

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

July 24, 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, July 24th, 2024 at 6:04 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 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

And those absent: District 1 Cheryl Nache

Also present were County Clerk-Recorder Scott Erickson, County Treasurer Robin Davis, and Sheriff Jack Harlan. 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 Bacon asked for Item #7 to be removed.

Chair Hawkinson asked if anyone had any objection. There were no objections so Item #7 was removed.

Member Bondi asked for Item #8 to be changed to Bid and Bring Back as opposed to Buy.

Member Bacon agreed with that change and there were no other objections.

Chair Hawkinson said that Item #8 is now changed to Bid and Bring Back instead of Bid and Buy.

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.

Ken Springer from KCAP just a couple short comments tonight. He wanted to mention KCAP's support for the battery storage zoning amendment on tonight's agenda. As he noted in his comments to the ZBA that KCAP has not seen very many enquires on yet. He feels that it is just a matter of time before they start seeing these projects start popping up attached to renewal energy generation.

He said that school is getting ready to start in a couple weeks so that means they will have another class of their CEO entrepreneurs that they will be welcoming in soon. He wanted to give a quick into to the class. They have eight students. There are four from Galesburg High School, one student from Williamsfield, one student from Rowva, and two from Abingdon-Avon. Unfortunately, they did not get any applications from the Knoxville High School this year. They will try and recruit them again next year. He will give updates of how the class is doing and encourages everyone to get involved if interested in getting involved with the CEO class.

Pam Davidson said she is speaking as the NAACP President of the Galesburg Branch 3016. She wanted to speak about the Back to School Cookout at Kiwanis Park on August 3rd that is from 10-2pm. They give away over 250 backpacks. They will have food such as hamburgers, hotdogs, baked beans and chips. Your very own Fire Chief Hovind and The Fire Department will be flipping burgers. They have a lot of exhibitors and activities. They will be giving free haircuts. They will have the Sheriff's Department there. Again, it is from 10am-2pm at Kiwanis Park. This is not just for Galesburg kids but all of Knox County. They are just giving back to the community. Please try and attend or come have a burger. Even vegan burgers will be there too.

Chair Hawkinson asked the start time.

Pam Davidson said it starts at 10am and goes until 2pm at Kiwanis Park.

Chair Hawkinson thanked everyone for speaking.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the following items of the consent agenda: 1) minutes of the regular Board Meeting on June 26, 2024 and 2) sales tax and various taxes for the month of April 2024 in the amounts of \$137,678.88 and \$32,814.91 and public safety tax in the amount of \$231,446.86. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen and Olinger— (12). Noes— (0). Abstain---Smith and Boone---(2). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Pugh to approve the Proclamation of nation Health Center Week. Chair Hawkinson read the proclamation in to record. This is the week of August 4th thru August 10th, 2024. He thanked Administrator Gabriel and staff for what they help to provide for the citizens of Knox County. 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— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the appointment of Trustee to the Altona Fire Protection District of Matthew M. Johnson. Chair Hawkinson said that this is a new appointment and his resume and information is on file. 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— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Olinger to approve the appointment of Trustee to the Williamsfield Fire Protection District of Rick Howerton. Chair Hawkinson said this is a new appointment and his resume is on file. 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— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Weiss to approve the acceptance of Knox County State's Attorney resignation letter. Chair Hawkinson said that this resignation is effective on September 4th, 2024 at 23:59 hours. The letter of resignation is in the Board packet. He said for the record he received an email of notice of resignation on Saturday June 15th at 5:54am. He read that it said to please except my resignation from Knox County State's Attorney effective September 5th, 2024. This should give you sufficient time to be able to appoint an individual to carry out the duties of the office for the remaining of his term. Chair Hawkinson said that he requested a letter with a signature on it from Mr. Karlin. He provided that on June 17th, 2024 which is in the packet which shows September 4th at 23.59hrs. Under status on June 17th when it was sent to the Chairman of the Board that resignation cannot be resented since it is a future date resignation. There are plans in place and discussions going on for that replacement. That will be on the agenda at next months Board meeting to have that effective September 5th at midnight to have that replacement start. He said in his opinion it is a very dynamic office and requires leadership of some form at the top level even though they do

have 60 days from that date to appoint a replacement. His plan is not to wait that 60 days because that office needs a State's Attorney.

