

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

**July 26, 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, July 26th, 2023 at 6:05 p.m. This meeting was presented via teleconference for viewing only. 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	Robert Bondi
District 3	Samuel Cohen
District 5	Patty Boone

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

Also present were County Clerk Scott Erickson, Sheriff Jack Harlan, State’s Attorney Jeremy Karlin, and Treasurer Robin Davis. Department Heads present were Nursing Home Administrator Jodi Mines, Highway Administrator Duane Ratermann, Landfill Administrator Rod Cleair, Mary Davis Home Administrator Wendi Steck 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 and he removed Item 5 and 6.

Chair Hawkinson said that the signup sheet was removed at 6:01pm for public comment. He then asked Member Davidson about her name being wrote but then scratched off and if she meant to do that. Member Davidson said yes someone else was there to speak for her.

Ken Springer the President of Knox County Area Partnership for Economic Development said that he wanted to give a quick update on programs. He said that Carl Sandburg College and Galesburg Area Vocational program (GAVC) competed in June at the Skills USA National Championships in Atlanta, Georgia. Skills USA is a competition for vocational skills, where students can compete in things like welding, health sciences, culinary arts, construction trades, etc. He said that they did not have anyone take a medal this year, but one of our competitors in the Audio/Radio Production category placed 7<sup>th</sup> nationally. He said that it is a great program for our area because it honors and draws attention to the skilled trades, which is vital for our economy to function. We hope that by celebrating the Skills USA students each year, we can encourage other students to enroll in vocational training and thereby increase our workforce. You can check out the Skills USA competition at [www.skillsUSA.org](http://www.skillsUSA.org).

He also spoke about the Knox County CEO Program which is set to begin their 6<sup>th</sup> year of classes on August 21<sup>st</sup>. They have 13 students in the program this year, representing all school districts except for Williamsfield this year. We also have a student representing Galesburg Christian School. Their new facilitator for the program is Jeremy Kleine, whom many folks will know from his work at Country Financial or else his time coaching Legion Baseball here in town. Mr. Kleine will be taking over for Scott Cramer. Scott was the program facilitator for the last three years and did a great job. County Board Members can expect to hear more about this year's CEO class over the coming months. You can follow our CEO Students by visiting [www.knoxcountyilceo.org](http://www.knoxcountyilceo.org).

Lastly, he gave support for the Countywide Broadband funding recommendations. He said that he had the pleasure of serving on the committee that created those recommendations. He also wanted to acknowledge David Amor for his excellent leadership of that group over the past two years. You can also email him at [ken@knoxpartnership.com](mailto:ken@knoxpartnership.com).

Jeannette Chernin said sorry but, she just had her knee replaced. She said that she is handing out flyers and emailed it also to the Board Members. She wanted to invite everyone to the NAACP community cookout in Kiwanis Park on Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup> from 10am-2pm. They

will have free food, free activities, free backpacks, free haircuts. She said that everything is free so come on out.

Member Davidson said that Member Thierry is in charge of the cookout along with herself.

Chair Hawkinson thanked everyone for speaking.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the following items of the consent agenda: 1) minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on June 28, 2023 and 2) sales tax and various taxes for the month of April 2023 in the amounts of \$138,376.75 and \$34,164.51 and public safety tax in the amount of \$236,750.06. 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.

Motion was made by Member Cohen and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the Proclamation Celebrating Anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act. Member Cohen read the proclamation celebrating the 33<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary.

Chair Hawkinson thanked Member Cohen for bringing the positive item about ADA. He is proud that they have the 708 Mental Health Board in Knox County.

Member Nache said that she has a daughter that has all those disabilities and if she is not using a walker, she is using a cane and still works two jobs. We need to do something with our courthouse to bring those people into our courthouse with a human way. She said that the time is now. We spend money on this. So, for her heart and her daughter we need to get them out of the basement and through the front door.

Member Cohen said that the draft came from a constituent. He said that by them reaching out to him, he was able to get it added to the agenda.

