

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

July 26, 2017

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Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Knox County Board held at the Knox County Courthouse, Galesburg, Illinois on Wednesday, July 26, 2017, at 6:05 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 5	Ricardo "Rick" Sandoval
District 2	David Amor
District 3	Pamela Davidson
District 4	David Erickson
District 5	Brian Friedrich
District 1	Richard Conklin
District 4	Sara Varner
District 5	Todd Shreves

And those absent:

District 3	Michael Nelson
District 1	Cheryl Nache
District 2	Robert Bondi
District 3	Trisha Hurst

Also present were County Treasurer Robin Davis, Sheriff David Clague, and County Clerk Scott Erickson.

Sheriff David Clague delivered the proclamation. Chairwoman Pamela Davidson led the Members in the pledge to the flag. In lieu of a formal invocation a moment of silence was observed.

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

Chairwoman Davidson asked for public comment. There were none.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Erickson to approve the following items of the consent agenda: 1) minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on June 28, 2017, 2) claims by Members for per diem and mileage for the meetings of July 2017 and other

claims for per diem from meetings, and 3) sales tax and various taxes for the month of April 2017 in the amounts of \$107,414.32 and \$25,572.01 and public safety tax in the amount of \$178,295.03. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Varner and Shreves—(10). Noes—(0). Pass—Conklin—(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Amor to approve the acceptance of the resignation of County Board Member Michael Nelson. Voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—(11). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Erickson and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the reappointment of Dr. Harold Watters to the Henderson Fire Protection District. The packets include a letter of recommendation from the attorney. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Varner and Shreves—(11). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Erickson and seconded by Member Varner to approve the reappointment of Ronald Moody to the Altona Fire Protection District. The packets include a letter of recommendation from the attorney. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Varner and Shreves—(11). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Chairwoman Davidson presented an update from the Workforce Investment Board. Information is included in the packets. She and Member Bondi travelled to Macomb to attend this very interesting meeting. It is good to know that we have people in the County and the City of Galesburg to represent our interests in this organization. They are helping to prepare people to get their CDL license or their LPN license. She would suggest a working relationship with this organization and the Knox County Nursing Home to obtain nurses for that facility. John Pritchard was elected Vice Chairman. This is a very good organization for our area.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Amor to approve the policy for external board appointments by the Knox County Board. Information is included in the packets with three possible options. The finance committee recommended the first option, the information sheet. Every candidate should submit this basic information. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Hunigan, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Varner and Shreves—(10). Noes—Johnson—(1). Motion carried.

Member Friedrich presented the monthly report from the Finance, Insurance, Treasurer, Judicial and Clerk committee. The monthly report is in the packet. Next month they will begin working on the budget for the coming year.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Erickson to approve the resolution on enforcement of fees for County notary services. A copy of this resolution is included in the packets. County Clerk Scott Erickson stated that legally they can charge a \$1.00 fee and they plan to do so for notary services that are unrelated to that particular office. Roll call

vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Varner and Shreves—(11). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the dues for Western Illinois Regional Council in the amount of \$5,485.20. Member Friedrich commented that this organization has previously assisted the County is obtaining several grants. Member Johnson is our representative on this board. Information is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Varner and Shreves—(11). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Hawkinson to approve the County Holiday Schedule for 2018. A copy of the Holiday Schedule is included in the packets. Member Friedrich reported that the Administrative Judge David Vancil sets this schedule. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Varner and Shreves—(10). Noes—Conklin—(1). Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve invoices for the Courthouse and Jail projects in the amounts of \$26,841.46 to Klingner and Associates. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Varner and Shreves—(11). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Amor to approve change orders for the exterior Courthouse project in the amount of \$40,697. Information is included in the packets. This project has to do with washing and sealing the surface of the stones on the exterior of the Courthouse. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Varner and Shreves—(11). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Hawkinson presented the monthly Sheriff, Jail, Mary Davis Home, Animal Control, and Nursing Home committee report. A copy of the report is included in the packets. Wendi Steck is the new Superintendent of the Mary Davis Home. She has worked at this facility for 24 years. The Sheriff needs to replace some squad cars and thinks the best price can be obtained on the State bids. The Nursing Home is now in the rears \$1,400,000, way over the budget. The Nursing Home did borrow \$395,000 from the referendum fund.

Motion was made by Member Hawkinson and seconded by Member Johnson to approve the purchase of a washing machine for the Nursing Home in the amount of \$20,088 from Custom Care Equipment Sales in Peoria, Illinois. This was an emergency situation that required the old machine to be replaced. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Varner and Shreves—(11). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Hawkinson and seconded by Member Johnson to approve a memorandum of understanding at the Nursing Home. Member Hawkinson reported that this is a signed document from Randy Lynch and increases starting wages. Chairwoman Davidson stated that they have a desperate need of more LPN's. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Varner and Shreves—(11). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Hunigan presented the monthly Assessor, Zoning, GIS, Recorder's Office, Highway Department and Landfill committee reports. The minutes and reports are included in the packets.

