

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

**April 25, 2018**

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Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Knox County Board held at the Galesburg City Hall, Galesburg, Illinois on Wednesday, April 25, 2018 at 6:08 p.m.

The Meeting was called to order by County Board Chairwoman Pamela Davidson and upon roll call the following Members reported present:

District 1	Lyle Johnson
District 2	John Hunigan
District 3	Tara Wilder
District 4	Jared Hawkinson
District 5	Ricardo “Rick” Sandoval
District 1	Cheryl Nache
District 2	David Amor
District 3	Pamela Davidson
District 4	David Erickson
District 5	Brian Friedrich
District 1	Richard Conklin
District 2	Robert Bondi
District 4	Sara Varner
District 5	Todd Shreves

Also present was County Treasurer Robin Davis and County Clerk Scott Erickson.

Chairwoman Pamela Davidson led the Members in the pledge to the flag. A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of County Board Member Hurst who recently passed away.

Chairman Davidson asked for additions to the agenda. There were no additions.

Chairman Davidson asked for public comments. She asked that those who address the Board state their names and refrain from using personal names in their comments.

Jody Hanen, president of the union of the Knox County Nursing Home, addressed the Board. She stated that the union has come to the Board with what they feel are very important concerns. Although the Board has stated that they hear these concerns nothing has changed. Problems at the Nursing Home continue to make the front page of the Register Mail. It seems that some Nursing Home management employees will receive further training to do the job that

they were hired to do. They should know how to do these jobs. Perhaps the union members should say they do not fully understand their jobs and request additional training. If the Nursing Home had more money the union members could have negotiated for higher wages and staffing would not be an issue. The residents pay good money to be at the Knox County Nursing Home and they deserve the best care that staff can give them. Due to staff shortages some residents are not getting the care that they paid for and deserve. It is embarrassing when families of the residents report that their loved one has had their call light on and no one has responded. Sometimes while waiting to go to the bathroom, residents have wet themselves. This is not fair to their residents. She has heard that they are trying to fill up the empty rooms at the Nursing Home but there are not enough staff members to care for them. The Board should take action and make some of these issues go away.

Randy Lynch, staff representative from AFSCME # 31, Local #1037, spoke as a resident and tax payer of Knox County. He commented that he has previously addressed this Board several times and has asked for help and assistance. He has voiced concerns about the staffing issues at the Nursing Home. In the past the Nursing Home had a reputation for providing excellent care to their residents. Currently there are employees who come in early and work late due to mandatory overtime. He has visited with an employee who recently had worked 110 hours in nine days. That is excessive. He also spoke of patient care. The employees have come to him to say that patient care is not what it used to be. These people love their patients and sincerely care for them. They spend more time with their residents than they do with their own families. He attended the Nursing Home committee meeting this month. They report that there is \$1,200,000 that is uncollectible due to improper billing. The committee's recommendation is to provide additional training to some management employees. He thinks such training is ludicrous. The people hired to perform these jobs should have the knowledge of how to do these jobs. They should be held accountable and responsible. The County should not spend thousands of additional dollars to train these people how to do the jobs that they were hired to do. There are serious issues at the Nursing Home and although he has addressed the Board several times he has not seen any action. The union has asked the Board to go out and speak to the employees and walk around the Nursing Home to better understand what the issues are. He is asking Board Members to step up and do something to correct these problems to secure the future of the Nursing Home.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Amor to approve the following items of the consent agenda: 1) minutes of the Regular and Closed Board Meeting on March 28, 2018, 2) claims by Members for per diem and mileage for the meetings of April 2018 and other claims for per diem from meetings, and 3) sales tax and various taxes for the month of January 2018 in the amounts of \$99,537.16 and \$24,901.41 and public safety tax in the amount of \$163,198.94. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Varner, and Shreves—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Chairwoman Davidson presented the declaration of vacancy in office for County Board District 3 as County Board Member Trisha Hurst recently passed away. Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Wilder to approve this declaration. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Amor,

Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Varner, and Shreves—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Sandoval and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve the proclamation of May as Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month. A copy of this proclamation is included in the packets. Chairwoman Davidson asked Greg Bacon to step forward and she thanked him for all that he and ABATE does. She presented a copy of this proclamation to him. Mr. Bacon stated that ABATE is more of a legislative organization regarding motorcyclists' interests. They also do charity work. In the last twenty five years they have given away \$350,000. They also support a youth ridership program. He thanked the Board for their support of ABATE and Motorcycle Awareness Month. Voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Amor and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve the union contract for the Circuit Clerk's Office. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Varner and Shreves—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Hawkinson and seconded by Member Bondi to approve a liability settlement agreement. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Varner and Shreves—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the appointment of Brenda Dexter to the Williamsfield Sanitary District. Information is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Varner, and Shreves—(12). Noes—(0). Pass—Conklin and Bondi—(2). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Erickson and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve the re-appointments of Ty Landon and Bob Pauer to the Williamsfield Fire Protection District. Information is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Varner and Shreves—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Hawkinson and seconded by Member Varner to approve the appointment of Dennis Mefford to the Oneida-Wataga Fire Protection District. County Clerk Scott Erickson reported that earlier that day he had received the official e-mail regarding this appointment. A resume was not included. This is a new appointment. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Amor, Erickson, Friedrich, and Varner—(8). Noes—Davidson—(1). Pass—Hunigan, Nache, Conklin, Bondi and Shreves—(5). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Wilder to approve the phone system maintenance contract in the amount of \$3,050.60 with CenturyLink. County Clerk Scott Erickson explained that this contract includes the Courthouse and the Sheriff's Department.

This is an item that was removed from last month's agenda. He only received this information that day. Actually they are still haggling over some details.

Member Amor asked if there is a time crunch involved with this contract.

Mr. Erickson responded that the current maintenance contract expires at the end of this month. The delay is that CenturyLink had a hard time getting things worked out on their end and submitting this to the County.

Member Nache stated that not all of the Board Members had information regarding this contract.

Member Bondi asked Mr. Erickson if this is something that he would normally review.

Mr. Erickson responded that it is.

Member Bondi stated that it would be appropriate to have Mr. Erickson review this contract. He asked that the original motion be amended to include "pending review".

Member Friedrich and Member Wilder agreed to amend their original motion to include "contingent upon final review."

Mr. Erickson reiterated that this cannot wait until next month. There is a time crunch.

Roll call vote to approve the phone system maintenance contract with CenturyLink, contingent upon final review, is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Pass—Sandoval—(1). Motion carried.

Member Friedrich presented the monthly report from the Finance, Insurance, Treasurer, Judicial and Clerk Committee. The monthly report is in the packet. Most of the meeting was about health insurance as they did seek bids. County Treasurer Robin Davis passed out additional information to them.

Motion was made by Member Nache and seconded by Member Amor to approve the farmland lease addendum. Information is included in the packets. Member Friedrich explained that this has to do with a small piece of land out by Love's and the winery. The County really did not know how this area would be developed. This addendum will include this piece of land in the farmland lease. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Varner and Shreves—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the deed of conveyance for PIN # 99-14-176-036. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Varner and Shreves—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the CenturyLink Contract for 911 PSALI Service. Information is included in the packets. The annual cost is \$3,600 per year. Member Friedrich reported that IT Director Andy Rowe had talked about this during their committee meeting. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Varner and Shreves—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Hawkinson to approve the software upgrade for the phone system. Information is included in the packets. The cost is \$993.24. Member Friedrich reported that IT Director Andy Rowe had talked about this during their committee meeting. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Varner and Shreves—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Amor to approve the renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Department of Healthcare and Family Services and the Knox County State’s Attorney. Information is included in the packets. This is a grant which helps fund some salaries in that office. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Varner and Shreves—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Hawkinson to approve the maintenance agreement with MSI for the Courthouse HVAC system. Information is included in the packets. The annual cost is \$5,310.

Member Friedrich explained that according to this maintenance agreement MSI will come and check the filters and make sure that the system is working properly. He reminded Members that the Courthouse became very cold this past winter. They are hoping that routine maintenance will prevent this from happening again.