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.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Bacon to approve the appointment to Knox County Metropolitan Exposition Auditorium and Office Building Authority. Chair Hawkinson said that the resumes for Gary Morgan, Scott Cramer and Alec Guroff are all in the packet. He said that two years ago when Mr. Springer became chair of this and he updated everything with the Board for approval.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen, and Boone—(12). Noes— (0). Abstain--- Davidson---(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Illinois Department of Children and Family Services and Sheriff's Department. Chair Hawkinson said that this was brought up in Executive and Ways and

Means Committees. Our county would be number five or six in the State. This would be 100% funded by the State of Illinois for salary and equipment. The IGA came from Director Mark Smith 's special assistant. It was reviewed by the State's Attorney and he gave a thumbs up. The monetary value would be \$145,000 for year one and \$147,500 for year two. These numbers were provided by the Director of DCFS who he said he just got off the phone with today at 4pm. They will provide the radios, car, uniform and DCFS office. This is all happening now due to a DCFS agent that went out on a call and was killed.

Member Thierry asked if the officer would work just in Knox County.

Chair Hawkinson said that they would work under DCFS and their jurisdiction.

Member Thierry said so Peoria County has their own so any county that does not.

Chair Hawkinson said yes, any county that does not have their own.

Member Davidson said that she was honored that the State of Illinois is paying for it. She wanted to know why it was not under the Sheriff Department.

Chair Hawkinson said that it was discussed during Ways & Means.

Member Bacon asked if it would be a Union position or exempt.

Chair Hawkinson said Union.

Member Bacon said in 30 days can we come back to the table and renegotiate if we have an issue.

Chair Hawkinson said the contract is similar in language with 5-6 other counties. There is a chance to renegotiate if necessary.

Member Bacon asked if they could use an older vehicle and not one of the new ones.

Member Hawkinson said that was part of the plan and what was advised.

Member Thierry is they would hire new or be picked from existing.

Chair Hawkinson said that it would be posted internally. Then would assign or post to hire new deputy for that purpose if no interest internally.

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.

Chair Hawkinson said that this will be a great partnership with the State and Knox County.

Member Friedrich said that the monthly report from the Ways and Means Committees are in the packet. He said that the department heads read their reports but Clerk Erickson was out of town but his report is in the packet. He said that they had to cancel a budget meeting this week due to running late but they are needing to now hunker down.

Motion was made by Member Bacon and seconded by Member Thierry to approve purchase of TrueRoll Software. Member Friedrich said that the Assessor's office has talked about wanting to get this several times and it would cost a little over \$20,000. This software would let them know if someone had more than one home and trying to get a home exemption on more than one home in another state or county. He said hats off to the Assessor Hochstettler for working hard on trying to find a way to pay for this. Their line item for appraisals which they have not used it all they would take \$5,000 out of there and the rest would come out of the general fund. If they found another way to pay for it then they would do a line item change back

to her but not likely. He said she has been very patient about waiting for it. 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.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve Bid and Bring Back for Workman's Compensation, Liability, Vehicle, and Property Insurance. Member Friedrich said that we do this every year. 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.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Bondi to approve appointment to Board of Review of Jay West. Member Friedrich said that he made some phone calls and heard all good things. Another one will be coming soon since another one is retiring. 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.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve Recommendation on Allocation of Broadband ARPA Funds. Member Friedrich asked David Amor to say a few words.

Mr. Amor said that this is a collaboration from 2 years ago for \$2.5 million dollars to improve Broadband in Knox County for unserved and underserved areas. There are three different resolutions for a total of \$1,832,332 that are on the drive. The three are Citizens Telecommunications Company of Illinois DBA Frontier \$1,115,00 for fiber installation projects in Cedar, Indian Point, and Chestnut Townships, Oneida Telephone Exchange \$500,000 for fiber installation project in Rio and Henderson townships. AMG Illinois ISP, LLC DBA Netlink Internet \$217,332 for fixed wireless installation and upgrade projects covering Galesburg, Knox, Lynn, Sparta, Orange, and Salem townships. He said that if it is not accomplished then the money is returned. He said that currently there are currently 1636 underserved locations in the County, constituting 80% of the currently estimated number of such households in Knox County, at a cost to the County of \$1,120 per household. He named everyone that helped with the project and said a special thank you to everyone that served on the Broadband Steering Committee.

