

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
KNOX COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

December 28, 2016

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Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Knox County Board held at the Knox County Courthouse, Galesburg, Illinois on Wednesday, December 28, 2016, at 6:13 p.m.

The Meeting was called to order by County Board Chairwoman Pamela Davidson and upon roll call the following Members reported present:

District 1	Lyle Johnson
District 2	John Hunigan
District 4	Jared Hawkinson
District 1	Cheryl Nache
District 2	David Amor
District 3	Pamela Davidson
District 4	David Erickson
District 5	Brian Friedrich
District 1	Richard Conklin
District 2	Robert Bondi
District 3	Trisha Hurst
District 4	Sara Varner
District 5	Todd Shreves

And those absent: District 3 Michael Nelson
 District 5 Ricardo "Rick" Sandoval

Also present were County Treasurer Robin Davis, Sheriff David Clague, State's Attorney John Pepmeyer, and County Clerk Scott Erickson.

Sheriff David Clague delivered the proclamation. Chairwoman Pamela Davidson led the Members in the pledge to the flag. Rev. Leigh Nygard of Bethel Baptist Church of Galesburg delivered the invocation.

Chairwoman Davidson asked for additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none.

Chairwoman Davidson asked for public comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Member Erickson and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the following items of the consent agenda: 1) minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on November 23, 2016, 2) claims by Members for per diem and mileage for the meetings of December 2016

and other claims for per diem from Meetings, and 3) sales tax and various taxes for the month of September 2016 in the amounts of \$107,196.66 and \$29,441.20 and public safety tax in the amount of \$181,416.53. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Hurst to approve the Resolution to place question on the ballot for Mental Health Board Tax from the Knox County Mental Health Advisory Committee. David Simpson addressed the Board and stated that the results from their recent survey show a great need for mental health services in the County. Several other counties in Illinois have already approved such a program. It is the recommendation of this committee to place this resolution on the ballot. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Hunigan to approve the Resolution to amend the County Board Rules. A copy of this resolution is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Amor to approve the committee assignments for 2017-2018 as presented in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Varner and Shreves—(12). Noes—Hawkinson—(1). Motion carried.

Member Friedrich presented the monthly report from the Finance Committee. The monthly report is in the packet.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Amor to approve the United Counties Council of Illinois (UCCI) dues for 2017 in the amount of \$440.00. Member Friedrich explained that this is the meeting that Member Johnson usually attends. They cover a lot of State legislation and make that information available to the counties. Member Johnson added that his travel expenses are reimbursed through UCCI. Chairwoman Davidson stated that the County usually gets these dues refunded as well. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Nache to approve the resolutions for the following 33 deeds of conveyance for the following parcel numbers:

11-01-377-012	11-10-253-016	11-10-429-006
11-11-429-008	11-12-102-005	11-12-102-006
11-12-152-009	11-12-152-045	13-32-404-001
13-33-252-004	13-33-304-009	13-33-386-006
13-33-406-012	13-33-458-008	17-04-152-004

19-04-210-011	20-11-456-002	99-02-405-023
99-10-451-006	99-11-328-005	99-14-158-015
99-14-179-014	99-14-205-008	99-14-205-011
99-14-305-001	99-15-154-015	99-15-155-020
99-15-301-018	99-15-301-019	99-16-279-017
99-16-426-023	99-21-226-010	99-21-226-011

Member Friedrich stated that this action puts these properties back on the tax rolls.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Varner and Shreves—(12). Noes—(0). Pass—Friedrich—(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the resolution on Appellate Prosecutor. A copy of this resolution is included in the packets. This is something that is done annually. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Johnson to approve the bid for fiber for the Courthouse from Stratus. Information is included in the packets. Member Friedrich added that two bids were submitted and there was only \$1.00 difference. The higher bid was chosen because they have a better response time. Member Bondi added that this is long overdue. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Varner and Shreves—(12). Noes—(0). Pass—Hunigan—(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Johnson to approve the Resolution to amend the County Liquor Ordinance. Information is included in the packets. Member Friedrich stated that this has to do with appropriate resolutions for Hidden Hills Winery. This is to allow their tasting room and manufacturers’ license. This is the final phase of the proposal.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Erickson to approve budget changes for FY2015-2016 budget. County Clerk Scott Erickson explained that this is a wrap up for the previous fiscal year. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Conklin to approve litigation settlement for two federal cases. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Johnson presented the monthly Building Committee Report. A copy of the report is included in the packets.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve the invoice from Klingner for the Courthouse in the amount of \$4,000.00. A copy of the invoice is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Bondi presented the monthly Sheriff, Jail, Courthouse, Mary Davis Home and Animal Control Committee report. The minutes and reports are included in the packet. He reported that the State is \$560,000 behind in paying the Mary Davis Home. They do believe that eventually this will be paid.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Hurst to approve enhanced 9-1-1 licensing for a total amount of \$10,300.00. Member Bondi stated that this will allow automated calls to go to cell phones to advise citizens of suspects at large, missing persons, storms and other emergency situations. This expenditure has been included in the budget and will be paid with the Public Safety Fund. This is a great safety item to have in the County. Member Friedrich stated that it will work much like a reverse 9-1-1 call.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Hunigan to approve replacement of damaged furniture in the Jail Investigation Office in the amount of \$7,882.27 to Office Specialists. This furniture was damaged by building leaks which have been resolved. This expenditure will come out of the Public Safety Fund. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Bondi presented the monthly Nursing Home, Assessor, Zoning, GIS, and Recorder's Offices reports. The committee minutes and reports are included in the packets. The receivables due to the Nursing Home are behind nearly \$1,000,000. Part of this money is due from the State and part from insurance companies. They are struggling to get payments through the State.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Nache to approve the recommendation on Zoning Board of Appeals Case # CU-07-16—Conditional Use Request for trucking and transportation yard in the "A" Agricultural Zoning District, filed by John and Kristine Rask. Specific information is included in the packets. The ZBA voted unanimously to recommend this request. This business has been operational for many years. Until recently the business owners thought that the property was within the Village of Victoria and did not require a conditional use permit from the County.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Bondi, Hurst, Varner and Shreves—(12). Noes—(0). Pass—Conklin—(1). Motion carried.

