

**MADISON COUNTY BOARD
Special Board Meeting**

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COUNTY OF MADISON)

Proceedings of the County Board of Madison County, Illinois, as the recessed session of said Board held at the Nelson "Nellie" Hagnauer County Board Room in the Administration Building in the City of Edwardsville, in the County and State aforesaid on said Wednesday, May 11, 2021 and held for the transaction of special business.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 11, 2021
5:00 PM
SPECIAL SESSION**

The Board met pursuant to recess taken April 27, 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, Meyer, Ross, Madison, Doucleff, Walters, Stoutenborough, Malone, Gray, Pollard, King, Babcock, Eaker, Hankins, Valentine, Minner, Messner, Wiehardt, Foster, Petrillo, Glasper, Goggin, Guy, Harriss, Mueller-Jones, Dalton, and Kneedler

ABSENT: Holliday

*Mr. Gray and Mr. Valentine were absent during roll call but arrived shortly after.

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ROB DORMAN'S ADDRESS TO THE BOARD

Unfortunately, I have friends and family around the country tuning in to listen to what I'm going to say tonight that are not going to be able to hear it. I know I have 3 minutes, I'll speak anyway. I'm glad you have the meeting back for the first time and I am able to address the board after the pandemic. It has affected so many lives. Unfortunately, I was directed to call in, so I can't be there to welcome the new board members, which is what I wanted to do at the first meeting, which is why I put my name in for public comment. With that said, I have friends and family around the country tuned in because during the pandemic on July 21, 2020, my father, William Henry Dorman passed away at 81. He was appointed by the previous board to be a Collinsville Fire Protection District Trustee. That was something he really enjoyed doing. It was tumultuous times to say the least. I would like to ask for a moment of silence and use the rest of my public time for that in his honor. Just like he always told me, "Actions speak louder than words", and I think you can hear his silence, so loud it's deafening. Thank you, but I'm going to use the rest of my time for the moment of silence in his honor. Thank you. Thank you so much, have a great meeting.

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The following appointment was submitted:

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF DAVID TANZYUS AS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the adopted Personnel Policies for County Board Appointed Officials and Department Heads, the following is recommended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Madison County, Illinois that the Board employs David Tanzyus as County Administrator.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said employment shall be effective May, 11, 2021 and shall continue at the pleasure of the County Board Chairman and County Board of Madison County, Illinois, in accordance with the Personnel Policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that David Tanzyus shall receive a salary of One Hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000.00) per annum, to be paid in twenty-six (26) equal installments on the regularly scheduled County paydays and that said Department Head shall receive the benefits indicated in the adopted Personnel Policies for County Board Appointed Officials and Department Heads.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the definition and duties for the position of County Administrator as outlined in the Position Description on file in the County Board Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above-named Department Head shall indicate his/her acceptance of this appointment with all of the above-stated conditions, by signing this Resolution prior to its becoming effective.

Adopted this 11th day of May 2021.

s/ Kurt Prenzler
County Board Chairman

s/ David Tanzyus
Department Head Acceptance

VOICE VOTE BY ALL MEMBERS PRESENT.

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The following appointment was submitted:

**A RESOLUTION CONCERNING THE APPOINTMENT OF CHRISTOPHER BETHEL AS
DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

WHEREAS, in accordance with the adopted Personnel Policies for County Board Appointed Officials and Department Heads, the following is recommended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the County Board of Madison County, Illinois that the Board employs Christopher Bethel as Director of Information.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said employment shall be effective May, 11, 2021 and shall continue at the pleasure of the County Board Chairman and County Board of Madison County, Illinois, in accordance with the Personnel Policies.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Christopher Bethel shall receive a salary of One Hundred and five thousand dollars (\$105,000.00) per annum, to be paid in twenty-six (26) equal installments on the regularly scheduled County paydays and that said Department Head shall receive the benefits indicated in the adopted Personnel Policies for County Board Appointed Officials and Department Heads.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the definition and duties for the position of Director of the Information Technology Department as outlined in the Position Description on file in the County Board Office.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the above-named Department Head shall indicate his/her acceptance of this appointment with all of the above-stated conditions, by signing this Resolution prior to its becoming effective.

