

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

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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, January 29th, 2025 at 6:02 p.m. This meeting was presented via teleconference for viewing only. The YouTube channel link can be found on the County website. You can view the meeting on the Knox County YouTube channel. After the meeting is over you review it and are able to download it.

The Meeting was called to order by County Board Chair Jared Hawkinson and upon roll call the following Members reported present:

District 1	Tracy Robertson
District 2	Erin Pugh
District 3	Kimberly Thierry
District 4	Joshua Kramer
District 5	Ricardo “Rick” Sandoval
District 2	Jennifer Fredrick
District 4	Jared Hawkinson
District 5	Patty Boone
District 1	Anthony Weiss
District 3	Samuel Cohen
District 4	Todd Olinger
District 5	Brian Friedrich

And those absent:	District 1	Cheryl Nache
	District 3	Pamela Davidson
	District 2	Robert Bondi

Also present were County Clerk-Recorder Scott Erickson, County Treasurer Chief Deputy Tracey Bailey and Sheriff Chief Deputy Lindsey May. Department Heads present were Nursing Home Administrator Jodi Mines, Knox County Public Health Administrator Michele Gabriel, Landfill Administrator Rod Clear and Supervisor of Assessments Sonia Hochstettler.

***Member Davidson arrived at 6:03pm

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

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

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 stated that he is with the Knox County Partnership for Economic Development and giving his monthly report. They are very excited to announced the very first project that is going to land in Galesburg Business Park. On January 10th, KCAP and the City of Galesburg announced their efforts to secure federal funding in order to land a large intermodal/ag project in Galesburg Business Park which was successful. The City of Galesburg has been awarded \$25 million in funding from the USDOT RAISE grant program to support the installation of rail track and switching into the property formerly known as Logistic Park now called Galesburg Business Park. The grant is part of a larger \$54 million project that will see the first construction in the park. The City began seeking funds for this project back in 2022.

The DeLong Co. will construct an intermodal agricultural export facility on the site which will occupy approximately 100 acres of the 329-acre, City-owned site. The DeLong Company is a 6th generation, family owned business that is headquartered in Clinton, WI. The company operates 37 locations around the U.S. This project will have a significant impact on the region's ag community by opening a new export pathway for commodities to Asia. The way the project is going to function is locally-grown commodities will be containerized on the site and then shipped west via the BNSF rail to the west coast ports for export. This overland rail shipping route reduces cargo transit by approximately 4,000 miles compared to using the Mississippi River, Port of New Orleans and Panama Canal pathway.

This is a big project for KCAP and they are very excited to be able to report on this. This announcement comes on the heels of the City's recent Thrushwood Farms expansion announcement for the former Maytag facility. Combined, these two projects bring over \$100 million in new capital investment to the Knox County Area. That was the big thing for tonight so thank you very much.

Chair Hawkinson thanked Mr. Springer for speaking and said good work.

Motion was made by Member Weiss and seconded by Member Fredrick to approve the following items of the consent agenda: 1) minutes of the regular Board Meeting on December 29, 2025, and December 2, 2024 Organizational Meeting and 2) sales tax and various taxes for the month of October 2024 in the amounts of \$179,503.19 and \$45,958.13 and public safety tax in the amount of \$270,817.72. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger, and Friedrich— (13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Chair Hawkinson stated that item number three is a presentation from the Galesburg Public Transportation which is part of the City of Galesburg and Craig Boynton is the one in charge at the GPT. He said two weeks ago they had a brief meeting out at the public transportation building. They had some folks come in to give a presentation on where the GPT is at on the very infant stages of rural transportation outside of the City of Galesburg. He thought that it was significant enough that he asked Craig Boynton to come and provide some information. There is a handout that came to all the Board Members. This handout will go on the county's webpage and Mr. Boynton will hit on that as well. He encourages those in the public to fill the survey out as well as the Board Members. The surveys go back to Mr. Boynton.

