

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

May 24, 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, May 24, 2017, at 6:16 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 3	Michael Nelson
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

And those absent: District 5 Ricardo “Rick” Sandoval
 District 5 Todd Shreves

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. She asked that agenda item # 8, approve the appointment of Jeffrey L Bock to the Victoria Copley Fire Protection District, be removed from this agenda.

Chairwoman Davidson asked for public comment. Joe Tomich addressed the Board. His son died August 13, 2015 as a direct result of a traffic accident on the Lake Bracken Road. For

the last eighteen months he has been seeking answers from the State's Attorney's Office and the Sheriff's Office. He has received no help from either office and has filed Freedom of Information requests and has been unable to obtain answers or even a response to these requests. If he does not have all of this information by noon May 25th, he will be pressing a law suit against the County, the Sheriff's Department and the State's Attorney. He will contact the Attorney General's Office to press charges against the County and has plans to contact the Governor's Office. He will get his answers.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Johnson to approve the following items of the consent agenda: 1) minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on April 26, 2017, 2) claims by Members for per diem and mileage for the meetings of May 2017 and other claims for per diem from meetings, and 3) sales tax and various taxes for the month of February 2017 in the amounts of \$96,984.77 and \$25,870.21 and public safety tax in the amount of \$155,907.76. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Nelson, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst and Varner—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Amor to accept the annual County audit report for FY2015-2016. Matt Schueler, Senior Manager of Wipfli, LLP of Sterling, Illinois, presented an overview of the auditor's report FY2016. Materials were distributed to the Board Members. Overall they conduct about ten county audits throughout Illinois.

Since Knox County receives more than \$750,000 in federal awards the audit has to include compliance testing regarding those funds. This has to do with the Federally Qualified Health Center. They did find some areas that needed improvements in their sliding fee schedule. They will examine this again next year to look at those changes. They also did audit tests for the Circuit Clerk's Office. There were no compliance issues there.

Mr. Schueler then presented highlights of the auditor's report that had been presented to the Board Members. The County does get a clean passing grade as a result of this audit. The statement of net position includes long term assets and liabilities of governmental activities and business type activities to include the Nursing Home and Landfill. The assets include such things as roads, structures and bridges, things that will not be quickly converted to cash. Liabilities include such things as pension obligations. Overall the County has \$79,147,399 of net position at the end of the year. Of that amount \$2,400,000-\$2,500,000 is in unrestricted funds compared to approximately \$3,300,000 last year. The majority of the net position for the County is in restricted resources. The County has \$7,149,549 in pension liability compared to \$2,300,000 last year.

Regarding fund balances, the total fund balance is \$19,288,331. The majority of the resources are restricted for a specific use. Since last year the general fund has decreased \$201,134. Overall the fund balances have increased \$2,508,035.

Regarding the change in net position for the Landfill and Nursing Home, the Nursing Home had a decrease of \$506,127 compared to last year. The Landfill had a decrease of \$543,124. A lot of County funds are transferred from the income of the Landfill.

Regarding the County's deposits and bank accounts, all of those funds are secure.

Regarding the County pension plans, IMRF does their own audit before they release their financial statements. The December 31, 2015 IMRF report is included in the audit report. As of

the conclusion of this County audit, they had not yet received that IMRF report for 2016. Investment income was very poor for 2015. The projections for 2016 are much higher. Both County pension plans are well funded.

One way to measure the financial health of the County is to examine the number of days in various funds. The General Fund has a fund balance of 56 days which is very comparable to the previous year. The Nursing Home has a fund balance of 158 days compared to 180 in the previous year. The Landfill has a fund balance of 812 days compared to 1,135 in the previous year. Part of that decrease has to do with post closure liability.

Member Amor inquired how Knox County compares to other counties.

Mr. Schueler responded that he has some colleagues that suggest that there should a six month general fund balance on hand. Some counties do not have their own landfills from which to transfer extra dollars.

Chairwoman Davidson questioned if the number of days in the fund balance of the Nursing Home has to do with the State of Illinois owing them so much money.

