

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

June 22, 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, June 22, 2016, at 6:10 p.m.

The Meeting was called to order by County Board Chairman Brian Friedrich and upon roll call the following Members reported present:

District 1	Lyle Johnson
District 3	Barbara Foster
District 4	George Knapp
District 5	Brian Friedrich
District 1	Cheryl Nache
District 2	John Hunigan
District 1	Richard Conklin
District 2	Robert "Bob" Bondi
District 4	Shawn Pitman
District 5	Jeff Jefferson

And those absent:	District 2	Greg "Chops" Bacon
	District 3	Pamela Davidson
	District 4	David Erickson
	District 5	Ricardo "Rick" Sandoval
	District 3	Trisha Hurst

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

Sheriff Dave Clague delivered the proclamation. Chairman Friedrich led the Members in the pledge to the flag. Sememya McCord of the Allen Chapel AME Church of Galesburg delivered the invocation.

Chairman Friedrich asked for additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none.

Motion was made by Member Pitman and seconded by Member Foster to approve the following items of the consent agenda: 1) minutes of the Regular and Closed Board Meeting on May 25, 2016, 2) claims by Members for per diem and mileage for the Meeting of June 22, 2016 and other claims for per diem from meetings, and 3) sales tax and various taxes for the month of March 2016 in the amounts of \$107,772.66 and \$14,933.62 and public safety tax in the amount

of \$170,587.89. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Conklin, Bondi, Pitman and Jefferson—(10). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Nache asked that the appointments of Sam Fox and Dan Harris to the Knox County Board of Health, for agenda item 4 be separated.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Pitman to approve the appointment of Dr. Sam Fox to the Knox County Board of Health. Specific information is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Pitman and Jefferson—(8). Noes—Nache—(1). Pass—Hunigan—(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Pitman to approve the appointment of Dan Harris to the Knox County Board of Health. Specific information is included in the packets. Member Nache asked Mr. Harris if he would abide by the terms of the current County Personnel Policy and abide by the County's pay raise schedule which is asked of all County employees. Mr. Harris responded that he would follow the guidelines of the public health department.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Hunigan, Conklin, Bondi, Pitman, and Jefferson—(9). Noes—Nache—(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Pitman and seconded by Member Johnson to approve the appointment of Christopher Compagna to the Oneida Sanitary District. Specific information is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Conklin, Bondi, Pitman and Jefferson—(10). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Jefferson to approve the appointment of Angelo Mangieri to the Abingdon Fire Protection District. Specific information is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Conklin, Bondi, Pitman and Jefferson—(10). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Pitman to table the policy on insurance coverages for County Projects. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Conklin, Bondi, Pitman and Jefferson—(10). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

The Finance, Insurance, Treasurer, Judicial, and Clerk Committee report was presented by Member Jefferson. The monthly reports and committee minutes are included in the packets.

Motion was made by Member Jefferson and seconded by Member Johnson to approve the resolution on prevailing wage. A copy of this resolution is included in the packets. Member Conklin voiced his objection that this is an unfunded mandate. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, and Jefferson—(6). Noes—Hunigan, Conklin, Bondi, and Pitman—(4). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Jefferson and seconded by Member Conklin to approve the appointment of election judges in Knox County. County Clerk Scott Erickson explained that the terms of the election judges expired after the spring primary election and they are always recruiting additional election judges. These judges need to be re-appointed for the coming November election. This base of judges will then be approved by the Circuit Court in accordance with Illinois State Statute. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Conklin, Bondi, Pitman and Jefferson—(10). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Jefferson and seconded by Member Pitman to approve the budget schedule for FY2016-2017 which is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Conklin, Bondi, Pitman and Jefferson—(10). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Knapp presented the monthly report for the Building Committee. Their monthly report is included in the packets.