Craig Boynton said thank you for having him. He is the Transit Manager for Galesburg Public Transportation for the City of Galesburg. They recently completed a transit study with Nelson Nygard in December which was to look at the capacity for their transportation in Knox County. Since that portion of the study has now been completed at the direction of the Illinois Department of Transportation they have now moved in to the process of a primary process as they call it for transportation. This is in conjunction with RTEC which is the Rural Transportation Advisory Committee that is out of Macomb. They are working with them to see what their capacity is for serving those folks that are out in the county. Many of you that know about their transportation or have used their transportation system in the last fiscal year they have provided approximately 120,000 rides between or fixed route system and their para transport system. The para transport system is at 15-16,000 rides currently. As they move out into the county it is going to be a population of about 20,000 more people than what is in Galesburg. That growth potential is there and they know that the need is there just on the basis of the calls they received already. The survey that is going out right now is for agencies and also for people that might be out in the county that are restricted and have transportation issues. If you know of organizations out in your area that they might not know of, it would be great if you would contact him and he will get with those organizations. That way they can get them to complete the survey and get a better handle of where they will move forward. As Chair Hawkinson has stated they are in the infancy stages. So, it is not a switch where they are going to turn it on right away and have transportation out in the county. They need to make sure they have the capacity to serve those individuals out there by staffing and have vehicles that are in good shape for them.

Chair Hawkinson said just a note from when they had their discussion at the last meeting. There is significant need from when Member Davidson we talked about it five years ago initially. There is a definite need and this is the first step. They have to know where the need is at first. We all know that the need is there. GPT cannot just jump in and cover everywhere without knowing where the need is at. There are specific locations that will be served first based on the response for need. There is going to be a need for funding to secure equipment of vehicles. This is the first positive step for rural transportation. He encourages everyone to complete the survey. If you are part of a civic group such as Lions Club, Rotary, etc. take it to them and pass it out to whatever group you belong to whether it is in the city or in the county. Data is gold when it comes to stuff like this.

Mr. Boynton said if anyone has questions come up to please reach out to him and he would be happy to answer their questions.

Member Davidson said that there used to be money allocated to the county and it sat there for years. She wondered if it was still available to help with getting vehicles and different things like that. Also, would lobbying our elected officials like the legislatures to see how they can do it. She knows Springfield has an outstanding Sangamon countywide transit system. They

started small to and had to find out where the need was. She asked Chair Hawkinson if there was anyway to find out if that money was still available and was like a couple of million that was sitting out there.

Chair Hawkinson said that they can reach out to all of their legislative officials and see if there is funding that they know of.

Member Davidson said that they had the money five years ago.

Chair Hawkinson said that he is not aware of any money that is still there waiting for the county to use. It could be stashed away that nobody knows of but he would hope that Nelson Nygard which is the firm that has been hired to do a lot of this work that they may have found funding avenues. They will definitely use all the sources that they can get.

Member Cohen said he believes it was said earlier of the agency survey is on the city website. He asked if there was a way to put it on the county website or if it was already there.

Chair Hawkinson said that it is going to be put on the county website. He has the digital version and he will put it on the website with instructions. It will also be on the City Facebook page.

Mr. Boynton said that it will be on the Transportation Facebook page.

Member Boone asked what the timeframe is that they need to return the surveys by.

Mr. Boynton said that they would like to have them in by the end of February. There is a total of four counties in Illinois that they are working with to get the countywide transportation going. He said he should say that there are only four counties left in Illinois that to not offer countywide transportation. They are working with all of them to get them up and going.

Chair Hawkinson thanked Mr. Boynton for taking the time to come, give an update, provide the survey and answer any questions about the rural transportation. Like they all said in the meeting it could potentially grow to be a significant piece of public transportation in the county.

Mr. Boynton said that they are excited and terrified all at the same time.

Chair Hawkinson said that he agrees and thanked Mr. Boynton again for taking the time to speak.

