

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
KNOX COUNTY, ILLINOIS
December 18, 2002**

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Proceedings of the regular meeting of the Knox County Board, held at the Courthouse, Galesburg, Illinois on Wednesday, December 18, 2002 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Keener and on roll call the following members of the board reported present:

District 1	Carol Simpson
District 2	Gayle Keiser
District 3	Dale Parsons
District 4	Sally Keener
District 5	Ricardo Sandoval
District 1	Allen Pickrel
District 2	Dana Shallenberger
District 3	Jennifer Brown
District 4	Lowell Mannhardt
District 5	Gerald Link
District 1	Linda Roberts
District 2	William Abel
District 3	Janet Occhi
District 4	Wayne Saline
District 5	Stephen Johnson

and also present were James Thompson, Sheriff and Marc C. Wong, County Clerk.

Sheriff Thompson delivered the proclamation, Chairman Keener led the members in the Pledge to the Flag and Rev. Jerry Webb gave the invocation.

Motion by C. Simpson seconded by J. Occhi to approve minutes of November 20, 2002, December 2, 2002 organizational meeting and special meeting December 9, 2002 . Motion carried.

Chairman Keener asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. W. Abel would add approval of boiler bid for Nursing Home and bid and bring back bids on computer hardware.

Public comments by Stephen Buck suggesting the Insurance Committee revisit health insurance increase of 15% and also dissatisfaction with transferring duties on IMRF and Insurance from Treasurer's Office to Administrator. Judy Johnson addressed the board with concerns of 15% increase in health insurance rates and asked the Board to reconsider.

The following were presented and referred to the Finance Committee:

1. Monthly reports of Marc Wong, County Clerk; Robin Davis, Treasurer; Nancy McCune, Recorder; Kelly Cheesman, Circuit Clerk; James Thompson, Sheriff, all on file in the County Clerk's office.
2. Report from Department of Revenue of the State of Illinois of sales tax for the month of September, 2002 in the amounts of \$93,102.38 and \$20,784.29 and Public Safety tax in the amount of \$71,234.06.

Amy Kelso, Knox County Civic Center Authority addressed the Board on Third Quarter report ending with \$13,207.21 deficit which may be turned around in the fourth quarter.

Paul Mangieri, new jail construction, reported the jail is 98% completed. Gary Bradford reported the only major item remaining is laundry dryers which should be installed the first part of next week. The Sheriff's personnel are being trained in operating maintenance equipment. Paul Mangieri distributed a spread sheet on contracts and status.

P. Mangieri reported the wall settlement agreement between the Knox County Law Enforcement Center and Head Start provides we shall construct the wall within ninety days after completion of the jail. The County can either bid this out or execute change order. Motion by A. Pickrel to issue work change order authorizing Vissering Construction Company seconded by W. Saline and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Simpson, Keiser, Parsons, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Brown, Mannhardt, Link, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (15); Noes - (0). Motion carried.

P. Mangieri reported on the graveling of alleyway between Knox County Law Enforcement Center and buildings to the North. The basic estimate is \$300 for gravel and the Highway Department would spread it for the County. S. Johnson made motion to authorize the County Highway to gravel and purchase sleeves seconded by J. Occhi and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Simpson, Keiser, Parsons, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Brown, Mannhardt, Link, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (15); Noes - (0). P. Mangieri reported the next Building Committee meeting will be the second Thursday in January at 10:00 a.m. at the construction trailer. Discussion will include developing some type of proposal relative to dedication or ribbon cutting of new jail.

S. Johnson made motion to appoint Tom Fleisher to Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term replacing Marjorie Knox seconded by J. Occhi and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Simpson, Keiser, Parsons, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Brown, Mannhardt, Link, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (15); Noes - (0). Motion carried.

S. Keener presented the following officers of the Knox County Veteran's Assistance Commission.

Superintendent
1st Vice Superintendent
2nd Vice Superintendent

James J. (Jay) Penn
Max E. Mathers
Joe Takak

Recording Secretary
Caseworker/Executive Secretary

Roger L. Johnson
Janet A. Carlson-Owens
(Appointed by James J. Penn)

Motion to approve by G. Link seconded by D. Parsons and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Simpson, Keiser, Parsons, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Brown, Mannhardt, Link, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (15); Noes - (0). Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Marc Wong, County Clerk, as Board Parliamentarian by D. Parsons seconded by C. Simpson and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Simpson, Keiser, Parsons, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Brown, Mannhardt, Link, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (15); Noes - (0). Motion carried.

