

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

January 25, 2023

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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, January 25, 2023 at 6:00 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 and still participate. The zoom code used tonight will stay the same for future meetings and can be found on the County website.

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

District 1	Cheryl Nache
District 2	Greg Bacon
District 3	Pamela Davidson
District 4	Jared Hawkinson
District 5	Ricardo “Rick” Sandoval
District 1	Anthony Weiss
District 2	Erin Pugh
District 3	Kimberly Thierry
District 4	Joshua Kramer
District 5	Brian Friedrich
District 1	Amanda Smith
District 2	Robert Bondi
District 3	Samuel Cohen
District 4	Todd Olinger
District 5	Patty Boone

All Members were present:

Also present were County Clerk Scott Erickson, and Sheriff Jack Harlan. Department Heads present were Nursing Home Administrator Jodi Mines, Landfill Administrator Rod Clair, Highway Administrator Duane Ratermann. Mary Davis Home Administrator Wendi Steck, Knox County Public Health Administrator Michele Gabriel and Supervisor of Assessments Sonia Hochstettler,

Sheriff Harlan delivered the Proclamation and 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.

Chair Hawkinson asked for additions or deletions to the agenda. There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Chair Hawkinson asked for public comment.

Barb Saline spoke in support of being a Sanctuary County for guns and that the new law is unconstitutional and goes against our 2nd Amendment rights like the Sheriff had already put out. She is hoping that the Board will also be in support of.

Troy Fleisher spoke about the new law and how it would make some of his family and friends ages 25-91 felons even though they have never been in trouble other than maybe a traffic ticket. Due to some of the guns they own are banded and they are not willing to register them with the State Police. He said that the Sheriff already stated that he is not enforcing it. He said over 70 Counties have already passed to not follow the ban.

Chair Hawkinson said thank you for the public comments. There was no public comment via zoom.

Motion was made by Member Sandoval and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve the following items of the consent agenda: 1) minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on December 28, 2022 and the Special Meeting on January 11, 2023, and 2) claims for Members for per diem and mileage for the meetings of January 2023 and other claims for per diem from meetings, and 3) sales tax and various taxes for the month of October 2022 in the amounts of \$136,691.97 and \$41,030.57 and public safety tax in the amount of \$235,504.58. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone—(15). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Olinger and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve the appointment to the Elba Salem Fire Protection District of Curtis Price. Chair Hawkinson said that this is a new appointment and the required documents are in the packet. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone—(15). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Member Friedrich said that they did not have a meeting last month due to weather but was able to this month. He said that the County Clerk and the Assessment Office are getting geared up for taxes and there is a Board of Review meeting tomorrow. He said that the County Clerk's Office has been busy doing SxS pre-registration signups in Wataga, Oneida, Oak Run and Abingdon. They have signed up 165 and 130 of those during the outside signup locations.

Member Chops asked about Wataga doing signups during the week.

Member Friedrich said that it is a Union Job so they can not get involved in doing it.

Clerk Erickson said that in Altona there is a tentative chance they will be doing another signup there but they have not secured it yet.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Bondi for the Resolution Abating Tax Levied for the Year 2022 for Series 2010A and 2010B General Obligation Bonds. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone—(15). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Bondi for the Resolution Abating Tax Levied for the Year 2022 for Series 2022 General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source) Bonds. Member Friedrich said that this is so taxes do not come out of the Levy. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone— (15). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to Approve Payment Draw 4-Emergency Jail Project to MSI. Member Friedrich said that the amount is \$670,788.32. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone— (14). Noes— Nache (1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the Payment Application 1 for Performance Contracting Phase 2. Member Friedrich said that this is for \$1,349,485.20.

Member Davidson said that the last MSI bill for \$1,499,428 was very detailed and this bill for \$1,349,485.20 has nothing like the last one. She said that the first part is more money then was allocated and she does not know what that is.

Chair Hawkinson said that on page 2 it has the amounts and percentages. He said that the receipts are being sent over and will be a thick file for viewing.

Member Davidson said that this is not very detailed it just talks about nuts and bolts, fasteners and materials. She wants to know what we are spending the money on. She would like invoices on how we are spending taxpayers' dollars so she is voting no. We should not vote on something without proper invoices.

Chair Hawkinson stated that we are under contract and have to have this paid within 30 days of January 2.

Member Bacon asked about the very thick folder.

Chair Hawkinson said that he will put it on the google drive like the previous one.

Member Bondi was questioning the time deadline of payment due to if the form was signed.

