

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNTY BOARD
KNOX COUNTY, ILLINOIS
January 15, 2003**

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Proceedings of the regular meeting of the Knox County Board, held at the Courthouse, Galesburg, Illinois on Wednesday, January 15, 2003 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:

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| District 1 | Carol Simpson |
| 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 those absent: District 2 Gayle Keiser

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. John Grimes gave the invocation.

Motion by J. Occhi seconded by D. Parsons to approve the minutes of December 18, 2002 and January 2, 2003 meetings. Motion carried.

Chairman Keener asked if there were any changes or additions to the agenda. Finance has workman's compensation invoices to be approved. Motion to approve agenda by R. Sandoval seconded by A. Pickrel. Motion carried.

Public comments – Darrell Lovell, City of Galesburg Assessor, addressed the Board on behalf of Esther Moore who has received communication from the Knox County Trustee regarding a piece of property (8' x 198' from Phillips St. to Losey St., Galesburg) which adjoins her lot and is titled to no one. Lovell suggested the Board pull this property from the Trustee and sell it to Mrs. Moore to get it on the tax rolls. S. Keener recommended Alan Hallberg and P. Mangieri look over the paperwork and take no action tonight but resolve before May 15th deadline.

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 \$83,939.38 and \$22,072.11 and Public Safety tax in the amount of \$71,627.76.

Craig Wright, new jail update, reported the laundry system is installed. In the next sixty days contractors will be sending in their final pay requests. Training sessions are still being scheduled with the Sheriff's staff. The water pump is ordered and will be delivered February 3, 2003, and will start tomorrow doing preliminary piping. The electrical contractor has already started and is 60% done. The fence construction depends on the weather.

P. Mangieri reported that he has received a letter from architect, Brad Hall of Phillip Swager Assoc. on flow testing performed by the City of Galesburg at the contractor's request and it was established the pressure was 44 psig which was applied for the design. Paul Mangieri drafted a letter and delivered it to Craig Wright and PSA January 9, 2003, which states the concerns of insufficient water pressure and responsibility for cost of purchase and installation of additional pump system. They are reviewing their files and will present along with any statements they have.

P. Mangieri also reported on the power bill at the Knox County Law Enforcement Center of \$10,457.50 with actual readings on both gas and electric usage 11-27-2002 thru 12-30-2002. The committee reviewed this bill and did not approve for payment until checking on nature and extent of charge is completed. This bill is not due for payment until 03-03-03 and will be discussed at the February Building Committee meeting and brought back to February full board. The next Building Committee Meeting will be February 13th at 10:00 a.m. in the former Traffic Court Room.

The Building Committee discussed dedication and open house for Knox County Law Enforcement Center. Motion by S. Johnson to have open house January 25, 2003, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with ribbon cutting at 10:00 a.m. seconded by W. Saline. Motion carried.

The following resolution was presented:

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PLAN TO RELOCATE
OFFICES FROM THE BASEMENT OF THE KNOX COUNTY COURTHOUSE**

WHEREAS, numerous problems have been documented historically as existing at the Knox County Courthouse, specifically, in the basement area of the courthouse, from the presence of inadequate ventilation to microbial growth (mold) and elevated levels of radon; and

WHEREAS, the empirical data from multiple radon tests conducted over the years clearly indicates, that even though Knox County's efforts at reducing levels of radon found in the basement of the Knox County Courthouse are commendable, diagnostic testing confirms that such remedial action has been unsuccessful in reducing all indoor radon levels to less than the Environmental Protection Agency's 4.0 pci/L actionable level; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff, as custodian of the courthouse and State's Attorney, as the County's chief legal counsel have urged that the employees housed in the basement be relocated as soon as possible to protect employee health and limit possible liability; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board Space Allocation Ad Hoc Committee, began the most recent effort to relocate offices from the basement level of the Courthouse and the benefits of that effort and the final incorporated plan (a copy of which is attached, marked as Exhibit A and by reference is incorporated herein) are such that; (1) affected offices can be moved in a relatively short period of time; (2) it greatly reduces the impact on the number of offices that currently have no employees in the basement; (3) it allows the County to utilize its existing buildings and rented spaces, including the courthouse and the annex (Leibovitz Building); (4) it reduces the number of temporary moves; (5) it gives additional basement storage for offices; (6) it maintains the current structural and architectural integrity of the courthouse property; and (7) it is the most cost-effective approach as the number of offices to be affected is limited, the amount of construction is minimal, and no new buildings or spaces will need to be rented or constructed.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF KNOX COUNTY:

THAT, the Plan to Relocate Offices from the Basement of the Knox County Courthouse as presented to the Knox County Board on January 2, 2003, and as set forth in attached Exhibit A, is hereby adopted and approved, with the additional provision that in the event the Veteran's Assistance Commission relocates outside the Knox County Courthouse, then that space in the Office of the County Clerk may be utilized as office space for the Knox County Administrator.

