

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

September 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 September 30, 2009 at 6:10 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Greg Bacon and upon roll call the following members reported present:

District 2	Greg “Chops” Bacon
District 3	Barbara Foster
District 4	Lowell Mannhardt
District 5	Jeff Jefferson
District 2	Paul Stewart
District 4	George Knapp
District 5	Ricardo “Rick” Sandoval
District 1	Lyle Johnson
District 2	William Abel
District 3	Jan Occhi
District 4	Wayne Saline
District 5	David Serven

And those absent: District 1 Allen Pickrel

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 to the agenda. He asked that item 11, appointment of EMS Coordinator be dropped from this agenda. He also asked that item 17, ordinance declaring intent to issue funding bonds be moved to 5 A. Member Johnson asked that item 27, addendum to union contract be dropped from this agenda.

Chairman Bacon asked for public comments. Judy Guenseth director of CASA for Knox County addressed the Board. She had attended the County Finance Committee to request funding for CASA. Right now they have 23 advocates and are training additional ones. CASA requests the Board’s continued support.

Randy Lynch from the local AFSCME unit #31 addressed the Board concerning the proposed bariatric unit at the Nursing Home. This could create additional jobs for the County. Right now nursing homes are having a hard time keeping the census up. He supports this plan to use one wing of the nursing home as a bariatric unit.

Motion was made by Member Ochhi and seconded by Member Jefferson to approve the following items of the consent agenda: 1) minutes of the Regular and Closed Board Meeting on August 26, 2009, 2) claims by Members for per diem and mileage for the Meeting of September 30, 2009 and other claims for per diems from Meetings, and 3) sales tax and various taxes for the month of June 2009 in the amounts of \$103,550.31 and \$21,811.17 and public safety tax in the amount of \$88,546.27. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Stewart, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Occhi, Saline, and Serven—(12). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Chairman Bacon introduced the two new appointees to the County Board: Cheryl Nache from District 1, and Tim Hasten from District 3. Chairman Bacon stated that these appointments would be voted on separately.

Motion was made by Member Occhi and seconded by Member Stewart to approve the appointment of Cheryl Nache. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Stewart, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Occhi, Saline, and Serven—(12). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Occhi and seconded by Member Jefferson to approve the appointment of Tim Hasten. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Sandoval, Abel, Occhi, Saline, and Serven—(8). Noes—Foster, Stewart, Knapp, and Johnson—(4). Motion carried.

Cheryl Nache and Tim Hasten were officially sworn in as new Members of the Knox County Board and were officially welcomed to the Board.

Motion was made by Member Saline and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve an ordinance declaring intent to issue funding bonds. Member Saline explained that this has to do with the Mary Davis Home. The bond that they currently have will be paid off this year. Since the State of Illinois is no longer adequately funding the Mary Davis Home, we need to file this intent so that the County can levy to collect enough money for this general purpose funding bond. Previously, we levied for \$284,000 and this one is \$162,000. Approving this intent does not mean that we have to levy this amount but it does make it possible to do so. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Occhi, Saline, and Serven—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Chairman Bacon introduced Heidi Britton, the new administrator of the Knox County Health Department. The Health Department is seeking ordinance changes which are included in the Board packets. They are seeking increases in food safety permit fees. Implementation will be on January 01, 2010.

Heidi Britton explained that the Health Department is currently working on securing a Federal grant that would establish a community health clinic. Chairman Bacon stated that they are hoping that this annual grant for \$750,000 will be approved. Once it is approved it is usually awarded each year. It is a lot of work to fill out the applications for these grants. It can take up to a year to complete the paperwork.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Serven to move the meeting date for the November 2009 Board Meeting to November 23. Otherwise the Board would be meeting Thanksgiving Eve. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Occhi, Saline, and Serven—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Occhi and seconded by Member Mannhardt to approve appointments to the General Assistance Appeal Panel. Chairman Bacon explained that this organization provides financial assistance to County citizens of low income. When applications are denied there is an appeal process. Part of that appeal process is that the Chairman of the County Board must appoint four township supervisors to hear the appeal and make a decision. He cannot appoint the township supervisor who represents the township where the appeal originates. He nominated the following four township supervisors: Thomas Eagan, Henderson Township, John Ponder from Knox Township, Richard Holmes from Ontario Township, and Mary West from Victoria Township. This will be a one time appeal board. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Occhi, Saline, and Serven—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Stewart to approve the appointment of Bob Maus for a three year term to expire in 2012, and Naomi Law for a one year term to expire in June 2010, to the Civic Center Authority Board. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Saline, and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Pass—Occhi—(1). Motion carried.

Gary Tomlin had distributed copies of the economic development update.

The Finance, Insurance, Treasurer, Judicial, and Clerk Committee report was presented by Member Saline. The monthly report and committee minutes are in the packet. Revenue is still ahead of expenses.

Motion was made by Member Saline and seconded by Member Mannhardt to approve the resolution on the deed of conveyance for PIN # 12-23-301-003 in Williamsfield. County Clerk Scott Erickson explained that this is a routine house keeping measure. This piece of property was purchased by the County Trustee through delinquent taxes. This will allow that parcel to be returned to the tax rolls. They have found a buyer for this property. It is a procedural matter to bring this before the Board for their approval. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon,

Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Occhi, Saline, and Serven—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Saline and seconded by Member Occhi to approve the resolution to modify a previous resolution. Member Saline explained that several years ago a resolution was passed that changed the way court security fees were spent. The finance committee has put this modified resolution together. Chief Judge Mathers has seen it and agrees with it. The funds would still be going to court security and court improvement. The previous funds that were collected would still be available for the judges to spend. However, there will be a few stipulations.

