

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

October 26, 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, October 26, 2016, at 6:00 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 2	Greg “Chops” Bacon
District 4	George Knapp
District 5	Brian Friedrich
District 1	Cheryl Nache
District 2	John Hunigan
District 3	Pamela Davidson
District 4	David Erickson
District 5	Ricardo “Rick” Sandoval
District 1	Richard Conklin
District 2	Robert “Bob” Bondi
District 3	Trisha Hurst
District 5	Jeff Jefferson

And those absent: District 3 Barbara Foster
 District 4 Shawn Pitman

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. Chairman Friedrich led the Members in the pledge to the flag. Rev. Leigh Nyberg of Galesburg delivered the invocation.

Chairman Friedrich asked for additions or deletions to the agenda. Member Davidson requested that agenda item 26, approve lease for new roll-off truck at the landfill, and agenda item 27, approve lease for new haul truck at the landfill be removed from this agenda.

Chairman Friedrich asked for public comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Member Jefferson and seconded by Member Bacon to approve the following items of the consent agenda: 1) minutes of the Regular and Closed Board Meeting on

September 28, 2016, 2) claims by Members for per diem and mileage for the Meeting of October 26, 2016, and other claims for per diem from meetings, and 3) sales tax and various taxes for the month of July 2016 in the amounts of \$108,561.10 and \$26,726.86 and public safety tax in the amount of \$177,595.65. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Bondi, Hurst, and Jefferson—(12). Noes—(0). Pass—Conklin—(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Davidson and seconded by Member Johnson to approve appointments to the Knox County Mental Health Advisory Committee. Information is included in the packets.

Member Conklin commented that while these resumes are impressive, he did not notice anyone that had mental health experience or behavioral health experience.

A representative from the KCCDD, Mark Rudolph, responded that Randy Conlin has sat on the boards of various nonprofit organizations and George Burgland is a retired pharmacist. As an educator, Trish Engelhaupt has worked with special needs children in the school district. As a doctor Robert Wagner has worked with some individuals with mental health problems. This board is an advisory committee with seven members and two alternates. To begin with they are assigned to complete a mental health needs assessment of the community.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Member Bacon and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the resolution authorizing an additional gate fee to be charged at the Knox County Landfill. A copy of this resolution is included in the packets. These resolutions must be renewed every year,

Member Davidson stated that she would be voting against this resolution. She does not believe that these fees should be increased. Every though the landfill fees may be less than that of surrounding counties she does not feel that these fees should be increased.

Member Nache commented that at some point you have to say enough is enough. The County is asking everyone to try to survive and keeps increasing the fees.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Knapp, Friedrich, Hunigan, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, and Jefferson—(11). Noes—Nache and Davidson—(2). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bacon and seconded by Member Jefferson to approve the resolution authorizing allocation of interest funds earned from certain accounts at the Knox County Landfill to the Special Contingency Fund. A copy of this resolution is included in the packets.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Knapp, Friedrich, Hunigan, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, and Jefferson—(11). Noes—Nache and Davidson—(2). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bacon and seconded by Member Erickson to approve the resolution authorizing allocation of certain gate receipts at the Knox County Landfill to the Special Contingency Fund. A copy of this resolution is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Knapp, Friedrich, Hunigan, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, and Jefferson—(11). Noes—Nache and Davidson—(2). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bacon and seconded by Member Knapp to approve the resolution authorizing a transfer of a portion of the gate fee to be charged at the Knox County Landfill and directed to the Building Fund.