Motion was made by Member Hunigan and seconded by Member Shreves to approve the appointment of Julie A'Hearn to the Board of Review. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Varner and Shreves—(11). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Hunigan and seconded by Member Erickson to approve the decision on Zoning Board of Appeals Case # CU-02-17—Conditional Use Permit for privately operated campground (for family members and close friends only) in the "C" Conservation Zoning District, filed by Bernard Swan. Information is included in the packets. The ZBA did vote to approve this request. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Varner and Shreves—(11). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Hunigan and seconded by Member Hawkinson to approve the decision on Zoning Board of Appeals Case # CU-03-17—Conditional Use Permit for a privately operated outdoor recreational facility, such as RV parks and miniature golf courses on five acres or more in the "A" agricultural zoning district filed by Camping & Carts, LLC. Information is included in the packets. The ZBA did vote to approve this request. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Varner and Shreves—(11). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member was made by Member Hunigan and seconded by Member Erickson to approve the decision on Zoning Board of Appeals Case # CU-04-17—Conditional Use Permit for riding stables in the "A" agricultural zoning district, filed by Hardenberg Feathered Horse Farm. Information is included in the packets. The ZBA did vote to approve this request. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Varner and Shreves—(11). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Hunigan and seconded by Member Johnson to approve the low bid for bridge replacement—Henderson Township, Section 16-08128-00-BR in the amount of \$219,245.50. This cost is shared with Knox County, the township and the State of Illinois. Information is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Varner and Shreves—(11). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Amor presented the monthly report from the Knox County Board of Health. He reported that two LPN's did not renew their contracts. The Knox County Board of Health is seeking national accreditation as this will open additional grant opportunities.

Member Varner presented the monthly report from the Galesburg Convention and Visitors Bureau. She reported that there was no meeting that month. The Chairman of this organization did resign. The next meeting will be August 22nd.

Member Hawkinson presented the monthly report from the 9-1-1 committee. He stated that there was no meeting in July and the next meeting will be August 17th.

Ken Springer presented the monthly report from the Knox County Area Partnership for Economic Development. There have been some new leads of businesses seeking to come to this area. One is Transition Curriculum which is a small company that develops special curriculum for high school and special education students. Another is Advanced Manufacturing which has created new technology which offers a paid to learn internship program to learn a trade. He reminded everyone of the upcoming entrepreneurship workshop August 15. This is a free program.

Member Johnson presented the monthly report from the Prairie Hills Resources Board. They are continuing to work on the accreditation process. This would enable them to apply for additional grant funding for reclamation projects.

Member Johnson presented the monthly report from the United Council of Counties. He was not able to attend the meeting in Galena. He has contacted legislators in Springfield and encouraged others to do so as well as regards the State budget and school funding.

County Clerk Scott Erickson presented the monthly report from the Ad Hoc Committee for Technology. This report is included in the packets. They are working on several projects. They are making process on the new telephone system at the Nursing Home. The Highway Department has reported that their network connection has been slow and they are looking into that. Similarly they are working on the network at the Landfill. They are still working toward the goal of implementing the time clock policy county wide.

Chairwoman Davidson presented the report from the personnel committee. She reported that the Nursing Home had presented their need for additional employees to the committee. Even though there is a freeze county wide on hiring new employees, the Nursing Home needs to be adequately staffed. Also County Treasurer Robin Davis has requested that an employee be hired for the Treasurer's Office to fill a vacancy as one of the current employees has resigned. They need someone to fill that position.

Motion was made by Member Amor and seconded by Member Hawkinson to approve the opening of the budget for specific line item changes. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Varner and Shreves—(11). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Line item changes are listed in the packets and included on a handout provided by County Treasurer Robin Davis.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Erickson to approve the proposed line item changes as presented. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Varner and Shreves—(11). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Conklin and seconded by Member Johnson to approve claims against Knox County, Illinois, for the period of June 29, 2017 through July 26, 2017 (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.) Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Hawkinson, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Varner and Shreves—(10). Noes—(0). Pass—Sandoval—(1). Motion carried.

STATEMENTS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Member Johnson had no comments at this time.

Member Hunigan voiced his concern about the possible repeal of the Affordable Care Act and encouraged everyone to contact their legislators and senators and voice their support.

Member Hawkinson and Member Sandoval had no comments at this time.

Member Amor also shared his concerns about the possible changes to the Affordable Care Act and added his concern about school funding problems coming from Springfield. He encouraged everyone to contact their legislators, senators and the Governor.

Chairwoman Davidson commented that it is an honor to know Mike Nelson and share some time with him. Due to health reasons he had to resign.

Member Erickson and Member Friedrich had no comments at this time.

Member Conklin commented that he had reviewed the June Board minutes especially the conversation about resumes. The point was made that he was not required to submit a resume for the 708 Mental Health Board. He is prepared to submit his resume at this time. He felt that basically he was appointed because he was the last man standing.

Member Varner expressed her appreciation that the blue car is no longer in the Courthouse parking lot. But now it is in the parking lot behind the jail.

Member Shreves had no comments at this time.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 23, 2017, 6:00 p.m., at the Knox County Courthouse, Galesburg, Illinois.

Motion was made by Member Sandoval and seconded by Member Amor to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled Meeting of the Board. Voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—(11). Noes—(0). Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.