

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

**March 27, 2024**

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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, March 27th, 2024 at 6:01 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 1	Anthony Weiss
District 2	Erin Pugh
District 3	Kimberly Thierry
District 4	Joshua Kramer
District 5	Brian Friedrich
District 2	Robert Bondi
District 3	Samuel Cohen
District 4	Todd Olinger
District 5	Patty Boone

And those absent:	District 5	Ricardo “Rick” Sandoval
	District 1	Amanda Smith

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 Clear, Knox County Public Health Administrator Michele Gabriel, 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. Member Friedrich asked to remove Item 11. Chair Hawkinson removed Items 6, 11 and 20 from the agenda. There were no objections.

Chair Hawkinson asked for public comment. He asked if there was anyone that did not get a chance to sign up before the meeting started.

Cheryl Nache said that she was speaking for her daughter Blas Nache who has been disabled since 2017. She relies on a cane daily, but during hard days and long distances she uses a walker and sometimes a wheelchair while graduating from the University of Illinois disabled. You would be surprised of how many accessible entrances are at the back of the building by the dumpsters. You would be surprised but she is not. Those entrances make her and the other like her feel the ugly laws that were only repealed in 1974 are still a thing. Like we are secrets to be kept away and not to be known about. We cannot have the normal people seeing us unsightly disabled that you have the entrance in the back with the trash. That is where you want us to be seen. The entrance is for the people that are healthy, can walk and are abled. To get us into the building is a struggle. Just for them to get out of the car while fighting the elements. Our bodies cannot hardly feel well enough to get out into the elements and that takes a toll on us. Then we enter the building like a dirty like secret. It adds insult to injury. You have no problem taking disabled people's money and having us come in there when needed. She wanted to know why they are not allowed to enter through the front of the building. She says you have disabled citizens that pay their taxes and they are members of the community. They need to be treated with respect. Also, you have employees enter through those doors. Then you are equating them the same way so your point is mute. Thank-you.

Jeff Morrow said that he just wanted to take a moment to introduce a new non-profit that we lost in February of this year called Hope Incentive. It has two legs that we are looking to implement in the Galesburg area and the surrounding areas. One is the Hope Distribution center we are partnering with Convoy of Hope. For you that do not know who that is, it is an international humanitarian organization that provides emergency aid to war torn areas, worldwide. As well as areas affected by natural disasters. If there is something that happens then Convoy of Hope will pull in with semi loads full of different kinds of goods such as blankets, water and food. Whatever the people need affected by that disaster. In Forbes magazine of the top 100 charities they are 35 in America. They have given over \$2.5 billion dollars since 1994 to over 250 million people. So, we have long standing relationship with them simply because we send volunteers into the areas that have been affected by a natural disaster. So, when we hear they need help we send people on a bus. We partner with them helping distribute all the things that the people need and because of that relationship, last November they approached us about

starting what is called a Community Care a pilot program. He is the lead pastor at Calvary Assembly at 432 N. Linwood Road. They are the second church in the country that they have approach. If they supply a warehouse, pay utilities and different things. They would bring in a semi once a month and load up that warehouse. Then we could give those goods out to the non-profits in the community and also to the residents of this community. Last Thursday we had our first distribution day. So, it is once a month for residents and once a month for the non-profits. We have 21 non-profits signed up right now. Last Thursday we gave away 258 Hope boxes to different households in this community. With 53 what they call Hope dealers that are volunteers that helped us get those good out. They just got a call yesterday from Convoy of Hope that they are going to deliver 40 thousand pounds of turkey breasts at the end of April. Which they will then be able to deliver to the residents of this community and also to the non-profits. The second leg of Hope Initiative. We started to call Hope Community Center which we made a big mistake. He wanted to apologize to the Mayor and to you folks we did not know the words Community Center would bring so much repercussions and backlash to us. So, they are going to rename it.

Chair Hawkinson said Mr. Morrow was out of time but would like to have him come back next month for an actual presentation.

Mr. Morrow said thank you very much.