Member Bondi stated that this is a good move. There are other areas besides the Courthouse that should be routinely inspected.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Amor, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Varner and Shreves—(12). Noes—Hunigan and Davidson—(2). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the bid for Health/Vision/Dental/Life Insurance for 2018-2019 plan year. Member Friedrich stated that they will be going with the UMED Benefit Program. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Varner and Shreves—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Friedrich thanked the three insurance representatives who came to the committee and made their presentations. They did a good job and it was a hard decision to make.

Member Johnson presented the monthly Building, Courthouse and Annex Committee Report. Next month they hope to have a presentation on a energy survey.

Member Bondi presented the monthly Sheriff, Jail, Mary Davis Home, Animal Control, and Nursing Home Committee report. The monthly report is included in the packets.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Amor to approve the submittal of a grant application from the Sheriff’s Office to the 708 Mental Health Board. They are seeking to apply for \$75,000 to help address some prisoner mental health issues.

Member Conklin stated that the deadline to submit a grant application is April 1. The Sheriff did submit a grant application before this date. Member Conklin questioned if the Sheriff has the authority to submit this grant application. If so then why is he asking for the Board's approval?

Member Bondi stated that he is pretty sure that the Sheriff does have that authority. Perhaps this should be termed a reaffirmation of the Board's approval of this application.

Member Hawkinson stated that the Sheriff's Department routinely files grant applications for State and Federal grants. The Board is not asked to approve every grant request.

Chairwoman Davidson agreed that several other departments routinely apply for grants and these applications do not come to the full Board.

County Clerk Scott Erickson stated that the Sheriff has the authority to submit this grant. This approval is to go on record in support of this grant. Mr. Erickson has previously submitted requests for HAVA grants and he did not bring those applications to the Board for their approval.

Roll call vote to approve the submittal of a grant application from the Sheriff's Office to the 708 Mental Health Board is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Varner and Shreves—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Amor to approve the additional training of Nursing Home business office staff by WIPFLI and SNF. The training would last 12-16 hours and the estimated cost would be \$1,140-\$1,615. Information is included in the packets. The focus of this training has to do with filing Medicare, Medicaid and insurance bills.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Wilder, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi and Shreves—(10). Noes—Hawkinson, Sandoval, and Nache—(3). Pass—Varner—(1). Motion carried.

Member Hunigan presented the monthly Assessor, Zoning, GIS, Recorder's Office, Highway Department and Landfill Committee report. The monthly report is included in the packets. He thanked County Clerk Scott Erickson for helping to make the arrangements to hold this meeting at the Courthouse. They did anticipate that several people would be in attendance to talk about the solar farms. Approximately one hundred people did attend this meeting. He thanked the committee members for their patience and composure. There were some who spoke for this project and some who spoke against it. Our democracy is supposed to be about taking the time to listen to each other. He also thanked Supervisor of Assessments Chris Gray for getting information. In the end the committee decided to table this decision. This will give the committee members more time to absorb this information. They plan to discuss this matter at next month's committee meeting and hopefully bring it to the full Board.

Member Amor presented the monthly report from the Knox County Board of Health. He had distributed copies of his report to the Board Members. He read his report. Treasurer Doug Gibb presented the financial report. As of March 31, 2018, the Health Department showed a deficit of \$53,141 on revenues of \$1,189,897 and expenses of \$1,243,038. This is not unusual for this time of year as few tax dollars have yet been received. Director Gabriel discussed proposed changes by the Illinois Department of Public Health to the Certified Local Health Department Code that will drastically reduce the requirements for state certification. She also reviewed with

the Health Board the Department's action plan to secure accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board. Director of Family Health Catherine Ayers reported on last year's WIC Farmers' Market program which saw a significant increase in the use of WIC vouchers to buy fresh produce and other items provided through the farmers' market. Director of Wellness Erin Olson discussed the annual County Health Rankings published by the Robert Wood Foundation. A detailed breakdown of the factors associated with these ranking is available at [countyhealthranking.org](http://countyhealthranking.org). Director of Health Protection Sam Jarvis updated the Health Board on the regional situation with respect to synthetic cannabinoids. Director of Gabriel discussed with the Health Board some possible changes in organizational structure in light of some upcoming departures in the area of health protection.