Motion to approve resolution by W. Saline seconded by J. Occhi. Motion carried.

W. Abel made motion to adopt "Naming Policy" and "Service/Contribution Policy". Motion failed for lack of second.

W. Abel made motion to suspend rules for action on reorganization of County Board seconded by C. Simpson and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Simpson, Keener, Mannhardt, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline - (7); Noes - Parsons, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Brown, Link, Johnson - (7). Motion failed.

Motion by C. Simpson seconded by W. Abel to take the following motion off the table: "Transfer of duties from Treasurer's office to County Administrator, namely IMRF, insurance, asset inventory, general and personnel." Roll call vote as follows: Ayes - Simpson, Parsons, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Brown, Mannhardt, Link, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (14); Noes - (0). Motion carried. Motion by S. Johnson seconded by L. Roberts to go into executive session to discuss personnel and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Simpson, Parsons, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Brown, Mannhardt, Link, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (14); Noes - (0). Motion carried.

6:55 p.m. - Returned to regular session.

Motion by A. Pickrel seconded by W. Saline (from last month's meeting) to transfer duties to County Administrator and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Simpson, Keener, Mannhardt, Link, Roberts, Abel, Saline - (7); Noes - Parsons, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Brown, Occhi, Johnson - (7). Motion failed.

The following resolution was presented:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, it being necessary for an appointment of an Agent for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund of Knox County, Illinois, a meeting of the Knox County Board was held in January and Robin E. Davis, Knox County Treasurer, was appointed for a term beginning January 15, 2003 and ending on the first working day of December, 2006 and;

WHEREAS, said Robin E. Davis, County Treasurer, is willing to act as Agent for said Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund for the appointed term ending the first working day of December, 2006;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Knox County, Illinois, that Robin E. Davis be appointed as Agent for the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund of Knox County, Illinois through the first working day of December, 2006;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Robin E. Davis, as the duly authorized agent of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund of Knox County, Illinois, be and she is hereby authorized to certify to the Fund whether or not a given person is authorized to participate in the fund; to file a petition for nomination and to cast the ballot for election of an Executive Trustee of the Fund; to certify to the Fund that a participating employee is on an authorized leave of absence and to do and perform all other acts and duties as such Agent in accordance with Section 4.01 of the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Act.

Motion by J. Occhi seconded by J. Brown to appoint Robin Davis as IMRF Agent effective immediately. Motion carried.

S. Keener asked for volunteers to serve on the Board of Health and Teen Court. S. Johnson volunteered to serve on Teen Court and J. Occhi volunteered to serve on the Board of Health. These appointments will be on the agenda next month.

W. Saline, Finance Committee, reported the \$.0025 sales tax for the month of \$71,234.00 and the total amount in the fund is \$769,636.00. The general fund is down \$151,000 from previous December and total revenue is down \$11,500 for the same period. Motion by W. Saline to go into executive session to discuss worker's compensation bills pending litigation seconded by D. Parsons and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Simpson, Parsons, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Brown, Mannhardt, Link, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (14); Noes - (0). Motion carried.

7:10 p.m. - G. Keiser entered.

7:15 p.m. - Return to regular session.

Motion by W. Saline to pay Marc Haynes \$15,702.70 in settlement of worker's compensation claim 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 by W. Saline to pay \$14,465.20 in settlement of worker's compensation claim of Mark Randall seconded by G. Link 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 36 juveniles are currently being housed at the Mary Davis Home with 11 from Knox County. The State money has been received. The Sheriff's administrative offices have moved into Knox County Law Enforcement Center. At present four to five inmates are being housed out of county. A. Pickrel will monitor the Courthouse phone bill for excessive charges.

