

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

**January 11, 2023**

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Proceedings of the Special Public Meeting of the Knox County Board held in person at the Galesburg City Council chambers on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 at 6:01 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 2	Erin Pugh
District 3	Kimberly Thierry
District 4	Joshua Kramer
District 5	Brian Friedrich
District 1	Amanda Smith
District 2	Bob Bondi
District 3	Samuel Cohen
District 5	Patty Boone

And those absent:	District 1	Anthony Weiss
	District 4	Todd Olinger

Also present was County Clerk Scott Erickson. Department Heads present were Nursing Home Administrator Jodi Mines.

Clerk Erickson 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 to the agenda. There were no additions.

Chair Hawkinson asked for public comment.

Member Pam Davidson said that she is a County Board Member from District 3. She wanted to tell everyone about the Martin Luther King Jr. celebration January 16<sup>th</sup> at the First Lutheran Church at 364 East Waters St. Galesburg, Illinois. She said that it is a great time and our very own Essay winners will be speaking. One of them is a granddaughter from one of our very own Board Members. Gerald Smith will be the Key Note speaker. A senior in high school will be running the event. They will be speaking on the good and sad times. It is a breakfast and doors open at 7:30 a.m. and we will have you out by 9 a.m.

Member Bacon wanted it on record that it is his granddaughter Adriana that got 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the Essay contest.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Kramer for the Board to go into Closed Session at 6:10 p.m. for Personnel. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen and Boone—(13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Returned to Open Session at 6:19 p.m.

Chair Hawkinson apologized for the video for the teleconference not working. He said that the audio is still working.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Nache to approve Personnel Settlement for Nursing Home Arbitration. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen and Boone—(14). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Nache and seconded by Member Kramer to approve updated Committee Assignments. Chair Hawkinson said that the updated Committee Assignments are on the G-drive. He also distributed copies to everyone that wanted a hard copy. He said he also had a quick note at the request of the Clerk Erickson that each individual Committee Chair will have a sign in paper and anyone that is not present at the time of roll call will have the time they did arrive put down.

Member Nache said that it would be in the minutes.

Chair Hawkinson said that this would keep him from having to read through the minutes to find that information.

Member Nache said that she does not have a problem but Finance is a hard thing. She said that you have a lot of new people on here and they do not have the experience. It is a lot to take in but she is not disagreeing. On the Executive/Personal I have a couple of questions. What

are they responsible for and are there alternative or advisors for any of collective bargaining. She thinks there should be more than three people but not my call. There are three contracts coming up and maybe a fourth with Civilian.

Chair Hawkinson said yes per the personal policy like she had told Treasurer Davis earlier today that it is one elected, one employee, and one appointed.

Member Nache said thank you.

Member Davidson said that on Executive there are three people elected officials. There are no Democrats on this they are all Republicans and she feels this is truly unfair. It should be made up of Democrats and Republicans. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen and Boone—(13). Noes—Nache---(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the Minutes from November 23, 2022 and December 5, 2022 Board Meetings. Chair Hawkinson said that to comply with the Open Meetings Act minutes have to be approved within 30 days by State Statutes.

Member Bondi said so if anyone objects then they need to say what the discrepancies are.

Member Davidson said that with the December 5, 2022 minutes, when talking about standing committees it was printed by our Clerk when I brought this to discussion. You did state that anyone can attend but not have a vote. Also, you did not say you would change the committee assignments in January. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen and Boone—(14). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 25, 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.

Motions was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Sandoval to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen and Boone—(14). Noes— (0). Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.