Member Varner presented the monthly report from the Galesburg Convention and Visitors Bureau. There has been no meeting since last month. She does have information that she wanted to present to the Board. She introduced the Executive Director of the Galesburg Chamber of Commerce Jessica Linder and asked if she could address the Board. Chairwoman Davidson welcomed Ms. Linder who presented information concerning Amtrak changes. Ms. Linder shared that Amtrak has announced changes to long distance rail service and these changes will directly impact Galesburg. They also announced changes regarding private rail cars. Two special trains that were previously scheduled to come to Galesburg will not be stopping in Galesburg. It is a concern to the community what further changes are ahead for long distance rail service. Some people argue that fewer and fewer people ride Amtrak end to end. However, the average long distance rider travels 800 miles or more. Every year there are 110,000 people who step on or off the Amtrak trains in Galesburg. The sixth busiest rail station in Illinois is Galesburg. One of the things that they are concerned about locally is the loss of revenue resulting from the loss of riders. They are reaching out to the State legislators and encouraging their support for long distance rail service. They are also connecting with other communities along these long distance rails. Additionally they are going to be writing to the Amtrak Board of Directors. She asked everyone to contact local national legislators as well to make them aware of this issue. She asked to Board to sign some letters of support.

Member Hawkinson presented the monthly report from the 9-1-1 committee. They did meet April 19<sup>th</sup> and among other things discussed some upgrades to emergency lines. If the lines were to fail, priority would be given to the emergency lines. They discussed and approved a fiber optic system and frequency changes to the rural fire departments. Recently various awards were presented to health communicators in the area. These are the personnel on the line who respond to the 9-1-1 calls. Often as the weather warms up there are more dropped 9-1-1 calls. A police officer has to research each of these calls. There were over 20,000 9-1-1 calls in two months and handled by three people.

Ken Springer presented the monthly report from the Knox County Area Partnership for Economic Development. Earlier this month the Galesburg City Council approved a financial assistance package for Jupiter Machine Tools which will be headquartered in south Galesburg. Over the next three years they plan to hire 52 new full time positions. This is good news.

April 13<sup>th</sup> they held their first event with their new initiative, Talent Connect in Knox County. This initiative is aimed at local students and seeks to better integrate them with local employers. During this first event the health care profession was highlighted. The objective

would be train these students to join the local work force and remain in this area. They are devoting a lot of resources to Talent Connect of Knox County.

Member Johnson presented the monthly report from the Prairie Hills Resources Board. He reported that there was no meeting this month.

Member Johnson presented the monthly report from the United Council of Counties. He reported that they did not meet in April. Their next meeting is in May.

Member Bondi presented the monthly report from the Ad Hoc Committee for Technology Services. They discussed the progress on the server storage and the wireless system at the Nursing Home. They also discussed the new I-Pads for the Board Members which the Members have now received. He thanked IT Director Andy Rowe and Assistant Director Marlon Beal for getting these new I-Pads prepared. They are also working on the installation of the wireless system at the Nursing Home and trying not to disturb the patients as they work.

Member Conklin presented the monthly report from the Knox County Mental Health 708 Board. He reported that they have received nineteen grant applications. Totalled these organizations are requesting about double the amount of funds that they have available to disburse. There will be tough decisions to make. Starting May 4<sup>th</sup>, the 708 Mental Health Board will begin reviewing these applications and making decisions. Each of these applications presents valid needs. It will difficult to make these decisions.

Chairwoman Davidson stated that Chairman of the 708 Board had reported to her that they have received nineteen applications. That speaks to the need that is out there.

Member Erickson commented that it seems that several taxing bodies have submitted applications. How is the 708 Board going to gauge these applications?

Member Amor responded that that has not been decided. He is assuming such requests will go to the bottom tier of the requests. They have a point scale which involves six specific questions and then they will assign points. They will try to quantify these requests with the mission statement of the 708 Board. This will be taken into consideration.

Member Amor stated that in one way or another most of these bodies are receiving tax funds, whether through local, state or federal taxes or grants.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the opening of the budget for line item changes. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Varner and Shreves—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Budget line item transfers are listed in the packet and included Child Advocacy and the Courthouse.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Nache to approve the proposed line item changes. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Johnson, Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Varner and Shreves—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.



Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Nache to approve the claims against Knox County, Illinois, for the period of March 28, 2018 through April 25, 2018 (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, Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Conklin, Bondi, Varner and Shreves—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

## STATEMENTS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Member Johnson commended the people from the Knox County Nursing Home who attended this meeting. He also thanked the Nursing Home employees for the wonderful services that he has received during the last five weeks that he has been at the Nursing Home.

Member Hunigan asked the community to consider that change is not always a bad thing. He also spoke of Member Hurst. He and Member Hurst came to the County Board about the same time. She was a kind genuine gentle soul and will be missed.

Member Wilder remembered Member Hurst who was so helpful to her as she was new to this Board. Member Wilder extended her condolences to the family.

Member Hawkinson also extended his condolences to the family of Member Hurst. She had offered her assistance on him if he needed anything.

He also read from a prepared statement. In recent Meetings he has refrained from comment for a number of reasons. However, there is no better time than now to share his frustrations as an elected officer of Knox County as well as a tax paying citizen. Prior to being elected to the Board he thought that he knew a lot about local government. But like a large number of citizens of Knox County he realizes that he was wrong. In his short time as an elected officer representing his district in Knox County he has realized that he did not know so much at all. He has learned some things that are truly troubling. One of these things he wants to share.

This has to do with the City of Galesburg Election Commission which is only one of six municipal election commissions remaining in the State of Illinois. This entity is not run nor is it funded by the City of Galesburg for its annual budget at all. After living his life in Knox County he assumed that the Election Commission was run by the City of Galesburg and its employees. This is false. The City of Galesburg Election Commission is 100% funded by Knox County's General Fund, paid for from tax dollars of the tax payers of the County. The employees of the Election Commission are 100% County employees paid for with County tax dollars. The details of this would take hours of explaining but the bottom line has upset him and those that he has shared this information with are equally upset.

The City of Galesburg Election Commission and employees funded by the County's taxpayers are utilizing language in the State law to forcibly strong arm the County for their raises. They are not requesting a 1% or 2% raise. They are demanding that the executive director receive a salary increase of 12% and the assistant director a 5% increase. The Election Commission was established in 1908. Over the years various election commissions have been dissolved including most recently the Election Commission in Aurora last month. The local citizens voted to dissolve that entity. This leaves the cities of Chicago, Rockford, Danville,

Bloomington, East St. Louis and Galesburg with municipal election commissions. Some of these cities have a larger population than Galesburg. Currently the budget for the Galesburg Election Commission is \$175,573 and \$71,863 of that amount is for their full time and part time employees' salaries. This is your tax money. This doesn't include employee benefits.

It is his opinion that now is the time that they should act as responsible adults and take a hard look at what our money is being spent on. Abolishing the City of Galesburg would potentially save the taxpayers over \$100,000 annually based solely on current line items. The County already has a department that handles and certifies elections within the County and they do so with no problems. He questioned why the County needs two election departments that taxpayers are paying for. He would think the County office could handle the city elections much more economically. There are only six of these commissions left in the entire State.

Member Sandoval had no comments at this time.

Member Nache also extended her condolences to the family of Member Hurst. Member Nache also stated her agreement of Member Hawkinson's comments about the City of Galesburg Election Commission.

Member Amor also extended his condolences to the family of Member Hurst. He did not know her as well as wishes he could have. He speaks as a Member of this Board and also as a member of the Knox College community. She cared very deeply for others. He also applauded Member Hawkinson's comments.

Chairwoman Davidson, Member Erickson, Member Friedrich, Member Conklin and Member Bondi had no comments at this time.

Member Varner also extended her condolences to Member Hurst's family. Member Varner also stated that she agrees 100% with Member Hawkinson's comments regarding the City of Galesburg Election Commission. Previously she had worked in the County Clerk's Office and knows that that office could handle the County and Galesburg's election business.

Member Shreves had no comments at this time.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 23, 2018, 6:00 p.m., at the Galesburg City Hall Council Chambers, Galesburg, Illinois.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Hawkinson to adjourn from this Meeting until the next scheduled Meeting of the Board. Voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—(14). Noes—(0). Motion carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.