Gavin Phillips said first of all he thinks it is item 13 for the Mary Davis Home for the Emergency Replacement of the boiler, the water heater. He said he sees it down there as an emergency. He said what gets him on this is he bid on for the county's maintenance agreement. He has the agreement with the Housing Authority which they have had for five or six years and just got it again. He bid it and wanted to know how in a day that someone looked at his paperwork. When no one should have been able to look at it until it has been opened up in front of a Board. He would like an answer on it and he feels that is the least. On the bid form they say that he did not sign it. There is not an actual signature sign on it. He bids jobs every day. Normally, you actually have a corporation seal or even for a signature you put what you are. You have to be an officer of the company. That bid form said vendor and there was not a signature line. It said vendor. He put down the vendor which is AMP Companies Incorporated. That is what he put down. The second thing on that is the Knox County Housing Authority is for Abingdon and all the Galesburg area. They just bid that contract. The person that he had beat this time now went down. You are agreeing to pay him \$95 per hour and 10% for material but two months later he bids to the Knox County Housing Authority for \$92 per hour at 5% mark up because he called up to get his numbers. He said that is fine that he can do that to see what his last contract was. He dropped three dollars. It is a game and he is done with the game. He would like someone to tell him if State's Attorney Karlin says that AMP should be thrown out. In respect for even bidding or trying to do work with the county and save them money. He should have gotten notified that his bid was being thrown out because of not sign the line where there is no signature.

Chair Hawkinson confirmed that Oscar Riley's name was supposed to be crossed out.

David Amor said that he would not take three minutes. He said that he just has a couple of things and one is a question. He will admit that it is a rhetorical question. He asked when will this Board go back to the previous practice of posting the agenda for these meeting in advance of the meeting. This is a disservice and this Board over the last year or two disposes of tens of millions of dollars of the counties tax payers' dollars and we as tax payers deserve to be able to see in some detail what is going on. Especially when the only thing that is in the agenda is the action item. This was managed in the past for many years and it should be a practice that goes back to in the future. The request of them is if they are not going to do that or in the interim until you do, when you come to an agenda item will you please take the time to explain to the people who are here and the citizens that are watching on zoom to explain in more detail what in fact is engaged in these motions that you are taking on. Just to say the details are in your packet is not an adequate responsibility to the tax payers. He said thank you very much.

Chair Hawkinson confirmed that Amy Smith's name was supposed to be crossed out.

Jerry Ryberg read aloud his prepared speech. His speech is attached as Appendix A.

Ken Springer the President of Knox County Area Partnership for Economic Development said he wanted to give a quick update of the economic development activities here for this month. The first thing he wanted to mention was that there was a regional meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup> in Macomb that had fellow economic development officials from Handcock, Warren County, Macomb and Quincy. Along with elected and appointed officials. They were meeting with the Illinois Department of Commerce. Which is working on a new five-year plan and give input to the State on different funding and policies. The group came up with sort of the top five issues facing economic development. He wanted to report those to the County Board. One being housing, two electrical capacity, three available tools to help grow business, four infrastructure investment and work force development was fifth on the list. Two things that he wanted to highlight was good to see work force development slip down to number five on the list of major issues that was historically has been number one. He mentioned in his written reports to the county in recent months that they have started seeing some positive work force data. Other communities are also seeing that as well and looking at work force is beginning to show a little bit of improvement. That is a really cool. Number two he wanted to flag that all the economic developers present in that meeting from around the region that everyone expressed growing concern about available electric capacity in the region. A lot of them are starting to see new a number of denials back from Ameren for new industrial projects that we provide the utility requirement for. They are starting to see that as a trend. Also, releasing a public plan later this year and will be made available to the public.

Second item is that Knox and Warren County High Schools are sending a long delegation of students to compete in the statewide Skills USA Competition next month. He has talked about Skills USA in the past. It is basically like varsity sports for vocational training. Students compete in such things as welding and nursing using different types of vocational skills. There are 50

students that are going this year. Which is more than double from our region last year. The competition will be held on Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> at the Peoria Civic Center. KCAP is putting together delegation of local people from the community to cheer them on. If you are interested in attending it will be about a half day event. They would be happy to have you join them. Just reach out to himself by phone or email if you are interested in going. He will be back with a report after the competition and said thank you.