Member Bondi said although this is some difficult decisions he thinks Mr. Karlin has served our County well and he appreciates all he has done. He knows he has some personal issues that he is having to overcome. That is probably what has brought this decision on. It is with a heavy heart that we will see him depart but he appreciates all he has done for us. He wishes him well. He knows they are going to step up to the challenge of getting the replacement for him.

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— (0). Motion carried.

Chair Hawkinson said that Item 7 was removed.

Motion was made by Member Bacon and seconded by Member Kramer to approve Bid and Bring Back for Line of Credit / Loan for Nursing Home Capital Improvements. Chair Hawkinson asked Member Bacon to give a quick explanation. He said that this is just to seek terms and their financial numbers.

Member Bacon said that they are working on a few things since they have neglected the nursing home a long time where it is nickel and diming us to death. So, they are going to try and make some improvements to the heating, cooling, and air conditioning since they have a boiler. This is just a bid and bring back for a line of credit to start the ball rolling to bring it in to the twenty first century.

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— (0). Motion carried.

Member Friedrich said that the monthly report from the Ways and Means Committees are in the packet. He spoke about the emails that had went out about them having to move the committee meeting from the Annex to the Courthouse due to the Taste of Galesburg. He thanked Member Bacon for reminding him. They also posted a sign on the door as well as sending out all the emails.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Bacon to approve the Resolution on Deeds of Conveyance. Member Friedrich said that they have three of them this month. 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— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve Bid and Bring Back for Workman's Comp / Liability / Vehicle Insurance. Member Friedrich said that they put this out every year. They will put this out and see what they get back this year. 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— (0).
Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve Case # CU-06-24 – Conditional Use for Tavern by applicant Jason Evans, Galesburg, IL. Member Friedrich said that if you were at the committee meeting they gave a nice presentation. If you have any questions for them or Assessor Hochstettler they are present.

Member Davison said that she was not at the meeting. She asked to be enlightened about it.

Member Friedrich asked Paul Mangieri to speak on it.

Chair Hawkinson said welcome back.

Member Friedrich said welcome back and thanks for coming to Mr. Mangieri.

Paul Mangieri said that he is here representing Jason Evans who owns the property at 108 N. Oak St. Williamsfield, IL. Jason has rented 108 N. Oak St. to JR Evans LLC which is the legal LLC by Jason. Jason's proposal is to take that property and refurbish it. He plans on conducting a tavern out of it and gaming as well. He said that 108 N. Oak St. is currently zoned as B2 highway business district which allows for such type of building that can be used as banks, stores, shops, bowling alleys, dance halls, skating rinks, feed stores, hotels or motels, office buildings, gas stations, theaters or restaurants. In order to operate a tavern however you have to apply for a conditional use permit and a conditional use permit is authorized under section 5.7.02 paragraph 7 of the Knox County Zoning Resolution that provides for conditional use as a tavern. He gave a little bit of background on Jason. He grew up in the Williamsfield area, graduated from Williamsfield High School and has strong ties to that community. He currently resides in Galesburg but he wants to give back to his local community that he was raised in. He feels the best way he can do that is to bring new business in to that particular community. The building is local in the center of downtown Williamsfield and was purchased in 2021. In the past it has housed many different businesses ranging from an ice cream shop to a retail store. In the last few years before Jason has purchased it in 2021 the building sat vacant. After vetting the idea for a new bar/restaurant establishment he went and spoke to many residents. The idea was formulated by them not to start a restaurant but a tavern that had gaming available in it as well. He then approached the City of Williamsfield City Council and applied for a liquor license which was approved. That process has been completed I the local step since they are the licensing authority in that particular village for the issuance of a liquor license. It will be run as JR's Lounge and will be run to meet all the requirements of the conditional use permit. There is ample parking on the street available for customers in the downtown area. There is a shared alley way adjacent to the building for deliveries if needed and utilities are already existing. Also, churches and schools are outside the required distance for the operation of the tavern. There is also another bar and tavern with a conditional use permit directly across the street. They feel the general well fair of the community will be enhanced by the addition on an establishment for residents to gather. Along with that it will take a property that is not bring much tax revenue into the local community and to the county by putting it back on the tax rolls. Jason is present also to help answer any questions.