Member Friedrich said he wanted to add to the list a thank you to David Amor.

Chair Hawkinson said kudos to the Broadband team and working through the issues. He wanted to let everyone know that is 1600 locations not people.

Member Davidson said she was just telling Member Nache that this is the best thing that has been done with the ARPA money. We are moving ten steps ahead. She said kudos to the folks trying to make a difference and due to Covid we learned all that were not served.

Member Bacon asked if they sent letters of support to State.

Mr. Amor said yes, they sent a letter and on behalf of the County Board.

Member Bacon asked if phone calls to legislators would help.

Mr. Amor said in theory no since nonpartisan. He said that it is a crap shoot and all up for the grants. There is \$350 million dollars or more from federal government and more then one million down the road for this.

Member Bacon asked if the committee was going to say together for the future.

Chair Hawkinson said that if we still do not receive the money then we will reallocate and reapprove link to the same grant.

Mr. Amor said that the awards to Frontier and Oneida Telephone are contingent on their successful award of one or more Connect Illinois Round 3 grants from the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity by June 2024 and September 30, 2024. He also spoke about the terms of the letter agreement to townships, schools, and medical of free public hotshots and potential discount rates for use for the County.

Member Bacon asked if other entities are also asking for that when applying for the grants.

Mr. Amor said yes, they stole this from another county.

Member Nache said it is good to have it and needs to be more affordable for people that do not have a large income. They also need to make it easier for people to be able to apply for help.

Mr. Amor said that it is part of the resolution for Federal to have it \$30/month that would meet SNAP guidelines. He said that cellular is also a different rate and products that holds up issues with affordability.

Member Bacon said that we have talked about in meetings of how to set things up and to apply for the internet.

Mr. Amor said that is another whole leg of a lot that is trying to adjust and fix obstacles of dealing with technology. We will have more discussion on moving forward.

Member Davidson said that when Mr. Amor was on the Board he would help people fill out forms for ARPA money.

Chair Hawkinson said that Western Illinois Regional Council in Galesburg down on Main St. can also assist people. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen, and Boone—(12). Noes—(0). Abstain---Bacon---(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve Bid and Bring Back for Washer and Dryer for Jail.

Member Bacon asked if they know where the money will come from yet.

Member Friedrich say that they do not know how much it will cost yet.

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.

Member Kramer said that the monthly report from the Public Safety and Justice Committees are in the packet.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Cohen to approve purchase of Case Management Software for Public Defender Offices. Member Kramer said David Hanson has asked for this program. This program is used within the Knox County State's Attorney office. Mr. Hanson has budgeted for at least half the cost this year.

Chair Hawkinson said that there is \$25,000 in technology and we will not be billed until installed probably next year.

State's Attorney Karlin said that it is an amazing program that helps manage cases and discovery through the defense program and is paperless like the Circuit Clerk will require with E-file. 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.

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 Kramer to approve Klinger Invoice #76414 – Courthouse Minor Interior Renovation – April 2023. Member Bondi said that the invoice total is \$3,501.50. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen, and Boone—(12). Noes—(0). Abstain---Nache---(1). Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the Klinger Invoice #76730 – Courthouse Minor Interior Renovation – May 2023. Member Bondi said that this invoice total is \$1,615.25.

Member Nache said that she just got her thumb drive today and she says she probably knows the answer but was wondering about last July at the Courthouse Security meeting it was discussed about security doors into the Judges Chambers and a wall to State's Attorney Office. We are fixing probation walls and crown molding falling. What about the current handicapped access of designs. She said that she was not on the building committee. She said none of this has been done from a year ago.

