

Chairman Keener presented the following items on consent agenda: 1) Minutes of the County Board Meeting held February 19, 2003; 2) Claims against Knox County, Illinois, for the period of February 20 - March 19, 2003 - 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; 3) Claims by Members for mileage for the Meeting held March 19, 2003; 4) Financial Report of Marc C. Wong, County Clerk, for the month of February, 2003, filed with County Clerk; 5) Financial Report of Robin E. Davis, Treasurer, for the month of February, 2003, filed with County Clerk; 6) Financial Report of Nancy J. McCune, Recorder, for the month of February, 2003, filed with County Clerk; 7) Financial Report of Kelly Cheesman, Circuit Clerk for the month of February, 2003, filed with County Clerk; 8) Financial Report of James K. Thompson, Sheriff, for the month of February, 2003, filed with County Clerk; 9) Sales tax and various taxes for the month of December, 2002 in the amounts of \$86,989.66 and \$18,356.87 and public safety tax in the amount of \$73,422.30; 10) Conditions of the Banks as of December 31, 2002, filed with County Clerk; 11) Appointment of Mr. Robert C. Maus of Galesburg as a member of the Knox County Metropolitan Exposition, Auditorium, and Office Building Authority; 12) Appointment of Mr. Randy Conlon of Galesburg as a member of the Knox County Metropolitan Exposition, Auditorium, and Office Building Authority; 13) Appointment of Mr. Phillip P. Muckey of Dahinda as a member of the Knox County Zoning Board of Appeals. S. Johnson requested Item 2 be withheld from Consent Agenda. Motion by J. Occhi to approve Consent Agenda Items 1, 3-13 seconded by J. Brown. Motion carried. Motion to approve Item 2 by J. Occhi 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 - (14); Noes - (0); Pass - Johnson - (1). Motion carried.

P. Mangieri reported on Knox County Law Enforcement Center update. The March committee meeting did not have a quorum. Project Manager Craig Wright's work is almost entirely complete with the exception of the construction of the stone wall between the Law Enforcement Center and Head Start. The installation of the water pump is complete and functioning well; there was a problem in the heating units and that has been addressed by the architects and construction managers involved in the project. It is anticipated there will be a need for one or two more committee meetings to review final payments and ensure construction of the wall is completed according to the agreement.

Kevin McCanna, Speer Financial, addressed the Board concerning bond sale approved last month. Motion by J. Occhi seconded by C. Simpson to approve Ordinance Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$8,000,000.00 General Obligation Refunding Bond (Sales Tax Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2003, of the County of Knox, Illinois. Motion carried.

Amy Kelso, Bob Maus, Mark Blackburn and Randy Conlin addressed the Board on the 2002 and 2003 Budget Report of the Knox County Metropolitan Exposition, Auditorium and Office Building Authority. The insurance expires in June and they are asking consideration be given to extending the contract. Chairman Keener reported the County will consider after receiving figures in the next month or so.

S. Keener reported this week is National Agriculture Week and read the following proclamation:

KNOX COUNTY PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Agriculture is this nation's most basic industry and its associated production, processing and marketing segments together provide more jobs than any other industry and,

WHEREAS, productivity of American Agriculture is the vital ingredient in our strength as a nation, both at home and in international affairs and

WHEREAS, to maintain a healthy Agriculture, it is necessary that all Americans understand how Agriculture affects their lives and economic well-being and be aware of their personal stake in an abundant food and fiber supply, produced by a prosperous Agriculture system.

NOW, THEREFORE, I SALLY KEENER, Knox County Board Chairperson, do hereby proclaim March 19th as National Agriculture Day and urge all citizens of our county to give special recognition to the benefits that our county derives from Agriculture in our area and throughout the nation.

