

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

February 26, 2020

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Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Knox County Board held at the Galesburg City Hall, Galesburg, Illinois on Wednesday, February 26, 2020, at 6:15 p.m.

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

District 2	David Amor
District 3	Pamela Davidson
District 4	Jared Hawkinson
District 5	Ricardo “Rick” Sandoval
District 1	Cheryl Nache
District 2	Robert Bondi
District 3	Tara Wilder
District 5	Brian Friedrich
District 1	Roland “Rollie” Paulsgrove
District 2	John Hunigan
District 3	Kyle Rohweder
District 4	Sara Varner
District 5	Todd Shreves

And those absent: District 1 Lyle Johnson
 District 4 Todd Olinger

Also present were Supervisor of Assessments Chris Gray, County Treasurer Robin Davis and County Clerk Scott Erickson.

County Clerk Scott Erickson delivered the Proclamation. Chairwoman Davidson led the Members in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. In lieu of a formal invocation, Chairwoman Davidson asked that a moment of silence be observed. County Clerk Scott Erickson asked that those in attendance remember two former Board Members, Linda Roberts and Gerald Link who have recently passed away. Chairwoman Davidson asked that they also remember Joyce Bean, US Congressman Lane Evan’s Congressional Assistant who also recently passed away.

Chairwoman Davidson asked for additions or deletions to the agenda. Member Hawkinson asked that agenda item #22, approve purchase of transport vehicle for the Mary Davis Home, be removed from this agenda.

Chairwoman Davidson asked for public comments. She asked the speakers to limit their comments to 2-3 minutes.

Knud K. Ullerup, from Altona addressed the Board. Last week he attended the Zoning Committee Meeting. He is concerned about those who get an easement but do not get a wind turbine. That easement is still with the property and will be there for years in the future without anything to show for it.

Seamus Reilly addressed the Board and spoke in favor of the Knox County Wind Project. These wind turbines will bring in additional revenue and spur economic growth.

Jodi Hanen addressed the Board. She has worked at the Knox County Nursing Home for thirty two years. She wanted answers why the current contract for the Nursing Home Administrator is not being renewed. The Board Members should have given this matter more thought. She also questioned why the former Administrator is there. The employees are wondering where the money is coming from to pay her, as there is no money for raises for the Nursing Home employees. They feel like they are being left in the dark and would like answers.

Rachel Sotelo addressed the Board. She is a nurse who has worked at the Knox County Nursing Home for eight years. She is also questioning why the former Administrator is on site at the Nursing Home when they have an Administrator. Where are these funds coming from? There is concern about where the Nursing Home is going. It is a good nursing home without a lot of staff turnover. They would like to know what the intentions are for the future of the Nursing Home.

Lawrence Taylor addressed the Board. He has been an employee of the Nursing Home for fourteen years. He repeated the concerns for the future of the Nursing Home. There is a lot of confusion out there right now as they don't know what is going on. The current Administrator seems to be doing a really good job. Yet she is being let go and nobody knows why. They shouldn't be leaving the employees in the dark. Please tell the employees what is going on.

Motion was made by Member Rohweder and seconded by Member Amor to approve the following items of the consent agenda: 1) minutes of the Regular and Closed Board Meeting on January 22, 2020, 2) claims by Members for per diem and mileage for the meetings of February 2020 and other claims for per diem from meetings, and 3) sales tax and various taxes for the month of November 2019 in the amounts of \$113,027.66 and \$25,339.22 and public safety tax in the amount of \$186,154.55.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Hawkinson and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the Proclamation of March as National Kidney Month. A copy of this proclamation is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Amor and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the Annual Report from the Health Department. A copy of the report is included in the packets.

Assistant Health Department Administrator Will Hayes presented this report to the Board. This is very similar to previous reports. Last year was their first full year working with (Illinois Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) LIHEAP. They helped over two thousand households in the County and distributed \$1,800,000 most of which goes to the power companies. This was 2,600 households which is a big thing, especially for their first year.

He reported that some forms of sexually transmitted diseases have increased in Knox County and Statewide. They continue to provide a lot of education. They are hoping to get those numbers back down.

They are still busy with the dental and behavior health aspects of their services. They still have some openings for some health care employees. There has been a 30% increase of those persons coming in and obtaining health care services. This is mostly because some people do not have a primary care physician or sometimes there is a problem with their health insurance.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Nache and seconded by Member Rohweder to approve the consolidation of the Nursing Home and Highway/Landfill/Assessor/Zoning/GIS/Veterans Committees.