Mr. Boynton said thank you.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Fredrick to approve the appointment to Orpheum Board of Directors of Greg Norris. Chair Hawkinson said that this is a new appointment. His information and resume are in the packet. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger, and Friedrich— (13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Weiss to approve the Resolution Declaring Emergency for Nursing Home Domestic Hot Water. Chair Hawkinson said that the resolution is in the packet which was sent out on Friday when the packet was made available. He gave some quick headlines on it. On January 6, the Nursing Home Administrator notified the committee chair and himself that the domestic hot water system had failed and needed some emergency attention. They contacted their vendor for repairs and the repair was completed the next day. The vendor found the part of the control unit that had failed which was overnighted so they could complete it the next day. Last Monday they were notified that the hot water system had failed again. This failure caused fluctuating water temperatures and insufficient water pressure. They were concerned with Legionnaires' Diseases or chance of someone getting

burned such as staff or a resident. They were having fluctuating water temps from low too high to high which could not be maintained. After some discussion with the committee chair, vice-chair, himself and the Nursing Home Administrator they decided since this imposes an immediate risk to the residents it was determined to move forward with the vendor ordering two of the four domestic hot water system replacements. The performance contract that was approved back in October called for the replacement of all four of the hot water heaters in the building. Currently with the two heaters that had to be moved forward with replacement of that will take care of two of those. Once they move forward with the bid process then the other two will be put out for bid. He explained why there are four. There are two that are active and two that are backups in order to maintain property regulated temperatures of water for the whole facility. Even though there was no substantial issue they still had to report this to IDPH due to the failure of domestic hot water even though no one was injured. If they would have waited they could have had an injury and he was not willing to chance that.

Member Davidson asked if they have a cost tied to it.

Chair Hawkinson said the quote is for \$391,037 which is the scope for the work. The advantages right now are that portion of the bill will not be billed to the county until the performance contracting work is complete.

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

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Weiss to approve the Resolution Amending County Board Rules. Chair Hawkinson said that the resolution is in the board packet. As was discussed last month it was requested by Member Davidson to add a section for closing remarks by board members. This would be a modification of Board Rules under Article 4 Section 1am under the announcement of miscellaneous adding Section 3 closing remarks by the board members. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Davidson and Cohen— (5). Noes— Kramer, Sandoval, Fredrick, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Olinger, and Friedrich (8). Motion failed.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Fredrick to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Sheriff and FOP Sergeant and Lieutenants Union. Chair Hawkinson said it is in the packet and this is an oversight from the negotiations that they just had in November. This modifies the contract for the entire bargaining unit and adds Section 16.11 which is the Line of Duty Death Benefit. The wording was incorrect and this just brings it to match the wording of the other bargaining units within the Sheriff's Department. The patrol and the corrections for in Line Duty of Death. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes— Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger, and Friedrich— (13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve Memorandum of Understanding with Sheriff and FOP Patrol Union. Chair Hawkinson said that the unsigned Memorandum of Understanding is in the packet but he does have the signed copy from the FOP and the Sheriff. Last year they did a MOU with the patrol unit to activate the 12-hour patrol shifts and that was for one year. This adds it into the current contract for the life of the current contract and amends the holidays to mirror the use it or use it clause that is in every

other contract. It also updates the rotation for the 12-hour shifts and this applies to the entire patrol unit. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger, and Friedrich— (13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Fredrick to approve creation of County Planning Commission. Chair Hawkinson said that this will be an Agriculture Planning Commission. In 1992 there was a request by a parcel owner in Knox County to participate in an agricultural area. It has nothing to do with zoning. It only has to do with the Illinois Department of Agriculture. The federal side that funds the Illinois Department of Agriculture makes it a protected parcel. On Friday they received a petition to remove four parcels from this agricultural area. Under the statute 505ILCS5/3 which covers the agriculture area, it says to withdrawal from that area it contradicts itself. In one area it is to be handled by the County Board by appointing or referring to a county agriculture area commission or a regional planning commission which they do not have either. He solicited Ken Springers help since he has his hands in different areas of the region. He reached out to some other counties. The only one that has an agriculture commission is Peoria County and they have never used it. There is a time limit that they have to act on as a County Board. He is looking for as an Agriculture Commission has to consist of two republican, full time farmers, two democrat full time farmers and one County Board member. He is looking for authorization from the board to solicit and appoint 2 republican and 2 democratic farmers. He is also looking for a board member willing to serve on this commission.