W. Saline, Finance/Insurance Committee, reported Insurance revenues are down \$22,000 from last year and claims are up \$124,000. Hospitalization is down \$63,000 from last year and \$84,000 from last month. The small pox vaccine must be offered as voluntary service to public health workers and emergency personnel. W. Saline presented the following resolution:

**RESOLUTION REGARDING WORK RELATED INJURIES ARISING OUT OF
AND IN THE COURSE OF ADMINISTRATION OF SMALLPOX VACCINATION**

WHEREAS, the County of Knox is the employer of a number of law enforcement officers and personnel, emergency first responders and individuals engaged in the administration of public health throughout Knox County; and

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that based upon the respective duties of the foregoing employees that said employees may be requested by their various departments to consider receiving a small pox vaccination for the express purpose of participation in a core group of early responders in the event of an actual smallpox case and further to provide said employees with immunity to them as they assume duties administering smallpox vaccinations and handling live virus vaccine; and

WHEREAS, as a result of said employee's vital role in carrying out each department's responsibility in administering smallpox vaccinations, the employee's receipt of the vaccination upon the request of the respective department head, clearly falls within the scope of the employee's assigned duties; and

WHEREAS, adverse reactions to smallpox vaccinations can occur and in contemplation of such a possibility Illinois State Senate Bill 0632 is pending before the Illinois General Assembly which would mandate that, "Any injury to or death of an employee arising from the administration of a smallpox vaccine to the employee as part of a voluntary inoculation program in connection with the person's employment or in connection with any governmental program or recommendation for the inoculation of workers in the employee's occupation, geographical area, or other category that includes the employee is deemed to arise out of and in the course of employment for all purposes under the Illinois Worker's Compensation Act."

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Knox County Board in acknowledgment of its ethical responsibility to above described employees does hereby resolve that any injury to or death of an employee arising from the administration of a smallpox vaccine to the employee as part of a voluntary inoculation program in connection with the person's employment or in connection with any governmental program or recommendation for the inoculation of workers in the employee's occupation, geographical area, or other category that includes the employee is deemed to arise out of and in the course of employment for all purposes under the Illinois Workers' Compensation Act.

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

W. Saline, Finance/Insurance Committee, reported the County funds balance is down \$320,000.00 from last year; however, if the County can stabilize, it will be adequate. There is \$481,770 in liquid funds, up from previous month. The next bond payment of \$201,728.00 is due in June. At present revenues are at 18.6% and expenditures at 26.0%. The bid proposals for relocation of office personnel have been reviewed and lowest bids are as follows: Office Specialists \$38,957., CommNetMangieri \$29,386., Rheinschmidt's \$8,705., Lambasio \$9,032., Galesburg Painting Systems \$6,795., Bond Construction \$390., Office Specialists (Teller counter) \$5,600., Ferris moving, approx. \$2,250., Gallatin River \$2,000. Motion by W. Saline we accept low bids on relocation of office personnel in the amount of \$103,105 seconded by L. Roberts and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Simpson, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Brown, Mannhardt, Link, Roberts, Abel, Occhi, Saline - (11); Noes - Keiser, Parsons, Shallenberger, Johnson - (4). Motion carried.

Motion by W. Saline seconded by D. Parsons for executive session to discuss lease on Public Safety Building and possible purchase of property in the County 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.

7:05 p.m. - executive session.

8:15 p.m. - return to open session.

The following resolution was presented:

RESOLUTION REGARDING PUBLIC SAFETY IMPROVEMENT FUND

WHEREAS, it was determined by the Knox County Board by its resolution of March 15, 2000, that the new Knox County Jail should be constructed on the site, now known as 152 South Kellogg Street, Galesburg, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, it was also determined by the Knox County Board by its resolution of March 15, 2000, that the construction of the new Knox County Jail should also include the construction of new Knox County Sheriff's Administrative Offices at that location, 152 South Kellogg Street, Galesburg, Illinois; and

WHEREAS, it was determined by the Knox County Board by its resolution of March 15, 2000, that in order to comply with its contractual obligations with the City of Galesburg for the leasing, operation and maintenance of the County's respective occupied portion of the Public Safety

Building, the County of Knox would either re-utilize or otherwise renovate the County's respective occupied portion of the Public Safety Building or negotiate the appropriate revisions to the Public Safety Building lease agreement to implement the provisions of its March 15, 2000, resolution; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the County of Knox to finalize the Knox County Jail construction project and satisfy its obligation with the City of Galesburg relative to its lease agreement of the Public Safety Building by the payment of annual monetary installments as determined by the County of Knox and the City of Galesburg.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Knox County Board in acknowledgment of its ethical and fiscal responsibility to the voters, bond holders, and the City of Galesburg does hereby direct the Treasurer of Knox County to pay from the Public Safety Improvement Fund, in order of priority: (1) bond repayments as required by the bond repayment schedule; (2) final construction costs relative to the Knox County Jail Expansion project; (3) costs associated with the appropriate revisions to the Public Safety Building lease agreement as determined by the Knox County Board; and (4) such public safety purpose costs, as determined from time to time to be necessary by the Knox County Board, solely for public safety purposes.