Chairwoman Davidson explained that Member Wilder who is Chairperson of the Nursing Home Committee is no longer able to chair this committee. Further there have been quorum issues and problems getting their bills submitted on time. This committee meeting is to be scheduled on the third Tuesday of each month at the Annex.

Member Nache expressed her reservations about putting all of this into one committee. In her tenure on the County Board she has seen various department groupings of these committees.

Chairwoman Davidson commented that out of all of these departments to be included in this committee, the Nursing Home will require the most time. Previously when the Nursing Home was included with other departments in the committee meeting structure, some of those meetings were long. But at that time there were a series of multiple issues involving various departments.

Other Members also expressed their reservations about the merging of these committees.

Member Amor suggested that this arrangement should be monitored with the thought that there might have to be another plan.

Member Hunigan as Chairperson of that committee shared his thoughts that they should try it and see what happens. He does not want to do 2-3 hour meetings. Hopefully they can make this run efficiently. The directors are pretty good about organizing and presenting their reports. He thinks that the Nursing Home will require the most time. He does want to make sure that all of the departments are given the time that they require.

Chairwoman Davidson commented that if need be, this can be brought back to the Board.

Member Sandoval called for the question.

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

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the authorization for bank loan signatures of County loans.

Chairwoman Davidson stated that information about this had been passed around. One of the loans that the County recently obtained is from First Midwest Bank and they require the County Board Chairperson to sign. They did consult the State's Attorney and they are ready to move forward with this.

County Clerk Scott Erickson commented that the policy has changed.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Amor presented the monthly report from the Finance, Insurance, Treasurer, Judicial, Recorder, and Clerk Committee. A copy of the report is included in the packets. There are six action items on this agenda.

Motion was made by Member Amor and seconded by Member Hawkinson to approve the animal kill claims for 2019 in the amount of \$0.00. Member Amor reported that this is something that the County is required to do each year, even if there are no claims. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Amor and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the resolutions on the following deeds of conveyance: PIN-07-35-352-011 and PIN-11-03-302-012. This puts these properties back on the tax rolls. Information is included in the packets.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Amor and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the invoice for the transporting and processing of residential paint and electronics for recycling and/or disposal with the Western Illinois Regional Council, in the amount of \$11,886.00, for the year 2020. Information is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Amor and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the budget schedule for FY2020-2021 budget. Member Amor stated that basically this is the same timetable that they used last year. In general they received positive feedback from the department heads. They will be asked to submit a preliminary budget by the end of April. Then the committee and department heads will be reviewing those preliminary budgets to have the County's annual budget ready to present and approve by the end of October.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Amor and seconded by Member Bondi to approve budget line items for the Census Grant. Member Amor stated that a committee has been formed. The County will receive a reimbursement up to the amount of \$13,438.00 in proportion to the population in the rural part of the County. Most of these funds will be used for printing materials emphasizing the importance of participating in the census. Some of these materials will be distributed through the County Clerk's Office during the March Primary Election Process.

Chairwoman Davidson thanked Member Amor for his hard work and dedication.

Member Amor responded that this have been very gratifying.

Chairwoman Davidson emphasized that everyone needs to be counted.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Amor and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve the purchase of a new website domain for the County. This will improve the security of the County's websites at a cost of \$400 per year. Information is included in the packets. The County will be moving to a ".gov" domain.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Wilder presented the monthly report from the Nursing Home Committee. The report is included in the packets.

Motion was made by Member Wilder and seconded by Member Amor to approve an addendum to the therapy contract. Member Wilder explained that when the contract was drafted they neglected to include managed care, so this part has now been added. This part of the contract will run concurrently with the original contract.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Wilder and seconded by Member Shreves to approve attendance at INHAA (Illinois Nursing Home Association) Conference for two people. Member Wilder added that during this conference they review the latest changes. This will be held March 11th and the cost will be \$150 per person.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(12). Noes—(0). Pass—Nache—(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Wilder and seconded by Member Shreves to approve the bid for the loan for the renovation project at the Nursing Home. Information is included in the packets. Member Wilder reported that County Treasurer Robin Davis recommends the low bid for the financing from Midwest Bank at the fixed interest rate of 2.679% over a term of ten years. This is option 4. The amount to finance for this renovation project is \$1,400,000.00.

Chairwoman Davidson added that this is for renovations for Wing 2. If there are funds left over they will be used for future projects for flooring to remove carpet and install vinyl.