Member Bacon stated that three County Departments would be allowed to draw from this contingency fund to cover their shortfalls. A copy of this resolution is included in the packets. The approximate amount of this fund will be \$245,000. This is intended to be a safety net. Member Bondi added that sometimes the State gets behind in their reimbursements. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bacon and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the resolution on the use of Special Contingency Fund. A copy of this resolution is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bacon and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the renewal premium for liability/workman compensation. The premium for liability/vehicle has increased \$4,900 and the premium for workman compensation has increased by \$25,000 compared to the previous year. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bacon and seconded by Member Conklin to approve the resolution of Liability Premium. This resolution will authorize the direct expenditure of a portion of liability insurance costs to various funds. Previously the liability insurance cost was paid out of the tort fund. Now each entity will be paying one half of the cost this year and that amount will increase 10% each year for the next five years. A copy of this resolution is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bacon and seconded by Member Nache to approve the resolution for deeds of conveyance for the following parcels: PIN 99-16-386-016, and PIN 12-23-177-016. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bacon and seconded by Member Erickson to approve the resolution on allocation of general fund administrative costs. A copy of this resolution is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bacon and seconded by Member Jefferson to approve the placement on display of the Knox County Tax Levy for Fiscal year 2016-2017. The tax levy will not be increasing. There is no tax increase to the taxpayers of the County. He is proud of the committee, the department heads, County Treasurer Robin Davis and everybody that worked together to balance this budget. The EAV is increasing. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bacon and seconded by Member Jefferson to approve placement on display of the budget for fiscal year 2016-2017. Member Bacon added that this is a balanced budget.

Chairman Friedrich extended a big thanks to everyone on the Board, the department heads and all of the employees as well to help get through this budget process.

Member Nache reminded Members of the previous year. The Board worked hard on this and has a balanced budget without hurting anyone else. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Knapp presented the monthly report for the Building Committee. The monthly report is in the packet. During that meeting a presentation was made by David King a representative of Brownfields. The committee voted unanimously on becoming a member of this organization. Membership costs nothing. It would be in the Board's favor to approve membership in this organization.

Motion was made by Member Knapp and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the resolution to support and become a coalition member of a community wide USEPA Brownfields Assessment. A copy of this resolution is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Knapp and seconded by Member Johnson to approve the payment to Klingner in the amount of \$4,049.68 for Courthouse exterior project. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

The Sheriff, Jail, Courthouse, Animal Control, Mary Davis Home, and Annex Committee report was presented by Member Bondi. Their monthly report is included in the packets. The current census of the Mary Davis Home is 22 and of the number 6 are from Knox County. The current number of inmates housed at the jail is 138 and of that number 21 are federal inmates.

The Nursing Home, Assessor, Zoning, GIS, and Recorder Committee report was presented by Member Jefferson. Their monthly report is included in the packets. The current census of the nursing home is 139 residents.

The Highway and Landfill Committee report was presented by Chairman Friedrich. The monthly report is in the packets.

Motion was made by Member Sandoval and seconded by Member Johnson to approve the resolution supporting the Illinois Transportation Legislative Initiative. A copy of this resolution is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Bondi, Hurst and Jefferson—(12). Noes—(0). Pass—Conklin—(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Chairman Friedrich and seconded by Member Bacon to approve bids for diesel fuel for the landfill and highway. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Chairman Friedrich and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve landfill tipping fee increase of \$2.00 per ton effective December 1, 2016. Chairman Friedrich stated that this is something that the Board does every year. The Building Fund is to receive \$1.00 per ton of this amount. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Knapp, Friedrich, Hunigan, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, and Jefferson—(11). Noes—Nache and Davidson—(2). Motion carried.

Member Davidson presented the monthly report from the Knox County Board of Health. She stated that she was not able to attend this meeting. Dan Harris reported to her that it was a very quick meeting. They voted on officers for the next six months.

Member Bondi presented the monthly report from the Galesburg Convention and Visitor's Bureau. The assets and liabilities are balanced. Overall the city and state contributions are coming in as budgeted. Year to date they are in the red. There is about a \$42,000 surplus. They did receive a Uniform Grant Award from the State of Illinois in the amount \$80,491. Room stays in the hotel/motels are running slightly behind last year. There are 20-21 separate groups and unique festivals that are promoted by the Visitor's Center.

