

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
KNOX COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 28, 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, December 28, 2011 at 6:20 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 2 Paul Stewart
- District 3 Pamela Davidson
- District 4 David Erickson
- District 1 Cheryl Nache
- District 2 William Abel
- District 4 Shawn Pitman
- District 5 David Serven

And those absent: District 5 Ricardo “Rick” Sandoval
 District 3 Tim Hasten

Also present were State’s Attorney John Pepmeyer, Treasurer Robin Davis, 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. Since no clergy person was in attendance, Chairman Bacon asked for a moment of silence.

Chairman Bacon asked for additions or deletions to the agenda. Member Johnson asked that agenda item #25, approve bid for the nursing home pharmacy services be removed from this agenda.

Chairman Bacon asked for public comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Member Serven and seconded by Member Nache to approve the following items of the consent agenda: 1) minutes of the Regular and Closed Board Meeting on November 28, 2011, 2) claims by Members for per diem and mileage for the Meeting of

December 28, 2011 and other claims for per diem from meetings, and 3) sales tax and various taxes for the month of September 2011 in the amounts of \$101,347.18 and \$23,017.77 and public safety tax in the amount of \$88,046.53. Voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—(12). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Pitman and seconded by Member Abel to approve the appointment of Rollie Paulsgrove to the County Board District 1 vacancy which was created when Allen Pickrel resigned. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Stewart, Erickson, Nache, Abel, Pitman, and Serven—(11). Noes—Davidson—(1). Motion carried.

County Clerk Scott Erickson administered the oath of office to newly appointed Board Member Rollie Paulsgrove. Other Board Members welcomed Member Paulsgrove to the Board.

The Finance, Insurance, Treasurer, Judicial, and Clerk Committee report was presented by Committee Vice-Chairman William Abel. The monthly reports and committee minutes were provided to the Members.

Motion was made by Member Abel and seconded by Member Erickson to approve the resolution modifying the County Personnel Policy to include additional policies and language modifications. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Jefferson, Paulsgrove, Davidson, Erickson, Nache, Able, Pitman, and Serven—(9). Noes—Johnson, Foster, Knapp, and Stewart—(4). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Abel and seconded by Member Johnson to approve the resolution on paid in vacation warrants. Chairman Bacon explained that this is something that is done every year. This has to do with paying those regularly occurring bills that do not come due in cycles that correspond with the Board calendar. The finance committee still sees these bills. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Paulsgrove, Stewart, Davidson, Erickson, Nache, Abel, Pitman, and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Abel and seconded by Member Davidson to approve the resolution authorizing the transfer of funds from the self-insurance fund to the hospitalization fund. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Paulsgrove, Stewart, Davidson, Erickson, Nache, Abel, Pitman, and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Abel and seconded by Member Johnson to approve the resolution to abate the levy for Public Safety Bond Series 2003 for the tax year 2011. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Paulsgrove, Stewart, Davidson, Erickson, Nache, Abel, Pitman, and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Abel and seconded by Member Jefferson to approve the resolution to abate the levy for General Obligation Alternate Revenue Bonds, Series 2010 A and

Series 2010 B for Tax Year 2011. Treasurer Robin Davis explained that this has to do with the Recovery Bonds and the Build America Bonds that were issued to purchase the additional acreage for the landfill, and to fund the courthouse renovation project. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Paulsgrove, Stewart, Davidson, Erickson, Nache, Abel, Pitman, and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Abel and seconded by Member Johnson to approve the bid for the server in the amount of \$6,512 and bid for the software in the amount of \$12,505 for the State's Attorney's Office. Both bids were submitted by Office Specialists. To fund this expenditure, \$7,000 will come from the public safety fund and the remainder from the State's Attorney's budget. Member Foster questioned Andy Rowe on whether this system would be compatible. Mr. Rowe responded that it would be. State's Attorney John Pepmeyer commented about the advantage of having a local service provider who would be available to respond in a timely fashion. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Paulsgrove, Stewart, Davidson, Erickson, Nache, Abel, Pitman, and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Abel and seconded by Member Serven to approve the attorney coverage contract with Bill Butts and Mike Herr. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Paulsgrove, Stewart, Davidson, Erickson, Nache, Abel, Pitman, and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Abel and seconded by Member Nache to approve the alternate defense contract with Tom Pepmeyer. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Paulsgrove, Stewart, Davidson, Erickson, Nache, Abel, Pitman, and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Abel and seconded by Member Johnson to approve the alternate defense contract with Mike Herr. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Paulsgrove, Stewart, Davidson, Erickson, Nache, Abel, Pitman, and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Abel and seconded by Member Davidson to approve bids for HVAC, plumbing, and electrical repairs for Knox County. The bid sheets are included in the packets. Three bids were submitted. MSI currently has that contract and Sheriff Clague has reported that they have been satisfied with their previous service. It is the recommendation from the committee to award this contract to MSI. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Paulsgrove, Stewart, Davidson, Erickson, Nache, Abel, 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. Chairman Bacon reported that the new boiler is scheduled to arrive the end of the week. Installation is to begin after the first of the year. Demolition is to be done during non-office hours. This project is moving right along.