Chair Hawkinson thanked everyone for speaking.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Cohen to approve the following items of the consent agenda: 1) minutes of the regular Board Meeting on February 28, 2024 and 2) sales tax and various taxes for the month of December 2023 in the amounts of \$157,036.12 and \$40,706.71 and public safety tax in the amount of \$270,676.18. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone —(13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the Proclamation on Public Health Week in Knox County. Chair Hawkinson read aloud the proclamation which is for the week of April 1<sup>st</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup> of 2024. He thanked the Health Department and the Health Board for what they do. He said that some are present such as Knox County Public Health Administrator Michele Gabriel and Dan Harris the Board of Health President. Erin Olson streamed it live on Facebook for viewing.

Member Davidson asked if they could stand so they could be recognized.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone —(13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the Proclamation on National County Government Month. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone —(13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Davidson and seconded by Member Olinger to approve the appointment of Trustee to Galesburg Sanitary District of Mike Landon. Chair Hawkinson said that this is a re-appointment, he is no stranger to the Board and his information is in the packet along with the letter from the Galesburg Sanitary District Board recommending his re-appointment.

Member Davidson said that Mr. Landon has done a phenomenal job. He has filled big shoes with John before he retired. What they do out there most people probably could not stomach because it stinks. They do a great job and they are doing updates. While doing better things for our county. She is glad that he chose to still be on this Board since he is getting ready to retire.

Member Nache said just a comment. She agreed what Member Davidson said that we should be thankful that we have them. She said that if you google it if it were not for them in 1968, they were going to shut down building houses in Galesburg because of bad water here. She said she was reading up on it, that if it were not for them building the sanitation district none of us would be building houses here. We have them to thank and the people that pushed this to be out of the hands of Galesburg themselves and into the sanitation district. She said she thanks them a lot.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone —(13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Member Friedrich said that the monthly report from the Ways and Means Committees are in the packet. He said that Clerk Erickson, Assessor Hochstettler and Treasurer Davis gave their reports on their offices.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve Calendar for Budget Preparation. Member Friedrich said that the dates are in the packet for when the Department Heads and Elected Officials would have to enter their information for next year's budget. This way they can start early so they are not rushed like last year. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone —(13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve Bid for ADA Ramp Replacement at Courthouse. Member Friedrich said that there were several bidders. The lowest bid for the basement entrance was Hein Construction for \$119,000.00 and Otto Baum Company for the front entrance for \$392,800.00. The rear entrance is the suggestion with updates. They are looking into updates to the look of the basement on appearance for employees and jurors. They would also have the dumpster moved farther away and a privacy fence added.

Chair Hawkinson said that they had four bidders at 11am on March 20<sup>th</sup> with the low bid for the South ramp for \$94,000 with a \$25,000 contingency allowance for a total bid of \$119,000.00. The low bid for the East ramp was \$367,800.00 with a \$25,000 contingency allowance for a total bid of \$392,800.00. The discussion at the committee level was to do the South ramp due to the front entry door only had enough room to do one door and not two doors due to the brick building. It could not sustain two doors. They plan on sprucing up the basement with paint and clean up the floors, pour a cement pad to move the dumpster and put up a privacy. Hein is the lowest bid at \$119,000.00.

Member Davidson said yes, she is glad they bid out for the best cost for the county but has a concern for the people having to wait in the rain or other conditions while someone has to come down to let them in after they have had to ring the buzzer several times. She wondered if the bid was also for a cover to protect them from the elements while waiting.

Member Friedrich asked Cody Basham from Klinger & Associates to answer.

Mr. Basham said that this was just for the ramp. The current roof structure was replaced four or five years ago.

Member Davidson asked if it would be adequate for a wheelchair.

Mr. Basham said that he was not asked to look at that.

Member Davidson stated that the only lactation room is in the old boiler room with rusted pipes to breastfeed children. She said that the jury area needs more than just a freshening up.

Member Friedrich said that they will have to bid it out for paint and look into an overhead cover.

Member Cohen said that he just wanted to reiterate what Member Davidson said. They need to do the steps that are needed to get it to where it should be since nothing is set in stone.

Member Friedrich that Member Bondi and Mr. Basham will have to do a walk through and look to see what needs upgraded.

Member Nache said that she was speaking for the disabled were just five minutes out in the elements to get out of their vehicle. They need to look into getting an awning like some other counties have because what is there now is barely enough to keep the rain off of our employees so we should be ashamed of ourselves for that alone. We need to do better for our disabled and does not understand why we are doing the things we are doing.