Chair Hawkinson said that the jail issues took priority and Klinger was just finally able to finalize this in April and May. He said this is just for Klinger and Associates to look at it.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen, and Boone—(12). Noes—(0). Abstain---Nache---(1). Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the Performance Contract Phase 2 Invoice Application 7 for \$40,385.50. 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.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the Performance Contract Phase 2A Invoice Application 5 for \$93,536.19.

Member Davidson said that this is for the jail for ceiling and have spent a million something on the roof. She feels that they should have found this earlier.

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.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the Performance Contracting Change Order.

Member Davidson said that she is speaking for herself and District 3 that we are getting nickel and dined. She was asking why they did not fix it properly and they should another contractor to come in. She said that this is a lot of money This building is only 20 years old and her son is older. We need to make better choices for the people and stop the bleed.

Chair Hawkinson said that back in February that it would need done sometime this calendar year and hey discussed it at the committee level that the precast joints and concrete fails after 10 years. This is the original building sealant and it had never been resealed. The rain come into the pod that they had already completed.

Member Bacon asked why they looked at the roof and not the sides and why was this not found.

Member Bondi said that it is a big building with a flat roof and they looked at the roof. He said that he was not involved. He said that with a precast building this happens if they are not maintained and this is the last thing to show evidence. They should have had a maintenance plan to take care of things within the 10 years by doing coating after 6-8 years.

Member Bacon said that he has a little less faith in who originally looked at it.

Member Bondi said that Member Bacon makes a good point.

Member Friedrich said that he wonders if it was on the original report and maybe we dropped the ball.

Member Bondi said \$600,000.

Chair Hawkinson said it was \$2 million for the original Bid.

Member Davidson said yes, we knew it was and then throw all these transactions. She said that they do not talk to each other. New carpeting 5-6 years ago in David Clague's office. We need to be more diligent with the taxpayer's money and it does lay back to us.

Chair Hawkinson said that when Sheriff Clague that was Hein Construction not the current contractor.

Member Smith asked what the plan going forward so we do not run into the same problem.

Chair Hawkinson said that the current Sheriff is planning for things in the yearly budget and to have a spreadsheet to track when things are done. This has never been tracked. The current Sheriff know the sealant only lasts 10 years and an HVAC schedule and maybe have a construction manager for all facilities on our properties.

Member Smith said I agree to look at the burden and it is not in his skill set.

Member Bondi said we need HR and Budgetary. We need a lot of positions. He asked what the time from was for the project.



Chair Hawkinson said August, sooner then later.

Member Nache said that this has been going on a long time and not the first complaint of leakage. The courthouse is just as bad and have to keep on it. She said just like Member Davidson said we need to stop the bleeding.

Member Bondi said this is not as bad as the courthouse.

Chair Hawkinson said that Member Smith has toured the jail as a Board Member and seen the difference and how nice the jail is looking.

Member Bondi encouraged everyone to take a tour. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen, and Boone—(12). Noes— (0). Abstain---Davidson---(1). Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve Bid and Bring Back for Handicapped Ramp Renovations at Courthouse. Chair Hawkinson said that we are requesting four different options.

Member Bondi said he thought three.

Chair Hawkinson said first is to redo current ramp, second to put a ramp on north side due to length, third is the main entrance due to no room on east side, and fourth is install wheelchair lift to normal level. Two, Three, and Four would require extensive remodeling of stairs in vestibule and another step-in vestibule and two more inside. All designs would be up for review.

Member Nache if any more money needs to be spent this is where the money should be spent. She would rather it e in front since she has a disabled child and get them out of the basement.

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.

Motion made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve Invoice for \$46,892.08 to Illinois EPA for Quarterly Tonnage Fee. Member Bondi said that all Landfills are required to pay the IEPA, a quarterly fee based on the amount of waste disposed of during the prior three months. This fee must be paid by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month. 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.

