

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

**June 26, 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, June 26th, 2024 at 6:02 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 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 1        Amanda Smith

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 and Supervisor of Assessments Sonia Hochstettler.

Sheriff Harlan delivered the Proclamation and Chair Hawkinson led the Members in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. In lieu of a formal invocation, Chair Hawkinson asked that a moment of silence be observed.

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

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.

Brian Jones said thank you for the opportunity to speak today. He is a resident in Winnebago County and a resident of Illinois for 64 years. He is a volunteer for United Sovereign citizens and not an official spokesperson. He said that he comes here today as a concerned citizen of the State of Illinois sharing alarming information about the states voter database uncovered after thousands of hours of research. That was conducted by their highly qualified and credential data team. He said things just do not balance. He related the votes to a checkbook balancing and discrepancy in companies books they would request an audit. Yearly audits are required by law for all public companies. He spoke about the 2022 election and saying it might not have been accurate or legally compliant. They are not saying one candidate won over another or that the election should be over turned. He spoke about the data and what votes were counted. He wanted to present the Board with a resolution demanding the end to the inaccuracy and uncertainty of our elections along with a summary of their findings along with the laws that apply. They are happy to meet with the Board when they have time to go over the information if they cannot approve tonight. They ask that you read, ask questions and vote promptly for its passage. If you need it on the agenda to pass and are unable to do it today then they hope that they will be invited back. They have their contact information that they will hand to the Chairperson that is on the document.

Cheryll Hill said she is a resident of Winnebago County and Illinois resident for 43 years. She is a volunteer for United Sovereign Americans and not an official spokesperson. She read aloud the resolution.

Jane Carrell said she is a resident of Winnebago County and an Illinois resident for 75 years. She is a volunteer for United Sovereign Americans and not an official spokesperson. She continued to read aloud the resolution.

Terry Mercer said he is a resident of Winnebago County and an Illinois resident for 65 years. He is a volunteer for United Sovereign Americans and not an official spokesperson. He continued to read aloud the resolution.

Dean Barker said he is a resident of Winnebago County and an Illinois resident for 66 years. He is a volunteer for United Sovereign Americans and not an official spokesperson. He

continued to read aloud the resolution and then presented Chair Hawkinson with the information and resolution.

Loretta Savee said she is a resident of Winnebago County and an Illinois resident for over 14 years. She is a volunteer for United Sovereign Americans and not an official spokesperson. She did a recap on everything that was read aloud from her fellow United Sovereign Americans that spoke tonight.

Ken Springer from KCAP wanted to give a quick update for the Board. The Knox County Area Partnership had a great annual meeting event that morning and he wanted to recap on a few points of the meeting and not go over the full 90 minutes of the event. He wanted to thank everyone that was able to attend. KCAP will tackle two new initiatives. One will initiate new market rate housing development in the community. Business said they are struggling to fill open positions in the area due to lack of desirable housing in the area. They are in the beginning stages of this. Secondly, organizing an annual community advocacy trip to Washington D.C. to seek federal support for key project initiatives in this region. This is a process many key initiatives take and have had good success with this type of advocacy. More detail will come forward on that. These new initiatives will not take away from anything KCAP is doing now. They are still here to help companies launch, locate and grow.

The second item he wanted to talk about is the Knox County CEO program. They are in the middle of the summer so not a lot is happening with it right now but if you are interested in supporting it they are holding a fundraiser golf event outing for this event on July 26<sup>th</sup> at Bunker Links. He said details and registration will be coming out soon on the Knox County IL CEO page and the Knox County Area Partnership page. He hopes to see you on the 26<sup>th</sup> of July if you like to play golf and they appreciate the support.

Chair Hawkinson thanked everyone for speaking.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Bacon to approve the following items of the consent agenda: 1) minutes of the regular Board Meeting on May 29, 2024 and 2) sales tax and various taxes for the month of March 2024 in the amounts of \$149,252.84 and \$32,026.24 and public safety tax in the amount of \$247,850.64. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen and Olinger— (13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Cohen to approve the Appointment of Member to Orpheum Theater Board of Dylana Larson. Chair Hawkinson said that this is a new appointment and all the required information is in the packet. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen and Olinger— (13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the MOU with Sheriff and Knox County Fair. Chair Hawkinson said that the MOU started last year to proper serving for the fair for payment and indemnity waiver if any problems which is same as last year other then the rate of pay changed. It Identifies the Knox County Sheriff and all County employees which was signed on June 20<sup>th</sup>.

