

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

**December 30, 2009**

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Proceedings of the regular meeting of the Knox County Board held at the Knox County Courthouse, Galesburg, Illinois on December 30, 2009 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	Allen Pickrel
District 2	Greg “Chops” Bacon
District 3	Barbara Foster
District 4	Lowell Mannhardt
District 5	Jeff Jefferson
District 1	Cheryl Nache
District 2	Paul Stewart
District 3	Tim Hasten
District 4	George Knapp
District 5	Ricardo “Rick” Sandoval
District 1	Lyle Johnson
District 2	William Abel
District 4	Wayne Saline
District 5	David Serven

Also present were Sheriff Dave Clague, Treasurer Robin Davis, State’s Attorney John Pepmeyer, 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 agenda item # 24, discussion and review of nursing home entry door issues, be removed from this agenda.

Chairman Bacon asked for public comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Member Hasten and seconded by Member Jefferson to approve the following items for the consent agenda: 1) minutes of the Regular and Closed Board Meeting on November 23, 2009 and the Special Board Meeting on November 25,

2009, 2) claims by Members for per diem and mileage for the Meeting of December 30, 2009 and other claims for per diem from meetings, and 3) sales tax and various taxes for the month of September 2009 in the amounts of \$98,239.16 and \$18,974.65 and public safety tax in the amounts of \$84,390.42. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Pickrel, Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Saline, and Serven—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Hasten and seconded by Member Stewart to approve the appointment of Pamela Davidson to fill the vacant position in District 3 for the County Board. This vacancy occurred when former Member Jan Occhi resigned. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Pickrel, Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Saline, and Serven—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

County Clerk Scott Erickson administered the oath of office to newly appointed Board Member, Pamela Davidson. Other Members welcomed her.

Motion was made by Member Serven and seconded by Member Johnson to approve the appointment of Paul Stewart to the Knox County Housing Authority Board, to complete an unexpired term which will expire in May 2010. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Pickrel, Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Davidson, Saline, and Serven—(14). Noes—(0). Pass—Stewart—(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Stewart and seconded by Member Jefferson to approve the appointment of Dale Parsons to the resident position on the Knox County Housing Authority Board. This term will expire in May 2014. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Pickrel, Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Davidson, Saline, and Serven—(15). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Saline and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the appointment of Member Johnson to the GREDA Board. This vacancy was created when former Member Jan Occhi resigned. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Pickrel, Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Abel, Davidson, Saline, and Serven—(14). Noes—(0). Pass—Johnson—(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Hasten and seconded by Member Stewart to approve the appointment of Member Davidson to the Carver Center Board. She will complete the unexpired term of former Member Jan Occhi. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Pickrel, Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Saline, and Serven—(14). Noes—(0). Pass—Davidson—(1). Motion carried.

The Finance, Insurance, Treasurer, Judicial, and Clerk Committee report was presented by Member Saline. He distributed copies of the report to the Members.

Motion was made by Member Saline and seconded by Member Johnson to approve the opening of the FY2008-2009 budget for specific line item adjustments. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Pickrel, Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Davidson, Saline, and Serven—(15). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Saline noted that the State had informed them that the State may not be able to meet their financial obligations for this fiscal year. It would be good for County departments to prioritize their expenditures. If some purchases could be postponed for four or five months, we might have a better idea on whether we will be receiving state reimbursements.

Motion was made by Member Saline and seconded by Member Johnson to approve specific line item adjustments to the budget of FY2008-2009. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Pickrel, Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Davidson, Saline, and Serven—(15). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Saline and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve liability claims for the County in one amount of \$154.76 and another claim for \$48.80. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Pickrel, Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Davidson, Saline, and Serven—(15). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Saline and seconded by Member Nache to approve the resolution on paid in vacation warrants. Member Saline explained that this has been necessary for the last few years in order to pay bills in a timely fashion. Personnel expenses are not included but such routine things as maintenance agreements and utilities are included. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Pickrel, Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Davidson, Saline, and Serven—(15). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Knapp presented the Building Committee Report, which is included in the packets. Member Bacon reported that a recent courthouse inspection performed by Johnson Building Systems found some lead paint and asbestos in some floor tiles. The Board had no previous knowledge of the lead paint. There is a report on file in the County Clerk's office which lists the specific areas of the lead paint and the asbestos in the building.

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

Motion was made by Member Sandoval and seconded by Member Abel to approve bids submitted for Johnson Building Systems for a storage facility at the Mary Davis Home for a total cost of \$141,800. Chairman Bacon distributed copies of the bid tab sheet. This matter was discussed last month and plans have been provided previously. This is to be done in two phases. There is an alternate bid and a regular bid.

The building is to be 30 ft X 100 ft and fenced in. The purpose of the fenced in parking lot is for an impound area and storage area for vehicles from the Sheriff's Department. Rod Clair, director of the Mary Davis Home, has reported that he has \$102,290 left on the existing bond. That money must be spent or appropriated by the end of the year. The overage amount will be appropriated from the public safety fund. Sheriff Dave Clague will be utilizing a 30 ft X 30 ft portion of this building for some rescue equipment. The total construction cost is \$141,800, or \$47.27 per square foot. This total cost includes the expenses related to the fencing and the removal of one tree. Sheriff Clague's space equals a cost of \$42,000. There will be power to this building. Rooms will be separated by chain fencing. The plan is to store some records there that are currently being stored on the fourth floor of the courthouse. This building is designed so that in the future it could be climate controlled. There will be security cameras on this building. The structure will face the Mary Davis Home and you will not see the chain link fenced in area. It will even be color coordinated to match the Mary Davis Home.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Pickrel, Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Davidson, Saline, and Serven—(15). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

The Highway, Assessor, Zoning, GIS, and Recorder Committee report was presented by Committee Chairman George Knapp. Reports are included in the packets.

