

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

June 27, 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, June 27, 2018 at 6:10 p.m.

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

District 2	John Hunigan
District 3	Tara Wilder
District 4	Jared Hawkinson
District 1	Cheryl Nache
District 2	David Amor
District 3	Pamela Davidson
District 4	David Erickson
District 5	Brian Friedrich
District 2	Robert Bondi
District 3	Kyle Rohweder
District 4	Sara Varner
District 5	Todd Shreves

And those absent:	District 1	Lyle Johnson
	District 5	Ricardo “Rick” Sandoval
	District 1	Richard Conklin

Also present were County Treasurer Robin Davis and County Clerk Scott Erickson

Chairwoman Pamela Davidson led the Members in the pledge to the flag. In lieu of a formal invocation a moment of silence was observed.

Chairman Davidson asked for additions to the agenda. There were none.

Chairman Davidson asked for public comments. Dale Carlson from rural Galesburg addressed the Board from his prepared statement, copies of which he distributed to the Board Members. He shared his concerns that the Knox County Future Land Use Plan needs to be reviewed and revised to meet today’s concerns including solar and wind projects among others that take farm land out of production. This land use plan was approved in 1999 and needs to be updated. It is crucial that the County preserve and protect our valuable farm ground.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Hawkinson to approve the following items of the consent agenda: 1) minutes of the Regular and Closed Board Meetings on May 23, 2018, 2) claims by Members for per diem and mileage for the meetings of June 2018 and other claims for per diem from meetings, and 3) sales tax and various taxes for the month of March 2018 in the amounts of \$119,136.22 and \$28,974.67 and public safety tax in the amount of \$191,233.24. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Bondi, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(12). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Executive Director of CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates Program), Sara Robison, presented an update to the Board. This program serves Knox, Warren, and Henderson Counties. With the use of community volunteers, they provide individualized child advocacy counseling for victims of abuse and neglect as they work through the court system. They attend hearings and prepare written and oral recommendations to the court concerning the welfare of these children. They strive to help each child find a safe loving permanent home in the shortest amount of time possible. Currently CASA is serving 134 children with 43 volunteers. In 2017 they expanded their services to Henderson County. They recently completed their first year of service with Warren County. In these three counties they have served 170 children and attended more than 250 hearings on their behalf. They have helped 54 children achieve permanency. They have trained 8 new volunteers and offered over 30 hours of continuing education to their volunteers. There have been successful fund raising efforts. She offered her heart felt thank you to the Board for passing the resolution in 2013 which authorized additional funds for use by the Court Appointed Special Advocates. These funds have helped this agency flourish and grow. This has allowed them to hire a full time staff person and expand their training to their volunteers. They are grateful for the Board's ongoing support.

Motion was made by Member Nache and seconded by Member Wilder to approve the reappointment of Melvin D. Rash to the Spoon Valley Lake Sanitary District. Information is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Bondi, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(11). Noes—(0). Pass—Friedrich—(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Hawkinson and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve the reappointment of Paul Clark to the Knoxville Fire Protection District. Information is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Bondi, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(12). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Wilder to approve additional hours for Medicaid account review at the Knox County Nursing Home. Chairwoman Davidson stated that this would be for an additional 240 hours at a cost of \$90 per hour.

Member Hawkinson commented that previously the Board had approved hiring professionals to help get some of this money back. His concern is that they are asking for more hours. His fear is that they will return to the Board in the future and ask for still more hours. This could keep going on and on.

Member Bondi reported that the agency had reported that this proposal should carry them through.

Chairwoman Davidson added that there are now things in place like the additional training that should help.

Roll call vote to approve additional hours for Medicaid account review at the Knox County Nursing Home is recorded as follows: Ayes—Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Bondi, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(12). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Hawkinson to approve the 708 Mental Health Board grant distributions.

Member Erickson stated that his packet did not include a list of these distributions.

County Clerk Scott Erickson responded that he had just received the list that day and put it on the website.

Chairman of the 708 Mental Health Board, Greg Bacon, addressed the Board and responded to their questions. Bridgeway had applied for 4 grants. KCDD had applied for 3 different grants that total over \$200,000. The Knox County Sherriff's Office received their grant for \$75,000. Even though the 708 Mental Health Board took in \$1,200,000, there are not enough funds to grant all these requests at 100% but almost everyone who submitted a request received something. He explained that they are not going to give away all of their money at this time, but keep some funds in their contingency fund. Then if an agency has the opportunity to apply for a matching grant, the 708 Mental Health Board would have funds available to assist them. Most of these grants will be quarterly but some will be paid in full at one time. Some of these agencies are not headquartered in Knox County but provide services to Knox County residents. Those grants are earmarked for Knox County residents. If they do not provide services to Knox County residents, they were not awarded any money. The total amount of these awards is approximately \$1,100,000.

The 708 Mental Health Board is required to meet quarterly. As they meet they will be asking the recipients of these awards to bring a progress report about their grants to the 708 Board. They will need to verify how they are spending these funds, before they receive their next check.

