

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

December 5, 2016

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Proceedings of the Organizational Meeting of the Knox County Board held at the Knox County Courthouse, Galesburg, Illinois on Monday, December 5, 2016 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by County Clerk Scott Erickson 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 5	Ricardo “Rick” Sandoval
District 1	Cheryl Nache
District 2	David Amor
District 3	Pamela Davidson
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 4 David Erickson

Also present was County Clerk Scott Erickson and States Attorney John Pepmeyer.

County Clerk Scott Erickson led the Members in the pledge to the flag. Rev. Tyson T. Parks III of Allen Chapel and St. James African Methodist Episcopal Churches of Galesburg gave the invocation.

County Clerk Scott Erickson asked for public comment. Todd Thompson thanked the outgoing Board Members for all of their efforts over the past few years. He also thanked Brian Friedrich for his leadership during this time. Last year the County’s budget had a deficit of over \$1,000,000. This budget for the coming year has a \$250,000 contingency fund. He extended his congratulations to the new Members of the Board. He believes that the day to day operations of the County are bigger and more important than

any two political parties. They should know that their vote on any topic is important. They will have to do their homework to be an informed voting Member. They are representing the County and need to make decisions based on the best interests of the County.

Former Board Member Barbara Foster addressed the Board and shared her support of Brian Friedrich. He is informed and professional. He should continue as Chairman of this Board.

Former Board Member Greg Bacon addressed the Board. He reminded those in attendance that he had served as County Board Chairman for a few years. Brian Friedrich took over as chairman when he stepped aside. He could not have asked for a better replacement. This is a person that gets things done in a way that things should be done. Member Friedrich is a people person. When Mr. Bacon came to the Board years ago, there was a lot of Democrat and Republican stuff. That is not the way that the Board is supposed to work. This is neighbors working with neighbors. He tells people all the time that he has voted in such a way that he can go to sleep at night. He didn't always vote along party lines but voted so that he could sleep at night. He encouraged the Board to keep this in mind. This new Board has some hard decisions ahead but they can handle them.

Former Board Member Jeff Jefferson addressed the Board. They have a big decision in front of them. The person that sits as Chairman and runs this Meeting runs this County. This is a very important position to fill. Two years ago he made the decision to cross party lines and vote for Brian Friedrich. This is a decision that he is very proud of. He feels that Chairman Friedrich did an excellent job in running the County. He would like to see this continue. He wished the new Board good luck.

Former Board Member Shawn Pitman addressed the Board. The last two years with Brian Friedrich as Board Chairman the Board has made a lot of progress. There have been several occasions when people came to the table and talked. As a result, a lot of things were accomplished with Chairman Friedrich's leadership. One example is the winery. This problem hung over their heads for a couple of years. Chairman Friedrich found a solution to this problem. Another example is the squad cars and the radios. This has done a lot of good for the deputies. If the Board allows, Brian Friedrich will continue to bring the Board forward and get things done.

David Poland, one of the owners of the Hidden Hills Winery, addressed the Board in support of Brian Friedrich. He had the idea of this alternate location. He was able to get both sides together. When the CEO of a company is doing a good job that company should not get rid of their CEO. Brian Friedrich has done a good job as Chairman and is not done yet.

Dick Allen addressed the Board. Previously he had served on this Board for six years. The only time that politics came into play was during the election. Well the election is over and now the Members need to move on and do what is right.

There were no other public comments.

County Clerk Scott Erickson administered the oath of office to Michael Nelson, Jared Hawkinson, David Amor, Sara Varner and Todd Shreves who were newly elected to the Knox County Board in November as well as returning Board Members Lyle Johnson, Ricardo Sandoval and Robert Bondi.

County Clerk Scott Erickson reviewed the rules for the County Board Organizational Meeting. Copies of the rules were distributed to Board Members. These rules are also posted on the County's web site. Every two years these rules are reviewed to determine if anything needs to be modified or changed.

Mr. Erickson stated as mandated by State statute, an Organizational Meeting is held every two years following the election of new Members for the purposes of electing a County Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman. First a Chairman Pro-Tem will be chosen who will take the chair for this Meeting. Then nominations for the Board Chairman will be taken. This motion does not require a second and the Member must accept the nomination. Once the new Chairman is elected, the Chairman will be seated and then the nominations for Board Vice-Chairman will be taken. As necessary Board committee structure, committee assignments and meetings dates can be discussed.

Mr. Erickson explained that voice roll call votes will be taken for Chairman. The nominee should accept this nomination, before the vote is taken. Board Members will vote by stating the name of which candidate they are voting for. The vote cannot end in a tie. If there is a tie, the nomination process will begin again. And the process repeated. The order of the vote will reflect the new roll call sheets. The greater the number of the votes obtained by the Board Member in the previous election, the higher that Member is on the roll call sheet. This subject is addressed in the Board rules. According to State statute a chairman and vice-chairman must be elected in this Meeting.