Member Nache asked about the rate of pay this year verses last year.

Chair Hawkinson said \$48.97 for this year and he does not have the amount for last year but it was whatever the contractual agreement was.

Member Nache said so why it is different this year from last year.

Chair Hawkinson said it was due to the wage increase from the contract.

Member Nache said ok.

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

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Weiss to approve the Resolution to Amend Deadline for ARPA Award for the National Railroad Hall of Fame. Chair Hawkinson said that the previous resolution on file allocated for \$250,000 by July 1, 2024. It was recommended by the committees to authorize the extension to go through to August 21, 2024. That is the only change in the resolution. This would still give the County the time modify or reallocate any funds not used before towards this project before the December 31<sup>st</sup> ARPA deadline.

Member Davidson asked what is the reason why it is taking so long to allocate the money.

Chair Hawkinson said that they have to raise seven million dollars and this would be the last \$250,000 to complete.

Member Bondi said that they are north of six million dollars that has been raised and now plan on making calls on the national level for the rest of the funds needed. They feel that they will be able to exceed that within the next 60-day period if not less.

Member Davidson said \$500,000 from a donator.

Member Bondi said the \$500,000 was gifted as a matching fund and just an update of what was gifted in the last 30 days. Last month was like a million five.

Member Davidson said she does not want penalties due to people not making their promises complete for their ARPA money.

Member Bacon asked Member Bondi if when the seven million is raised will the construction start then or what does this mean.

Member Bondi said that all the pledges will be in a written form and then they will finalize with engineering for the building. They have the preliminary concept building already designed and put together. The final drawings will be put together and the final bids will be put out for the actual construction.

Member Bacon said so once the seven million is raised then it is a go on the whole project.

Member Bondi said yes, it is a go.

Member Bacon asked if there was any time frame on it.

Member Bondi said he thinks they would break ground next year.

Member Bacon said cool.

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

Member Friedrich said that the monthly report from the Ways and Means Committees are in the packet. He said that they had the insurance company present at the committee about item number 11. There is a budget meeting tomorrow and will meet at the Annex. They are starting early so they can get done early and not in a crunch like in previous years.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the Resolution on Deed of Conveyance. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen and Olinger— (13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve Case # CU-01-24 – Breezy Meadow Energy Facility LLC. Member Friedrich said that item 8 & 9 are the same permit just different properties. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes— Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Bondi, Cohen and Olinger— (12). Noes— (0). Abstain---Friedrich---(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve Case # CU-04-24 – Breezy Meadow Energy Facility LLC. Member Friedrich said this is the same just a different property. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Bondi, Cohen and Olinger— (12). Noes— (0). Abstain---Friedrich---(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve Mail Machine Purchase and Lease. Member Friedrich said that this is the for the Treasurer’s Office and we will need to buy another one in the future. This one will be compliant with the new requirement by the Post Office and cheaper.

Chair Hawkinson said that we are currently paying \$651.77 per month for 60 months and the new one would be \$505.08 per month for 60 months.

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

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve Amendment to Health Insurance Plan effective July 1, 2024. Chair Hawkinson said that they are above the threshold for HSA. They have to raise the deductible to keep HSA for employees.

Treasurer Davis said that it would change to \$1,600/\$3,000 for single and \$3,200/\$6,000 for family.

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

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Cohen to approve Wage Increases for State’s Attorney, Public Defender, and Sheriff. Member Friedrich said that the State put out the raise for the State’s Attorney, Sheriff, and Public Defender. The State pays some and we have to pay some too.

Member Bacon said that he voted no in committee because the increase is 4.7% and his Social Security did not go up 4.7%. He said \$175,000 and \$200,000 per year is still wrong and he is voting no.

Member Davidson stated that the State pays a percentage of the wages.