Member Erickson commented about his concerns regarding the amount of work that the County is taking on with the time and labor involved in the Treasurer's Office in the handling and disbursement of these funds. There is no additional revenue involved for the County's administrative services. It is one of the expenses of this project that was not foreseen. He does not see the 708 Board as being an extension of the County. Other taxing liabilities are not provided this service through the County. He thinks that this should be a topic of future discussion. Considering the County's budget and the General Fund, the County is not making any additional money. He stated that he thought the 708 Board did a great job.

Mr. Bacon commented that he thinks that in the last year since their organization, the 708 Board has done an awesome job. He would not mind paying the County for their administrative services.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Bondi, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(12). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Friedrich presented the monthly report from the Finance, Insurance, Treasurer, Judicial and Clerk Committee. The monthly report is in the packets.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Amor to approve the deed of conveyance for PIN 01-16-353-002. Information is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Bondi, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(12). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Amor to approve the resolution on prevailing wage for Knox County. A copy of this resolution is included in the packets. Member Friedrich explained that this is something that they have to do every year even though they don't like it. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Friedrich, Bondi, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(11). Noes—(0). Pass—Erickson—(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Erickson to approve the appointments of election judges for Knox County. Information is included in the packets. County Clerk Scott Erickson asked for people to contact him who are interested in serving as election judges. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Bondi, Rohweder and Shreves—(11). Noes—(0). Pass—Varner—(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the budget schedule for FY2018-FY2019 budget. A copy of this schedule is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Bondi, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(12). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Bondi presented the monthly Building, Courthouse and Annex Committee Report. He stated that the report is included in the packets.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Erickson to approve the invoice from Klingner and Associates for the Courthouse IT Office renovations in the amount of \$1,345.50. A copy of this invoice is included in the packets.

County Clerk Scott Erickson reminded Members that the invoice is what they are voting on. This project is expected to be a simple remodel.

Member Friedrich called for the question.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Bondi, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(12). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Varner to approve the bid for IT Office renovations. Member Varner reported that two bids were received. The low bid was submitted by MSI in the amount of \$14,710.00.

Member Hawkinson questioned what the bid in this amount would involve as this information is not included in the packet.

Cody Basham from Klingner and Associates responded that this project would include a new ceiling, energy efficient lighting and bring everything up to code. They would also relocate the duct work that was installed with the emergency heating system which was installed last winter.

Chairwoman Davidson stated that she would be voting against this project as the County just paid for emergency duct work to be installed. She doesn't think that the taxpayers should have to pay to fix it again. She thinks that the work should have been done correctly and they would not have to go through this.

Member Nache stated that she also would be voting against this as it seems to be never ending.

Chairwoman Davidson reported that the previous motion was to approve the design.

Member Hunigan questioned how much of a problem that current work environment is for the IT Department.

Mr. Basham responded that as it is, it is not useable.

Member Bondi commented that in the emergency situation to install the additional heating system, no consideration was shown to maintaining that as a functional office area. If the Board doesn't deal with this, the IT Office will have to be relocated. The possibilities of relocating that office are very expensive.

Member Amor pointed out that the Board had just approved to pay for the design work. If the Board does not approve to follow up and do the work, the money for the design work has been wasted. That does not make sense to him.

Member Bondi stated that this remodel needs to be completed to allow the IT Department to work and function in the Courthouse.

Member Hawkinson questioned where this money is coming from.

Member Bondi responded that it is coming from the building fund.

Member Erickson questioned if this would be a permanent fix for this office. Will there be future needs that will have to be addressed.

Mr. Basham responded that this should work.

Chairwoman Davidson commented that she would be voting against this motion as MSI did the initial work and now it has to be redone. The County does need an IT facility in the Courthouse. The County spent thousands of dollars to MSI for the emergency heating system and it should have been done right the first time. She called for the question.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Wilder, Hawkinson, Amor, Erickson, Friedrich, Bondi, Rohweder, Varner, and Shreves—(9). Noes—Hunigan, Nache, and Davidson—(3). Motion carried.

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 DVR replacement at the Mary Davis Home in the amount of \$5,112.00 to Security Electronics Integration Company. Member Bondi reported that the current unit only has a day or two of capacity. This new unit will expand that capacity to six months.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Bondi, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(12). Noes—(0). 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.

Motion was made by Member Hunigan and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve the decision on Zoning Board of Appeals Case #CU-05-18—Request for Conditional Use Permit for a Home Occupation (480 SF kitchen in a pole building and prepare food for a catering/food truck business) in the "R" Rural Residential Zoning District, filed by Phillip Hennenfent for Henn House BBQ Catering & Food Truck Business, 521 Walnut Street, Altona, Illinois. The ZBA voted to recommend approval of this request. Information is included in the packets. Member Hunigan added that this request does not involve the actual selling of the food at this location.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Bondi, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(11). Noes—Nache—(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Hunigan and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve the decision on Zoning Board of Appeals Case #CU-06-18—Request for a roadside stand to display and sell produce grown on the premises, in the "A" Agricultural Zoning District, filed by Bryan and Stefanie Eklund, 1398 Knox Highway 7, Knoxville, Illinois. The ZBA voted to recommend approval of this request. Information is included in the packets.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Bondi, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(12). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Hunigan and seconded by Member Erickson to approve the engineering services agreement for bridge design, Elba Township, Section 18-04114-01-BR. Services are to be provided by Klingner and Associates and the fees shall not exceed \$64,000. Information is included in the packets. Member Hunigan added that this is for a bridge located approximately 2.5 miles Northwest of Yates City.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Bondi, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(12). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Hunigan and seconded by Member Erickson to approve the purchase of a used fuel truck or equivalent not to exceed \$15,000 for the Landfill. Information is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Bondi, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(12). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Amor presented the monthly report from the Knox County Board of Health. This meeting was held June 14th. They reported that Greenway Revenue Services have improved collections by 9%, with a minimum charge per month. It is considered to be well worth the cost. Several hires in the last month have assumed their new positions. Some of these positions are transferred employees from other previously held positions. Others are new employees to the Health Center. There is a new dentist and a new physician who will be starting in August. Some