Chair Hawkinson said that they did provide waivers on the liens from all the vendors in the packet and also completed things 3 months ahead of schedule due to the weather being nicer then expected. He said the HVAC is completed and running and vents installed. The Administrative offices will be started on Monday. One month from now the demo of the actual pods is planned.

Member Bondi said that if the Engineering company hasnot signed off then the 30 days may not have started and that would give us time to get the documentation. He asked what if we made a motion to table.

Member Smith said pending that signature and proper documentation.

Member Davidson asked how all the Board Members would be notified.

Chair Hawkinson said that he will get that from the General Contractors tomorrow. That way we would not be in default of the 30 days. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Kramer and Friedrich—(6). Noes— Nache, Davidson, Pugh, Thierry, Smith, Bondi, and Cohen---(7). Abstain---Olinger and Boone---(2). Motion failed.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the Modification of ARPA Resolution for the Sheriff Transportation Van. Member Friedrich said that this van includes the cage and is cheaper. The previous price was just the van. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone—(15). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Member Kramer presented the monthly report from the Public Safety and Justice Committee. He stated the reports are in the packet and the G-drive.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the Purchase of Livescan Fingerprint System. Member Kramer said that the Livescan is for fingerprinting, booking and processing. The current one is several years old and out dated. It would be very expensive to get fixed. They are also needing one at the Courthouse for Notice to Appear. That way when the Judges demand for proceeding and booking they can do that without having to transfer them for finger printing and release. He said two stations would cost \$24,748.41.

Chair Hawkinson said that the Illinois State Police use Livescan.

Member Bacon asked if this is made by one person or if it is Bid out.

Member Kramer said that this is a State Police thing.

Member Bacon said that he understands now that the State Police owns and operates it.

Member Smith asked what the expected life span was.

Member Kramer said 6 years.

Chair Hawkinson said the last was bought in 2016 before he came on the Board. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone—(15). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Member Bondi presented the monthly report from the Infrastructure Committee. He stated that the reports are in the packet.

Motion made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Olinger to approve the Agreement with Foth Infrastructure & Environment for General Consulting, Engineering, and Design Services. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone—(15). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve the Purchase of Two 30 Yard Roll Off Containers from Gregory Containers. Member Bondi said that the cost for the two containers would be \$24,796. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone—(15). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve the Professional Services Agreement, Lynn Township, Section 23-11057-00-BR. Member Bondi said that this is 4 miles Northeast of Victoria. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone—(15). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Nache to approve the Bid and Bring Back for Purchase of Steel Tub Dump Trailer. Member Bondi said that this will keep them from having to hire outside truckers to haul. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone—(15). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Member Bacon presented the report from the Health and Human Services committee. The report is in the packet. He said that the Nursing Home made money this month and they are going to try to continue to not use money from the referendum.

Motion made by Member Bacon and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve Revisions to the Knox County Health Ordinance Article 2 – Food Safety. Member Bacon asked Public Health Administrator Michele Gabriel to speak on the revisions.

Public Health Administrator Gabriel said that the revision is not on fresh produce but on potentially hazardous items such as meat, poultry, and dairy at the Farmer's market to be sold. Also, on category three they already paid \$150 and a \$75 Ag fee there are no changes just where regulated under. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone—(15). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Chair Hawkinson said that between Wednesday and Monday the Nursing Home had received \$70,000 from Medicare.

Chair Hawkinson stated that the reports from the outside committee assignments are in the packet. If anyone has a question in regards to an outside committee or their report, they should contact the Board Member that is serving on that committee and ask them directly.

Motion made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve Opening of Budget for Line Item Changes. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone—(15). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Bondi for the approval of Proposed Line Item Changes. Chair Hawkinson stated that the Proposed Line Item Changes are in the packet.

Member Bacon said that the Nursing Home has two and they are in the packet since they did not make it to Finance. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone—(15). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Chair Hawkinson said that the outside per diems were approved during the special meeting earlier this month.

Motion made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Nache to approve the claims against Knox County, Illinois for the period of December 29, 2022 through January 25, 2023 (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 in the aggregate amount approved by the County Board). Chair Hawkinson reported that the vouchers submitted were in the amount of \$3,464,992.49. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone—(15). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

*** (Note, \$3,464,992.49 minus \$1,349,485.20 for the Performance Contract that did not pass to pay = \$2,115,507.29 Total paid)

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., at Galesburg City Hall Council Chambers. The Zoom option will be available to the viewing public only. Board Members will be present in person for this meeting.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Bondi to adjourn the meeting. Chair Hawkinson said that there will be a Special Board Meeting sometime in the next 3 days. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone—(15). Noes—(0). Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.