

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

**January 26, 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, January 26, 2011 at 6:18 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 4	Wayne Saline
District 5	Ricardo “Rick” Sandoval
District 1	Cheryl Nache
District 2	William Abel
District 3	Tim Hasten
District 4	Shawn Pitman
District 5	David Serven

Also present were Sheriff Dave Clague, State’s Attorney John Pepmeyer, County Treasurer Robin Davis, and County Clerk Scott Erickson.

Sheriff Dave Clague delivered the proclamation. Chairman Bacon led the Members in the pledge to the flag. Rev. Roy Smith from Sacred Church of God of Galesburg delivered the invocation.

Chairman Bacon asked for additions or deletions to the agenda. Member Jefferson asked that agenda item 14, approval to rescind nuisance vehicle ordinance 1988-017, and agenda item 15, approval of resolution on nuisance vehicles as revised, be removed from this agenda.

Chairman Bacon asked for public comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Hasten to approve the following items of the consent agenda: 1) minutes of the Regular and Closed Board Meeting on December 22, 2010, 2) claims by Members for per diem and mileage for the Meeting of January 26, 2011 and other claims for per diem from meetings, and 3) sales tax and various taxes for the month of October 2010 in the amounts of \$99,246.39 and \$19,801.18 and public safety tax in the amount of \$82,319.57. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Pickrel, Stewart, Davidson, Saline, Sandoval, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman, and Serven—(15). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Knapp and seconded by Member Serven to approve the appointment of Brian O'Connor to the Victoria Fire Protection District. Ed Robbins has resigned. Mr. O'Connor will be filling this vacancy, and completing this term. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Pickrel, Stewart, Davidson, Saline, Sandoval, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman, and Serven—(15). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Sandoval and seconded by Member Davidson to approve the payment of a grant commission in the amount of \$4,850.00 to the grant writer, Gary Tomlin. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Stewart, Davidson, Saline, Sandoval, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman, and Serven—(14). Noes—Pickrel—(1). Motion carried.

A report was presented by Member Abel on the progress of the personnel committee revising the personnel policy. He reminded Members that last July, Chairman Bacon had appointed a committee and assigned them the task to review and revise the personnel policy. Committee Members are Member Foster, Chairman Bacon, Member Davidson, Member Nache, Regional Superintendent of Education Bonnie Harris, County Treasurer Robin Davis, Angie Myler, Landfill Administrator Jerry Reynolds, as well as Member Abel who was appointed Committee Chairman. This policy was last revised October 28, 2008. The committee has reviewed all of the items contained in this policy. After the conclusion of the February committee meeting, they plan to forward this document to legal counsel. The committee expects to receive their input and recommendations. After that, this will be brought back to the full Board for review. Members will have 30 days to study this policy before it is presented to the Board for final approval. Member Abel noted that the committee had done a fantastic job.

The Finance, Insurance, Treasurer, Judicial, and Clerk Committee report was presented by Committee Chairman Wayne Saline. Copies of the monthly reports are included in the packets.

Motion was made by Member Saline and seconded by Member Johnson to approve the resolution on the abatement of the public safety taxes for the Series 2003 General Obligation Bonds. Member Saline stated that this has been done every year. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson,

Pickrel, Stewart, Davidson, Saline, Sandoval, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman, and Serven—(15). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Treasurer Robin Davis presented a statement of conditions of the banks for the quarter ending November 30, 2010. This statement will be on file in the County Clerk's Office.

The Building Committee report was presented by Building Committee Co-Chairman Greg Bacon. He stated that the report is in the packet. Handouts had been given to the Members regarding the timeline for construction and a preliminary cost analysis. He wanted Board Members to be aware of what is going on. During the short break between the Executive Session and the Open Session, Members had been invited to go outside to see a demonstration of outside lighting on the Courthouse. These renovation plans will include heat controls in individual rooms. Building Committee Co-Chairman George Knapp stated that the parking lot situation will not be addressed until these other projects are taken care of. Chairman Bacon added that this parking lot project will be saved for the last, to make sure that other things are taken care of.

The Sheriff, Jail, Courthouse, Animal Control, Mary Davis Home, and Annex Committee report was presented by Committee Chairman Rick Sandoval. The monthly reports are included in the packets. The committee minutes had been provided to the Members. He noted that the number of Federal prisoners at the jail had increased. Sheriff Clague reported that number is now 21.

Motion was made by Member Hasten and seconded by Member Nache to approve a settlement agreement in the amount of \$10,000 to Norman Oath, Jr. regarding an injury at the jail. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Pickrel, Stewart, Saline, Sandoval, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman, and Serven—(14). Noes—Davidson—(1). Motion carried.

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 Sandoval to approve the purchase of a 2011 Ford F150 truck for the Highway Department. The State bid purchase price is \$18,575.00 and the vendor is Morrow Brothers from Greenfield, Illinois. Member Nache stated that this truck purchase is included in the budget. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Pickrel, Stewart, Davidson, Saline, Sandoval, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman, and Serven—(15). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Nache to approve change order # 6 for the nursing home in the amount of \$41,524.98. Member Johnson reported that this has to do with a requirement from IDPH concerning the fire alarm system and there were also some problems with the electrical wiring. That is complicated by the fact that the existing wiring ran underneath and in the concrete. This should be the last large change order request. Most of the construction work has been completed. Now they are in the finishing phases of this project. It is close to the budgeted amount. Chairman Bacon stated the he had recently visited the nursing home and toured this wing as the remodeling project continues. He is impressed and invited other Member to go out and look around.

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

Chairman Bacon asked if there were any line items adjustments that needed to be made. None were required. Therefore, agenda item 19, approve the opening of the budget for line item adjustments, and agenda item 20, approve line item adjustments in the budget were effectively dropped from this agenda.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Davidson to approve the claims against Knox County, Illinois, for the period of December 23, 2010 through January 26, 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, Saline, Sandoval, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman, and Serven—(15). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

## STATEMENTS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Member Johnson had no comments at this time.

Chairman Bacon encouraged all Members to attend the building committee meetings. This is an interesting process that is really moving along.

Member Foster commented that she had gone outside to look at the lighting demonstration and she was impressed.

Member Knapp, Member Jefferson, and Member Pickrel had no comments at this time.

Member Stewart urged department heads and elected officials to look at their budgets when submitting their bills so that they do not go over budget in their line items.

Member Davidson, Member Saline, Member Sandoval, Member Nache, Member Abel, Member Hasten, Member Pitman, and Member Serven had no comments at this time.

The next regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 23, 2011, 6:00 p.m., at the Knox County Courthouse, Galesburg, Illinois.

Motion was made by Member Sandoval and seconded by Member Nache to adjourn. Voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—(15). Noes—(0). Motion carried. The Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.