First a Chairman Pro-Tem will be nominated to accept nominations for the County Board Chairman. Once the County Board Chairman is elected, officially they will take the chair and conduct the remainder of this Meeting.

Mr. Erickson asked for nominations for Chairman Pro-Tem. Member Davidson nominated Member Hurst, who accepted the nomination. Member Friedrich nominated Member Rick Sandoval, who accepted the nomination. Mr. Erickson asked for other nominations three times. There being no other nominations, nominations were declared to be closed. Roll call vote to approve the appointment of Member Hurst as Chairman Pro-Tem is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Nelson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Hurst and Shreves—(8). Roll call vote to approve the appointment of Member Sandoval as Chairman Pro-Tem is recorded as follows: Ayes—Hawkinson, Sandoval, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi and Varner—(6). Majority voted for Member Hurst for Chairwoman Pro-Tem.

Chairwoman Pro-Tem Trisha Hurst assumed the chair and noted that the Board needed to approve the Board rules as presented. Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the Board rules as presented. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan Nelson, Hawkinson, Sandoval,

Nache, Amor, Davidson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Varner, and Shreves—(14). Motion carried.

Chairwoman Pro-Tem Trisha Hurst asked for nominations for Board Chairman to serve a two year term. Motion was made by Member Johnson to nominate Member Davidson as Chairman. Motion was made by Member Bondi to nominate Member Friedrich as Chairman. Chairman Pro-Tem Hurst asked for other nominations three times. There being no other nominations, nominations were declared to be closed. Both candidates accepted their nominations. Roll call vote to approve the appointment of Member Davidson as Board Chairman is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Nelson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Hurst and Shreves—(8). Roll call vote to approve the appointment of Member Friedrich as Board Chairman is recorded as follows: Ayes—Hawkinson, Sandoval, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi and Varner—(6). Roll call vote resulted in Member Davidson receiving the majority vote.

Chairwoman Trisha Hurst passed the gavel to Member Davidson who officially was seated as Chairwoman of the Knox County Board.

Chairwoman Davidson then asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Motion was made by Member Sandoval to nominate Member Bondi. Motion was made by Member Hurst to nominate Member Johnson. Chairwoman Davidson asked three more times if there were any other nominations. There being no other nominations, nominations were declared to be closed. Both candidates accepted their nominations. Roll call vote to approve the nomination of Member Johnson as Board Vice-Chairman is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Nelson, Amor, Davidson, Hurst and Sheves—(7). Roll call vote to approve the nomination of Member Bondi as Board Vice-Chairman is recorded as follows: Ayes—Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, and Varner—(7). Roll call vote resulted in a tie. Motions failed.

Chairwoman Davidson again asked for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Motion was made by Member Friedrich to nominate Member Bondi. Motion was made by Member Hurst to nominate Member Johnson. Chairwoman Davidson asked three more times if there were any other nominations. Both candidates accepted their nominations. There being no other nominations, nominations were declared to be closed. Roll call vote to approve the nomination of Member Johnson as Board Vice-Chairman is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Nelson, Davidson, Hurst and Sheves—(6). Roll call vote to approve the nomination of Member Bondi as Board Vice-Chairman is recorded as follows: Ayes—Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Amor, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, and Varner—(8). Roll call vote resulted in a majority vote for Member Bondi as Vice-Chairman of the County Board.

Chairwoman Davidson introduced discussion regarding the appointment of the parliamentarian for the County Board. Motion was made by Member Friedrich to nominate County Clerk Scott Erickson for parliamentarian, as he has previously served in this capacity. Chairwoman Davidson asked three times for any other nominations. There were no other nominations, nominations were declared to be closed. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Nelson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Amor,

Davidson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Varner, and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Pass—Hunigan—(1). Motion carried.

County Clerk Scott Erickson stated that normal procedure is to keep the committee structure and schedule for the month of December with the newly elected members taking former members' committee assignments. The vice-chairmen of the some committees will be taking over for this month. During the December Meeting the County Board Chairwoman will present a list of committees and committee assignments for approval by the full Board.

Motion was made by Member Nelson and seconded by Member Bondi to maintain the current committee structure for the month of December. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan Nelson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Varner, and Shreves—(14). Motion carried.

Chairwoman Davidson announced that the next Regular Meeting will be held Wednesday December 28, 2016, 6:00 p.m., at the Knox County Courthouse, Galesburg, Illinois.

Motion was made by Member Sandoval and seconded by Member Hunigan to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled Meeting of the Board. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Nelson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Amore, Davidson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Varner and Shreves—(14). Motion carried. Organizational Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.