Motion was made by Member Knapp and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the final invoice for the Courthouse fire escape project from Klingner in the amount of \$1,112.50. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Conklin, Bondi, and Jefferson—(9). Noes—Pitman—(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Knapp and seconded by Member Nache to approve the engineering/architectural/surveying services agreement with Klingner and Associates for the Nursing Home access road and Nursing Home parking lot in the total amount of \$28,500. This is to be funded through the revenue generated from the Love's Project. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Bondi, Pitman and Jefferson—(9). Noes—(0). Pass—Conklin—(1). Motion carried.

The Sheriff, Jail, Courthouse, Animal Control, Mary Davis Home, and Annex Committee report was presented by Committee Chairman Robert Bondi. The monthly report is included in the packets.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Jefferson to approve the re-appointments of James Nelson and John "Jack" Browning to the Merit Commission. Sheriff Clague distributed resumes of each of these men to the Members. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Conklin, Bondi, Pitman and Jefferson—(9). Noes—(0). Pass—Foster—(1). Motion carried.

The Nursing Home, Assessor, Zoning, GIS, and Recorder Committee report was presented by Member Jefferson. Their monthly report is included in the packets.

Motion was made by Member Jefferson and seconded by Member Bondi to approve Zoning Board of Appeals Case CU-02-16—Conditional Use Permit for Williamsfield Fire Protection District to add an addition on to the Fire Station at Oak Run. The decision from the ZBA was to approve this request. Specific information is included in the packets. Roll call vote

is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Conklin, Bondi, Pitman and Jefferson—(10). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Jefferson and seconded by Member Foster to approve the contract for Shive-Hattery to correct the emergency electrical system pursuant to Life Safety Code required by K 145 at the Nursing Home. This panel must be separated from the other panels and only six circuits are allowed in the emergency electrical system. This is something that was tagged during the last life safety inspection. It must be corrected.

Nursing Home Administrator Rachel Secrist stated that the cost could be about \$100,000 unless they can get an annual waiver from the State. If they do get that waiver that cost could be between \$25,000-\$50,000, depending on how much the State commits to this project. This work should be done regardless. This has been a requirement for over thirty years and they are just now tagging it. The State has extended the deadline until November to complete this project.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Conklin, Bondi, Pitman and Jefferson—(10). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Jefferson reported that the current census of the Nursing Home is 140. Ms. Secrist reported that they had received some money from the State. However, they still owe approximately \$800,000.

The Highway and Landfill Committee report was presented by Committee Chairman Shawn Pitman. The monthly report is in the packet. Recently there was a bid opening for the Spoon River Bridge project on County Highway 11. Courin was the low bidder with a bid of \$1,565,816, which is higher than the engineer's estimate.

Motion was made by Member Pitman and seconded by Member Johnson to approve the purchase of an extended warranty for the CAT D6T dozer for the landfill at a total cost of \$17,060.50. This warranty will cover the life of the dozer and covers the drive train, power train, hydraulics and the major components which is a major consideration. The duration of the warranty is 48 months or 4,000 hours of service. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Foster, Knapp, Nache, Hunigan, Conklin, Bondi, Pitman and Jefferson—(9). Noes—(0). Pass—Friedrich—(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Pitman and seconded by Member Johnson to approve to bid and bring back for a new bull dozer for the landfill. This unit will replace a John Deere dozer. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Conklin, Bondi, Pitman and Jefferson—(10). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Pitman and seconded by Member Johnson to approve the request to search for and purchase a used tanker trailer for the landfill up to the total purchase price of \$25,000. Member Pitman added that a tanker trailer is used to haul the leachate from the landfill to the Galesburg Sanitary District. The current 1975 tanker trailer has developed a crack and has begun leaking. Member Pitman did some investigation on line and found another unit in Wisconsin for slightly over \$20,000. It had been used to haul milk. The owners have reduced the asking price to \$10,000 pending Board approval and Mr. Reynolds' inspection of the trailer. Mr. Reynolds asked the Board to still authorize the amount of up to \$25,000. Then if this trailer fails

inspection, they can continue to look for another tanker trailer. The current unit would be sold as scrap.