G. Link, Highway/Landfill/Zoning Committee, reported the Highway is busy hauling rock, cutting brush, and doing shop work on equipment. Motion by G. Link to bid and bring back bids for new tandem truck replacing truck that is 17 years old seconded by R. Sandoval. Motion carried.

G. Link, Highway/Landfill/Zoning Committee, presented the following resolution:

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COUNTY MAINTENANCE RESOLUTION**

RESOLVED, by the County Board of Knox County, that \$1,250,000.00 is appropriated from the Motor Fuel Tax allotment for the maintenance on county or state highways and meeting the requirements of the Illinois Highway Code, and be it further

RESOLVED, that maintenance sections or patrols be maintained under the provision of said Illinois Highway Code during the year ending December 31, 2003 and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Engineer/County Superintendent of Highways shall, as soon as practicable after the close of the period as given above, submit to the Department of Transportation, on forms furnished by said Department, a certified statement showing expenditures from and balances remaining in funds authorized for expenditure by said Department under this appropriation, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby directed to transmit two certified copies of this resolution to the district office of the Department of Transportation.

Motion by G. Link to approve resolution seconded by S. Johnson 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, Highway/Landfill/Zoning Committee presented the following resolution:

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Legislation enacted by the 58th General Assembly amended the law with reference to County Engineers permitting the payment of the salary and expenses of the County Engineer out of any General or Highway funds of the County, and

WHEREAS, Motor Fuel Tax Funds allotted to the County are considered as Highway Funds,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Knox County, Illinois that the sum of Five Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Five and 61/100 Dollars (\$5,855.61) for the salary be and it is hereby

appropriated from Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the period beginning December 1, 2000 through November 30, 2001, inclusive, for Section 01-00000-00-CS, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Board of Knox County, Illinois, that the Department of Transportation of the State of Illinois, be and they are hereby requested to forward a certificate covering the above appropriation to the County Treasurer as soon as possible, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk be and he is hereby directed to forward two certified copies of this resolution to the State of Illinois, District Engineer, Peoria, Illinois, for approval.

Motion by G. Link seconded by D. Shallenberger to approve resolution 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, Highway/Landfill/Zoning Committee reported December gate receipts at the Landfill were a record high, \$224,169.00. The semis are going five days a week with three loads a day.

G. Keiser, Planning Committee, reported the Committee is looking at issues related to space allocation.

W. Abel, Social Services Committee, reported the Nursing Home borrowed \$60,000.00 to meet January payroll which will be repaid when IDPA check is received. The boiler will be installed in March. Census at the Home is 178. The Committee approved contract with American Express Tax and Business Services for medicare and medicaid costs. Motion by W. Abel seconded by D. Parsons to bid and bring back bids on physical occupational and speech therapy. Motion carried. Motion by W. Abel seconded by D. Parsons to accept bid from TriLutions for computer hardware in the amount of \$26,161.00 or \$863.31 per month for three years 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. Abel seconded by L. Mannhardt to go into executive session to discuss the bargaining unit contract 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.

7:50 return to open session

Motion by W. Abel to approve 3-year AFSCME contract with wage re-opener 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.

A. Hallberg, County Administrator gave update on GIS system. The pilot project has been identified and photo imagery has been received from the City of Galesburg. They plan to deliver the pilot project in February when it will be reviewed and if the County and City agree they will go back and finish the work on the City as a whole. Plans are to deliver to the City within twelve months. Flights for aerial photos will take place in April. Sidwell was in the Recorder's office today doing microfilming of sub-division plats to be used in the future to finish the maps.

A. Hallberg, County Administrator, reported the board room will be vacated the first of February. Next month's Board Meeting will be held in the 2nd floor Courtroom. All office heads will look over their needs and get figures to bid by February 6th. At that time A. Hallberg and office heads will compare to the grant money and will decide where to bid carpet, electrical, etc.

A. Hallberg reported the fiber optic link to connect the Leibovitz building with Courthouse needs to be done with Public Defender and also the Assessor needs to be connected with the County Clerk and Treasurer in the real estate program. The new bid from Midwest Technologies is \$12,171.14. Motion by A. Pickrel to purchase equipment seconded by R. Sandoval 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.

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 S. Johnson seconded by A. Pickrel 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.

The Chairman reported the next board meeting will be held February 19, 2003, 6:00 p.m., at the Courthouse. Motion to adjourn by L. Mannhardt seconded by C. Simpson. Motion carried.