Member Friedrich said that we are working on that Member Nache.

Member Nache said that she wants them to go through the front. We spend money on things that she does not think they should spend it on. She said please spend it on our disabled. You make them feel like they are not respected and she wants them to feel respected by this county.

Chair Hawkinson said that he agrees that they need an awning. He said that it was not in the original discussion when they discussed the ADA ramp but can do the bid and bring back so next month they could see what the cost would be. He said that if approved they can start the ADA approved ramp next month and it should move rapidly.

Member Thierry asked about designated handicapped parking spots and the distance to the ramp entrance.

Member Friedrich said that he does not know the distance.

Member Wiess said that they are directly across from the entrance and are the closest to the ramp.

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

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Bacon to approve Bid and Bring Back for Basement Entrance Renovations. Member Friedrich said that he does not know all the details but they will get the specks.

Member Bondi asked to if they could add for Mr. Basham to include to do the cover. If so he would like to amend and include the cover.

Chair Hawkinson asked if they could legally do that with the basement entrance renovations.

State's Attorney Karlin said of course.

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

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the resolution to modify previous ARPA Resolution for Property Acquisition. Member Friedrich asked Member Bondi to explain.

Member Bondi said that this would give them 60 days to have the survey done which will cost around \$12,500. It would be a mistake not to do the survey to check to make sure that it matches the tax plans to confirm that the 43 parking spaces are available. This would be for consideration for the county and control increasing the upfront money. This is to amend it to 60 days and another 30 days until June 30<sup>th</sup> for closing. He said that on November 7<sup>th</sup> \$10,000 from ARPA was approved for property associated expenses. There is \$5,000 left and then add \$5,000 to original pay for legal survey. He also confirmed with Mr. Basham that the survey would be top priority and done within the 60 days.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone —(13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the resolution on Emergency Replacement of Hot Water System at Mary Davis Home.

Chair Hawkinson said that Thursday or Friday the boiler stopped working. The contractor limit is \$5,000. It was a life and safety issue just like at the Nursing Home so they needed to get the boiler replaced.

Member Davidson said she knows that it busted but it was not an emergency issue at the Mary Davis Home due to the last 10 years the boiler has had issues. It has needed taken care of for several years and we need to quit kicking the can down the road.

Member Nache asked how is was under Ways and Means and not under Member Kramer's Public Safety and Justice Committee.

Member Kramer told Member Nache that his meeting was on Monday and this did not happen until Thursday.

Member Pugh asked about buying extra ahead of time like the water heater so they do not have to pay extra for an emergency for that person to come out and fix it. She said that it is just a suggestion.

Chair Hawkinson said that he things that there is some confusion. There are two issues we have the hot water boiler system and we have the other boiler that is on the temporary boiler for two years. That is the one that has been the major problem that we have known has been out. Part of the performance contracting that is one their wish list of items was the hot water boiler system as well as the actual boiler that was a temporary fix that was in place right now. Both of them have been on the radar but we just had not got to it yet. It is now moving forward now that the jail project was completed.

Member Kramer said that they have discussed at the committee meeting that those items needing repaired. It had been discussed with the committee.

Member Friedrich asked if there was any other questions or comments.



Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone —(13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Member Friedrich said that he wanted to let the two gentlemen that had questions during public comment to give him a call and he would try to answer their questions.

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

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Weiss to approve the contract for Dieting Prisoners with Warren County. Member Kramer said that this is an intergovernmental agreement with Warren County Sheriff's Office that states the Knox County Sheriff's Office will supply Warren County Sheriff's Office with 2 meals a day. Warren County will pick the meals up twice a day. It will be one sack lunch at \$3 and one hot lunch at \$3 per individual meal. This will generate revenue we are not losing money on this.

Member Nache asked why they only get two meals a day because her kids eat breakfast, lunch and dinner when they were young. She was wondering what these guys were eating if it was just breakfast and dinner.

Chair Hawkinson said his guess is they are providing their third meal. We are only contracted for two meals.

Sheriff Harlan said that they supply the breakfast.

Chair Hawkinson said other than providing them what is contracted it is none of our business.