Mr. Schueler responded that this audit is just considering the difference between the income and the expenditures. Illinois is no closer to passing a budget.

Department heads and County employees were very helpful to provide the necessary information to the auditors. The process went very smoothly.

Chairwoman Davidson noted that the previous year the audit included areas that needed to be improved, such as vacation and personal computer time. It seems like the same things are again included.

Mr. Schueler responded that these are areas that need improvement. They are recommending an electronic system to monitor hours and benefits, such as a time clock.

Roll call vote to accept the annual County audit report for FY2015-2016 is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Nelson, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst and Varner—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Amor and seconded by Member Nache to approve the following appointments to the Knox County 708 Mental Health Board: Tasha A. Easley, Carol Maloney, Greg Bacon, Steve Watts, John H. Schlaf, Luke Raymond and current County Board Member Richard Conklin.

Member Bondi commented that he had anticipated that all of the Board Members would be involved in the selection process. The only thing he saw was in the Board packet. He questioned the process.

Chairwoman Davidson stated that the Board is required to choose six people to serve on this Mental Health Board. She, Member Amor and Member Conklin reviewed the twenty-two applications and six were chosen to be interviewed.

Member Bondi questioned that it might have been more appropriate for the other Board Members to see the other applications.

Chairwoman Davidson stated that there is a time limit and they thought it best to work through a committee. Actual funds will not be available until next year, but one of the first duties of the Mental Health Board is to draft a budget.

Member Erickson stated his concerns for this application process. It would have been appropriate to interview more than six people. He knows some of these other applicants and feels that the process was not open and fair in the way that it was carried out. He will be voting against this motion.

Member Amor noted the sixty day time limit from the date the election returns are official until the Mental Health Board is selected. There is a time crunch.

County Clerk Scott Erickson reported that the election results were certified April 26th.

Chairwoman Davidson stated she had no problem tabling this motion and interviewing all twenty two candidates. They were overwhelmed with the number of people seeking to serve on this board. It was very difficult to choose six people.

Member Hunigan questioned if this plan is even feasible to get done in this timeframe.

Member Hurst noted that the next scheduled Board Meeting in June will be outside of the sixty days that are allowed.

Member Johnson stated that he is comfortable with this group that did the interviewing. The Board should have some confidence in them. He is willing to go with their recommendation.

Member Hunigan stated that he accepts the committee's recommendation. It is a learning experience and the Mental Health Board is a new thing.

Member Friedrich commented that he can accept the committee's recommendation but is disappointed that the committee only interviewed six applicants. He feels that more applicants should have been interviewed. You cannot always tell by a person's resume. It looks like the committee picked the group before they picked them.

Member Bondi suggested that a special Board Meeting could be held that falls within this time period. He would personally like to see all of the resumes and then give feedback to the committee.

Member Hunigan questioned whether they could get a quorum for a special meeting.

Member Erickson reminded Members of the previous discussions relating to appointments to fire protection districts, and various boards. The point was presented that there was sometimes not enough information to appoint these people. Some people have abstained from voting for these appointments, even in some cases when the people are being reappointed. The Mental Health Board is a new initiative. The County Board did not take an in depth opportunity to interview people that were interested in serving on this board. The Board should have seen all of the applicants. The Board Members were not made aware of the fact that there is a sixty day time frame to approve this board. This process was not gone through thoughtfully. It is a bad process.

Chairwoman Davidson responded that the Board was informed of this sixty day time limit even before the Board approved this initiative to be on the ballot. A committee was appointed to make sure these candidates provided resumes that were submitted to County Clerk Scott Erickson. In the past Board Members were concerned about following Board policy requiring resumes for these various boards. The committee went through all of these resumes. This process took four days.

Member Bondi asked for input from Board Members to choose a date for a special Board meeting.

Member Johnson called for the question.

Roll call vote to approve the following appointments to the Knox County 708 Mental Health Board: Tasha A. Easley, Carol Maloney, Greg Bacon, Steve Watts, John H. Schlaf, Luke Raymond and current County Board Member Richard Conklin, is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Nelson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Friedrich, Conklin, and Hurst—(9). Noes—Hawkinson, Erickson and Bondi—(3). Pass—Varner—(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Nache and seconded by Member Varner to approve the hiring of Rodney Clear as Knox County Landfill Administrator.