Motion made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve purchase of Rotary Mower from A.C. McCartney for \$10,522.03. Member Bondi said using Sourcewell Public Procurement, five implement dealers from the general area were contacted for quotes. Three of the dealers responded, with A.C. McCartney being the lowest quote at \$10,522.03. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen, and Boone—(12). Noes— (0). Abstain---Davidson---(1). Motion carried.

Member Bacon presented the report from the Health and Human Services committee. The report is in the packet. He thanked Member Nache for taking notes at the meeting.

Motion made by Member Bacon and seconded by Member Kramer to approve Bid and Bring Back for Wiring Removal and Replacement at Nursing Home. Member Bacon said that the nursing home received a tag on life safety due to cable and sprinkler lines can not cross. This is to remove the data cable and phone lines from sprinkler lines for fire. He said that he also spoke to Mr. Appler from IT about running cap 5 cable while this project is being done. He said that through the years no one has let them know that this is a life safety issue but now it is costing a lot of money to fix. 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.

Member Bacon asked Nursing Home Administrator Mines what the census is. Administrator Mines said eighty-two.

Member Bacon said eighty-two today and they are another month in the black and not using any referendum funds. He said he is proud of Administrator Mines.

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 Bacon and seconded by Member Kramer to approve Opening of Budget for Line Item Changes. 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.

Motion made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Bondi for the approval of Proposed Line Item Changes. Chair Hawkinson said that there are several in the packet for the Nursing Home, one for the Public Defender's office, and one for the Recorder's office. 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.

There were no manual checks out of the ordinary.

Motion made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve the claims by Members for per diem and mileage for the Committee Meetings of July 2023, Board Meetings in June, and and other claims for per diem from

Member Nache said that there is a per diem with Public Safety but no one attended in July for \$2,556.

Clerk Erickson said we will take that off.

Member Nache said Member Kramer being paid for Executive and Ways & Means of \$60 for both.

Clerk Erickson said we will change that too. He said sorry the Executive committee did not get changed out from last month and he apologizes.

Member Nache asked about the Merit Commission of what their per diem rate is, if it is \$35 still.

Clerk Erickson said it needs moved up to \$60 for per diem but we will address that at a future meeting to move up the Merit Commission and Zoning Board which are set at \$35.

Member Nache asked how many are on the ZBA.

Assessor Hochstettler said five are on the ZBA but she is not sure if all five attended.

Member Nache asked how many are on the Merit Commission.

Chair Hawkinson said three are on the Merit Commission.

Member Nache said this is the same as we have always been saying, 1:55pm to put it out and everybody has things going on and we need transparency and accountability. It should be on the website earlier. At 1:55pm most are doing something else. She said I know Clerk Erickson is busy but 1:55pm today on thumb drive is too late. Clerk Erickson was nice to copy it off. She said she should not have to buy a thumb drive if they do what is supposed to be done. She said if she has to buy her own thumb drive then she will turn the bill in to be reimbursed.

Member Friedrich said that we could have saved 20 minutes if this was brought up before the meeting. He said that when he went in there on Monday per diems were not processed yet.

Member Nache said that she stopped in the office on Monday.

Clerk Erickson said that he was out of the State at a conference. He apologizes and will get it fixed. He planned on having it out way before. He said the new total is \$4,268.46.

Member Friedrich said the if know we could have got it fixed before now.

We are all human and we all make errors, explain, and talk it out.

Clerk Erickson said Parliamentary Procedure to fix this amount originally Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer both concurred and said yes.

Assessor Hochstettler said that for the ZBA meeting not all were there last month.

Chair Hawkinson said four attended.

Member Davidson said Merit three people.

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.

Motion made by Member Bacon and seconded by Member Smith to approve the claims against Knox County, Illinois for the period of June 29, 2023 through July 26, 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 \$1,795,875.78. 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.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., at Galesburg City Hall Council Chambers. The Zoom option is for public viewing only. Board Members will be present in person for this meeting.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Sandoval to adjourn the meeting. 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 and meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.