



Illinois County Treasurers' Association

ILLINOIS COUNTY TREASURERS' ASSOCIATION

Zone II Meeting
March 21, 2018
Sangamo Club
Springfield, Illinois

MINUTES

Zone II Chairman Tom Cavanagh called the meeting to order at 11:30 am. Chris Slusser led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Treasurers/Deputies in attendance were: Travis Cox, Cass; Mary Burress, Tazewell; Kris Pilkington, Hancock; Tom Cavanagh (and wife Diann Reed) Sangamon; Kirby Ballard, Greene; Staci Mayall, Fulton; Lisa Roth, Calhoun; Chris Slusser, Madison; Candy Knight, Brown; Betty Asmussen, Christian; Mark Ford, Scott; Dean Ross, Schuyler; Nicole Demetreas, Peoria; Penny Thomas, Logan; Jenny Geirnaeirt, Morgan; and Mark Crawford, Sangamon (Deputy).

Others in attendance were: Mike Meyer, Computer Information Concepts; Rick Scheibal, Joseph E. Meyer & Associates; and Megan Cochran, Sikich LLP.

Tom welcomed everyone and mentioned that the group had received a note of thanks for the wreath from Margo Jenkins, the widow of Montgomery County Treasurer Ron Jenkins.

Tom mentioned the IACO Spring Conference is earlier than normal this year (April 9-11). Kirby Ballard, Jenny Geirnaeirt and Betty Asmussen are coordinating. Betty made some brief comments about the conference and encouraged everyone to register.

Treasurers were reminded to vote for a Zone II Treasurer of the Year to be presented at the spring conference. Ballots are to be sent to Kris Pilkington.

The next Zone II meeting will be on Friday, June 29th in Carthage (Hancock County) with Kris Pilkington hosting.

Kirby Ballard made some comments about the Legislative Committee and process.

Betty Asmussen brought up the issue of salary-setting for county officials. A number of those in attendance had questions and/or comments. Staci Mayall mentioned she had a survey with salary information and said she would forward it for dissemination to the group.

Betty Asmussen asked the group to try to log into the new County Treasurer website. More information will be provided at a later date.

Rick Scheibal made some comments about Social Security options.

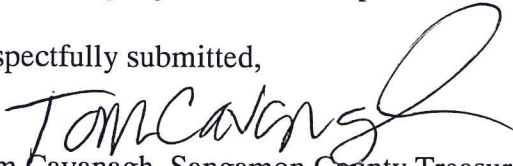
Megan Cochran, Mike Meyer and Rick Scheibal all made brief comments about their companies and services.

At this point in the meeting the Zone II group was joined by members of the Springfield Chapter of the Association of Government Accountants. After lunch, self-introductions were made by all.

Connie Beard, Director of the Illinois Department of Revenue was introduced. Connie made some comments about initiatives at DOR. She talked about data analytics designed to detect and defeat fraud. She spoke about her efforts to seek ways to reduce wasted time in the department and her commitment to soliciting input from employees for suggestions on better operational methods. Connie talked about a high percentage of DOR employees who are currently eligible to retire and strategies to avoid “brain drain”. She made some comments about improved outcomes in the number of those filing tax returns electronically. Connie also spoke about an automatic lien registry designed to avoid routine but costly onsite-visits to courthouses throughout Illinois for DOR staff members. Connie stressed that she is always interested in input about her department. She encouraged those in attendance to e-mail her at connie.beard@illinois.gov. At the end of her presentation, Connie fielded questions.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Cavanagh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Tom Cavanagh, Sangamon County Treasurer and Zone II Chairman