Member Thierry asked if that board member needed any certain requirements.

Chair Hawkinson said the petitioners did most of the leg work. They have to have adjoining parcels of the withdrawal sign the petition. He invited Supervisor of Assessments Hochstettler up to speak on this.

Assessor Hochstettler said that they have spoke to some of the neighbors but not gotten signatures. It is the same family that owns a bunch of ground that has put this together. They have been assisting them on what they have to do because this generation now that has the grown was not even aware of it. The older generation had kind of forgotten about it too. They have done the leg work and she said the Assessor's office has assisted in doing the leg work for them to get the petitions together based on what the statues requires. Part of the steps will be to publish the petitions for the public to know and have hearings to address the request. Then within a certain time frame give a response. Back in 1992, they did have to create a commission for a time for this to be enacted. At one point they had it, used it while they needed it, and then probably dissolved it when it was no longer needed. Now, it is just getting another one back together and helping them pull out these parcels.

Chair Hawkinson said right. He said part of the requirements is you have to have the neighboring parcels made aware. You have to have it published in a local newspaper if available. It has to be posted in five conspicuous spots within that area that is being affected. Have a public hearing within 90 days of the receipt of the petition for withdrawal. The Agriculture Area Commission takes all that information and makes sure all the I's are noted and T's crossed. They then report back to the County Board and we consider the resolution for approval of withdrawal of that parcel or parcels.

Assessor Hochstettler said correct and then your resolution would be an addendum to the original one which she supplied copies of. It will have some verbiage that will say the addendum

now excludes these legals. Everything is based on their legal descriptions instead of by parcel numbers. She does have them though to put in it as well.

Chair Hawkinson said that it was originally approved by Richard Allen who was the chairperson at the time on July 15, 1992 according to the resolution.

Member Weiss asked what the reasoning was behind why they want the parcels removed.

Chair Hawkinson said that it has to do with the ability for revenue for the land. He said under an agriculture area they are restricted to what kind of revenue they can make or bring in on the parcels. If they are not part of an agriculture area there are alternate revenues that they could utilize on those parcels.

Member Kramer stated since it is coming out of his committee he will take the lead on it. Since he kind of knows the background on it and has worked with the Assessor a little bit on it.

Chair Hawkinson said since there is a time frame on this he wants to get approval to appoint two republican farmers and two democate farmers. Once those names are brought forward they would make phone calls to every board member as well as making that notification. They would still have to come back in 90 days to take action on it. Right now, he is just looking for approval to be able to form the committee.

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

Member Friedrich said that the monthly report from the Ways and Means Committees are in the packet. He said that January and February are their honeymoon months when they do not have a lot going on so it is low for them but it doesn't take long to ramp up.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Weiss to approve the Resolution on Deeds of Conveyance. Member Friedrich said that this month they have one Deed of Conveyance which is in the packet. Last month they had fifty-eight. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger, and Friedrich— (13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the Polling Place Location Change. Member Friedrich said that he will let Clerk Erickson talk after he gets done to add anything. He said in Abingdon there are several polling locations in the City which has been very confusing for people when they go to the wrong place and get frustrated. Clerk Erickson has found an avenue to combine some of these locations so we do not have constituents going to the wrong place and they maybe not going to the right place to be able to vote. It has been quite the confusion down there.

Clerk Erickson said the location that has been chosen is the new community center which is right across from the high school. It used to be a former nursing home. A church has taken over the facility but have a separate group that handles the operation of the community center. They are trying to get it off the ground and more awareness for the facility. They reached out to us along with some of the township members from Cedar Township. The facility has plenty of room and are proposing doing something like what they do within the City of Knoxville. We call it the Super Knox precinct where all four precincts go to the High School gymnasium which is within the City of Knoxville. We would do a Super Cedar with bringing Cedar one, two and four

which are within the city limits and bring those into this location. Cedar three would stay out at Lake Bracken and would not move with this proposal. This would give those voters easier access with not being confused of which polling place they should be at. It will also help with election judges. It would be very beneficial for the community and appreciates positive support for this.

