

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

May 27, 2015

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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 27, 2015, 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 2	Greg “Chops” Bacon
District 3	Barbara Foster
District 4	George Knapp
District 5	Brian Friedrich
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 4	Shawn Pitman
District 5	Jeff Jefferson

And those absent: District 1 Cheryl Nache
 District 2 Russell Nelson

Also present was County Clerk Scott Erickson.

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

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

Chairman Friedrich twice asked for public comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Member Jefferson and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the following items of the consent agenda: 1) minutes of the Regular and Closed Board Meeting on April 23, 2015, 2) claims by Members for per diem and mileage for the Meeting of May 27, 2015 and other claims for per diem from meetings, and 3) sales tax and various taxes for the month of February 2015 in the amounts of \$87,853.61 and \$17,214.30 and public safety tax in

the amount of \$73,429.43. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Davidson to approve the acceptance of the resignation from County Board Member Russell Nelson as he is working in another country. Voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Jefferson and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the reappointment of Susi Taylor to the Maquon Fire Protection District Board. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Erickson and seconded by Member Jefferson to approve the appointment of Vinton Pease to the Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District Board. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Pitman and seconded by Member Erickson to approve the appointment of David Hawkinson to the Henderson Fire Protection District Board. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Pitman and seconded by Member Erickson to approve the appointment of John Andrews to the Altona Fire Protection District Board. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Pitman and seconded by Member Erickson to approve the appointment of Russell Krans to the Victoria-Copley Fire Protection District Board. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Member Sandoval and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the franchise renewal agreement with Comcast for a term of eight years. A copy of this agreement is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(12). Noes—(0). Pass—Bacon—(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bacon and seconded by Member Jefferson to approve the Western Illinois Regional Council (WIRC) invoice for transporting and processing residential

paint and electronics recycling program for a fee of \$10,400.00. This is budgeted from the landfill fund. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bacon and seconded by Member Jefferson to approve the resolution regarding the Health Savings Account Contribution for plan year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. A copy of this resolution is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

The Building Committee report was presented by Building Committee Co-Chairman George Knapp. The committee minutes and the monthly reports are included in the packets.

Motion was made by Member Knapp and seconded by Member Bacon to approve the final payment to Midwest Service Group for the Courtroom Renovation Project in the amount of \$17,402.40. This project should be completed by the end of the month. Member Bacon reported that the chairs had not yet been delivered. Chairman Friedrich stated that it was looking good. The contractors are working on the flooring. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

The Sheriff, Jail, Courthouse, Animal Control, Mary Davis Home, and Annex Committee report was presented by Committee Chairman Ricardo Sandoval. The monthly reports are in the packets.

Motion was made by Member Sandoval and seconded by Member Hurst to approve the upgrades to the current security and video system at the Jail. Security Electronics Integration Company (SEICO) installed the current system and provided a price quote in the amount of \$38,579.00. This upgrade will add much needed video storage which will retain video storage for at least a year. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

The Nursing Home, Assessor, Zoning, GIS, and Recorder Committee report was presented by Committee Vice-Chairman George Knapp. These monthly reports are included in the packets.

The Highway and Landfill Committee report was presented by Committee Chairman Shawn Pitman. The monthly reports are included in the packets. This month the landfill took in 9,216.77 tons for a tipping fee of \$298,402. Net income was \$133,055.00. Once the funds were transferred the net profit was \$84,692.00. Year to date the net profit is \$6,644.00.

Motion was made by Member Pitman and seconded by Member Johnson to approve the resolution for improvement on Knox County Highway 11 Spoon River Bridge Replacement, Section 12-00103-01-BR. A copy of this resolution is included in the packets. Roll call vote is

recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Pitman and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation, County Highway 11 Spoon River Bridge Replacement, Section 12-0012-00103-01-BR. A copy of this agreement is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Pitman and seconded by Member Hurst to approve Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation, Rural Traffic Sign Upgrade Program, Section 14-00000-00-SG. A copy of this resolution is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Davidson presented the monthly report from the Knox County Board of Health. She reported that the auditors had requested changes and the Health Department is working to implement those changes. The auditors did award them very high scores.

Member Bondi presented the monthly report from the Galesburg Convention and Visitors Bureau. There have been serious lobbying efforts to try to convince Springfield to continue the present level of funding for Amtrak in Galesburg. They are also negotiating with the City of Galesburg to include community calendar information on Channel 7. This would also include continuous weather information. They are suggesting four cameras in different areas of town. It would be a good idea for the County to consider contributing to this project.

Member Knapp presented the monthly report from the 9-1-1 Committee. At the most recent meeting, they discussed new equipment to replace the current equipment which was installed in 1991. This project is expected to cost approximately \$300,000.

Chairman Friedrich presented the monthly report from the Knox County Area Partnership for Economic Development. He asked Member Bondi to share a summary of a presentation that he gave at that most recent meeting. Member Bondi stated one of most significant companies that has come into the area is Big River Resources. This is an ethanol producing company with locations in Galva and West Burlington as well as other locations. One piece of exciting news is a new product called zein which is a byproduct of the ethanol production. This product has multiple applications including a coating for candies and medications. It can also be used as a coating in packaging of food products. Zein production is scheduled to begin by the end of next month in a new \$20,000,000 facility in the Galva location. This is good news for the area economy. They expect to add 25 to 30 new jobs with more jobs to be added later at other locations. Member Erickson added that there is a lot of local money invested in this business.

Member Johnson presented the monthly report from the Prairie Hills Resources Board. He reported that the Prairie Hills fundraiser was coming up in September at the winery in Carthage. Proceeds from this event go to conservation. More information will be coming later.

Member Davidson presented the monthly report from the United Council of Counties. She stated that she did not attend and she was confused about the date. The next meeting is in July and is their golf outing.

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

Motion was made by Member Bacon and seconded by Member Jefferson to approve specific line item changes to the budget for the following departments or funds: Veteran's Assistance Commission, Child Advocacy Center, County Funds and Treasurer's Office. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Sandoval and seconded by Member Jefferson to approve the claims against Knox County, Illinois, for the period of April 24, 2015 through May 27, 2015 (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, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Conklin, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(12). Noes—(0). Pass—Bondi—(1). Motion carried.

STATEMENTS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Member Johnson, Member Bacon, Member Foster, and Member Knapp had no comments at this time.

Chairman Friedrich thanked Board Members for working together and getting done all that has been accomplished during the last two months. He appreciates everyone's hard work.

Member Davidson, Member Erickson, Member Sandoval, Member Conklin, Member Bondi, Member Hurst, Member Pitman, and Member Jefferson had no comments at this time.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 24, 2015, 6:00 p.m., at the Knox County Courthouse, Galesburg, Illinois.

Motion was made by Member Jefferson and seconded by Member Bacon to adjourn from this Meeting. Voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.