

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

August 25, 2021

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Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Knox County Board held in person at the Galesburg City Council chambers on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at 6:20 p.m. Due to the coronavirus precautions, this meeting was presented via teleconference in order to alleviate the need for the public to be in person at the meeting.

The Meeting was called to order by County Board Chair Jared Hawkinson and upon roll call the following Members reported present:

District 2	Robert Bondi
District 4	Jared Hawkinson
District 5	Ricardo “Rick” Sandoval
District 1	Darla Krejci
District 2	David Amor
District 3	Pamela Davidson
District 5	Brian Friedrich
District 1	Cheryl Nache
District 2	John Hunigan
District 3	Kyle Rohweder
District 5	Jeff Link
District 3	Tara Wilder
District 4	Todd Olinger

And those absent:	District 1	Roland Paulsgrove
	District 4	Sara Varner

Also present was County Clerk Scott Erickson and County Treasurer Robin Davis. Department Heads present were Nursing Home Administrator Jodi Mines and Landfill Administrator Rod Clair.

County Clerk Erickson delivered the Proclamation. Chair Hawkinson led the Members in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. In lieu of a formal invocation, Chair Hawkinson asked that a moment of silence be observed for member Paulsgrove’s recovery.

Chair Hawkinson asked for additions or deletions to the agenda. No items were added or deleted.

Chair Hawkinson asked for public comments. Ken Springer talked about the Knox County Area Development grant for \$250 million from the State of Illinois that is to assist with businesses hit the hardest. The approved business could receive amounts ranging from between \$6,000 to \$150,000 to help with staffing and overhead cost. It would be based on their 2019-2020 revenue. Galesburg, Abingdon, and Monmouth were flagged for higher priority areas. Applications will be accepted until October 13, 2021 or until the money runs out. Information was emailed out in PDF form by Scott Erickson. If a business needs assistance with scanning documents or is in need of questions answered call 309-343-1194.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Rohweder to approve the following items of the consent agenda: 1) minutes of the Regular and Closed Board Meetings for July 28, 2021, 2) claims for Members for per diem and mileage for the meetings of August 2021 and other claims for per diem from meetings, and 3) sales tax and various taxes for the month of April 2021 in the amount of \$145,246.70 and \$28,203.04 and public safety tax in the amount of \$237,606.77. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bondi, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Krejci, Amor, Davidson, Olinger, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Rohweder, and Link—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Sandoval and seconded by Member Davidson to approve a Proclamation of National Hispanic Heritage Month September 2021. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes--Bondi, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Krejci, Amor, Davidson, Olinger, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Rohweder, and Link-(13). Noes-(0) Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Rohweder to approve a Proclamation of National Patriot's Day in Recognition of the 20th Anniversary of 9/11 on Sept. 11, 2021. Chair Hawkinson read the Proclamation into the record. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes--Bondi, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Krejci, Amor, Davidson, Olinger, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Rohweder, and Link-(13). Noes-(0) Motion carried.

Member Friedrich presented the monthly report for the Finance, Insurance, Treasurer, Judicial, Veterans, and Clerk/Recorder Committee. The reports are included in the packet. He reported that the next finance budget meetings will be on August 30, 31 and September 2nd at 5:30PM.

Member Sandoval presented the monthly report from the Sheriff, Jail, Mary Davis Home, Animal Control, and Building Committee. All Departments are busy with normal operations.

Motion was made by Member Sandoval and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve the bid for County Facility Maintenance Contract. Member Sandoval stated that the previous bids were rejected and that the project would be modified and bid out again. Chair Hawkinson stated that the new bids would be able to be split out by service type for the whole County. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes--Bondi, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Krejci, Amor, Davidson, Olinger, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Rohweder, and Link-(13). Noes-(0) Motion carried

Motion was made by Member Sandoval and seconded by Member Link to approve the purchase of Sheriff Department App. Member Sandoval stated that they used to have an app to alert residents about storms or emergencies, but it was dropped due to continued costs. This new app will be a onetime fee and will allow for quick emergency notifications. Chair Hawkinson stated that the app will allow for tips, push notifications, most wanted, and other alerts. The project was delayed as they were looking for the funding source for the project. They now have that source identified in the budget. Member Nache asked who was going to maintain the system. Chair Hawkinson stated that the Sheriff's Department would assign staff to do that. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes--Bondi, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Krejci, Amor, Davidson, Oligner, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Rohweder, and Link-(13). Noes-(0) Motion carried

Member Bondi presented the monthly report from the Assessor, Zoning, GIS, Highway, IT, and Landfill Committee. The reports are presented in the Board packet.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve the bid for a new pickup truck for the Landfill. Member Bondi reported that there was only one bid for this project. It was from Yemm Auto Group for a 2022 Dodge Ram 1500 truck. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes--Bondi, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Krejci, Amor, Davidson, Oligner, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Rohweder, and Link-(13). Noes-(0) Motion carried

