

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

June 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 Monday June 27, 2011 at 6:05 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Lyle Johnson and upon roll call the following members reported present:

District 1	Lyle Johnson
District 3	Barbara Foster
District 4	George Knapp
District 5	Jeff Jefferson
District 2	Paul Stewart
District 3	Pamela Davidson
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

Those absent:	District 2	Greg "Chops" Bacon
	District 1	Allen Pickrel
	District 4	Wayne Saline

Also present were State's Attorney John Pepmeyer, County Treasurer Robin Davis, and County Clerk Scott Erickson.

County Clerk Scott Erickson delivered the proclamation. Vice Chairman Johnson led the Members in the pledge to the flag. In the absence of a clergy person, Vice Chairman Johnson asked Members to observe a moment of silence.

Vice Chairman Johnson asked for additions or deletions to the agenda. There were none.

Vice Chairman Johnson asked for public comments. There were none.

Motion was made by Member Jefferson and seconded by Member Hasten to approve the following items of the consent agenda: 1) minutes of the Regular and Closed Board Meeting of May 25, 2011, 2) claims by Members for per diem and mileage for the Meeting of June 27, 2011

and other claims for per diem from meetings, 3) sales tax and various taxes for the month of March 2011 in the amounts of \$104,280.56 and \$26,996.10 and public safety tax in the amount of \$87,912.40. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Stewart, Davidson, Sandoval, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman and Serven—(12). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Serven and seconded by Member Abel to approve the appointments to the Knox County Board of Health of the following persons: Jeanne Harland, Carol Scotton, Doug Gibb, and Kimberly DeSutter. These are three year terms. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Stewart, Davidson, Sandoval, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman and Serven—(12). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Knapp and seconded by Member Jefferson to approve the appointment of John Juergens to the City of Galesburg/Knox County Emergency Telephone System Board. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Stewart, Davidson, Sandoval, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman and Serven—(12). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

The Food Council Update Report was presented by Heidi Britton, administer of the Knox County Health Department. The Food Council was formed a year ago and they feel it important to keep the Board informed. The Food Council continues to meet monthly and tries to encourage local food growers to produce commercial quantities of fruits and vegetables. They did receive a grant from the Illinois Department of Agriculture. The Food Council is actively promoting the local area farmers' markets in Knoxville, Oneida, and Galesburg. She thanked Board Members for approving the service agreement with GREDA for the Specialty Crop Grant during the May Meeting.

6:10 p.m. Chairman Bacon entered the room.

Ms. Britton continued that it is needful for at least two representatives from the Health Department to be a part of the Food Council. She did ask for an amendment to the original Resolution to include representation of other bodies on the Food Council such as the City of Galesburg, the Extension Office, the Health Department, as well as citizens and farmers at large. She encouraged residents to check out the local farmers' markets.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Hasten to approve the Resolution on Reapportionment for Knox County. County Clerk Scott Erickson explained that by State statute this must be reviewed after each census. This particular resolution pertains to County Board Districts. Specific information and accompanying maps with census figures are included in the packets. Former County Clerk Steve Buck volunteered his assistance as he had previous experience with the redistricting process. Deputy County Clerk for Elections Shiela Parkin also assisted greatly with the project. During this reapportionment review process both were very helpful. The County Board Districts are reviewed on a population basis in order to achieve equality. The Committee's decision was that the districts as they currently exist are fair and equitable. Therefore, there will not have to be any County Board District boundary line changes. Regarding County Board District 3, it has been standard practice to not count the population of Henry Hill Correctional Facility with the census numbers. With that population removed, it does make the three districts of the City of Galesburg more equitable. He asked the

Board to approve this resolution which will establish these County Board Districts with no changes for the next ten years. All County Board Members will be up for re-election in 2012. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Stewart, Davidson, Sandoval, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Sandoval and seconded by Member Jefferson to approve the Resolution on Precinct Boundary Changes for Knox County. County Clerk Scott Erickson explained that this has to do with the number of registered voters per precinct. The State has determined specific prime target ranges of approximately 500 registered voters in each precinct. For this purpose, townships cannot be merged. However, townships can be divided if necessary. Due to changes in the number of registered voters, there will be the addition of a precinct in Knox Township making a total of seven. Specific information and a map are included in the packets. Knox Precinct # 6 has over 1,000 registered voters at this time. This additional precinct will result in an equitable number of registered voters in each of these precincts. None of these changes will have anything to do with the City of Galesburg as they are under a separate election commission. They have the authority to establish their own election precincts within the City of Galesburg. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Stewart, Davidson, Sandoval, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

The Finance, Insurance, Treasurer, Judicial, and Clerk Committee report was presented by Committee Vice Chairman William Abel. The monthly reports and committee minutes are included in the packets