Alan Hallberg addressed the Board concerning transfer of duties from office of Treasurer to Administrator. Robin Davis, Treasurer, also addressed the Board stating her opposition to same. Motion by A. Pickrel we approve transfer of duties from Treasurer's office to County Administrator, namely IMRF, insurance, asset inventory, general and personnel seconded by W. Saline. Motion by S. Johnson we table and send to Executive Committee and bring back next month seconded by J. Occhi and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Keiser, Parsons, Sandoval, Shallenberger, Brown, Link, Occhi, Johnson - (8); Noes - Simpson, Keener, Pickrel, Mannhardt, Roberts, Abel, Saline - (7). Motion carried.

W. Saline, Finance/Insurance Committee, reported \$27,000 in local use tax and \$162,000 income tax with balance in health insurance fund of \$300,410. Motion by W. Saline to approve hiring a replacement attorney in Public Defender's office seconded by R. Sandoval to approve and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Simpson, Keiser, Parsons, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Brown, Mannhardt, Link, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (15); Noes - (0). Motion carried. Motion by W. Saline to approve hiring Deputy Treasurer seconded by A. Pickrel and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Simpson, Keiser, Parsons, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Brown, Mannhardt, Link, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (15); Noes - (0). Motion carried.

A. Pickrel, reported the Mary Davis Home is at maximum housing. The State is two months in arrears on reimbursements.

G. Link, Highway/Landfill/Zoning Committee, made motion to accept bid of Martin Equipment for new Liebherr A904 wheeled excavator at cost of \$102,889.00 with trade-in of 1997 Cat M318 Excavator to Altorfer of \$87,000.00 seconded by R. Sandoval and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Simpson, Keiser, Parsons, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Brown, Mannhardt, Link, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (15); Noes - (0). Motion carried. G. Link reported the Highway Department is 95% ready to plow snow and the salt shed is full. The crews are busy cutting brush and working along roadsides and working on old CH-40 between Galesburg and Wataga.

G. Link, Highway/Landfill/Zoning Committee, reported gate receipts at the Landfill continue to be high. The Committee approved purchasing a new computer in the amount of \$900.00.

G. Keiser, Planning Committee, reported the Committee is looking at space allocation. The Planning Committee will meet on the first Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Courthouse.

W. Abel, Social Services, reported the IDPA check for November has not been received. At present the census is 179. The Committee approved Bunn Capital for dairy products and Interstate Brands for bakery products. Motion by W. Abel to accept bid from J.P. Benbow for new boiler which will include removal of asbestos and old water tank seconded by J. Occhi and vote by roll call as follow: Ayes - Simpson, Keiser, Parsons, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Brown, Mannhardt, Link, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (15); Noes - (0). Motion carried. This was approved by the Nursing Home ad hoc Committee to be taken from \$.0025 sales tax referendum monies. W. Abel made motion to bid and bring back proposals for computer hardware for Nursing Home seconded by D. Parsons. Motion carried. W. Abel reported the sink hole in the Farm ground has been repaired. The Nursing Home Committee will meet on the second Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Nursing Home.

W. Abel distributed a new policy for naming departments, rooms, buildings, properties, etc. and also a nomination form for a Knox County "Wall of Honor". He recommends this be placed on agenda for future discussion.

There being no objections to any committee report, namely, Planning/Space Allocation, Finance/Insurance, Public Safety, Highway/Landfill/Zoning, Social Services it was moved by W. Saline seconded by C. Simpson that all 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 and to the members of the Board for their attendance and mileage at this meeting as follows:

Carol Simpson	35.00
Gayle Keiser	35.00
Dale Parsons	35.00
Sally Keener	45.80
Ricardo Sandoval	42.80
Allen Pickrel	35.00
Dana Shallenberger	35.00
Jennifer Brown	35.00
Lowell Mannhardt	38.60
Gerald Link	42.80
Linda Roberts	35.00
William Abel	35.00
Janet Occhi	35.00
Wayne Saline	42.80
Stephen Johnson	38.60

and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Simpson, Keiser, Parsons, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Brown, Mannhardt, Link, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (15); Noes - (0). Motion carried.

J. Harrell addressed the Board in regard to unemployment issue of person who left the Public Defender's Office. Motion by S. Johnson we hire Daniel Alcorn to handle the situation and money be taken out of professional services seconded by J. Brown and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Simpson, Keiser, Parsons, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Brown, Link, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (14); Noes - Mannhardt - (1). Motion carried.

The Chairman reported the next board meeting will be held January 15th at 6:00 p.m. at the Courthouse. Motion to adjourn by W. Saline seconded by C. Simpson. Motion carried.