

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

**January 28, 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, January 28, 2015 at 6:05 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 1	Cheryl Nache
District 2	Russell Nelson
District 3	Pamela Davidson
District 4	David Erickson
District 5	Ricardo "Rick" Sandoval
District 2	Robert "Bob" Bondi
District 3	Trisha Hurst
District 4	Shawn Pitman
District 5	Jeff Jefferson

And those absent:        District 1        Richard Conklin

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

Sheriff Dave Clague delivered the proclamation. Chairman Friedrich led the Members in the pledge to the flag. Ruth Chandler of the First United Methodist Church of Galesburg delivered the invocation.

Chairman Friedrich asked for additions or deletions to the agenda. Member Pitman asked that agenda item #4, approve appointment to the Knox County Board of Health, be removed from this agenda.

Chairman Friedrich asked for public comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Member Erickson and seconded by Member Nache to approve the following items of the consent agenda: 1) minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on December 29, 2014, 2) claims by Members for per diem and mileage for the Meeting of January 28, 2015 and other claims for per diem from meetings, and 3) sales tax and various taxes for the month of October 2014 in the amounts of \$106,106.61 and \$24,043.12 and public safety tax in the amount of \$88,885.77. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Nelson, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Knapp and seconded by Member Pitman to approve the reappointment of Kenneth Russell to the Wataga Sanitary District for a three year term. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Nelson, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Knapp and seconded by Member Bacon to approve a Resolution approving Implementation of the Public Safety Tax Increase in Knox County, Illinois. Chairman Friedrich explained that this has to do with implementation of the 9-1-1 tax. Although the starting date is in July 2015, the County will not begin receiving that revenue until October. A copy of this is included in the packets. County Clerk Scott Erickson explained that this approved resolution is a requirement from the Department of Revenue. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Nelson, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(14). 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 Bacon and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the Resolution to Abate the Levy for the General Alternate Revenue Bonds, Series 2010A and Series 2010B for Tax Year 2014 (Build America Bonds and Recovery Zone Bonds.) A copy of this resolution is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Nelson, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(14). 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.

The Sheriff, Jail, Courthouse, Animal Control, Mary Davis Home, and Annex Committee report was presented by Committee Vice Chairman Bob Bondi. Monthly reports and committee minutes were e-mailed to the Members. Member Nache inquired about the current number of federal prisoners at the Knox County Jail. Sheriff Clague responded that currently there were 9 federal prisoners. Administrator of the Mary Davis Home Rod Clair stated that the current census of the Mary Davis Home is 30 and of the number 3 are from Knox County.

The Nursing Home, Assessor, Zoning, GIS, and Recorder Committee report was presented by Committee Chairman Jeff Jefferson. These reports are included in the packets.

Motion was made by Member Jefferson and seconded by Member Davidson to approve the purchase of I-Pads and laptops for the Nursing Home at a total cost of \$5,056.60. This expenditure is included in the budget. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Nelson, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Jefferson and seconded by Member Pitman to approve flights of new aerial photography by Surdex.

Member Davidson inquired about the photos that Google provides if that would be suitable for the County's needs. The County has approved these flights for aerial photography before.

GIS Coordinator Bill Lotz responded that Google could be used as a supplement but the Google imagery is not suitable for all of the County's needs. The County needs to stay current on this base line imagery and the last photos were last taken five years ago. There have been some significant changes. It is best to do this before the trees leaf out in the spring. Knox County will be participating with Hancock and McDonough Counties to help each county diminish their cost. This saves Knox County about 11%. The City of Galesburg wants to wait until some major changes such as the overpass is completed. Still the Galesburg City Assessor is contributing \$1,000. The City of Galesburg and Knox County do share this information. The County Recorder's Office is also contributing toward this cost.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Nelson, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Jefferson and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the resolution on payment of new aerial photography at a cost not to exceed \$55,400.00. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Nelson, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

The Highway and Landfill Committee report was presented by Committee Chairman Shawn Pitman. The monthly reports and committee minutes are included in the packets. He noted that compared to last year; the Highway Department has spent less money in overtime pay. They have also used less salt than last year. Landfill Administrator Jerry Reynolds did get a three year extension on the contract with Big River Resources.

Motion was made by Member Pitman and seconded by Member Johnson to approve the Resolution on 2015 County Motor Fuels Tax Maintenance, Section 15-00000-00-GM. A copy of this resolution is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Nelson, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Pitman and seconded by Member Knapp to approve the supplemental engineering agreement for County Highway 11 bridge replacement; Section 12-00103-01-BR. Information is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Nelson, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Pitman and seconded by Member Foster to approve the three year contract extension for hauling and disposal with the City of Kewanee. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Nelson, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

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, Nache, Nelson, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Nache and seconded by Member Davidson to approve specific budget line item changes to the budget for the following departments or funds: Highway Department, County Clerk/Elections, Public Safety Improvement Fund, and Public Defender's Office. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Friedrich, Nache, Nelson, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Bondi, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Sandoval and seconded by Member Pitman to approve claims against Knox County, Illinois, for the period of December 30, 2104 through January 28, 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, Nache, Nelson, Davidson, Erickson, Sandoval, Hurst, Pitman and Jefferson—(13). 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 commented that when positive comments are heard out in public that these comments should be passed on to appropriate department heads. He would like to have a time in the Board Meetings to discuss and learn about matters that should be important to the Board Members to allow them to become familiar with other topics. Those that are assigned to outside organizations should inform other Board Members of the activities of those groups and what they have learned. There should also be better communication with the Health Department. He also thanked everyone for their help as he has assumed the Chairman position.

Member Nache had no comments at this time.

Member Nelson commented that Rachel Secrist is doing a great job at the Nursing Home. She even gave him a tour of the facility.

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

Member Pitman commented that he has asked Highway Engineer Duane Ratermann to prepare talking points so that everybody can be aware of what is going on at the Highway Department. Subjects such as overtime could be shared with Board Members. He also thinks that there are other things that the County could do to save money. These measures are similar to the methods used by businesses.

Member Jefferson commented that he was happy to see an article on television reporting positive things at the Knox County Nursing Home. He thanked Mrs. Secrist for the time that she puts in at the Nursing Home. He also thanked Member Johnson as it all contributes to the positive words that were expressed about the Knox County Nursing Home. That is a positive reflection on Knox County. These two individuals did a great job in representing the County on television. The current census is 142 residents.

Chairman Friedrich announced that the next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 25, 2015, 6:00 p.m., at the Knox County Courthouse, Galesburg, Illinois.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Pitman to adjourn until the next regularly scheduled Meeting of the Board. Voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:38.