Member Bacon asked if the tavern across the street is in the same zoning classification as this property and they have a conditional use permit.

Mr. Mangieri said yes.

Member Thierry asked if there would be food.

Mr. Mangieri said that there will be food but not a restaurant or any type of grill but if you have a gaming establishment you have to have soft drinks available at no charge and light foods like cookies, pretzels, and prepackaged chips.

Chair Hawkinson asked about Butches Pizza.

Jason Evans said we will see.

Chair Hawkinson said that this was presented to the Zoning Board of Appeals and passed ZBA on a 5-0 vote. It was approved there.

Member Friedrich thanked Mr. Mangieri.

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— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve Case# AM-02-24 – Add Appendix G – Battery Energy Storage Systems Ordinance. Member Friedrich said that there has not been demand for this yet in the county but Assessor Hochstettler is trying to get ahead so we have the rules in place. She has checked with other counties to get this in place and the best plans to get this in place.

Member Bondi said that he is very happy that they are starting this because it is a up and coming industry. To be prepared in Knox County for this is a really good first step for economic development.

Member Kramer asked if Henry County done this since they have had the wind and solar have they seen the batteries come in there. He asked if Mr. Springer would know that.

Mr. Springer said he is not sure.

Member Friedrich said that he does not know but is not 100% sure.

Member Kramer said he know they have the wind and solar and not sure if they did.

Mr. Springer said that the one he has heard of is in Peoria County area. So, it is not too far away. Batteries are one of the technologies to store the energy when the sun is not shining and the wind is not blowing.

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— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve ARPA Resolution for Capital Purchase – Administrative Building. Member Friedrich said that he will Chair Hawkinson explain it.

Chair Hawkinson said that the item that is in the Board packet. The last paragraph was changed last Friday. It is in the G-drive if you have not been able to look at it. He said on November 7th they approved to allow the county and himself to enter into the contract to purchase the building. On March 27th of this year we had it on the agenda to remove it to vacate the offer on the property and that was removed with no objection. The building was signed on June 28th, 2024. He read what the new paragraph says for the Treasurer to make the ARPA funds available to pay Western Illinois Title \$812,258.14. It also mentions any or all departments to be able to create line items both revenue and expense for the newly acquired administrative office

building. As well as reserving \$20,000 for ARPA government services fund for utilities. Also, for the Treasurer to be able to pay any startups or transfers, necessary tax changes and updates. This is just a clean-up of documentation. At Ways and Means they had some discussion about line items and departments for current utilities such as power, water, contracts for Otis Elevator for stuff that needs to be transferred over into the Counties name. It was recommended that we allow to move \$20,000 because the one bill for Otis Elevator was \$9,000 for services for the next year. He wants to make sure they have the money available when they get the bill. The transfer of water was a \$190 deposit. They have to transfer the fire alarm system from the previous owner to the counties name. They found out the system needs updated since it was a telephone line system for monitoring. The fire department will be out tomorrow to install the wireless like they have at all of their other buildings right now. That way it is constantly communicating every second verses when there is already a fire and then it calls. He said time counts. They also had the locks changed. This just authorizes the Treasurer to create those line items needed.

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— (0). Motion carried.

Member Friedrich said that completes his report. He asked department and committee chairs if you have departments that are ready for their budget let me know. So, they can get started and some more knocked out. They got a good start and slacked back off so they need to get started back up and moving forward.

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

Motion made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Bondi to approve Resurfacing of Parking Lot by Spoon River Blacktop for \$7,175.00. Member Kramer said this is for the Mary Davis Home blacktop resurfacing. 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— (0). Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Weiss to approve Law Enforcement Services for Village of East Galesburg. Member Kramer said that the Village of East Galesburg contracted the Sheriff about wanting 20-22 hours of law enforcement coverage for the Village. For those that do not know they currently do not have a police department and no not have any police services at this time. By adding this contract, it would add a deputy over there that is dedicated to cover things over there that come up during that 4 or 6 hours to handle those things. It would also give them additional patrol services as well.

