** We have a motion and a second. We've had discussion.

**Mr. Holliday:** Can we have another vote?

**Mr. Ross:** If we continue with this, we won't have any committee meetings.

**Mr. Prenzler:** That's right, until Tuesday.

**Mr. Madison:** Why would we do that?

**Mr. Babcock:** I ask for a 5 minute recess again, please.

**Mr. Ross:** We have committee meetings scheduled for this week.

**Mr. Prenzler:** I think we can go ahead with this.

**Mr. Madison:** I have a zoning meeting tomorrow and there is a lot of people going to be here to speak. It's important.

**Mr. Prenzler:** That's a compelling argument, actually, Mr. Nicolussi that Mr. Madison makes.

**Mr. Nicolussi:** I think we can vote on the committees. That's fine. Would everybody be ok with that?

**Mr. Ross:** Withdraw your motion to adjourn.

**Mr. Prenzler:** Do you withdraw your motion to adjourn?

**Mr. Nicolussi:** Yeah, I take it back.

**Mr. Prenzler:** Very good. If we could go ahead and approve committees. Why don't we jump to that place on the agenda right now.

**Ms. Pace:** Chairman, are we able to do that? We're not able to do that, are we?

**Mr. Holliday:** Mr. Chairman, we're not able to do that.

**Mr. Nicolussi:** It's on the agenda.

**Ms. Pace:** I understand.

**Mr. Holliday:** We have to do the pro tem first.

**Mr. Prenzler:** No, I don't think we do.

**Mr. King:** The vice pro tem.

**Mr. Prenzler:** I'm making that ruling on the floor that we can go ahead and jump to the approval...

**Mr. Madison:** We haven't completed the vote on pro tem though.

**Mr. Haine:** I'm just waiting on the opportunity to provide advice.

**Mr. Ross:** Could I have Tom's opinion, please?

**Mr. Haine:** So the way our ordinance is, which again, can be changed, just not now at this meeting. The way our ordinance is set up is only the pro tem can nominate for committee assignments. So until the pro tem is seated, and then nominates for committee assignments, there can be no vote because there has been no nominations. You can't just move past the nomination part of this, that's how our ordinances are set up. The pro tem vote is the thing that will allow us to move on to the next part.

**Mr. Eaker:** We need to just sit here and fight it out and get it done.

**Mr. Haine:** You need to figure it out.

**Mr. Babcock:** Hey Tom, being there is a vice and a pro tem, is it possible to make both of them pro tem. I'm just asking the questions.

**Mr. Haine:** Not under our ordinances, no.

**Mr. Nicolussi:** Are you talking about your original resolution? The 28 page one that stripped Chairman of his powers?

**Mr. Madison:** No.

**Mr. Haine:** I'm talking about the ordinances as they currently exist.

**Mr. Prenzler:** Mr. Babcock did request a 5 minute recess and I think that may be appropriate right now. So if we could do another 5 minute recess.

Chairman Prenzler declared a 5 minute recess at 5:36 PM.

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Chairman Prenzler reconvened the meeting at 5:41 PM.

**Mr. Prenzler:** We have taken 5 minutes, I would encourage everyone to take your seats. County Board Madison requests a 3 minute extension of the recess. That's granted.

Chairman Prenzler declared a 3 minute recess at 5:42 PM.

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Chairman Prenzler reconvened the meeting at 5:45 PM

**Mr. Prenzler:** If I could ask everyone to return to the seats. Mr. Guy is requesting another 2 minutes. Granted.

Chairman Prenzler declared a 2 minute recess at 5:47 PM.

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Chairman Prenzler reconvened the meeting at 5:49 PM

**Mr. Prenzler:** Again, I will entertain nominations for the pro tem situation.

Mr. Eaker moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to nominate Mick Madison for Chairperson Pro Tem.

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

AYES: Michael, Pace, Ross, Madison, Doucleff, Turner, Holliday, Stoutenborough, Williams, Gray, Pollard, King, Babcock, Eaker, R. Meyer, Valentine, Petrillo, Wiehardt, Janek, Kneedler, Nicolussi, Schmidt, Guy, and Palmero

NAYS: W. Meyer

ABSTENTIONS: Lamothe

AYES: 24. NAYS: 1. ABST.: 1. Whereupon the Chairman declared Mick Madison the Chairperson Pro Tem.

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Mr. Guy moved, seconded by Ms. Wiehardt to nominate Stacey Pace for Vice Chairperson Pro Tem.

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

AYES: Michael, Pace, W. Meyer, Ross, Madison, Doucleff, Turner, Holliday, Stoutenborough, Williams, Gray, Pollard, King, Babcock, Eaker, R. Meyer, Valentine, Lamothe, Petrillo, Wiehardt, Janek, Kneedler, Guy, and Palmero

NAYS: Nicolussi and Schmidt

AYES: 24. NAYS: 2. Whereupon the Chairman declared Stacey Pace the Vice Chairperson Pro Tem.

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**Mr. Prenzler:** Now we'll go to the next, and this is approval of the committee assignments. You have before you committee assignments. Do we have a motion to approve those?