Motion was made by Member Abel and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the resolution on prevailing wage. This is something that is required to be done each year as per state statute. A copy is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Stewart, Davidson, Sandoval, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Abel and seconded by Member Davidson to approve the Resolution Amending Fees for Marriage/Civil Union Licenses. County Clerk Scott Erickson explained that this resolution was discussed at the Finance Committee and would increase this fee from the current \$20.00 to \$30.00 effective August 1, 2011. The State collects a \$5.00 portion of this fee for the Domestic Abuse Prevention Fund. Included in the packets is a rate comparison with other area counties. Even with this purposed increase, Knox County would still be the lowest. By state statute the fees for the marriage licenses and the civil union licenses must be the same. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Stewart, Davidson, Sandoval, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Abel and seconded by Member Serven to approve the contract to provide indigent representation with attorney Jamie Mitchell before the Third District Appellate Court for sexually dangerous and sexually violent persons. A copy of this contract is included in the packets and is similar to other attorney's contracts. State's Attorney John Pepmeyer reported that this contract states that the attorney will be paid on a per case basis. For

the last several years there have not been any cases of this type. However, there have been two such cases already this year and they are preparing for a third case. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Stewart, Davidson, Sandoval, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Abel noted that the State is five months behind in their income tax reimbursements to the general fund in the amount of \$36, 269.47. The State is one month behind in the local use payments in the amount of \$11,790.06. At this point in the year, revenue and expenses should be at 50% for six months. The general fund is 44.3% revenue and 46.5% expenses reflecting of deficit of \$183,875.43. Sales tax revenues are expected to increase later in the year. Property tax revenue will be higher next month due to the distribution of the first due date.

Treasurer Robin Davis reported that the statement of the conditions of the banks as of March 31, 2011, is on file in the County Clerk's Office.

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.

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. The number of clients at the Mary Davis Home has increased and is currently 37 with 12 of those from within Knox County. Currently there are 30 federal prisoners at the Knox County Jail.

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 Sandoval to approve the purchase of a new motor grader for the highway department. County Highway Engineer Duane Ratermann explained that he had recently been contacted by the local Caterpillar equipment representative who is expressing interest in the County's recycler machine. He was suggesting that the County could trade our existing 2006 Caterpillar RM 300 Recycler and our 2001 Caterpillar 140H Motor Grader toward a 2011 Caterpillar 140M2 all wheel drive Motor Grader. We could also apply a parts credit toward this balance, leaving a net balance of \$1,900. There will be a five year maintenance agreement on this new machine. There are funds available in the budget line for equipment replacement. As regards the recycler, previously that machine did more work in other counties than in Knox County. In the future, the County will have to hire someone else to do this work for us. Another point to consider is that repairs to that recycler machine can be very costly. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Stewart, Davidson, Sandoval, Nache, Abel, Hasten, and Serven—(12). Noes—Pitman—(1). Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Pitman to approve the purchase of a Posi-shell sprayer for the landfill in the amount of \$43,520. Landfill Administer Jerry Reynolds explained that the IEPA has approved the landfill to use the Posi-shell daily cover system. Instead of having to use 6-8 inches of cover dirt, we can spray a Portland spray cement mixture to a depth of ½ -1 inch deep. Therefore, that much air space is saved on a day to day basis. By using this sprayer the landfill will not need to run the heavy duty dirt moving machinery every day. They will still need to use that machinery but not every day. The cost of the materials that will be sprayed on each day are less than \$300 per day. If they run the dirt moving machinery each day, it consumes approximately 100 gallons of fuel per day at a cost of \$3.50 per gallon or a total fuel cost of \$350 per day. Now they will be spending less than \$300 per day for the materials that they will be spraying. Additionally they will be saving on the wear and tear of the heavy earth moving equipment. This Posi-shell equipment is designed and built by the same company that originally designed the Posi-shell system. The mechanics of this system are designed and built to work with the Portland cement mixture. There are funds available in the equipment line item of the landfill budget.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Stewart, Davidson, Sandoval, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Member Hasten and seconded by Member Davidson to approve specific line item adjustments for the following departments: Highway, Vehicle Replacement, Courthouse, Regional Superintendent of Schools, Public Aid/State's Attorney, Nursing Home, and the Health Department. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Bacon, Foster, Knapp, Jefferson, Stewart, Davidson, Sandoval, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Johnson and seconded by Member Davidson to approve the claims against Knox County, Illinois for the period of May 26, 2011 through June 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, Stewart, Davidson, Sandoval, Nache, Abel, Hasten, Pitman and Serven—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

STATEMENTS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Member Johnson commented that the work at the nursing home is complete and they are waiting for the state inspectors to approve it. They are still planning to hold an open house.

Chairman Bacon apologized for arriving late and thanked Member Johnson for filling in for him. He wished Member Sandoval a Happy Birthday.

Member Foster wished everyone a Happy 4th of July Holiday.

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

Member Davidson also wished Member Sandoval a Happy Birthday.

Member Sandoval had no comments at this time.

Member Nache wished everyone a Happy and safe 4th of July Holiday.

Member Abel, Member Hasten, Member Pitman, and Member Serven had no comments at this time.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 27, 2011, 6:00 p.m. at the Knox County Courthouse, Galesburg, Illinois.

Motion was made by Member Sandoval and seconded by Member Pitman to adjourn. Voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.