Member Erickson questioned the process. Was the motion to hire this administrator made in a closed session of the Highway, Landfill committee? Who made this motion to hire the new Landfill Administrator and where was it made? Was there a recommendation from someone? The committee minutes do not explain how this motion was forwarded to the full Board.

Chairwoman Davidson responded that since the former Landfill Administrator has retired, a committee was formed to seek a replacement. They did interview some people and brought their suggestions back to the committee.

Member Erickson questioned why there is not a recommendation from the committee.

Chairwoman Davidson responded that he is correct. There should have been. They did discuss this in open session.

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

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the appointment of Donald Moffitt to the Knoxville Fire Protection District. Member Conklin stated that he appreciated Mr. Moffitt submitting a resume but if there is someone who did not need to submit a resume, it would be Mr. Moffitt. Member Bondi added that Mr. Moffitt had phoned some Board Members.

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

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Varner to approve payments to the Knox County Area Partnership in the amount of \$10,000 for two quarters of the year. Ken Springer reported that a billing error had occurred and the invoice was submitted late. That process has been corrected. Chairwoman Davidson commented that this organization does great things for the County.

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

Member Friedrich presented the monthly report from the Finance, Insurance, Treasurer, Judicial and Clerk committee. The monthly report is in the packet. County Treasurer Robin Davis advised the committee of some funds that they need to continue to watch. Tax money is now beginning to come in. Things should look better next month. There are about four or five accounts that they are watching.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Conklin to approve the resolution on the deed of conveyance for PIN# 19-04-228-004. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Nelson, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst and Varner—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Amor to approve the resolution regarding Health Savings Account contributions for plan year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018. A copy of this resolution is included in the packets. This matter was discussed last month. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Nelson, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst and Varner—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Conklin to approve the resolution certifying IMRF participation for qualified elected officials of Knox County government. A copy of this resolution is included in the packets. This is to certify that the elected officials put in enough hours to qualify for IMRF. Legislation was passed to require such monitoring.

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

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Hawkinson to approve the resolution amending County payroll processing policy. A copy of this resolution is included in the packets. This resolution will allow alternate methods to punching the time clock.

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

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Amor to approve County credit card lists from various departments. Specific information is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Nelson, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst and Varner—(13). Noes—(0). 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 Friedrich to approve payment to Otto Baum for the Courthouse project in the amount of \$55,368.00. Specific information is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Nelson, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst and Varner—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Nache to approve Klingner invoices for various completed projects in the total amount of \$23,072.62. Copies of the invoices are included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Nelson, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst and Varner—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve various change orders for the Courthouse exterior project. Specific information is included in the

packets. Member Johnson explained that these are for areas that they could not see before. Once they got up on the lift they could tell that there was some additional work that needed to be done. The committee approved three of these change orders and sent one back for further review. One change order is in the amount of \$11,192 for work on the south side of the Courthouse. This change order involves more stone work that could not be seen from the ground. They will be attaching some stone around the windows. That cost is \$8,842.60. Then there is a credit on a change order in the amount of \$2,800.60 for tuck-pointing that did not need to be done. This is in an area that is hard to see but upon further investigation the contractors feel that it is OK. So this amount has been credited.

Roll call vote to approve various change orders for the Courthouse exterior project as presented is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Nelson, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst and Varner—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Bondi 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. The Mary Davis Home is now owed over \$700,000 from the State. The Nursing Home is behind \$700,000 and is also behind \$250,000 in insurance claims. These are associated to the State.