**Ms. Pace:** So moved.

**Mr. Holliday:** Second.

<b>BUILDING &amp; ZONING</b>	<b>CENTRAL SERVICES</b>	<b>EXECUTIVE</b>
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday @ 5:30 pm</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday @ 5:30 pm</i>	<i>As needed</i>
Mick Madison, Chair	Bobby Ross, Chair	Chris Guy, Chair
Terry Eaker	Mick Madison	Bobby Ross
Bobby Ross	Matt King	Denise Wiehardt
Nick Petrillo	Fred Michael	Bill Meyer
Ryan Kneedler	Alison Lamothe	Stacey Pace
John Janek	Charles Schmidt	Terry Eaker
Matt King	Ryan Kneedler	Mike Babcock
Bill Meyer		Matt King
		Mick Madison
		Dalton Gray

<b>FINANCE &amp; GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS</b>	<b>GOVERNMENT RELATIONS</b>	<b>GRANTS</b>
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday @ 4:00 pm</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday @ 3:30 pm</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday @ 4:15 pm</i>
Chris Guy, Chair	Stacey Pace, Chair	Denise Wiehardt, Chair
Mike Babcock	Denise Wiehardt	Valerie Doucleff
Robert Pollard	Jason Palmero	Stacey Pace
Ryan Kneedler	Shawndell Williams	Shawndell Williams
Mike Turner	Alison Lamothe	Bill Stoutenborough
Robert Meyer	Mike Babcock	Paul Nicolussi
Mick Madison	Dalton Gray	Victor Valentine
Dalton Gray		William Meyer
John Janek		



<b>PERSONNEL &amp; LABOR RELATIONS</b>	<b>JUDICIARY</b>	<b>HEALTH DEPARTMENT</b>
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday @ 4:15 pm</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Thursday @ 3:00 pm</i>	<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday @ 3:00 pm</i>
Dalton Gray, Chair	Mike Babcock, Chair	Stacey Pace, Chair
Michael Holliday	William Meyer	Bill Stoutenborough
Valerie Doucleff	Chris Guy	Robert Pollard
Mike Turner	Michael Holliday	Paul Nicolussi
Victor Valentine	Terry Eaker	Fred Michael
John Janek	Nick Petrillo	Jason Palmero
Chris Guy	Robert Pollard	Michael Holliday
		Nick Petrillo

<b>SEWER FACILITIES</b>	<b>PUBLIC SAFETY</b>	<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Monday @ 4:00 pm</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Thursday @ 4:15 pm</i>	<i>1<sup>st</sup> Thursday @ 5:30 pm</i>
Matt King, Chair	Terry Eaker, Chair	William Meyer, Chair
Denise Wiehardt	Robert Meyer	Bobby Ross
Shawndell Williams	Bill Stoutenborough	Matt King
Robert Meyer	Alison Lamothe	Victor Valentine
Nick Petrillo	John Janek	Mike Turner
	Charles Schmidt	Jason Palmero
	Valerie Doucleff	Fred Michael
	Stacey Pace	Charles Schmidt
		Paul Nicolussi

On the question:

**Mr. Haine:** For clarities purpose, Mick as the pro tem would have to actually make these as his own nomination so all you have to do is adopt those committee assignments as your own nominations. Although, there is one vacancy and that is the chairperson of the Executive Committee. So you would have to identify that person.

**Mr. Madison:** Thank you, Mr. States Attorney and Mr. Chairman. I move the approval of the committee assignments.

**Mr. Haine:** Do you have a proposal or nomination for the chair of the Executive Committee because that is vacant on those assignments.

**Mr. Madison:** Very good, sorry, I missed that Tom. Give me 2 seconds here. Mr. Chairman, I make a motion to appoint Chris Guy the Chairman of the Executive Committee.

**Mr. Prenzler:** With that addition to the list, any other comments or questions? Hearing none, roll call.

Mr. Madison moved, seconded by Mr. Eaker to assign Chris Guy as the Executive Committee Chairperson, and to approve committee assignments.

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

AYES: Michael, Pace, W. Meyer, Ross, Madison, Doucleff, Turner, Holliday, Stoutenborough, Williams, Gray, Pollard, King, Babcock, Eaker, R. Meyer, Valentine, Lamothe, Petrillo, Wiehardt, Janek, Kneeder, Nicolussi, Schmidt, Guy, and Palmero

NAYS: None

AYES: 26. NAYS: 0. Whereupon the Chairman declared Chris Guy the Executive Committee Chairperson and the committee assignments duly adopted.

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The following resolution was submitted for discussion and approval:

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING COUNTY BOARD MEETING DATES**

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary to establish the dates and times for the regular monthly meetings of the Madison County Board for the 2022-2024 period; and,

**WHEREAS**, it is the desire of the Madison County Board to continue with the current schedule.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the County Board of Madison County that the regular monthly meetings of the Madison County Board for the next biennium shall be held at 5:00 pm. on the following dates:

December 21, 2022	December 20, 2023
January 18, 2023	January 17, 2024
February 15, 2023	February 21, 2024
March 15, 2023	March 20, 2024
April 19, 2023	April 17, 2024
May 17, 2023	May 15, 2024
June 21, 2023	June 19, 2024
July 19, 2023	July 17, 2024
August 16, 2023	August 21, 2024
September 20, 2023	September 18, 2024
October 18, 2023	October 16, 2024
November 15, 2023	November 20, 2024

Adopted this 5<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022.

s/ Kurt Prenzler  
Kurt Prenzler  
Chairman of the Board

ATTEST:

s/ Linda Andreas  
Linda Andreas  
County Clerk and Clerk of the Board

Ms. Pace moved, seconded by Mr. Gray to approve the resolution as presented.

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

AYES: Michael, Pace, W. Meyer, Ross, Madison, Doucleff, Turner, Holliday, Stoutenborough, Williams, Gray, Pollard, King, Babcock, Eaker, R. Meyer, Valentine, Lamothe, Petrillo, Wiehardt, Janek, Kneedler, Nicolussi, Schmidt, Guy, and Palmero

NAYS: None

AYES: 26. NAYS: 0. Whereupon the Chairman declared the foregoing resolution duly adopted.

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Mr. Holliday moved, seconded by Ms. Pace to adjourn the meeting at 5:54 PM. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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