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 are included in the packets. The current census of the Mary Davis Home is 20 and of that number 6 are Knox County residents. The current census of the Knox County Jail is 149 and of that number 41 are federal prisoners.

Member Nache questioned Sheriff Clague about the maximum number of inmates that can be held at that facility.

Sheriff Clague responded that the suggested maximum number is 120. However, they have had as many as 151 by utilizing the holding cells, double bunking, and by putting some inmates on mattresses on the floor.

Member Nache questioned if pregnant women are treated in the same manner. It would worry her to think that pregnant women are sleeping on a mattress on the floor.

Sheriff Clague stated that this situation would not occur if people did not break the law. If a woman communicates that she is pregnant, some allowances will be made for her. Most jails do not even provide mattresses. Most inmates are held temporarily in holding facilities.

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

Motion was made by Member Jefferson and seconded by Member Stewart to approve the labor contract for the highway department. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Paulsgrove, Stewart, Davidson, Erickson, Nache, Abel, Pitman, and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Jefferson and seconded by Member Knapp to approve the resolution on the county engineer's salary, section 12-00000-00-CS. Mr. Rattermann explained that this is something that needs to be done to pay his salary from Motor Fuel Funds. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Paulsgrove, Stewart, Davidson, Erickson, Nache, Abel, Pitman, and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Jefferson and seconded by Member Foster to approve the resolution on supplemental salary for county engineer section 11-00000-00-CS. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Paulsgrove, Stewart, Davidson, Erickson, Nache, Abel, Pitman, and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Jefferson and seconded by Member Nache to approve to bid and bring back for a large format plotter/scanner for the GIS Department. Chris Gray explained that their current one is a 24 inch plotter and is seven years old. This one does not have the ability to print large maps. They are hoping to trade this unit in on a 36 inch plotter. Voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

The Landfill and Nursing Home Committee report was presented by Committee Chairman Lyle Johnson. Committee reports and committee minutes had been provided to the Members.

Motion was made by Member Davidson and seconded by Member Pitman to approve the opening of FY2010-2011 budget for line item adjustments. Specific information is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Paulsgrove, Stewart, Davidson, Erickson, Nache, Abel, Pitman, and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Stewart and seconded by Member Jefferson to approve specific line item adjustments in the budget for FY2010-2011. Information is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Paulsgrove, Stewart, Davidson, Erickson, Nache, Abel, Pitman, and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Serven to approve the claims against Knox County, Illinois for the period of November 29, 2011 through December 28, 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, Paulsgrove, Stewart, Davidson, Erickson, Nache, Abel, Pitman, and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

STATEMENTS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Member Johnson wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Chairman Bacon echoed the Happy New Year message. He had good news that the State of Illinois last month paid the Nursing Home \$348,000. Additionally the Mary Davis Home received two checks from the State for the months of July and August totaling \$173,000. This is a great Christmas present. He thanked Member Jefferson, Mr. Rattermann, and labor attorney Keith Braskitch for all their work negotiating the labor contract for the highway department. They have spent a lot of time on this. Although challenges are ahead in the coming year, working together, we can accomplish a lot of good things.

Member Foster wished everyone a Happy New Year and encouraged people to appoint a designated driver.

Member Knapp wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Member Jefferson welcomed Rollie Paulsgrove to the Board. Member Jefferson also stated his support of the Green Bay Packers.

Member Paulsgrove thanked the Board for their confidence in installing him to this position. He also wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Member Stewart had no comments at this time.

Member Davidson wished everyone a Happy New Year. Since the Board will not meet again before Martin Luther King Day, she invited Board Members to attend the Holiday Breakfast to be held January 16, 7:30 a.m. at the Congregational Church on the square.

Member Erickson had no comments at this time.

Member Nache welcomed Member Paulsgrove to the Board. She wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Member Abel wished everyone a Happy New Year and also welcomed Member Paulsgrove to the Board.

Member Pitman wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Member Serven had no comments at this time.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 2012, 6:00 p.m., at the Knox County Courthouse, Galesburg, Illinois.

Motion was made by Member Abel and seconded by Member Johnson to adjourn. Voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.