

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD  
KNOX COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
October 22, 2003**

STATE OF ILLINOIS     )  
                                  )   SS  
COUNTY OF KNOX     )

Proceedings of the regular meeting of the Knox County Board, held at the Courthouse, Galesburg, Illinois, on Wednesday, October 22, 2003 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Sally Keener and on roll call the following members of the Board reported present:

District 1	Kimla Sheetz
District 2	Gayle Keiser
District 3	Dale Parsons
District 4	Sally Keener
District 5	Ricardo Sandoval
District 1	Allen Pickrel
District 2	Dana Shallenberger
District 3	Paul Hevland
District 4	Lowell Mannhardt
District 5	Gerald Link
District 1	Linda Roberts
District 2	William Abel
District 3	Janet Occhi
District 4	Wayne Saline
District 5	Stephen Johnson

and also present were James Thompson, Sheriff and Mary Powell, Deputy County Clerk.

Sheriff Thompson delivered the proclamation, Chairman Keener led the members in the Pledge to the Flag and Rev. Leigh Nygard gave the invocation.

Chairman Keener asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Allen Pickrel requested Item No. 18 be removed from the agenda as all bids had not been received. There was no objection to this request.

Public comment. Matt Hulsizer and Rebecca Bradshaw each addressed the Board in appreciation of the County Board's support of 4-H and presented cupcakes. Jane Johnson, Steve Ramp and Jim Heinz addressed the Board in opposition to the draft plan of railroad relocation. Eric Voyles and Jeff Klinck, addressed the board on continued funding for GREDA. Ted Hoffman, Galesburg Fire Department, addressed the Board with his concerns of Nursing Home needs to upgrade to protect residents in the building.

Chairman Keener presented the following consent agenda: 1) Minutes of the Board Meeting held September 24, 2003; 2) Claims against Knox County, Illinois, for the period of September 25, 2003 - October 22, 2003, 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; 3) Claims by Members for per diem and mileage for the meeting of October 22, 2003; 4) Financial reports of Marc C. Wong, County Clerk, Robin E. Davis, Treasurer, Nancy J. McCune, Recorder, Kelly Cheesman, Circuit Clerk, and James K. Thompson, Sheriff for the month of September, 2003, filed with the Clerk; 5) Sales tax and various taxes for the month of July, 2003 in the amounts of \$94,521.63 and \$20,503.65 and public safety tax in the amount of \$73,378.50; 6) Appointment of Mr. Paul Way as a member of the Knox County Housing Authority; 7) Appointment of James H. Nelson to another term as a member of the County Deputy Sheriff's Merit Commission. Motion to approve consent agenda by Jan Occhi seconded by Linda Roberts and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Sheetz, Keiser, Parsons, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Hevland, Mannhardt, Link, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (15); Noes - (0). Motion carried.

Motion by Allen Pickrel to suspend the rules seconded by Gerald Link and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Sheetz, Keiser, Parsons, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Hevland, Mannhardt, Link, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (15); Noes - (0). Motion carried. Motion by Steve Johnson seconded by Jan Occhi to change the November County Board meeting to Monday, November 24, 2003, and December County Board meeting to December 22, 2003. Motion carried.

Motion by William Abel seconded by Jan Occhi to go into closed session to discuss personnel and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Sheetz, Keiser, Parsons, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Hevland, Mannhardt, Link, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (15); Noes - (0). Motion carried

7:40 p.m. - Return to open session.

Motion by William Abel to approve a two-year contract with Alan Hallberg, Knox County Administrator, with no increase in pay the first year, 3% increase the second year and no other changes seconded by Jan Occhi and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Sheetz, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Mannhardt, Link, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline - (10); Noes - Keiser, Parsons, Shallenberger, Hevland, Johnson - (5). Motion carried. Motion by Lowell Mannhardt to accept terms of Corby Schmidt, Knox County Zoning Administrator, contract as outlined in the contract with modifications as requested seconded by Steve Johnson and vote by roll call

as follows: Ayes - Mannhardt - (1); Noes - Sheetz, Keiser, Parsons, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Hevland, Link, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (14). Motion failed.

Item number 12 on the agenda regarding security contract for the Knox County Administrative Annex will be presented by Executive Committee in November.

Chairman Keener presented the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF A MENTAL HEALTH CARE FACILITY  
TO BE LOCATED IN OR NEAR GALESBURG, ILLINOIS**

**WHEREAS**, the George A. Zeller Mental Health Center, located in Peoria, Illinois, was the nearest available State-owned facility for the care of individuals with mental disabilities; and,

**WHEREAS**, the George A. Zeller Mental Health Center ceased operations in late 2002; and,

**WHEREAS**, there is a need in this community and this region for mental health services; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich has suggested the possibility of locating a 40-bed mental health care facility in or near Galesburg, Illinois;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the County Board of the County of Knox, State of Illinois, hereby supports the location of a mental health care facility in or near Galesburg, Illinois; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a suitable copy of this Resolution be presented to the Governor of the State of Illinois and the Senators and Representatives of the General Assembly that represent the County of Knox, State of Illinois.