of their grant amounts have been reduced. Recently there was a TB event at the High School. Although 177 people were exposed, none of the tests came back as positive. This was a major effort at the Health Department and they did receive assistance from OSF. Sara Willett gave a presentation concerning the new food health code that is coming from the State. This will change the way the Health Department monitors food safety. Eventually the County will need to make changes in the County's food ordinance.

Member Varner presented the monthly report from the Galesburg Convention and Visitors Bureau. They met June 5th. They talked about Railroad Days and there was a presentation from the Arts Counsel. They continue to work on their new logo.

Member Hawkinson presented the monthly report from the 9-1-1 Committee. They met June 26th. They reviewed the budget for this fiscal year for the 9-1-1 Board. The budget total currently is \$1,300,000. Most of that balance is investments for future upgrades. They did approve replacement upgrades for Oak Run and Dahinda. For the months of April and May there were a total of 3,736 9-1-1 calls. Of that number, 2,833 were from cell phones and 533 were from land lines. Each time he makes this report he also shares the number of abandoned 9-1-1 calls. For these two months that total was 1,370 and this number continues to increase. Police must investigate each of these abandoned calls. They can get some information from GPS positioning data. The number of administrative calls was 10,315. There were 3,817 police calls for service and 1,469 calls for fire and EMS services. The total number of 9-1-1 has really increased in the last two months. One of the 9-1-1 board members will be resigning in August and they will be looking for a replacement. Those interested should contact him or the 9-1-1 Board.

Ken Springer presented the monthly report from the Knox County Area Partnership for Economic Development. They soon will be hosting another free workshop for start-up businesses. That date is July 11th to be held at Anderson State Bank in Oneida. They are trying to move these workshops around to some of the rural areas of the County. They are also looking for people in the area who are certified CNA's, whose certification has become inactive. KCAP is partnering with the Knox County Nursing Home, the Chamber of Commerce and various other partners in the community. The goal is to hold CNA recertification courses to add to the area workforce.

Since Member Johnson was absent he could not present the monthly report from the Prairie Hills Resources Board or the United Council of Counties.

Member Bondi presented the monthly report from the Ad Hoc Committee for Technology Services. A copy of this report is included in the packets. The maintenance agreement with Century Link for services at the Courthouse is now complete at a cost of approximately \$1,300. This will allow for software upgrades. They are looking into virtualizing the Courthouse's voicemail server, which will make the cost decrease. Software upgrades will have to be requested. They discovered the cause of the Nursing Home's telephone lines going down recently was a Century Link problem. This issue has since been resolved. The IT Department is looking into upgrading the internet at the Nursing Home. A lightning strike occurred at the Highway Department tower which affected the wireless communication between

the main office and the shop building. The estimated replacement equipment should be approximately \$300. They did get the licensing for the new Microsoft agreement. They are also working on the wiring the rack at the Nursing Home. Additionally they continue to work on the wireless system at the Nursing Home.

Since Member Conklin was absent, he could not present the monthly report from the Knox County Mental Health 708 Board. Earlier in this meeting the Chairman of that Board, Greg Bacon, had addressed the Board regarding grant disbursements.

Motion was made by Member Hawkinson and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve the opening of the budget for line item changes. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Bondi, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(12). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Proposed budget line item changes include changes for the Landfill, Sheriff's Office, Regional Board of Education and the Health Department.

Motion was made by Member Nache and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve the proposed specific budget line item changes. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Bondi, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(12). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Amor to approve the claims against Knox County, Illinois, for the period of May 25, 2018 through June 27, 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—Hunigan, Wilder, Hawkinson, Nache, Amor, Davidson, Erickson, Friedrich, Bondi, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(12). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

STATEMENTS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Member Hunigan commented about a special event to be held at the City of Galesburg Public Square June 30th in response to the shooting during Railroad Days. We are a united community.

Member Wilder and Member Hawkinson had no comments at this time.

Member Nache wished everyone a Happy Safe 4th of July.

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

Member Rohweder commented about his first month as a Board Member. He always knew how important democracy was, but he never knew how much fun it could be. It is an honor to help serve in this way.

Member Varner and Member Shreves had no comments at this time.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 25, 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—(12). Noes—(0). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.