

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

**July 27, 2011**

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Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Knox County Board held at the Knox County Courthouse, Galesburg, Illinois on Wednesday July 27, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg Bacon 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	Jeff Jefferson
District 1	Allen Pickrel
District 2	Paul Stewart
District 3	Pamela Davidson
District 1	Cheryl Nache
District 2	William Abel
District 3	Tim Hasten
District 4	Shawn Pitman
District 5	David Serven

Those absent:                District 4        Wayne Saline  
                                  District 5        Ricardo "Rick" Sandoval

Also present were Dave Hansen from the State's Attorney's Office, Sheriff Dave Clague, and County Clerk Scott Erickson.

Sheriff Dave Clague delivered the proclamation. Chairman Bacon led the Members in the pledge to the flag. Rev. David Scholl of the Galesburg Rescue Mission delivered the invocation.

Chairman Bacon asked for additions or deletions to the agenda. Member Johnson asked that Item #14 approval of final architect invoice for Nursing Home project be removed. Chairman Bacon added a personnel item to the agenda as Item #5A.

Chairman Bacon asked for public comments. Mr. David Sutor from Sparta Township spoke to thank the Knox County Highway Department for their work on county Highway 40 through Wataga. It was in bad shape and is now much better.

Motion was made by Member Serven and seconded by Member Hasten to approve the following items of the consent agenda: 1) Minutes of the Regular and Closed Board Meeting on June 27, 2011, 2) claims by Members for per diem and mileage for the Meeting of July 27, 2011 and other claims for per diem from meetings, and 3) sales tax and various taxes for the month of April 2011 in the amounts of \$100,734.49 and \$23,509.90 and public safety tax in the amount of \$85,981.91. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Pickrel, Stewart, Davidson, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman, and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Knapp and seconded by Member Pickrel to approve the Legal Holiday Calendar for 2012 for Courthouse Closings. A copy of this calendar is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Pickrel, Stewart, Davidson, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman, and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

The Illinois Department of Transportation Audit Reports covering receipt and disbursement of Motor Fuel Tax Funds and supplemental township audits from January 2002 through December 31, 2004 was presented by Chairman Bacon. This audit report is on file in the County Clerk's Office and a copy is included in the packets. Member Stewart asked about the dates on the reports and Duane Ratermann responded that for most of the last few years the State did not have a Motor Fuel Tax auditor to do the reports.

Chairman Bacon read a letter from Member Wayne Saline stating that due to reasons of personal matters he would not have the time to dedicate to the work on the County Board and was therefore resigning his position effective July 27, 2011. Chairman Bacon thanked Member Saline for his years of work on the Board and his knowledge on the Finance Committee will be missed.

The Finance, Insurance, Treasurer, Judicial, and Clerk Committee report was presented by Committee Vice Chairman William Abel. The monthly reports are included in the packets. Member Pickrel asked about the Insurance Fund on page 35 of the County budget. He stated that the contract that we entered into last November is not an "apples to apples" program to what we had previously. He was concerned that we are underfunded as we have already had to borrow \$456,286 from reserves. We will have to borrow even more in the future as most claims are filed at the end of the year. The self-insurance fund will be out of funds in 1 year. He is worried that the provider is not the best. He warned the Finance Committee to be watching out for this fund as we will have to go out on the open market if funds run out. He has been contacted by many people who have had to call the Courthouse to get claims paid. There was even one person who was trying to buy a home and they received a bad credit rating because of the insurance not paying. He stated he would bring it up next month when the Treasurer would be available. Member Stewart asked if a representative from the Insurance provider could come to the next meeting to explain things. Chairman Bacon said he would be in favor of that plan. Member Pickrel stated that he just wanted to make sure that everybody was aware of the potential problems.

Motion was made by Member Pickrel and seconded by Member Johnson to approve membership in the Western Illinois Regional Council. The fee is based on the unincorporated population number of 9,152 multiplied by a rate of \$.55, for a total fee of \$5,028.10. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Pickrel, Stewart, Davidson, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman, and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Member Knapp and seconded by Member Davidson to approve the proposal for revised civil drawings for the courthouse renovation project to be prepared by Bruner, Cooper & Zuck, Inc., for a fee of \$3,200. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Pickrel, Stewart, Davidson, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman, and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

The Sheriff, Jail, Courthouse, Animal Control, Mary Davis Home, and Annex Committee report was presented by Committee Vice Chairman Jeff Jefferson. The monthly reports and committee minutes were provided to the Members.

The Highway, Assessor, Zoning, GIS, and Recorder Committee report was presented by Committee Chairman Jeff Jefferson. Monthly reports are included in the packets. Committee minutes were distributed to the Members.