Member Bondi asked what happens if it is voted down.

Member Friedrich stated that we are on the hook for 100% and State will not reimburse anything.

Chair Hawkinson said the State’s Attorney would make \$206,715.95, the Public Defender \$186,044.36 and the Sheriff \$165,372.76 per year. He said the State pays two thirds of it.

Member Thierry asked what the State pays.

Member Friedrich said that the State pays two thirds of it.

Member Bacon said that the State should pay 100% of it.

Treasurer Davis said that the State pays 100% of the increase.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen and Olinger— (11). Noes— Nache and Bacon--(2). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the Resolution to Amend Deadline for ARPA Award to Oneida Telephone Company. Member Friedrich asked David Amor to come up and speak on this.

David Amor said that Oneida Telephone Company has requested to have the deadline extended until September 30, 2024. They are just waiting for State to receive their portion of the grant.

Chair Hawkinson said that it was to expire June 30, 2024 and this is to extend it to the end of September so they have time to receive the grant from State.

Mr. Amor said that the other item on the agenda is also to extend Frontier from June 30,2024 to September 30, 2024 also. It also gives you time to reallocate the money if needed.

Member Bondi asked how many recipients of fiber this would affect.

Mr. Amor said the Oneida Telephone ones are about 200 household in each of the Oneida and Henderson Township. The Frontier area of Cedar, Indian Point and Chestnut Townships for a total of 585 households.

Member Bondi said on the documents that each of these providers have signed off on they were actually prepared by the State of Illinois. He said even though it is being reviewed by other State agencies it was first prepared by the State of Illinois.

Mr. Amor said yes.

Member Bondi asked about things being done to protocol.

Mr. Amor said that they are compliant with the fiscal location and there should be no issues with the survey since it is all done.

Member Nache said she had more of a comment that everyone should have had their ducks in a row already. They had ample time to get it done. She said so she voted no.

Chair Hawkinson said he wanted to clarify that the motion on the floor is only for item 13 to amend the deadline for Oneida Telephone Company extending it to September 30, 2024 to give them time to receive grant. They have received confirmation that they are a recipient of the grant Connect Illinois.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen and Olinger— (11). Noes— Nache---(1). Abstain---Bacon---(1). Motion carried.

Motion made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the Resolution to Amend Deadline for ARPA Award to Citizens Telecommunications Company of Illinois (DBA Frontier). Mr. Amor spoke on this briefly about it.

Chair Hawkinson said that his comment that he made at the committee meeting is that his beef is the resolution that was issued back in October 2023 was sent to Frontier and their lawyers rejected the resolution. Their lawyers would not allow them to sign it. They have since signed it. With the stipulation of removing one of the items that provides internet access to government entities and facilities because the funding is not there for that. The positive is that it does serve up to almost 600 households.

Mr. Amor said that they agreed to sign the amended. The hesitation on the original letter of agreement was that it might leave them on the hook for something a county employee did. So, they wanted to hold off until they knew that the grant program was going to go forward so they were not committed. They have now removed that concern.

Member Friedrich said this does serve one of the most underserved parts of the county.

Mr. Amor said yes this is the part of the county that has the most under and unserved locations as far as the Illinois Broadband Map has been able to determine.

Member Friedrich said thank you Mr. Amor.

Member Weiss said that he was at the economic development event this morning and afterwards he was approached by at least 15 people about this very thing. They want this pushed through. They want these people to get this and people are starting to get hot over this. He just wanted to let everyone know.

Chair Hawkinson said this is just for clarification to that this does not fully allocate the money this just extends the deadline until September 30, 2024. Along with all the other resolutions the State's Attorney has been involved with drafting the documents of awarding for this. This project is still going through the preapproval stage and has not been approved by the State of Illinois not quit yet. It is still being reviewed.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen and Olinger— (11). Noes— Nache---(1). Abstain---Bacon---(1). Motion carried.

Member Friedrich said that they will meet tomorrow for the budget meeting so they can start early. This is probably the earliest he has ever started one. He will be talking to the Department Heads to get more meetings set up and scheduled to keep moving on.