Member said ok she was just asking because two meal did not seem correct.

Member Davidson asked if this is generating a revenue line item to show the money going in and coming out of.

Member Kramer said correct. He said he believes that Sheriff already has that in his revenue line item.

Chair Hawkinson said he was not for sure.

Member Davidson said that he does not have a line item for Warren County to pay.

Member Kramer said that it is an outside contract and asked Treasurer Davis to elaborate on it.

Treasurer Davis said not right now.

Member Kramer said ok then that is something that will be done.

Chair Hawkinson said that one will need to be created. He said that we pay for up to 75 meals right now regardless if we have 75 inmates. This will help off set our cost.

Member Thierry asked if we have any liability for the content of the food should someone get sick if we serve a bad meal.

Member Kramer asked State's Attorney Karlin if he had any input.

State's Attorney Karlin said that he was not asked to review it.

Member Thierry asked if we need to have a waiver because that happens. She asked if we would be held liable if anyone got sick or a bad food product.

Member Kramer said that it would fall back on the food vendor.

Member Thierry asked if they would accept all that responsibility.

Member Kramer said that would be his take since it is not prepared by our people. It is a food agency. He asked Sheriff Harlan if he had any comment on that.

Sheriff Harlan said that they cover any content and the vendor has to follow IDOC inspection guidelines.

Member Thierry said ok she takes that to mean that we do not.

Member Bondi said that Member Thierry had brought up a good point just for clarification. That just a matter of disclosure that the vendor would be held responsible for any inefficiencies.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone —(13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Weiss to approve the resolution for Housing Inmates from Warren County Sheriff. Member Kramer said that we could house them, cloth them and supply their basic needs for a rate of \$55/day per inmate. He said all the transportation would be done by Warren County.

Member Nache said that he son works over in Warren County and wanted to know how many inmates we would receive.

Member Kramer said one or two, three at the most.

Sheriff Harlan said we would get their over flow.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone —(13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Weiss to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Knox County Sheriff and Cook County Sheriff for inmate Housing. Chair Kramer said that we would house Cook County inmates down here at a rate of \$60/day along with supply them with clothing and basic needs. He said that Cook County would provide the transportation if released and take them back to cook County by the Cook County Sheriff's Office and they would not be released here. They have to be released back in the county in which they were incarcerated.

Chair Hawkinson said that they did check with IDOC and it is illegal to release inmates outside of the jurisdiction that they were originally charged in. and they can only be released where they were first incarcerated.

Member Cohen said so just to clarify, that the Sheriff did not know the answer to that at the committee but now we have confirmation.

Member Kramer said correct they have to be transported back to the county of issuance.

Chair Hawkinson said the only difference is if Cook County cannot do the transportation then they can negotiate to pay us to provide transport or a third party. This is no more than fifty inmates at a time. He does not know how many we would get.

Member Friedrich said that for alternate transportation we would be notified.

Chair Hawkinson said correct and there are multiple third parties that do transportation of prisoner transports all over.

Member Nache said she had two questions. She said since she read in the contract that it has already been started. If they could tell her how many we have in there right now.

Member Kramer said that he does not believe that we have any in there right now Member Nache.

Member Nache said second, she wanted to know if they took the contract to State's Attorney Karlin to look at it. She wanted to know why we are not sharing our contracts with State's Attorney Karlin.

Chair Hawkinson said that he cannot answer that but he does know that the Cook County State's Attorney Office is who drew this up. So, it is another State's Attorney.

Member Nache said ok I am good with their State's Attorney but we also have one and she feels like we should share the information. She said that she would feel better if he would just look it over but she supposes that he can do that afterwards. She said that she would be passing until he does get a chance to look it over.

Member Thierry asked if we determine who we accept and do not accept.

Member Kramer said yes, the Sheriff decide not to take certain prisoners.

Member Thierry asked if we have any considerations of who we accept and who we do not.

Member Kramer said that there is a paragraph that takes about what they have to disclose of the prisoners that they are bringing down. It would be based on the speculation of what they are providing of the inmate.

Member Thierry said that she is thinking of such things as age and health. Things that would be additional costs. She wanted to know who would pay for that.

Member Kramer said that it would not be any additional cost to us. Anything medical related would get charged back to Cook County. They would be responsible for that.