Roll call vote to approve the bid for the loan for the renovation project at the Nursing Home is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder and Shreves—(10). Noes—Hawkinson and Friedrich—(2). Pass—Varner—(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Wilder and seconded by Member Amor to approve the payment to Klingner & Associates for Wing 2 Renovations in the amount of \$9,753.23. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Wilder and seconded by Member Rohweder to approve payment to Schemel Companies for Wing 2 renovations in the amount of \$54,900.00. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Wilder and seconded by Member Nach to approve write offs for bad debt in the amount of \$33,370.75 at the Nursing Home. This is debt that cannot be collected.

Member Bondi asked if from a budgetary point of view they are reserving funds for bad debt.

Chairwoman Davidson responded that they should be doing so. This matter should be addressed.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Hawkinson presented the monthly Sheriff, Jail, Mary Davis Home, Animal Control, and Building Committee report. This meeting was held February 17th. The report has been made available to the Members.

Motion was made by Member Hawkinson and seconded by Member Rohweder approve the bid for the control room updates at the Mary Davis Home. The cost is \$19,800. Hein Construction will be doing this work. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Hawkinson and seconded by Member Paulsgrove to approve the Cannabis Ordinance Updates. These updates have to do with the law enforcement aspect of this. These changes were approved by State's Attorney John Pepmeyer.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Hawkinson and seconded by Member Paulsgrove to approve the design work for the secured storage at the Nursing Home by Klinger & Associates.

Member Hawkinson reported that the committee discussed various things to try to remedy the storage problems of the fourth floor of the Courthouse. They discussed the basement of the Nursing Home that could be utilized for storage purposes.

Member Nache recalled that several years ago, they all got together in an effort to clean up the fourth floor storage space. They threw away a lot of junk,

Chairwoman Davidson agreed that there is a lot of junk such as broken furniture currently up there. Department heads need to find out what things they need to keep and what things can be now deposited of.

Member Hawkinson suggested that some of these documents could perhaps be stored in an electronic version. The architects have previously advised them there is some concern about how much weight can be stored on the fourth floor of the Courthouse.

Member Amor stated that someone had raised a concern about this basement location flooding. This is something from the contractors should investigate.

Member Hawkinson commented that the contractors will be taking this into consideration. They will review any signs of past flooding. Storage options must be explored.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Hunigan presented the monthly Assessor, Zoning, GIS, Highway Department, Veteran's, and Landfill Committee report. This meeting was held February 18th. The report is in the packets. He reported that Superintendent of Assessments and Zoning Officer, Chris Gray will be retiring February 28th. She has served this County honorably. It will be difficult to find a replacement with even a portion of her skill level. She has done a lot of things above and beyond what is required of her. He thanked her for her work during the solar issue and the legalization of recreational cannabis as well. She has finished the taxation paperwork so the County is in good shape. They do have some protocols in place as to how the office will run until they can hire a new Assessment and Zoning Officer.

Motion was made by Member Hunigan and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve the re-appointment of Dan Erickson and the new appointment of Sam Serven to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Information is included in the packet. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Hunigan and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the appointment of Acting Zoning Administrator/Acting Chief County Assessment Officer. Member Hunigan explained that this was to do with Supervisor of Assessment, Chris Gray's retirement. Bill Lotz, the GIS Administrator will be filling in Chris Gray's role during this transition. Member Hunigan and Member Friedrich have put together an action plan and have spoken to Ms. Gray on ways to make certain that the office still moves smoothly and efficiently in her absence. Mr. Lotz will be primarily responsible for the administrative duties such as pay roll and time cards as well as other internal administrative duties. He will be working an additional hour per day during this transition. The committee has agreed to compensate him for his time. During

this time the office staff will be creating an internal spread sheet that will address issues that arise. Other counties can be consulted when problems arise and of course they can call upon the Chairwoman of the Board, the Vice Chairman or the Committee Chairman. They expect this transition to go smoothly. Bill Lotz is the best person for this role.

Roll call vote to approve the appointment of Acting Zoning Administrator/Acting Chief County Assessment Officer is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Hunigan and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve to bid and bring back for tile work on Landfill # 4. Member Hunigan explained that the reason for this is that some of the clay tiles have been comprised and need to be replaced before a lot of work gets started. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Hunigan and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the hiring of Klingner Associates for engineering of the tile project at the Landfill. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Hunigan and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve the engineering agreement for County Highway 8 bridge replacement, Section 07-00081-08-BR. Member Hunigan added that this location is nine miles south of Knoxville on County Highway 8. Hutchinson Engineering is to provide these services and the fee is not to exceed \$88,000.00. Construction is to take place during the summer of 2021. Information is included in the packets.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Hunigan and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the engineering agreement for the Rio Township bridge replacement, Section 19-16127-00-BR. Information is included in the packets. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Member Bondi presented the monthly report from the Knox County Board of Health. Members had been provided a copy of this report. Additionally the annual report from the Board of Health is in the packet.