Member Kramer said that the monthly report from the Public Safety and Justice Committees are in the packet. Superintendent Steck from the Mary Davis Home presented her report and Chief Deputy May did the Sheriff's report for the committee.

Motion made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Weiss to approve the Use of E-Citation System. Member Kramer said that earlier this year the City of Galesburg and the Sheriff's Office combined to upgraded their records management system. Part of the upgrade is to go to an E-Citation System which would avoid having to use carbon copies for an accident or traffic stop. The E-Citation System would be all digital which would get submitted to the Circuit Clerk's Office. It is upgrading the system that they have had for a long time. He said that he did misspeak at the committee. He said that the actual amount that they will need to upgrade is \$57,056.44. That is splitting the cost with the City of Galesburg. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen and Olinger— (12). Noes—Davidson---(1). 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 Nache to approve Change Order #3 for Leachate Project. Member Bondi read that the change order includes adjustments to the value actuator at the connection from the old to the new system, and adjustments to the gas header piping. The proposed value actuator will close automatically upon power failure. In the event of power failure, the pump in the new lift station will not operate, and if the valve coming from the landfill remains open, the lift station could fill with leachate and overflow. The proposed "fail close" actuator will prevent the lift station from overflowing. The adjustments to the gas header piping were based on field conditions and allow for the easier future connection and future access in case of pipe maintenance. These adjustments will save on connections and maintenance cost in the future. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen and Olinger— (13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.



Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Nache to approve the Bid for 2025 Kenworth Roll-Off Truck from CTI for \$207,749. Member Bondi read that the approved bid by the committee was for \$207,749.00 for a 2025 Kenworth Roll-Off truck from CTI. They received three bids, with CTI out of Morton Illinois, being the lowest bid by \$57,670.00. This will come out of line item 012-422-580590-45 Truck Lease-Hauling will be utilized. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi and Olinger— (12). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the Bid for Financing of 826K Compactor Complete Rebuild – Estimated Final Cost \$480,000. Member Bondi read that this is for the Cat 826K compactor rebuild will be completed soon. The Treasurer is presently solicitating bids from the local lending institutions and the lowest/best interest will be accepted. The monthly payment will be paid out of line item 012-000-750000-45, Equipment Payment. He said that Tompkins State Bank bid a rate of 4.45% for a 4-year period and was unanimously approved at committee.

Chair Hawkinson said that he just wanted to make sure that people are not confused that the 826K is a model not the dollar amount.

Member Bondi said correct.

Chair Hawkinson said that the Treasurers Office reached out to 10 banks in the county and four had no responses.

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

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the Resolution for Award for Cedar Township Culvert Project Bid – Section 17-01132-77-BR. Member Bondi read that this project is located at the southeast corner of Lake Bracken, just north of Hillbrook Estates on TR 52. The existing drainage structure was built in 1974 and it carries traffic over a tributary of Brush Creek. The structure consists of two (2), nine (9) foot diameter corrugated steel culvert pipes. The Illinois Department of Transportation completed an in-depth inspection on this structure on September 2, 2021. Both culverts have rusted through at several locations along the waterline. The existing drainage structure is limited to legal loads only. The drainage structure will be cast in place concrete box culvert consisting of three (3) 12 ft. x 12 ft. barrels, 101 lin. Ft. in length. Bids for this project were opened on June 17, 2024. There were four bidders. The lowest responsible bid, in the amount of \$1,464,417.50, was submitted by Brandt Construction Co., Milan, IL. The Engineer's Estimate was \$1,473,922.50. This project will be funded with \$800,000 in Township Bridge Program funds, with the remaining \$664,417.50 split between Cedar Township and Knox County. The funding for this project is included in the 23/24 County Bridge Fund budget.

Chair Hawkinson said that he had one question for Administrator Ratermann. For this location project how will this effect the traffic flow from Lake Bracken residents.

Administrator Ratermann said that he does not see it affecting them that much. The Hillbrook residents will just have to go south on the gravel road and they will follow the signs.

Chair Hawkinson said so there is an alternate route.

Administrator Ratermann said yes.

Chair Hawkinson said thank you.