Member Bondi extended his congratulations to Superintendent Rod Clear on his move from the Mary Davis Home to the Landfill. The committee is looking into securing his replacement as Superintendent of the Mary Davis Home. Member Bondi also extended his congratulations to Sheriff Dave Clague for his twenty five years of distinguished service in the law enforcement world. He also congratulated Officer Patrick Welch who was ranked first in his class in a recent correction training program.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve the union contract with the Patrol Unit from the Sheriff's Department. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Nelson, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst and Varner—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Hurst to approve the purchase of a bus for the Nursing Home from Midwest Transit in the amount of \$53,921. Member Bondi reported that this purchase did go out for bid and there were two bidders. Midwest Transit did submit the lower bid. Fundraising efforts at the Nursing Home have generated over \$20,000. The County's portion will be less than \$33,921.

Chairwoman Davidson thanked the staff and the Friends of the Nursing Home for stepping forward to work together to get what they need the most.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Nelson, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst and Varner—(13). 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. Member Hunigan extended his congratulations to Rod Clear for his new position as Landfill Administrator. They are very happy to have him. Chairwoman Davidson did have a meeting with the Landfill employees to inform them of what is going on. Member Hunigan

thanked Member Varner and Member Shreves for their participation in the interview process for the Landfill Administrator.

The Assessor's Office has been very busy as tax bills were mailed. There have been some upset and belligerent people as residents have received their bills. The Assessor's Office has begun working with certificates of errors for 2016. The Zoning Board of Appeals had no hearings in May. Twenty four building permits were issued which is comparable to one year ago.

Motion was made by Member Hunigan and seconded by Member Hurst to approve a bridge replacement in Lynn Township; Section 15-11119-00-BR. Information is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Nelson, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst and Varner—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Hunigan and seconded by Member Bondi to approve a preliminary engineering services agreement with Hutchison Engineering for Cedar Township, Section 17-01132-00-BR not to exceed \$32,000. Information is included in the packets. This project has to do with culvert work near Lake Bracken.

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

Motion was made by Member Hunigan and seconded by Member Amor to approve to remove from the table the union contract for the Landfill. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Nelson, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst and Varner—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Hunigan and seconded by Member Hawkinson to approve the union contract with the Landfill. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Nelson, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst and Varner—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Amor presented the monthly report from the Knox County Board of Health. This board met May 11th. Administrator Michelle Gabriel reported on a recent meeting with the Illinois Primary Care Association in Springfield. While there she was able to visit with area legislators. She has arranged for Representative Dan Swanson to come in and tour the Health Department and meet with the management staff. She reported that they will be receiving two grants. One is a tobacco grant in the amount of \$20,000. One half of this amount is to be used to enforce a smoke free work place. The other grant is in the amount of \$108,000 and to be used for local health protection.

He had passed around a handout which has to do with 2017 health rankings comparing Illinois counties, which was done by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Knox County is in the bottom half of all Illinois counties based on health outcomes and combination of length of life and quality of life. Knox County placed 78th out of 102 counties.

The Community Health Center reported on new staffing. They have two new dental assistants. The tele-psychiatry service became operational as of April 28th. As of the meeting

date, they had already seen 21 patients with this service. They have also hired a psychiatric LPN and a licensed clinical social worker who will be starting soon.

Member Varner presented the monthly report from the Galesburg Convention and Visitors Bureau. She reported that there was no meeting this month. There are lots of events coming up. She encouraged residents to log into their website at www.events.visitgalesburg.com to see a list of current events.

Member Hawkinson presented the monthly report from the 9-1-1 committee. He reported that there was no meeting this month. The next meeting is scheduled June 15th at 9:00 a.m. at the Public Safety Building. They are researching investment opportunities for some of the 9-1-1 funds that are not needed immediately.

Ken Springer presented the monthly report from the Knox County Area Partnership for Economic Development. Some months ago the Knox County Board had appointed him to serve on the behalf of Knox County on a regional economic development authority called CREDA. He recently attended his first meeting with this group. This is regional group that has bonding authority to finance economic development projects. It is good to have local representation in this group. It looks like it will be a really good fit for Knox County. Knox County Area Partnership is continuing to work on the CEO Program. During the late summer and early fall there will be more public events to draw awareness to this program. This is the entrepreneurship program for high school juniors and seniors.