Member Erickson presented the monthly report from the Highway and Landfill Committee. Even in the cold weather the Highway Department is still working on the bridge on County Highway 11. They are also working on County Highway 9. The Landfill conducted a sealed auction for a used roll off trailer and the bid did not come in at the minimum bid the County thought acceptable. Later they did get an acceptable bid for \$4,500.00.

Motion was made by Member Erickson and seconded by Member Johnson to approve the resolution replacing Knox County Pollution Control Facilities Siting. A copy of this ordinance is included in the packets. In order to modernize this resolution, they thought that it would be best to repeal the previous resolution and replace it with a new one. Outside consultants developed this resolution.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Nache, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Varner and Shreves—(12). Noes—(0). Pass—Amor—(1). Motion carried.

Member Davidson presented the monthly report from the Knox County Board of Health. She stated that it had been a pleasure to serve on this committee. The Health Department welcomes all of the County Board Members to attend their meetings. This past year the Health Department observed their 25th anniversary and held an open house. They still have flu shots available. Member Amor will now be serving on this committee.

Member Bondi presented the monthly report from the Galesburg Convention and Visitors Bureau. He reported that several thousand people enjoyed the Galesburg Express and related events. Financially the Convention Center is doing well and much better than the previous year. Hotel occupancy has been good. He is looking forward to a new exciting year. There is new leadership from the Chamber of Commerce.

Sheriff Clague presented the monthly report from the 9-1-1 committee. Vicky Miller, the 9-1-1 coordinator for Knox County/Galesburg, has retired after 32 years. She has been very instrumental with the smart 9-1-1 program. She did an outstanding job with the program and is to be congratulated. Amanda Jennings is assuming this position.

Ken Springer presented the monthly report from the Knox County Area Partnership for Economic Development. The Annual Meeting will be held January 12th at 7:00 a.m. at the Lake Story Pavilion. This time of year after the holidays they tend to see lead activity slow down. Usually around the New Year, they see a lot of new startup companies. Sometimes people make a new year's resolution to start a new business. Knox County Area Partnership for Economic Development does have information and advice available for these new business owners.

Member Johnson presented the monthly report from the Prairie Hills Resources Board. He stated that there was no December meeting. They are moving ahead with the Brownfield Project and other counties are supporting it as well.

Member Johnson presented the monthly report from the United Council of Counties of Illinois. There was no December meeting. There is a meeting in January and they are hoping to meet with State legislators.

Member Bondi presented the monthly report from the Ad Hoc Committee for Technology Services. They reviewed the phone system that is going into the Nursing Home and discussed getting bids to replace phones. Internet circuits were discussed. It seems that the heating/cooling system at the Courthouse is still not quite right. They are looking into it along with the Building Committee. This is a very expensive system.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Bondi to approve opening the budget for line item changes. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Bondi to approve proposed line item changes. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Nache and seconded by Member Amor to approve the claims against Knox County, Illinois, for the period of November 24, 2016 through December 28, 2016 (ordering that invoices be accepted and approved and that the County Clerk and County Treasurer be authorized and directed to issue County Warrants in payment of the bills.)

Member Friedrich questioned some bills that had been discussed at the Finance Committee Meeting.

Chairwoman Friedrich responded that those bills had been pulled out until next month.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

STATEMENTS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Member Johnson wished everyone a Happy and a Safe New Year.

Member Hunigan wished everyone a Safe Happy New Year.

Member Hawkinson had no comments at this time.

Member Nache wished everyone a Safe Happy New Year.

Member Amor had no comments at this time.

Chairwoman Davidson wished Member Bondi Happy Hanukah. She wished everyone Happy Holidays and she looks forward to working with all of the Board Members.

Member Erickson expressed his concern that not enough background information is being provided when making a motion. Members should consider the audience and not be so lackadaisical. Sometimes the motion does not state how much money is involved or what has been bought. Specific details should be included for those in the audience to understand what the Board is voting on.

Member Friedrich wished his best to Vicky Miller who is retiring from the Sheriff's Office. She has contributed much to the 9-1-1 effort and Public Safety. She will be missed.

Member Conklin stated that Member Erickson's comments should be a New Year's Resolution for the Board.

Member Bondi wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated that he appreciates the opportunity to serve Knox County.

Member Hurst, Member Varner and Member Shreves had no comments at this time.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2017, 6:00 p.m., at the Knox County Courthouse, Galesburg, Illinois.

Motion was made by Member Hurst and seconded by Member Friedrich to adjourn until the next scheduled meeting of the Board. Voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—(13). Noes—(0). Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.