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

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Nache to approve the Resolution for Award of MFT Aggregate Bid for Victoria Township – Section 24-20000-00-GM. Member Bondi read that this item was previously bid and awarded in March of this year. The item is 1,350 tons of CA/CM6 Aggregate Furnished and Spread in various location in Victoria Township. Last month, we discovered the CA/CM6 aggregate material that was specified in the March 14 bidding documents was not what the Highway Commissioner had requested when he set his MFT Maintenance program up with us in January. The award from the March letting has been cancelled and we are re-bidding this with the revised aggregate specification. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen and Olinger— (13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Pugh to approve Invoice for new Tandem Dump Truck Cab and Chassis. Member Bondi read that in early 2023, large truck manufacturers were struggling to meet the demands. Many of the manufacturers were focusing on the production of over-the-road semi chassis instead of chassis for vocational dump trucks. In February of 2023, Quincy Mach reached out to Administrator Ratermann and said they were hoping to be allotted some chassis build slots from MACK and would we be interested in one. With the uncertainty in the market at that time Administrator Ratermann committed to a potential build slot that Quincy Mack was offering. At that time, the cost of the new chassis or the actual delivery time was still uncertain. In June 2023, Quincy Mack informed Administrator Ratermann that they did receive a build slot but delivery date and final cost were still uncertain. In October 2023, Quincy Mack informed us the chassis would-be built-in May/June of 2024 and the cost would be \$140,527, based on the specifications we provided. It occurred to Administrator Ratermann this week they have not presented this to the County Board for approval of the purchase. This is a Sourcewell price so the bidding requirement have been satisfied. The purchase of the tandem cab & chassis was included in this year's budget.

Chair Hawkinson said he just wanted to reiterate that the \$140,527 was discussed last year and it was inserted in this year's budget and they were expecting for this expenditure. He asked if this was correct.

Administrator Ratermann said yes.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen and Olinger— (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 wanted to thank Member Nache for taking the minutes again. She does a good job. As of today's, date they had 108 residents and during the year they have averaged 108 per month which is up from last year. In the packet you will see we made some budget changes. Last year they based their budget on 85 residents and on 100 resident expenses so they were quit a bit over on a lot of line items. He sat down with Administrator Mines, Meg and himself and they calculated a bunch of stuff. They increased their revenue, calculated their revenue going up and calculated their expenses going up. The budget changes will equal out to what they should use by the end of the year so they should not have any more. As of right now in the bank we have \$1.627 million dollars and, in the referendum, they have \$1,016,000. They are starting their budget stuff next week and they are going to budget a little higher this time but not going to go overboard. He just wanted to let everyone know. He asked if there were any questions and he said that he did not. He said thank you very much.

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 Kramer and seconded by Member Bacon to approve Opening of Budget for Line Item Changes. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen and Olinger— (13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Chair Hawkinson said that the budget changes are on the Google drive. There are some for the State's Attorney, Public Defender and Sheriff to match 4.7% increase of wages. Also, for movement of funds for the State's Attorney for overtime. Several for the Nursing Home that Member Bacon had talked about already and several for the Health Department.

Motion made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Kramer for the approval of Proposed Line Item Changes. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen and Olinger— (12). Noes— Bacon ---(1). Motion carried.

Chair Hawkinson said that the manual check review in the packet. There were the ordinary mid-cycle manual checks issued and he mentioned one mid-month check for \$82,586 for Pitney-Bowes.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Weiss to approve the claims by Members for per diem and mileage for the Committee Meetings of June 2024, Board Meetings in May, and other claims for per diem from Meetings. Chair Hawkinson said the total

was \$3,508.21, Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen and Olinger— (13). Noes— (0). Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Pugh to approve the claims against Knox County, Illinois for the period of May 30, 2024 through June 26, 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 \$2,801,569.40. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes— Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Bondi, Cohen and Olinger— (12). Noes— Friedrich---(1). Motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 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 Sandoval and seconded by Member Bondi to adjourn the meeting. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Nache, Bacon, Davidson, Hawkinson, Sandoval, Weiss, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Friedrich, Bondi, Cohen and Olinger— (13). Noes— (0). Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.