Motion by W. Saline seconded by G. Link to adopt resolution and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Simpson, Parsons, Keener, Sandoval, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Brown, Mannhardt, Link, Roberts, Occhi, Saline - (12) Noes - Keiser, Abel, Johnson - (3). Motion carried.

Motion by W. Saline to accept Contract with City of Galesburg in regard to Public Safety Building pending approval of State's Attorney and City of Galesburg assuming buyout of lease in the amount of \$75,000 in two installments and \$62,500 for eight years seconded by J. Brown 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 authorize S. Keener and Knox County Administraot, Alan Hallberg to continue negotiations on purchase of property seconded by D. Shallenberger. Motion carried. Motion by W. Saline that all movement of office personnel be put on hold for the next thirty days seconded by G. Keiser 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, Public Safety Committee, reported the State is behind one month in payments to the Mary Davis Home, consequently, the balance dropped below \$1,000,000. The Department of Corrections completed an inspection and they received a perfect report. Motion by A. Pickrel to accept low bid of Louis Lakis for a Dodge pick-up truck at bid price of \$22,479.00 for animal control and vote by roll call as follows: Ayes - Simpson, Keiser, Parsons, Keener, Pickrel, Shallenberger, Brown, Mannhardt, Link, Abel, Occhi, Saline, Johnson - (13); Noes - (0); Pass - Sandoval, Roberts - (2). Motion carried. The 4x4 we have now will be sold outright.

A. Pickrel, Public Safety Committee, reported the jail population is 61 inmates. After further checking, the Sheriff has decided to hold off on housing prisoners from Federal prison but we have accepted 20 from Scott County, Iowa at \$55.00 per day.

G. Link, Highway/Landfill/Zoning reporting the Highway Department is busy patching holes, picking up trash and doing general outdoor work. Motion by G. Link to accept low bid of Koenig Body & Equipment in the amount of \$37,082.00 for dump body, hydraulic system and snow wing for new tandem dump truck 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.

The following resolution was presented:

**RESOLUTION FOR IMPROVEMENT BY COUNTY
UNDER THE ILLINOIS HIGHWAY CODE**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Knox County, Illinois, that the following described County Highway be improved under the Illinois Highway Code:

County Highway 37, beginning at a point near Sta. 0+00 (Knox/Warren County Line) and extending along said route in an Easterly direction to a point near Sta. 228+52 (County Highway 1 in Henderson), a distance of approximately 4.325 miles; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the type of improvement shall be the resurfacing and all necessary collateral work of that portion of County Highway 37 and shall be designated as Section 02-00156-00-RS and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there is hereby appropriated the sum of One hundred forty-three thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$143,000.00) from the County's **Federal Aid Matching Funds** for the construction of this improvement and

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

Motion to approve resolution by G. Link 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.

The following agreement was presented:

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENT FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION**

This Agreement is made and entered into between the above local agency (LA) and the State of Illinois, acting by and through its Department of Transportation, hereinafter referred to as "state". The STATE and LA jointly propose to improve the designated location as shown below. The improvement shall be constructed in accordance with plans approved by the STATE and the STATE's policies and procedures approved and/or required by the United States Federal Highway Administration hereinafter referred to as FHWA. Location is County Highway 37, Route FAS 402, length of 4.328 miles. The project consists of placing 2 1/2" to 3" of bituminous hot mix (superpave) aggregate shoulders, pavement markings and other

collateral work. Cost by FHWA is \$572,000, LA \$143,000, total \$715,000.

Motion to approve by G. Link 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.