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Nache to approve ZBA Case # CU-01-21-request for a conditional use for Motel, Lodging Houses, Hunting Lodge and incidental facilities at 1669 Sherwood Road, Dahinda by Keenan Tompkins. Member Bondi said that the documentation in the packet was extensive and very complete. Member Rohweder wished them good luck on their project. Member Davidson thanked Keenan for choosing Knox County. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes--Bondi, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Krejci, Amor, Davidson, Oligner, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Rohweder, and Link-(13). Noes-(0) Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve the Contract for County Supervisor of Assessments. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes-- Bondi, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Krejci, Amor, Oligner, Friedrich, and Link-(8). Noes-- Davidson, Nache, Hunigan, Rohweder--(4) Abstain—Wilder--(1) Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Amor to approve the bid and bring back for County Website Revisions. Member Bondi said that 8-10 years ago website was improved a lot. County Clerk Erickson said he would like to get 8-10 years out of the new one. The recent changes in Illinois Election law also require that that the website for the County Elections be hosted on a .GOV platform by December of 2021. This will be included in the bid proposal. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes--Bondi, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Krejci, Amor, Davidson, Oligner, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Rohweder, and Link-(13). Noes-(0) Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Rohweder to approve the quote for IT Project support from Office Specialists. Member Bondi stated that the information was in the Board packet. The proposal is for 100 hours of support for a set rate per hour. Additional hours can be contracted at a later date if necessary. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes--Bondi, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Krejci, Amor, Davidson, Oligner, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Rohweder, and Link-(13). Noes-(0) Motion carried.

Member Hunigan presented the report from the Nursing Home Committee. The report is in the packet. He said that the nursing home is moving along well. He said he was invited to a lunch there and was told \$10,000 was donated from a resident that had passed. They are giving the employees a \$25 gift card and the rest of the money will be used to repair the gazebo. August 26th they are having a Covid drive up and walk up shot clinic. The nursing home will comply with Medicare and Medicaid requirements that all workers must be vaccinated or they can lose reimbursements from Medicare and Medicaid. He announced that September 9th is a Wine and Cheese Event with Hidden Hills Winery.

Motion was made by Member Hunigan and seconded by Member Rohweder to approve the bid for renovations for Wings 3 and 4 at the Nursing Home. Two bids were received. The first bid was from Lavidiere Construction for \$540,878 and the second bid was from Hein Construction for \$474,000. These bids do not include asbestos abatement. Residents will be moved to wing 1 and 2 during the 10 month renovation project. The projected bid for asbestos is \$200,000 for a total cost of \$674,000 for the project. Member Bondi asked where the funds would come from. The Nursing Home Administrator Mines said the funds would come from loans they already have approved. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes--Bondi, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Krejci, Amor, Davidson, Oligner, Nache, Hunigan, and Rohweder-(11). Noes--Friedrich, and Link--(2) Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Hunigan and seconded by Member Amor to approve the bid and bring back for asbestos abatement at the Nursing Home. Chairman Hawkinson said that Klingner will do the bid specifications for this project and it is estimated to cost around \$200,000. Member Davidson said that the cost for Wing 2 was \$200,000 previously and doing the project in the wintertime would be cheaper. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes--Bondi, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Krejci, Amor, Davidson, Oligner, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Rohweder, and Link-(13). Noes-(0) Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Rohweder to open the budget for line item changes. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes--Bondi, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Krejci, Amor, Davidson, Oligner, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Rohweder, and Link-(13). Noes-(0) Motion carried

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Amor to approve the budget changes as presented. Chair Hawkinson stated that there are changes for the line item changes are include in the packet. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes--Bondi, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Krejci, Amor, Davidson, Oligner, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Rohweder, and Link-(13). Noes-(0) Motion carried

Chair Hawkinson discussed the review of checks that were paid during the time the Board was not in session. There were only the regularly approved checks for this month.

Motion was made by Member Rohweder and seconded by Member Olinger to approve the claims against Knox County, Illinois, for the period of July 29, 2021 through August 25, 2021 (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. Chair Hawkinson reported that the County Board laptop issues with imaging are being addressed by CIC and should be resolved soon. Member Davidson thanked the Chair for this update and will be glad to be able to vote on the bills again when they can be reviewed online. Roll call vote as follows: Ayes—Bondi, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Krejci, Amor, Olinger, Friedrich, Hunigan, Rohweder, and Link—(11). Noes—Davidson, and Nache--(2). Motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 6:00 p.m., in person at the council chambers at Galesburg City Hall.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Olinger to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bondi, Wilder, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Krejci, Amor, Davidson, Olinger, Friedrich, Nache, Hunigan, Rohweder, and Link—(13). Noes—(0). Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:11PM.