Member Stewart questioned the goal of modifying this resolution. For those Board Members who are in favor of renovating the Courthouse, the previous resolution provides some funds to improve the interior of the Courthouse.

Member Saline stated that the revised resolution will not stop the improvements but will make the process more accountable.

Member Stewart stated that it is important that the Board work cooperatively with the judges. Granted the Board has not yet made a decision about the future of the Courthouse, but we should not stop the improvement process.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Hasten, Sandoval, Abel, Occhi, Saline, and Serven—(10). Noes—Foster, Stewart, Knapp, and Johnson—(4). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Saline and seconded by Member Mannhardt to approve the low bid for the County audits submitted by Lingren Cailhan & Van Osdol from Sterling, Illinois, in the amount of \$42,400. Member Saline stated that three bids were received. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Occhi, Saline, and Serven—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Sandoval and seconded by Member Occhi to suspend the rules to add a Workman's Compensation matter to the agenda. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Occhi, Saline, and Serven—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Saline and seconded by Member Jefferson to approve the Workman's Compensation settlement of \$60,000 to Laurence Addis. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Occhi, Saline, and Serven—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

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 Hasten to approve the low bid for the County Maintenance contract submitted by Mechanical Services, Inc. Specific information and bid tallies are included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Occhi, Saline, and Serven—(14). 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 by Member Serven to approve the low bid for two snow plows submitted by Koenig Body & Equipment from Peoria, Illinois in the total amount of \$13,630. This purchase was included in this year's budget. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Occhi, Saline, and Serven—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Knapp and seconded by Member Occhi to approve the resolution on Knox County Building Codes.

Member Mannhardt stated that he is 100% against this resolution. By terms of this resolution you would have to get a permit to change your sink faucet.

Member Stewart disagreed and said that it is important to establish building codes.

Member Mannhardt stated that apparently Board Members had not read these ordinances as the books remain unopened in the County Clerk's Office. He questioned the anticipated revenues and expenses associated with establishing these building codes.

Chairman Bacon responded that these codes are on display in the County Clerk's Office. Members of the public would be allowed and encouraged to read these ordinances. There are two sets and Chairman Bacon reported that he had looked at them. There is another set in the GIS Office.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Foster, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Occhi, and Serven—(12). Noes—Mannhardt and Saline—(2). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Knapp and seconded by Member Stewart to approve the recommendation from the Zoning Board of Appeals which in a 3-2 vote approved the zoning change for case # ZA-02-09, filed by George Inness, rural Galesburg, to build a rental house on this property. Chairman Bacon reminded Members that Ben DeRose had passed out information regarding this particular case. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Occhi, Saline, and Serven—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Knapp and seconded by Member Serven to approve the increase in fees for the Recorder's Office. Specific information is in the Board packets. This fee increase would be in line with surrounding counties. Roll call

vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Occhi, Saline, and Serven—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

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 Sandoval to bid and bring back for replacements of plumbing lines from the kitchen to the grease trap at the nursing home. Voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Stewart to bid and bring back for the renovation and plumbing project for hall 1 at the nursing home. Member Johnson explained that the plumbing is basically collapsing. Voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Foster to approve the addendum to the medication disposal program at the nursing home. There is a federal requirement that changes how medications are disposed of. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Occhi, Saline, and Serven—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Knapp to approve the service contract for the Vermeer Tub Grinder at the landfill in that amount of \$670 per month for the next five years. Chairman Bacon stated that this service contract came in at a lower amount than the first one. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Occhi, Saline, and Serven—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Sandoval and seconded by Member Johnson to approve the opening of the budget for specific line item adjustments. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Occhi, Saline, and Serven—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Occhi and seconded by Member Mannhardt to approve specific line item adjustments in the budget. Although Chairman Bacon would like to see fewer line item adjustments in the budget, the reality is that with declining state reimbursements, these adjustments will still be necessary. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Occhi, Saline, and Serven—(14). 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 August 27 through September 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—Bacon, Foster, Mannhardt, Jefferson, Nache, Stewart, Hasten, Knapp, Sandoval, Johnson, Abel, Saline, and Serven—(13). Noes—Occhi—(1). Motion carried.

STATEMENTS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Chairman Bacon commented that he did attend all of the committee meetings last month. He was pleased with the way that the chairman and committees are working together. The committees are being run very efficiently and in order.

Member Foster and Member Mannhardt had no comments at this time.

Member Jefferson thanked Jerry Reynolds for the recent tour of the landfill. It was very informative. Member Jefferson has now had a tour of all of the County facilities.

Member Nache and Member Stewart had no comments at this time.

Member Hasten commented that he felt privileged to be back on board.

Member Knapp had no comments at this time.

Member Sandoval welcomed Member Hasten back and welcomed Member Nache to the Board.

Member Johnson and Member Abel had no comments at this time.

Member Occhi commented that she would send out e-mails regarding the upcoming United Counties Council of Illinois Conferences.

Member Saline had no comments at this time.

Member Serven commented that he also wanted to thank Mr. Reynolds for the tour of the landfill.

The next regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2009, 6:00 p.m., at the Knox County Courthouse, Galesburg, Illinois.

Motion was made by Member Abel and seconded by Member Foster to adjourn until the next scheduled Meeting. Voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried. Open Meeting adjourned at 7:19

