



**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
ILLINOIS STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES  
February 20, 2020  
828 S. Second Street  
Springfield, IL**

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Illinois State Association of Counties (ISACo) was held on Thursday, February 20, 2020, at 10:02 a.m. at the ISACo office in Springfield, IL at which the following were in attendance in person or via teleconference:

Cook, Commissioner Deborah Sims, President  
DuPage, Board Member James D. Healy, Vice President  
Winnebago, Auditor Bill Crowley, Treasurer  
Cook, Commissioner Pete Silvestri  
Kendall, Board Member Matt Prochaska  
Tazewell, Chairman David Zimmerman

**ISACo STAFF**

Joe McCoy, Executive Director

**GUESTS**

Aerea Charles, Cook County

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Treasurer Crowley and seconded by Vice President Healy to approve the minutes from the December 15, 2019, meeting. The motion was approved and the minutes were adopted.

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

President Sims discussed the 2019 Annual Meeting and indicated that everyone enjoyed the Standard Club.

## **VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Vice President Healy discussed his ongoing project to collect county pins from every county in the country. When complete, his collection will be gifted to the National Association of Counties (ISACo).

He also discussed efforts underway to build support for federal funding of railroad grade separations. The immediate plan is to successfully pass an emergency resolution in support of the issue during the upcoming NACo Legislative Conference in Washington, D.C. This is an issue with which ISACo can take a leadership role. He indicated he would provide additional information to Executive Director McCoy to share with the Board.

## **SECRETARY'S REPORT**

Secretary Meyer was unable to attend the meeting because of a matter requiring his attention as Washington County Board Chairman.

## **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Treasurer Crowley reported that ISACo's financial condition is healthy. He provided an overview of the balance sheet and other financial reports. He discussed the check detail document and asked the Board for a motion to approve the document. A motion was made by Vice President Healy and seconded by Chairman Zimmerman to approve the check detail document. The motion was approved.

Vice President Healy discussed royalty revenue received from Nationwide.

The Board discussed the need for an investment policy now that ISACo's revenue balance is growing. Vice President Healy will provide a draft policy for circulation among the Board.

Treasurer Crowley discussed ISACo's filing requirements with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

Executive Director McCoy reported on ISACo's revenue reserve growth.

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

Executive Director McCoy discussed the prospect and cost of upgrading the association's website. The Board indicated that the project is worthy of a significant expenditure. Director McCoy will seek cost estimates and report back to the Executive Committee since the Executive Committee will meet prior to the next Board meeting.

He discussed the recent staff addition that brings ISACo's office staff to three persons. The most recent hire is Blair Egan, who comes to ISACo through the University of Illinois at Springfield Graduate Public Service Intern (GPSI) program and will serve as a policy analyst in the continuing effort to build out a professional legislative program. President Sims indicated the importance of eventually adding diversity to the staff. Executive Director McCoy agreed and conveyed that this is a hiring objective of ISACo.

He reported that ISACo's membership has doubled from 11 to 22 member counties since 2018. He indicated that 75% of the state's population resides in an ISACo member county and that ISACo member counties are represented by more than 80% of state legislators.

He provided an update on 2020 membership dues received to date.

He reported that ISACo now has seven corporate partners and is on the cusp of securing an eighth. He tabulated to total amount of revenue derived from the corporate partner program. President Sims provided a contact for another prospective corporate partner.

Executive Director McCoy provided an update on improvements made to ISACo's office and discussed options available to address inflated utility costs caused by the building's heating system.

### **LEGISLATIVE REPORT**

Executive Director McCoy reported that sponsors were secured for ISACo's legislative agenda and the agenda was successfully introduced. He discussed ISACo's planned April 29 Lobby Day and encouraged Board members to send at least two people from their counties. A discussion ensued about the importance of building up a lobby day for counties that draws attendance from counties throughout the state.

### **NACo LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE**

Executive Director McCoy discussed the upcoming NACo Legislative Conference and the ISACo Luncheon planned for Sunday, March 1, 2020. The Board discussed Will County Board Speaker Denise Winfrey's candidacy for NACo 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to come before the Illinois State Association of Counties, a motion was made by Treasurer Crowley and seconded by Chairman Zimmerman to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved, and the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.