Motion was made by Member Knapp and seconded Member Pickrel to approve the low bid submitted by Roy Keith Electric Company in the amount of \$36,750 for electrical work at the Highway Department Office Building. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Pickrel, Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Davidson, Saline, and Serven—(15). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Knapp and seconded by Member Mannhardt to approve the bid submitted by E. D. Etnyre & Co., from Oregon, Illinois, in the amount of \$172,272 for the purchase of a new oil distributor and truck for the highway department. Highway Engineer Duane Ratermann had reported that the old truck is a 1991 Sterling model with less than 40,000 miles. He recommends that the County keep the old truck, and add heating strips to use it for oil storage.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Pickrel, Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Davidson, Saline, and Serven—(15). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Knapp and seconded by Member Saline to approve the professional services agreement with Hermann & Associates, LLC, from Peoria, Illinois, for design engineering on the County Highway 4 widening project. This would

involve the six mile portion of County Highway 4 that is east of Altona to Highway 17. Funds would be appropriated through the federal aid fund. This project has been discussed over the years, but the Galva Ethanol plant is causing the increase of truck traffic on the road, and it should be widened and have shoulders added. Duane Ratermann had reported that the entire project estimate is \$4 million, and this engineering component is not to exceed \$323,540. The cost will be paid over a period of three years as their work is completed. The engineering aspect has to do with design work.

Roll call vote to approve the professional services agreement for design engineering on County Highway 4 widening project is recorded as follows: Ayes—Pickrel, Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Davidson, Saline, and Serven—(15). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Knapp reported that the 2009 Assessment Notices were mailed on Friday, December 18, 2009. The assessment publication was also in the Register Mail newspaper on that same date. Farmland only changes were not published in the newspaper. This saved \$ 5,049.60 in publication fees this year. The final date for Board of Review appeals to be filed will be Wednesday, January 20, 2010. They must be in the office by 4 pm. Hopefully Board of Review hearings will be held the first week of March.

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

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Mannhardt to bid and bring back for updates and additions to the Johnson Control System at the Nursing Home. Voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—(15). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the bid for a landfill trash compactor. Member Johnson stated that two bids were received. The bid from Caterpillar was in the amount of \$501,875 with the option for the controls in the amount of \$195,000. The other bid is in the amount of \$495,000 submitted by BOMAC with the option for the controls in the amount of \$115,000. It is the recommendation of the committee to go with the Caterpillar bid. Even though the initial bid is slightly higher, the bid includes a higher buy back option. There are also differences in the option controls that make the Caterpillar a better fit for our purpose. This purchase does not include a trade in. At this time, the buy back option will be left open.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Pickrel, Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Davidson, Saline, and Serven—(15). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Mannhardt to approve the salary increase in the amount of 3.5 % for the landfill supervisor. This increase is comparable to other contracts at the landfill. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Pickrel, Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten,

Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Davidson, Saline, and Serven—(15). Noes—(0).  
Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Sandoval and seconded by Member Jefferson to approve opening the budget for line item adjustments. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Pickrel, Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Davidson, Saline, and Serven—(15). Noes—(0).  
Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Serven and seconded by Member Hasten to approve the specific line item adjustments in the budget. Specific information is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Pickrel, Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Davidson, Saline, and Serven—(15). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Hasten and seconded by Member Johnson to approve the claims against Knox County, Illinois, for the period of November 24 through December 30, 2009 (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—Pickrel, Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Davidson, Saline, and Serven—(15). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

## **STATEMENTS OF GENERAL CONCERN**

Member Pickrel welcomed Member Davidson to the Board and wished other Board Members a Happy New Year.

Chairman Bacon also welcomed Member Davidson to the Board and expressed his thanks to Board Members for all of their diligence, patience, and hard work. It has been a pleasure to work with them this past year and he is hoping for another good one next year.

Member Foster echoed welcome greetings to Member Davidson.

Member Mannhardt also welcomed Member Davidson.

Member Jefferson commented that it is nice to have Member Davidson aboard.

Member Nache also welcomed Member Davidson.

Member Stewart echoed his welcome greetings to Member Davidson. He also expressed his best wishes to former Member Occhi on her new endeavors.

Member Hasten congratulated Member Davidson on her appointment to the Board and wished everyone Happy New Year.

Member Knapp welcomed Member Davidson.

Member Sandoval welcomed Member Davidson.

Member Johnson welcomed Member Davidson and wished everyone a Happy New Year. It has been a great year working with everybody and he looks forward to next year.

Member Abel welcomed Member Davidson.

Member Davidson expressed her thanks to the other Board Members. She is excited to serve on the Board.

Member Saline stated that former Member Occhi served on the finance committee and he encouraged Member Davidson to attend and to be a part of these meetings.

Member Serven reiterated welcome greetings to Member Davidson.

The next regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 6:00 p.m. at the Knox County Courthouse, Galesburg, Illinois.

Motion was made by Member Mannhardt and seconded by Member Foster to adjourn. Voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—(15). Noes—(0). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.