Chair Hawkinson said for clarification this is similar to the Altona, Oneida, and Wataga police contract. The required hours currently this does not require any additional staffing. They have staffing available to cover. That would be assigned as well as the dollar amount of services

is equal to all the other contracts that we have approved in the past for incidental police services. This is nothing like the City of Abingdon. This is just another incidental contract for services.

Member Kramer said that it does say that they are four-hour increments in the shifts.

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— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Weiss to approve 33 Corrections Officers Assigned to the Jail. Member Kramer said that between budget conversations between the Sheriff and Treasurer it was recommended by the Treasurer that they set the number of correction officers. In the past it was 34 and that was including the jail administrator. They no longer have a jail administrator. Those duties have been separated. It was with the recommendation of the Treasurer that 33 correction officers be assigned to the jail.

Member Bacon asked how many are in there now of inmates.

Member Kramer said as of the committee meeting there was 50 some. He was not sure how many federal but they have four out of county inmates.

Chair Hawkinson said that per contract they have to have a minimum of 5 staff per shift.

Member Kramer said that comes from the recommendation of the Department of Corrections standards.

Member Davidson said that she was at the meeting and she kind of got confused. She thought it was deputies that is approved by the County Board but you are saying it is correction. She said that the Sheriff was saying something that we were not paying people properly. She is confused on the motion to approve 33 officers assigned. She asked for the Treasurer to explain it and make it clear and the Sheriff is also her so they both can explain.

Member Kramer asked the Sheriff if he wanted to go first.

Sheriff Harlan explained about Treasurer Davis and him sitting down and decided this was best for budgeting thing properly after doing a number and name check. They realized they had a name missing which through off the numbers. They have always had 34 but on payroll somehow, they only had 32. When we sent the budget to the Board we had 34. They had to fix the payroll piece to make sure to do the proper line item change to get it correct for payroll.

Treasurer Davis said yes, the Sheriff and herself meet. What happened is during the budget process we budgeted for 32 correction officers and 1 part time. She suggested if they are going to have 33 then the Sheriff should bring it to the full Board to approve. She does not know if there is a requirement if the Board has to approve the number of correction officers. Since there is only 32 in the budget if we are going to continue to pay 33 then we need to have the Board approve it and do a budget change.

Member Kramer said this is being transparent and asked if this answered the question of Member Davidson.

Member Davidson said yes it clears it up for me because she never knew they had jurisdiction on how many that they have control on. If they have to do a line item change then that is understandable so they are paid properly for there budget to be able to have their budget last the whole year.

Member Bacon said that we budgeted for 32 but we really have 33.

Member Kramer said that they had the part time employee in there that they do not have.

Member Bacon said so we are going to do a budget change to increase the budget by a half a person.

Sheriff Harlan said that he is confused how they only have 32 when that is not what he summited and not what he signed off on. They had 34 during budget talks and he said that he still has that document. He does not know how it went to 32 and a part time. They have always had 34.

Member Kramer said that sometime during budget talks that part time line item has always been in there. He is not sure if it got over looked. That is something they can look at this year to streamline the budget for things we came across.

Member Bacon was curious if they budgeted for 32 and a half and now we are going to 33 so we are increasing it. He wanted to know if they are taking out of the Sheriff's contingency to increase it.

Member Kramer said that they will have to look at that because we also do not have the jail administrator since they disbursed those duties with the chief deputy.

Member Bacon said ok.

Member Thierry asked where does the half a person go the part time.

Member Kramer said that they do not have a part time person.

Member Thierry asked Sheriff Harlan that did he not say that they have always had a part time person.

Sheriff Harlan said yes, they do have a part time person.

Member Thierry said so would that not be 33 and a half for your part time person.

Member Kramer said that he thinks that will be discussed during budget talks of whether to keep that part time position or not.

Member Weiss said that his question is so that talks of 32 or 33 does not matter because we have actually been paying for 34 anyway. So now we are just trying to get it right and now only paying for 33.

Sheriff Harlan said that this is just a number clarification but their payroll is right on par.

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— (0). Motion carried.