Adopted this 11th day of May 2021.

s/ Kurt Prenzler
County Board Chairman

s/ Christopher Bethel
Department Head Acceptance

On the question:

Mr. Goggin: I'm really glad you made this appointment, I think Chris has done a great job for the last year, and I'm very confident he'll do a good job leading the I.T. Department moving forward.

VOICE VOTE BY ALL MEMBERS.

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Mr. Prenzler: Lets go next to the presentation of my proposed county board map, which is reducing the number of districts from 29 to 25. Dave Parizon is putting that up on the big screen. I've talked to many of you today about my thinking in terms of the process of doing this. I will be seeing the details of this tonight with you. My goal, through this whole process, is to have as little bias involved and that includes my own. The contract I signed with the University of Illinois Springfield mentions a number of times no bias except do not break up minority neighborhoods. And then going on to the state law; the state law talks about how districts should be substantially equal in population; next, they should be compact; next, they should recognize townships and municipalities as much as they can; last, they should recognize precincts. Any one is free to have questions or comments this evening; this is really just a presentation. And the state law requires 6 days for the public to view this map. We are planning to have a public hearing on Tuesday at

5pm, and that will be both a virtual meeting for you as county board members, but will also have it physically so the public can come and view the maps in detail and learn about them.

Mr. Guy: Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for calling ahead of time to ask if I had any questions, and one just popped up so I hate to throw one at you. Do you happen to know what population estimate U of I Springfield was working off for this map?

Mr. Prenzler: I do not, but they received all their American Community Survey information from Dave Parizon that was sent out by the county to them. That's a very good point you bring up, there are a lot of things that are unusual about this year. One of the unusual things about 2021, is that typically the United States would receive its census data more or less at the end of February. Mr. Guy is our local specialist on that issue. And this year, we were surprised. The federal government said no, you're not going to receive the census data at the end of February, you're going to receive it in September. So, that really kind of threw the entire country, all 50 states, all 3,000 counties, there are a lot of other folks that have to redistrict all through the United States. And basically, a lot of lawyers around the state began to look at this and the common opinion was keep the calendar requirements in the law, and use the best data that's available, and the consensus is that is the American Community Survey data. American Community Survey is a sub-department of the United States Census Bureau, and they collect that data by surveys, and maybe only 300,000 surveys per year. I know some county board members have indicated that they believe that the American Community Survey data doesn't reflect what's really true in their area, but that's the best we have to go on.

Ms. Mueller-Jones: Do you have a better map, with better markings? I know I've lived here my whole life, but this isn't exactly very readable.

Mr. Prenzler: Yes.

Mr. Parizon: This is a part of the projector too. You will have it online also.

Ms. Mueller-Jones: And when can we expect that?

Mr. Parizon: It's already up.

Mr. Prenzler: It's online right now.

Ms. Mueller-Jones: On a website? Can you please tell us?

Mr. Prenzler: Yes, it is. In fact, if you go to the county website and go to Government, and then go to County Board, and then you'll look, and it'll be Proposed County Board Districts. It is up online right now. We do have also, a number of districts in detail on paper, which Cynthia Ellis has and she can distribute at the end of this meeting. There she is, right up on top.

Ms. Mueller-Jones: Ok, can we have it?

Mr. Prenzler: Yes.

Ms. Mueller-Jones: This is the thing, I'm a lawyer, you know that. I do not make decisions unless I have all of the information. This does not give me all the information. I want to know particular what each district is, and the population. If there's a report that's included, I'd like to have that as well.

Mr. Prenzler: We do have that information. The closer you zoom in online, the more you'll see.

Mr. Parizon: It'll show you the population.

Mr. Prenzler: Yes, it does show you the population of the district, absolutely.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

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NEW BUSINESS:

None.

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Mr. Walters moved, seconded by Mr. Ross to recess this session of the Madison County Board Meeting until Wednesday, May 19, 2021. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ATTEST: Debbie Ming-Mendoza
County Clerk

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