Chairwoman Davidson added that at a recent meeting she heard a school superintendent express his concern that without a State budget, school districts are looking at the possibility of being unable to open due to lack of funding. She encouraged everyone to phone their local legislators and let them know we need a budget and we need it now.

Member Johnson presented the monthly report from Prairie Hills Resources Board. He reported that this was an off month and there was no meeting this month.

Member Johnson presented the monthly report from United Council of Counties. He reported that the meeting was held May 22. A couple of interesting things were discussed that he would like to share. They discussed local economic development at the county level. A lot of counties have been asking for this to find out more about local economic development. He thinks that Knox County is far ahead of a lot of counties when it comes to this subject. Many of these counties do not have a spokesperson or representative for economic development. There was also a presentation about this current legislative session in Springfield. This report was a very gloomy picture. One of the problems is that they are not talking to each other. This budget situation continues to be a stalemate. He urged everyone to get in touch with area legislators and let them know how unhappy we are and how this lack of a budget will affect us.

Member Hurst presented the monthly report from the Ad Hoc Committee for Technology. They are working on the phone system at the Nursing Home. There will be training for employees to make them familiar with the features of the new phone system. They are still

working on some time clock issues. The time clock policy is to be implanted June 3, 2017. Training manuals have been prepared.

Andy Rowe talked about the need to have a written policy for electronic purchases such as printers to make sure that these devices are compatible with the current system. They also need to make sure that the current equipment cannot instead be repaired rather than replaced. The department heads should be sending in work orders on this equipment. They discussed some problems with the Members' I-pads as some Members are having problems. Members are advised to contact Mr. Rowe about these problems. They also discussed streamlining the Board Packets, especially the financial reports. Windows 7 will no longer be supported after 2020. So they are looking at the computers that still use that operating system and investigate the options available to replace it.

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

The budget line changes that need to be made include the Health Department, FQHC and the Public Defender's Office. This information is included in the packets.

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

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Johnson to approve the claims against Knox County, Illinois, for the period of April 27, 2017 through May 24, 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 to exclude the bill without proper signatures.) Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Nelson, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Hurst and Varner—(12). Noes—(0). Pass—Bondi—(1). Motion carried.

STATEMENTS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Member Johnson reminded everyone to phone their legislators about the budget stalemate.

Member Hunigan extended his congratulations to Rod Clair. He thinks that he will be a fine landfill administrator. He also thanked Sheriff Dave Clague for his 25 years of public service. The County appreciates that service and others also who have served such a length of time.

Member Nelson, Member Hawkinson and Member Nache had no comments at this time.

Member Amor agreed with Member Johnson's request that everyone phone their legislators.

Chairwoman Davidson thanked Rod Clear for his service at the Mary Davis Home and welcomed him to the Landfill. She also extended her public thanks to Duane Ratermann for helping out at the Landfill for eleven days as temporary landfill administrator. She also thanked Member Friedrich for going to the landfill with her and talking to those employees. They are ready for a change. She wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day.

Member Erickson had no comments at this time.

Member Friedrich congratulated Rod Clear for this new venture. He thanked Nursing Home Administrator Rachel Secrist for all the hard work to get the new van. They had been talking about this for about a year. He also thanked Sheriff Dave Clague for his 25 years of service.

Member Conklin had no comments at this time.

Member Bondi wished Rod Clear good luck. He spoke of the upcoming Railroad Days to be held in Galesburg June 22-24. He extended special thanks to the Nursing Home for trying to bring some comradery in that environment. He wished everyone a Happy Memorial Day.

Member Hurst commented that Rob Clear will be missed at the Mary Davis Home but she welcomed him to the Landfill. She thanked the Board for serving this community and not just sticking with partisanship. She appreciates that. The Board should continue to work for what is best for our community.

Member Varner also extended her congratulations to Rod Clear. She again voiced her concern about the abandoned car in the parking lot. She shared this concern a few months ago and it still has not been moved.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 28, 2017. 6:00 p.m., at the Knox County Courthouse, Galesburg, Illinois.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Hurst to adjourn until from this Regular Meeting. Voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.