The following policy was presented:

SNOW & ICE REMOVAL POLICY

In 2003 the Knox County Board adopted the following Snow & Ice Removal Policy. These are the guidelines which the Knox County Highway Department follows during the winter season.

BRIEF SUMMARY (Entire Snow Policy To Follow):

SECTION I: PURPOSE

SECTION II: POLICY AND LEVEL OF SERVICE

- A. General
- B. Removal/Abrasive Placement Capacity
- C. Removal Operations
- D. Motor Vehicle Operator
- E. Municipal Roads

SECTION III: SEQUENCE OF SERVICE

SECTION IV: MISCELLANEOUS

- A. Rural Mailboxes
- B. Fences
- C. Obstructions
- D. Private Road
- E. Equipment

SECTION V: LIMITATION OF SERVICE

SECTION VI: EMERGENCIES

SECTION VII: REPEALER

SECTION VIII: SAVINGS CLAUSE

SECTION IX: EFFECTIVE DATE

Motion to approve policy by G. Link seconded by J. Brown. Carried.

G. Link, Highway/Landfill/Zoning reported the Landfill had another good month with gate receipts remaining high. The Committee opened bids on 10' rotary mower. There were four bids received with Birkey's Farm Store submitting low bid of \$1,328.00. Motion by G. Link seconded by L. Roberts to approve trade in of 1997 Volvo and purchase a new tractor and trailer at a cost of approximately \$113,300.00 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.

Corby Schmidt, Zoning Administrator, presented Zoning Case SU-01-03. Hope International requests a Conditional Use Permit to operate an educational facility in the C, Conservation Zoning District. It is the recommendation of the Zoning Board of Appeals to approve with conditions. Motion to approve by S. Johnson seconded by G. Link. Motion carried.

G. Keiser, Planning Committee, reported the GIS is moving ahead with implementation of equipment and system. The Treasurer has set up line items for recording expenditures and revenues. A policy committee has been formed to set policy on fees, etc. with two representatives from the City, two from the County and one at large. The Committee is establishing a Knox County home page and county board members will be asked to submit brief bio for home page with personal picture and group shot. Check the top of the agenda for time the pictures will be taken.

W. Abel, Social Services Committee, reported deficit of \$7,404.70 for the month of February with year-to-date deficit of \$667,763.50. The November IDPA check was received March 5th but is still in arrears for December, January and February in the amount of \$655,211.49. The boiler is expected to be shipped March 24th and installed when the weather is warm. The farm tile will be replaced in the fall at the request of the tenant. The census at the Home is 177. The facility is considering adult daycare as a new source of revenue. All buildings are now inspected under the Life Safety Code 2000 and the facility will need to make modifications for compliance. The Nursing Home has been selected to participate in a study with Medicare relating to Nursing Home Quality Initiative. Motion by W. Abel to bid and accept bid on computer software 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, reported the GIS review with City and Sidwell went well. Surveyors are starting next week and will be in contact with Duane Ratermann. The Wataga flyover will be in early April. An open house is planned where City and County officials and anticipated heavy users will be given a demonstration, by Sidwell, of GIS advantages with completed sections of the Galesburg project. The auction for disposal of equipment will be April 12th at the Nursing Home. R. Hannam and A. Hallberg have looked at items in the attic and it has been decided it is mostly junk. We will do the setting up which will save money. Three things that will be key drawing items are church pews, parsons benches and two furnaces. There are some computers and tables and chairs. All items not saleable will be taken to the landfill. A consulting firm has been hired on railroad relocation study to reroute the Santa Fe line outside of town. If anyone has any input, please contact the County Administrator. The office moves have been canceled for 30 days. Some bids were for 30 days but bidders will be asked to hold longer.

Chairman Keener reported next month's agenda will have consideration of moving Executive Committee to the third Wednesday to finalize agenda and full board on the fourth Wednesday. If opposed, please let Chairman Keener know.

The Highway Committee will take tour of roads April 4th at 9:00 a.m. and will meet at the Highway Department. Please contact Duane Ratermann if you plan to attend.

Motion to adjourn by S. Johnson seconded by C. Simpson. Motion carried.