Roll call vote to approve the request to search for and purchase a used tanker trailer for the landfill in the total purchase price not to exceed \$25,000 is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Conklin, Bondi, Pitman and Jefferson—(10). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Bondi presented the monthly report from the Galesburg Convention and Visitors' Bureau. The Visitors' Center is busy with Railroad Days events to be held this coming weekend. Café in the Park is up and running and fully sponsored now. Hotel activity is at their seasonal high. He is still working with the committee to push the Amtrak funding for the area. The Taste of Galesburg is now fully sponsored and will be held next month.

Member Knapp presented the monthly report from the 9-1-1- committee. He reported that there is a lot of static that comes and goes on the radios and they have not been able to find the problem yet. There was much discussion about that topic. The committee also discussed money matters. They are much better off than they have been in a long time. He is glad that they have the tax revenue coming in.

County Sheriff David Clague reported that he is still concerned about State funding of the 9-1-1 program. This matter was to be heard about three weeks ago and was tabled. They are still waiting on this point to be heard.

Ken Springer presented the monthly report from the Knox County Area Partnership for Economic Development. The last few months as he has addressed the Board, he has stated that lead activity has been slow. This month he is pleased to report that the activity is picking up. There has been a couple of large size project inquires and some smaller projects as well. He expects the ground breaking for the Love's project to be held soon. The issue that delayed them is on its way to be resolved.

Member Johnson presented the monthly report from the Prairie Hills Resources Board. They had the 40th anniversary open house celebration the previous Saturday in Galesburg. Many people did attend and this gave opportunity to inform the public of what they do. Prairie Hills Resources is also an umbrella organization over Prairieland Conservancy, which works with conserving land and bringing it back to its original prairies. They also work with land trusts to try to preserve some land in that condition. There will be a fund raiser August 27th for Prairieland Conservancy, to be held in Galesburg.

Member Johnson presented the monthly report from the United Council of Counties. He reported that there was no meeting this month. There will be a meeting July 23-25 at Galena.

Member Bondi presented the monthly report from the Ad Hoc Committee for Technology Services. They have been looking at the scope of work that is being assigned to the IT Department. Work orders are being responded to in a timely basis. County Clerk Scott Erickson added that an additional IT person would be beginning soon.

Motion was made by Member Jefferson and seconded by Member Foster to approve the opening of the budget for specific line item changes. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Conklin, Bondi, Pitman and Jefferson—(10). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

The budget line item transfers that need to be made are listed in the packet and include a \$20,000 transfer for the Landfill and multiple transfers for the Health Department. These were discussed in the finance committee meeting.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Pitman to approve these specific proposed line item changes. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Conklin, Bondi, Pitman and Jefferson—(10). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Jefferson and seconded by Member Foster to approve the claims against Knox County, Illinois, for the period of May 26, 2016 through June 22, 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.) Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Conklin, Bondi, Pitman and Jefferson—(10). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

STATEMENTS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Member Johnson reminded Members of the upcoming fund raiser for Prairieland Conservancy to be held August 27. He will have more materials available at the next Meeting.

Member Foster and Member Knapp had no comments at this time.

Chairman Friedrich thanked the Board Members and those who volunteer to serve on other outside boards. Thanks to these families as well. These individuals do a lot to help our community.

Member Nache had no comments at this time.

Member Hunigan shared his thoughts and concerns for the family of Ola Cunningham and wished everyone a safe 4th of July holiday.

Member Conklin had no comments at this time.

Member Bondi invited everyone to participate this coming weekend in various Railroad Days events.

Member Pitman and Member Jefferson had no comments at this time.

The next regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 27, 2016, 6:00 p.m., at the Knox County Courthouse, Galesburg, Illinois.

Motion was made by Member Jefferson and seconded by Member Nache to adjourn from this Open Meeting. Voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—(10). Noes—(0). Motion carried. Open Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.