Member Thierry wanted to know about if we would take someone that is elderly with high medical issues and wanted to make sure that would not be an extra burden on us.

Member Kramer said that we already have the services. It would not necessarily be an extra burden on us.

Member Thierry asked about if they would to be hospitalized and we had to send someone to sit with them and stuff like that.

Member Kramer said that all that would still be covered by them.

Chair Hawkinson said that Items 4C says that the ultimate financial responsibility and such costs shall be born by Cook County. He said for any medical services.

Member Thierry said that she did not see that but ok thank you.

Member Kramer said that it is a pretty detailed contract and lays out the most important items.

Chair Hawkinson said that there are already other counties in the area that house these inmates as well.

Member Bacon said that he has to agree with one point that Member Nache brought up. We have two contracts and a resolution. He would like the State's Attorney Karlin to see these before we vote on them from now on. It would make him sleep better at night. Knowing that he looked at them anyway even if the Cook County State's Attorney drew it up. He would just like State's Attorney Karlin to look at it.

Member Kramer said that for the Warren County he was on the understanding that Mr. Karlin had been consulted on that.

State's Attorney Karlin said he was consulted on the necessity of County Board action of it. He had spoken with the Chief Deputy Sheriff about that. He said that he was not contacted after that.

Member Kramer said that he knew that there was some kind of communication but he just assumed that he had seen it.

Member Bacon said that he would just feel better things coming out of anywhere if from now Mr. Karlin would look at them and hear him say yes, there is no problem.

Member Kramer said that he agreed.

Member Bacon said thank you.

Member Bondi asked about timeline wise he knows they are trying to get it approved tonight but do they already have inmates waiting to be transported to us.

Member Kramer said that since they reached out to us he would say that they have some inmates that need to get relocated.

Member Bondi said that even in hindsight if we approve it if we would just get Mr. Karlin's review on it. He asked about if we approved and Mr. Karlin's found something afterwards if we are locked in for a certain amount of time.

Member Kramer stated that Item J is about modifications and he read it aloud.

Chair Hawkinson said that we can submit modifications.

Member Bondi said so we have the right to modify if State's Attorney Karlin sees something that needs to be modified we can.

Member Kramer said correct.

Member Cohen asked if it would be legally sound to motion to under the condition that it is looked over by our State's Attorney and that if he sees that it is legally sound and that there is nothing suspicious within it. He does understand that Cook County State's Attorney is a good person but at the same time the job of the Cook County State's Attorney is to protect Cook County and not Knox County.

Chair Hawkinson said yes that would be acceptable under Robert's Rules that if the motioning party and the second agrees to that amendment to approve pending final review from the State's Attorney.

Member Kramer said yes, he amends his motion.

Member Weiss seconded that.

Chair Hawkinson repeated that they had an amended motion and second.

Member Kramer said that is that Mr. Karlin looks over and agrees to the agreement.

Member Friedrich said that he is sure we would like to get this sooner than later. He did not want to put Mr. Karlin on the spot. He knows he is busy but asked what his time frame was that he could look it over.

State's Attorney Karlin said since he does not celebrate Easter He can look over them this weekend. He asked if they wanted him to look over the other agreements too.

Member Friedrich said that he would like him to look at all of them.

Chair Hawkinson said that he would forward them right that moment to Mr. Karlin so he would have them for review.

Member Friedrich said that we would need them sooner then later since they had already voted on the other ones.

State's Attorney Karlin asked if they could amend their motion on the other ones also until he could review them.

Member Friedrich said that they could not do that since they had already voted on those. Chair Hawkinson said that motion has already passed on the previous.

Clerk Erickson said that if Mr. Karlin reviews those and finds erroneous issues then we can bring those back to amend.

State's Attorney Karlin asked that they wait to sign them until he has a chance to review them all.

Member Kramer said ok so we amended the motion. those already passed and can not be reconsidered.

