

The December 2nd, 2020 Special County Board Meeting of the Honorable Clay County Board was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Sheriff Deputy Steve Spitzner.

The Pledge to the flag was led by Deputy Spitzner.

The blessing was led by Ted Whitehead.

The roll was called:

Present: Ted Whitehead, Chairman, Brad Harris via Zoom, Joe Goodman, Janice Brooks, Jeremy Wildbur, Tara Bangert, Chris Rinehart via Zoom, Terry Hronec, John Bayler, David Johnson, Joe Gilliland, Barb McGrew via Zoom.

Absent: Shannon French, Mary McCollough.

Chairman Whitehead acknowledged guests from the Republican Central Comm, Bryan West & Jeremy Kohn. Additionally, Chairman Whitehead welcomed new board member Tara Bangert.

State's Attorney Koester went over some ground rules prior to interviews. He noted he had received questions regarding possibility of conflict of interest on one candidate's affiliation with a local business/employees. Koester said it is not a conflict as a matter of law; however, if a board member feels he/she cannot be fair and unbiased that member should abstain from the process.

Questions should be restricted to relevant subjects with candidates. No action will be taken tonight.

Motion by Janice Brooks, seconded by Joe Goodman, to go to closed session for the following purpose: The selection of a person to fill a public office, when the public body is given power to appoint under law or ordinance, or the discipline, performance or removal of the occupant of a public body is given power to remove the occupant under law or ordinance (5 ILCS 120/2 (c) (3)); Time: 6:15 p.m. Motion Carried, Voice Action.

Motion by Dave Johnson, seconded by Jeremy Wildbur, to return to open session. Time: 8:45 p.m. Motion Carried, Voice Action.

Motion by Jeremy Wildbur, seconded by Terry Hronec, to adjourn. Time: 8:45 p.m. Motion Carried, Voice Action.