Motion to approve resolution by Lowell Mannhardt seconded by Kimla Sheetz. Motion carried.

Wayne Saline, Finance and Insurance Committee, reported fund balance at \$1,538,346. The budget should be at 83% and at present revenues are at 86%, expenses 85%. Wayne Saline presented the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE KNOX COUNTY HOSPITALIZATION FUND**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Knox is a governmental entity that provides governmental services and in addition operates such enterprises as the Mary Davis Home, the Veterans Affairs Office, the Knox County Nursing Home, the Knox County Highway Department, the Knox County Landfill, the Knox County Animal Control Department and has budgetary approval authority over the Knox County Health Department; and

**WHEREAS**, the foregoing various entities employ a number of individuals in the carrying out of the various governmental functions; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Knox has in the past provided health and hospitalization insurance for the benefit of said employees; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the converting of the County of Knox from a self-insurance program to a covered program of health and hospitalization service, the County anticipates that there may occur shortages in the County's Hospitalization Fund to pay for the remaining administrative costs and claims incurred prior to October 31, 2003; and

**WHEREAS**, the Knox County Board desires to be able to address any shortfall that may occur in the County's Hospitalization Fund to meet said expenses; and

**WHEREAS**, the County of Knox and the Mary Davis Home, the Veterans Affairs Office, the Knox County Nursing Home, the Knox County Highway Department, the Knox County Landfill, the Knox County Animal Control Department and the Knox County Health Department, all proportionately contribute to the County's Hospitalization Fund to meet said expenses in the following percentages:

County of Knox	30.37%
Mary Davis Home	13.21%
Veterans Affairs Office	.72%
Knox County Nursing Home	37.50%
Knox County Highway Department	5.00%
Knox County Landfill	2.86%
Knox County Animal Control Dept.	.72%
Knox County Health Department	9.62%

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is hereby resolved by the Knox County Board that:

1. The County of Knox and the Mary Davis Home, the Veterans Affairs Office, the Knox County Nursing Home, the Knox County Highway Department, the Knox County Landfill, the Knox County Animal Control Department and the Knox County Health Department shall all be proportionately assessed and contribute to the County's Hospitalization Fund that sum of money necessary to meet remaining administrative costs and claims with the following percentages:

County of Knox	30.37%
Mary Davis Home	13.21%
Veterans Affairs Office	.72%
Knox County Nursing Home	37.50%
Knox County Highway Department	5.00%
Knox County Landfill	2.86%
Knox County Animal Control Dept.	.72%
Knox County Health Department	9.62%

2. The Knox County Treasurer is hereby authorized to make such transfers as required to effect the intent of this Resolution.

Motion by Wayne Saline to approve resolution seconded by Allen Pickrel and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Sheetz, Keiser, Parsons, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Hevland, Mannhardt, Link, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (15); Noes - (0). Motion carried.

7:58 - Recess

8:00 - Return to regular meeting

Motion by Wayne Saline we approve proposed 2003-2004 annual budget with amended personnel salaries as discussed seconded by Allen Pickrel. Steve Johnson amended motion to reinstate \$10,000 in GREDA funding for a total of \$30,000 seconded by William Abel and vote by roll call on amendment as follows: Ayes - Sheetz, Keiser, Parsons, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Hevland, Mannhardt, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (13); Noes - Shallenberger, Link - (2). Motion carried. Roll call on original motion with amendment as follows: Ayes - Sheetz, Keiser, Parsons, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Hevland, Mannhardt, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (14); Noes - Link - (1). Motion carried.

Motion by William Abel for authority to bid and bring back proposals for bread and milk contracts seconded by Lowell Mannhardt. Motion carried. Motion by William Abel seconded by Lowell Mannhardt to issue bonds for improvements at the Knox County Nursing Home in the amount of \$5,000,000. After discussion Allen Pickrel called for question and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Sheetz, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Mannhardt, Link, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (12); Noes - Keiser, Parsons, Hevland - (3). Motion

carried. Roll call vote on motion as follows: Ayes - Keiser, Parsons, Keener, Hevland, Mannhardt, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Johnson - (9); Noes - Sheetz, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Link, Saline - (6). Motion carried.