Member Bondi presented the monthly report from the Infrastructure Committee. He stated that the monthly report and minutes are in your packet. He asked if there are any comments or questions. If not, he will go on to the action items.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Weiss to approve Invoice for Illinois EPA Quarterly Tonnage Fee of \$42,398.45. Member Bondi said this is their quarterly fee that has already been paid and we are bringing it to you after the fact. It happens just off the timeline so we apologize but there is nothing we can do about it. 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— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve the Resolution for Engineering Services Agreement, Maquon Township, Section 24-12250-00-BR. Member Bondi read that the project is located 5 miles southeast of Maquon on 1700E. It is unknown when the existing structure was built. It had to be closed last summer due to the failure of some of the timber piles. Klinger & Associates 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. Payments for all engineering services provided by Klinger & Associates shall not exceed \$63,755.00. Fifty percent of the engineering will be covered by the State of Illinois Township Bridge Program funding with the remaining costs split between Maquon Township and Knox County. The construction of the replacement structure at this location will most likely be in the summer of 2025. Eighty percent of the construction costs will be paid with funding, with the remaining costs split between Maquon Township and Knox County. The budget impact is over \$200,000 in the 23/24 county Bridge Fund budget to cover this expense out of line item is 007-000-560400-30. 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— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the payment for Knox County Jail Laundry and Medical, Pay Application #3 for \$54,093.01. Member Bondi said that the paperwork is all in the packet. The overall amount budget was \$415,040, total completed was \$143,794 retainage this particular draw was \$14,379.44, overall retainage as of today is \$129,414.91, previous application payment was \$75,321.90. This payment will be \$54,093.01. All the building releases and approvals are in your packet.

Member Davidson said she is just making a statement that she will be voting no. She said she voted no on all the others and will continue to vote no on this item because she does not think it should have been done in the beginning.

Member Bondi said that you are speaking of the laundry.

Member Davidson said yes.

Member Bondi said ok.

Member Kramer said that he wanted to add that this is for the safety of the nursing personal that works in the jail. They will actually have a room where they are secure and can meet with patients in a secure area. It was definitely needed at the jail.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Bacon, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Smith, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Boone— (13). Noes—Davidson-- (1). 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. As of last month, they averaged 106 patients in the nursing home in the month of June. They had 57 referrals last month and they converted 16 of them to admissions. Last month they billed out \$937,000, their total expenses were \$811,000, and they made a profit of over \$100,000 last month. Right now, in the bank they have \$1.583 million dollars and, in the referendum, just shy of a million dollars at \$990,000 right now.

Chair Hawkinson asked if the referendum includes the last tax distribution.

Member Bacon said that they have received part of them.

Treasurer Davis said that one will deposit on Friday.

Member Bacon said that right now they have \$990,000 before the one that will hit this Friday. He thanks to Administrator Mines, they do a good job out there. He said that everyone should go check it out. It is really a nice place to go and he hears all good things about it.

Chair Hawkinson stated that the reports from the outside committees are on the G-drive. 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 Kramer to approve Opening of Budget for Line Item Changes. 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— (0). Motion carried.

Chair Hawkinson said that the budget line item changes have been in your packet since Friday. There are quite a few this month. Which is about normal for mid-year when people are starting to get things squared away. What he does not see is for the nursing home. He asked if there were any budget changes.

Member Bacon said they had one on tax revenue change but that was last month.

Motion made by Member Weiss and seconded by Member Sandoval for the approval of Proposed Line Item Changes. 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— (0). Motion carried.

Chair Hawkinson said that the manual check review in the packet. The only additional one that is out of the ordinary is the \$42,398.45 that was paid to the Illinois EPA that was just approved. We have to pay that fee it is just paid off cycle when it is due. It is a short window that we have to pay it.

Member Friedrich said that it has been that way for years that they have had to do that.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the claims by Members for per diem and mileage for the Committee Meetings of July 2024, Board Meetings in June, and other claims for per diem from Meetings. Chair Hawkinson said the total was \$3,283.95. He passed the per diems around for every Board Member to have sufficient time to look over. 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— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Pugh to approve the claims against Knox County, Illinois for the period of June 27, 2024 through July 24, 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 \$2,449,347.68. 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— (0). Motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 28, 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 Bondi and seconded by Member Sandoval to adjourn the meeting. 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— (0). Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m.