Motion was made by Member Jefferson and seconded by Member Hasten to approve the bid for tandem truck equipment submitted by Monroe Truck Equipment from Monroe, Wisconsin in the total amount of \$51,140.00. Two other bids were submitted but did not meet the bid specifications. This bid item consists of the installation of a 15 ft dump body, a stainless steel tailgate salt spreader, 9 ft front mount snow wing, and complete hydraulic system. There are available funds in the highway department's equipment replacement appropriation line. Member Pickrel asked if this bid was with the trade in on the recycler. Duane Ratermann stated that the recycler was last month and this was as separate issue. Member Pickrel asked what the Townships are going to do now that we no longer have a recycler. Ratermann explained that they will have to hire it done just like we will. Member Pickrel asked if that would hurt the Townships. Mr. Ratermann stated that it would cost them more money. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Pickrel, Stewart, Davidson, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman, and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

The Landfill and Nursing Home Committee report was presented by Committee Chairman Lyle Johnson. Committee reports and committee minutes are included in the packets.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Nache to approve the lease of a haul truck for the landfill. Currently the landfill does lease two trucks from Centre State Truck Sales. Landfill Administrator Jerry Reynolds is asking permission to pursue the leasing of another transport truck for the landfill. The one they want to replace is a 2007 Volvo truck with 550,000 miles on it. The average life span for a truck like this is between 500,000 and 600,000 miles. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp,

Jefferson, Pickrel, Stewart, Davidson, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman, and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Pitman to approve trading or selling the belt trailer at the landfill and get an additional new trash trailer for the Kewanee contract with a maximum amount difference of \$5,000. Member Johnson stated that they want to dispose of the trailer and replace it with a dump trailer. Jerry Reynolds stated that the belt trailer was used with the fluff contract and now all they use it for is hauling rock at the Landfill. The dump trailer could be used for the Kewanee contract to help with that service. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Pickrel, Stewart, Davidson, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman, and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Hasten and seconded by Member Johnson to approve the opening of the budget for line item adjustments. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Pickrel, Stewart, Davidson, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman, and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Knapp and seconded by Member Hasten to approve specific line item adjustments in the budget for the following; Highway Department, Health Department, Build America Bonds, Child Advocacy Center, Judicial Department, Regional Superintendent of Schools Office, Self Insurance Fund, and the Nursing Home. Member Stewart asked about the Public Defender invoices that are over budget and no evidence of budget adjustments were submitted. The Sheriff also had some overages also. Chairman Bacon said he would talk to the Public Defender. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Pickrel, Stewart, Davidson, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman, and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Jefferson and seconded by Member Hasten to approve claims against Knox County, Illinois, for the period of June 28, 2011 through July 27, 2011 (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, Jefferson, Pickrel, Stewart, Davidson, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman, and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

## STATEMENTS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Member Johnson said that he attended the CASA open house and was impressed by their program.

Chairman Bacon stated that it was with great sadness that he read Member Saline's resignation letter. He has known him since he has been on the Board and he had a lot of financial knowledge. Dealing with a \$30 million budget may seem easy but it is never easy. He was a great mentor and will be missed.

Members Foster and Knapp had no comment.

Member Jefferson said he will miss Member Saline and he has learned a lot from Wayne on finances. He will be hard to replace.

Member Pickrel asked about the property at south Henderson street by the railroad yard and if it was our property. Duane Ratermann said that the City had called him on this already and it is the Counties responsibility to mow the right of way. Member Pickrel also stated that it is sad to see Member Saline go and it will be a great loss to the County. In his 15 years on the Board he can easily say that Wayne was one of the best that has ever served on the Board.

Member Stewart stated that Judy Guenseth formerly of Knox County CASA was in the audience and he enjoyed her article in the newspaper.

Member Davidson announced that August 6<sup>th</sup> would be the Boys and Girls Club golf outing and encouraged all to attend.

Member Nache said she will miss Member Saline and that Kathy at the Nursing Home is doing great work. She is hearing nothing but good things about the nursing home.

Member Abel stated that commended Member Saline for his years of service and hard work on the Finance Committee. That is a job that cannot be learned in four years.

Member Hasten said that it was nice to work with Member Saline on the Finance Committee and he will be hard to replace.

Member Pitman had no comment.

Member Serven thanked Member Saline for all his hard work. His knowledge of County finances will be missed.

The next Regular Meeting will be held Wednesday, August 24, 2011, 6:00 p.m. at the Knox County Courthouse, Galesburg, Illinois.

Motion was made by Member Pickrel and seconded by Member Foster to adjourn until the next scheduled Meeting. Voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—(13). Noes—(0). Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.