Member Hunigan presented the monthly report from the Galesburg Convention and Visitors Bureau. This meeting was held February 24th mostly to discuss candidates for the Director position. The candidate pool is pretty sparse. They are planning a follow-up meeting on March 5th.

Member Hawkinson presented the monthly report from the 9-1-1 Committee. This report was made available to the Members. This meeting was held February 10th. They did approve the current year budget for ETSB. They also approved this year's calendar. The SMART 9-1-1 service that they approved last year was not renewed this year due to lack of interest. The total number of 9-1-1 calls for 2019 was reported to be 24,156. Over 2,000 of those calls were abandoned 9-1-1 calls.

Ken Springer presented the monthly report from the Knox County Area Partnership for Economic Development. He spoke of upcoming KCAP events. The CEO program will be presenting a trade show on April 29th, at Carl Sandburg College. The CEO students will showing off their new businesses.

Member Johnson was not in attendance to present the monthly report from the Prairie Hills Resources Board. He was unable to attend this meeting. Chairwoman Davidson reported that they have a conference February 21-22.

Chairwoman Davidson reported that no one was able to attend the United Council of Counties Meeting.

Member Amor presented the monthly report from the Western Illinois Regional Council. They have not had a regular since his last report. They did have a special meeting that he was able to attend. During this meeting they did appoint an interim director, Suzanne Nash who was the previous director. The also formed a search committee to recruit a new executive director.

Member Rohweder presented the monthly report from the Knox County Mental Health 708 Board. They will be meeting March 20th. They are preparing for this year's application process.

Motion was made by Member Amor and seconded by Member Nache to approve the opening of the budget for line item changes. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

The proposed line item changes are presented in the packet.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Wilder to approve the proposed line item changes. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Nache and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the claims against Knox County for the period of January 23, 2020 through February 26, 2020 (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—Amor, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Nache, Bondi, Wilder, Friedrich, Paulsgrove, Hunigan, Rohweder, Varner and Shreves—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

STATEMENTS OF GENERAL CONCERN

Member Amor extended his congratulations and thanks to Supervisor of Assessments Chris Gray for all the work that she has done for the County. She has always been responsive to any question that he has had. He appreciates for professionalism. She has answered those questions sometimes under very trying circumstances. He wished her all the best.

Chairwoman Davidson also thanked Chris Gray for her service. It has been a pleasure working with her. She also commented that February is Black History Month and spoke of some of the special community events to observe Black History Month.

Member Hawkinson also extended his thanks to Chris Gray as she has been responsive to his questions. He also stated that he has been approached by someone presenting a lucrative energy savings program for the County to consider. A lot of information is included in the packet. He asked the Chairwoman to look into this and schedule committee meetings to explore this option. This project will utilize 100% local labor. It is a good strategy to read thru this information.

Member Sandoval asked thanked Chris Gray.

Member Nache agreed with what others had said about Chris Gray and wished her well on her retirement. She appreciates her availability to answer the questions from Board Members.

Member Bondi also thanked Chris Gray and wished her well on her retirement. He also noted that Public Defender Dave Hanson was in attendance. He would like to see more department heads attend the Board Meetings.

Member Wilder extended her congratulations to Chris Gray.

Member Friedrich also thanked Chris Gray for her years of service. He is grateful that the tax preparation work is done before she leaves. She has worked hard to make this transition go as smoothly as possible.

Member Paulsgrove extended his congratulations to Chris Gray. He teased her a little bit about the previous challenges she has gone through with the winery and the legalization of recreation cannabis. He thanked her for her years of service to the County.

Member Hunigan commented that there are not enough superlatives to tell all that Chris Gray has done. He congratulated her and stated that her help has made his job a lot easier. He also offered congratulations to Member Hawkinson on the arrival of the new baby. He also encouraged everyone to get out there and vote.

Member Rohweder reported that recently he had been a part of panel on a local pod cast which dealt with local concerns of the County and Galesburg. One of the points that Mr. Springer emphasized was population retention and job creation. This was a great experience. He looks forward to meeting the new class of CEO's. They are our future. He also extended congratulations to Member Hawkinson on the new baby. He also extended his thanks to Chris Gray.

Member Varner extended her thanks to Chris Gray for so much.

Member Shreves thanked Chris Gray for her professionalism.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 25, 2020, 6:00 p.m., at the Galesburg City Hall Council Chambers, Galesburg, Illinois.

Motion was made by Member Hawkinson and seconded by Member Nache to adjourn until the next scheduled Meeting of the Board. Voice vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.