Member Davidson said her issue is this, she understands that the Sheriff is trying to go into these intergovernmental agreements with Cook County and Warren County due to the lack of Federal inmates. She knows his budget was based on more than he is receiving. She said we as Board Members who we are putting in that jail for the safety of our employees. She said that she truly worries about that. She understands that Mercer County has and their agreement is \$45 per inmate and they only get 10-15. She called and talked to the chair of that committee and he feeds their inmates on \$9 a day. These are no guarantees of people filling the spots. She worries about the budget for the Sheriff Department. If they will be able to fulfill all the need of the budget. She understands he can not if he does not get inmates but we cannot take on for the safety of our employees that work there. She is glad that he can turn some away because these are inmates that they cannot put in to open population. These are ones that need more assistance then the average joe that gets put in county. She asked please let the Board Members keep an eye on the budget and making sure the employees at the jail are our number one thought.

Member Olinger said that his biggest concern is getting into be with Cook County. As down state we all know how Cook County feels about us and how we feel about them. He said he will probably vote no because he does not want anything to do with them. He does not trust them, does not know if they will even pay and he would not take the advice of their State's Attorney.

Clerk Erickson said on the modified motion on the floor to approve the IG with the approval of the review of our State's Attorney.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Hawkinson, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer and Friedrich—(8). Noes— Davidson, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger (4). Abstain--- Boone---(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Weiss to approve Bid and Bring Back for Video Security System for Courthouse and Jail. Member Kramer said that this is to get bids for new video surveillance at the courthouse and jail since it is pretty outdated. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone —(12). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Member Bondi presented the monthly report from the Infrastructure Committee. He stated that the monthly report is in the packet. He said that he also wanted it on record that it is also on the website and also included minutes. Also, that item 20 was removed.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Weiss to approve Survey of Proposed Property Acquisition. Member Bondi said that this is for 50 East Main St. for Klinger and Associates to do the master plan survey. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone —(13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Kramer to approve Engineering Services Agreement for Lynn Township Bridge Replacement, Section 23-11057-00-BR. Member Bondi read aloud that this project is located 3 miles northeast of Victoria on 2470N. The existing drainage structure was built around 1900 with some rehabilitation taking place in 1988. It is a 28 ft. long, single span, I-beam bridge with a timber deck. The bridge roadway width is 20 ft. The existing bridge sub-structure consists of timber piling that have severe deterioration. Hutchison Engineering will do all the necessary surveys to complete the hydraulic study/permits, as well as the design and preparation of the plans, estimates and specifications required for a project letting. Hutchison Engineering completed some of the preliminary design work last year under a separate agreement, which helped us to decide on a new structure type moving forward. Payments for all engineering services provided by Hutchison Engineering shall not exceed \$29,837.00. The construction of the replacement structure at this location should take place in 2025. The project construction will be funded utilizing 80% Township Bridge Program Funds, 10% Lynn Township and 10% Knox County funds. There is \$50,000 in the 23/24 County Bridge Fund budget to cover this expense from line item 007-000-560400-30. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone —(13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Kramer to approve Resolution for Certificate of Authority for County Engineer to Enter into Joint Participation Agreement for Salt Procurement. Member Bondi read aloud that Knox County has been purchasing rock salt for winter operations through the bidding process administered by the State of Illinois' Central Management Services for at least 35 years. The process has evolved over the years from submitting a quantity of county desires on a form and mailing the form and mailing the form in to IDOT to most recently submitting all of the information online. An added requirement this year is to provide a Certificate of Authority giving the County Engineer the authority to submit the required documents on behalf of Knox County in order to participate in the joint purchasing process for the acquisition of rock salt. Based on the amount of rock salt we will carryover into next winter, we're going to request 1,000 tons for the state salt procurement this year. Last year we requested 1,500 tons and prior to that it was always 2,000 tons per year. Central Management Services will solicit bids for the rock salt this summer and release the results this fall. There is no budget impact related to action on this resolution. Roll call vote is

recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone —(13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Weiss to approve Resolution for Improvement Under Illinois Highway Code, Section 20-00016-77-RS. Member Bondi read aloud this project is a cold in place recycling project on County Highway 3. The project begins at the northwest corner of Oneida and runs north 5 miles to the Henry County Line. The project consists of recycling the existing road surface/base, relaying and compacting the recycled material, placing aggregate shoulders, placing micro surfacing and pavement striping. County Highway 3 has an average daily traffic count of 450 vehicles per day. The project is scheduled for a May 2024 letting with construction taking place this summer. The projected total construction cost will be \$1,300,000. The project will be funded with \$1,146,112.22. Rebuild Illinois Funds (RBI) and the remaining \$154,000 will be from our Federal Aid Match (FAM) fund. The RBI expense is in the 2023/2024 County MFT Budget and the FAM expense is in the 2023/24 FAM Budget as well. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone —(13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Nache to approve Resolution Awarding MFT Aggregate Bids for Various Townships, Section 24-XX000-00-GM. Member Bondi read aloud each year the County Highway Department accepts bids for various items that will be utilized by the County and Townships in the annual maintenance programs. The bids being presented to you were opened on March 14,2024 at 10 a.m. at the Knox County Highway Department. Bidders are required to submit a 5% bid guarantee with their bid and that guarantee will be retained until the materials have been furnished or the work has been satisfactorily completed. Funding for these items has been appropriated in the FY 23-24 budget. Material that are purchased by the Townships will be paid for with Township Motor Fuel Tax Funds, Materials for Maint., 010-000-660000-30. Based on the bids, it appears the townships will spend approximately \$650,000 on bituminous materials for seal coating and making match mix. That line item has a current balance of \$1,500,000. The bituminous material prices are about the same as last year which is really good news. The culvert pipes that were bid will be used by the county to maintain existing cross-road culverts, driveways and field entrances. The culvert pipes that were bid will be used by the county to maintain existing cross-road culverts, driveways and field entrances. The culvert pipes purchase will be paid with County Bridge Fund money. That 23/24 budget line item 007-000-77000-30 currently has a balance of \$235,000. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone —(13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Thierry to approve Resolution Awarding Bituminous Materials bids, Section 24-XX000-00-GM. Member Bondi said that he can read this aloud if any one wanted him to but the resolution is in the packet with the summary of costs. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson,

Hawkinson, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone —(13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Cohen to approve Resolution Awarding Culvert Pipe Bids for Knox County, Section 24-00000-00-CB. Member Bondi said that one bid was for \$53,040 and the other was for \$63,720. This is for approving the lower of the two bids. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone —(13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Member Bacon presented the report from the Health and Human Services committee and said the report is in the packet. He thanked Member Nache for taking the minutes and said that she does a good job.

Motion was made by Member Bacon and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve the Resolution on Emergency Expenditure for Sprinkler Pump and Nursing Home. Member Bacon said that it was the end of the line for the waterline pump out there. We need a new pump for the sprinkler system which will be \$50-\$51,000. This is an emergency due to safety issue and will take 8-10 weeks to get.

Member Davidson said that she would like to say again we need to stop kicking the can down the road. She is voting yes but we should have fixed it prior to this. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone —(13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Member Bacon said that there were 108 residents as of today and there is \$1,118,540 in the referendum and \$952,541 in funds after payroll. They operated in the black again. He said that Administrator Mines does a great job and also his committee.

Chair Hawkinson stated that the reports from the outside committees 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.

Chair Hawkinson said that there were no Budget Changes.

Chair Hawkinson said that the manual checks are listed in the packet.

Motion was 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 March 2024, Board



Meetings in February, and other claims for per diem from Meetings. Chair Hawkinson said the total is \$3,156.64.

Member Nache wanted to comment on how nice it is to do the right thing with the tax payers' money by doing right by per diems. She said thank you.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone —(13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve the claims against Knox County, Illinois for the period of February 29, 2024 through March 27, 2024 (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 \$1,312,413.86.

Member Nache said that she had talked to Chair Hawkinson about one bill and he explained and now understands the bill for \$118.81 for a printer. She said thank you.

Member Davidson said that she wanted some clarification on the printer that would be at your home.

Chair Hawkinson said that he wished that Member Davidson would have asked ahead of the meeting like Member Nache did but will now discuss this with all. He said this would save him from spending \$119 on ink for his own printer which is a savings to the county and it would only be used for county use. He is the only one that would have access to it since password protected.

Member Nache said that Chair Hawkinson also explained that it would go to the next person the is Chair if he was no longer and she thanked him for this saying it was nice.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone —(13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

\*\*The corrected amount is 1,307,663.86 after invoice for \$4,750.00 was pulled.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 24, 2024 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 Kramer and seconded by Member Bondi to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone —(13). Noes— (0). Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.