Gerald Link, Highway, Landfill and Zoning, reported the intersection at CH-4 is completed. Summer road work is done and the crews are busy completing shoulder work. Motion by Gerald Link for authority to bid and bring back proposals for a new tandem dump truck cab and chassis and new 2-1/2 cubic yard endloader seconded by Paul Hevland. Motion carried. Gerald Link reported the new cell at the Landfill will be finished in a month. The trucks are busy on the "fluff" project. The Committee opened bids on new dozer and scraper. Three bids were received with low bid from Altorfer's with net cash price of \$116,941 on the Dozer and \$69,010 for new scraper. Motion to accept bids by Gerald Link seconded by Rick Sandoval and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Sheetz, Keiser, Parsons, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Hevland, Mannhardt, Link, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (15); Noes - (0). Motion carried.

Corby Schmidt, Zoning Administrator, presented zoning case Z-01-03, Thomas Williams and Randall Hellyer requesting a Zoning District Change/Zoning Map Amendment from the R, Rural Residential zoning district to the B2, Highway Business zoning district on 39.3 acres located at the southwest corner of the intersection of Knox Highway I5 and Oak Run Drive and at the southeast corner of the intersection of Knox Highway I5 and Snake Den Road in Persifer Township. The Zoning Board of Appeals recommend denial of the request. Motion by Gerald Link to approve zoning change as requested seconded by Dana Shallenberger and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - (0). Noes - Sheetz, Keiser, Parsons, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Hevland, Mannhardt, Link, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (15). Motion failed.

Jan Occhi, Planning and Space Allocation, reported the Committee is looking at personnel policy and would like County Board Members to make any suggestions. The Committee is also listening to concerned citizens on railroad relocation.

Alan Hallberg, County Administrator, reported Sidwell has completed the City's portion of GIS and will deliver it the first week in November. Alan Hallberg presented the following agreement:

### **AGREEMENT FOR CENTREX SERVICE**

The undersigned Knox County requests Gallatin River Communications L.L.C. to provide Centrex service to Knox County at the address listed below. 121 S. Prairie Street Suite 4, Galesburg, Illinois and Gallatin River Communications agree that:

1. Charges for equipment and facilities which are regulated by the Public Utilities Commission of Illinois, shall be those in Gallatin River Communications' approved tariff.
2. The terms and conditions under which Centrex service will be provided and the description of Centrex Service are set forth in Gallatin River Communications' tariff for Centrex Service. Subject to approval by the Public Service Commission of Illinois, the tariff may be modified from time to time.

3. CUSTOMER elects to pay for Centrex Service subject to the following conditions:
  - a. CUSTOMER shall pay a monthly amount, which shall be subject to Gallatin River Communications L.L.C. initiated change.
  - b. CUSTOMER shall pay applicable non-recurring charges for the establishment of service and for moves or rearrangements requested by the CUSTOMER.
  - c. Centrex Service is not eligible for reduced rate treatment provided for in Gallatin River Communications' Tariff relating to temporary suspension of service.
  - d. If for any reason CUSTOMER terminates any Services before the expiration of the Term of this Agreement, CUSTOMER shall immediately pay Gallatin River Communications: (i) all charges for Services provided through the termination date and (ii) a termination charge equal to the amount of the difference between the service base rate and the CUSTOMER'S negotiated rate multiplied by the number of months Services have been received by CUSTOMER.
4. CUSTOMER elects to receive Centrex for a 60 months term commencing October 28, 2003 and ending October 28, 2008. At the end of that term, if the service is not cancelled or a new term chosen by CUSTOMER, the service will be provided on a month-to-month basis and charges will be adjusted accordingly.
5. Charges for central office access lines or trunks for terminal equipment are in addition to those specified in item number 3.
6. If Centrex Service requested by CUSTOMER is cancelled prior to the establishment of the service, the CUSTOMER shall pay all costs incurred by Gallatin River Communications in connection with establishing the service including any engineering, labor, materials, installation and/or dismantling costs. All terms and conditions of this service offering are set forth in the applicable schedule of the Centrex tariff and the tariff fully determines the rights and obligations of CUSTOMER and Gallatin River Communications.

7. Page 2 contains CUSTOMER'S initial order for service (Total monthly recurring charge: \$4,122.23)

8. General Provisions

8.01 The terms and conditions and rights under this Agreement will be determined in accordance with the laws of the State Delaware.

8.02 The Company providing service will be referred to as GRC, Gallatin River Communications L.L.C. or Gallatin River Communications L.L.C. a Delaware Limited Liability Company.

Motion to approve 5 year contract seconded by Jan Occhi and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Sheetz, Keiser, Parsons, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Hevland, Mannhardt, Link, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (15); Noes - (0). Motion carried.

Sally Keener reminded the Board the next full Board meeting will be November 24, 2003, at 6:00 p.m. and declared the October 22, 2003 meeting recessed.