Member Knapp presented the monthly report from the 9-1-1 Committee. They are beginning to plan for a new higher tower to be 150 feet tall to be constructed somewhere in Galesburg. The purpose of this tower is to facilitate communication with every fire station in the County. They have not found a suitable location yet. They also discussed fire signs on the mail boxes in the County, to allow emergency responders to locate these addresses. They are looking at signs that would cost \$12.00 each.

Ken Springer presented the monthly report from the Knox County Area Partnership for Economic Development. He reported that overall lead activity has been pretty good.

Member Johnson presented the monthly report from the Prairie Hills Resources Board. The Prairie Hills Board met and discussed the Brownfields project. They also reviewed some grant writing applications. They chose Stamtech as the company to work with them. They had great success in writing a grant application for the International Harvester property in Canton and succeeded in getting that property cleaned up.

Member Johnson presented the monthly report from the United Council of Counties. One of the topics discussed in this meeting has to do with the proposed amendment on the upcoming ballot to leave the transportation funds with the transportation department. All the counties agreed that this is a good idea. They also discussed school funding. They are trying to figure a way to more equally fund school districts and yet not put this burden on the taxpayer of each community. They also discussed the governor's plan to reduce funding for local government. The State of Illinois has twice as many units of government as the State of Texas. One focus is on townships. This is a matter that is still being studied.

Member Bondi presented the monthly report from the Ad Hoc Committee for Technology Services. They reviewed the IT Department's workload which is keeping up. They reviewed the air conditioning problem and the condensing pumps. They also reviewed the bandwidth for the courtroom needs. This needs to be separate than the County's internet connections. This system allows an inmate to remain at the jail or prison and still make a video appearance before the judge. It is a much better system than transporting the inmate to the Courthouse. They are also reviewed the PBJ software program for the Nursing Home. That is nearly completed and written. They also reviewed the phone contract need. The system needs to be updated.

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

Motion was made by Member Jefferson and seconded by Member Bacon to approve the requested line item changes. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bacon and seconded by Member Jefferson to approve the claims against Knox County, Illinois, for the period of September 29, 2016 through October 26, 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, Bacon, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Davidson, Erickson, Conklin, Hurst and Jefferson—(11). Noes—(0). Pass—Sandoval and Bondi—(2). Motion carried.

STATEMENTS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Member Johnson had no comments at this time.

Member Bacon thanked the finance committee, all the department heads, County Treasurer Robin Davis, and County Clerk Scott Erickson. This people were invaluable in the budgetary process. The finance committee went through a lot of extra meetings. They got it done and he wanted to say thank you. This was truly a group effort.

Member Knapp had no comments at this time.

Chairman Friedrich echoed Member Bacon's remarks. He would thank the past and present Board Members. He extended his thanks to all of the committees and all of the department heads. This was a lot of work and he appreciates everyone who helped.

Member Nache echoed that same thoughts. She extended her thanks to the department heads and elected officials. They all came forward with their input. She asked that everyone watch out for the trick or treaters.

Member Hunigan thanked Member Bacon and stated that he had learned a lot from him.

Member Davidson, Member Erickson, Member Sandoval, and Member Conklin had no comments at this time.

Member Bondi thanked the staff and elected officials for getting the budget in order. Everybody did a great job. He noted that the next Board Meeting will be held Thanksgiving Eve and wondered if the Meeting could be held at a different time such as November 30, 2016.

County Clerk Scott Erickson responded that the later date would not allow enough time to process the Board bills and it is the last day of the fiscal year.

Member Hurst had no comments at this time.

Member Jefferson thanked Chairman Friedrich for all of his hard work as Board Chair. He also thanked Member Bacon for all the hard work and time invested in the budget process. It takes a good leader to get things like that done.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 23, 2016, 6:00 p.m., at the Knox County Courthouse, Galesburg, Illinois.

Chairman Friedrich declared this Meeting to be recessed until the next scheduled Meeting of the Board. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.