Member Thierry asked what the constituents thought of this change and if they had been asked. She said that based on the conversation is that they had not been asked.

Clerk Erickson said that they have not been asked but based on the few constituents that know since this has been in talks for about a year or longer. The word is out there since the township people are talking and have been involved. They have asked when they are moving but no formal notification yet. The voters in those precincts will be notified if approved tonight by press release, post card mailers to notify them of where their new polling location will be at and put signs up at the old polling locations to direct them to the proper location.

Member Thierry said that you mentioned another Abingdon location that you did this at.

Clerk Erickson said three precincts would be affected within the city. Cedar 3 is the Lake Bracken area itself so that polling place would not be moved.

Member Thierry said that you talked about another community that you did this at and they were ok with it and it went well.

Clerk Erickson said yes.

Member Thierry asked where that was.

Clerk Erickson said that is the City of Knoxville one. We do that currently and have done that for years within the City of Knoxville. They love it.

Member Thierry said that she brought that up because based on that experience you feel it will work.

Clerk Erickson said yes and not concerned with it having an adverse effect on the Abingdon area. It should encourage and help as well.

Member Thierry said thank you.

Clerk Erickson said he appreciates the questions and thank you.

Member Davidson asked how long were they at those areas and asked if they changed during the last census.

Clerk Erickson said that they have not changed polling locations in Abingdon for a long time. During the last census they stayed the same.

Member Davidson said two censuses then.

Clerk Erickson said right now the current polling locations are city hall, police station which is now the sheriff's annex station and the township building. So, the voters would now be going to that other location. Before it was moved to the police station they were at the grade school. They asked for us to find another location other than the grade school. They then moved to a business location by where Subway and the ice cream store is at. That location was done for two election cycles and was not successful. The last election there the building had shifted in the weather and couldn't open the main door so they had to use the back door to get voters in. After that they moved it to the police station. There have been some concerns since we use city hall they have to shut down for the day. This will allow them to have their city hall offices open again. There has also been concern in other communities but not ours of using police stations for polling locations. We have never had a problem with it but some of the more urban communities have had some concerns with that. So, this helps some of those situations to get ahead of the curve of somethings.

Member Davidson said that she understands but if it has been all that time she does not understand why people would be confused of where to go. She asked about Indian Point.

Clerk Erickson said that is the southern part of that area and a separate township that butts into part of the Abingdon area. Right now, Indian Point Township votes at the Abingdon High School in their equipment room. At some point in time we may look at moving those across but at this point we do not want to move those additional polling places across. He wants to leave them where they are sitting at.

Member Davidson said thank you.

Member Boone said she was really happy to see it on the agenda because it has good parking and when new people move in and out of the community it is hard to understand which actual polling location you are for cedar. She 100% supports it and she is an Abingdon area person.

Member Sandoval said that he is one of those constituents in Cedar and he has voted at the township hall ever since he has started to vote and doesn't think it will be a problem.

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

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve Bid and Bring Back for Replacement Security Cameras for Courthouse, Jail and Mary Davis Home. Member Friedrich said they got a bid once before for the courthouse and jail but they are adding the Mary Davis Home to it. That way all three would be on the same system so the sheriff would be able to look at the Mary Davis Home if there are problems and get notification of what is going on. In the past they have not had that option. Chief Deputy May is here if there are any questions about this and explain it as the sheriff did at the committee meeting. They want to have access to be able to look to see what is going on so they can see it before they even get a phone call on it. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger, and Friedrich— (13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve Bid and Bring Back for Replacement Security System for Mary Davis Home. Member Friedrich said this follows the last one and just trying to update the security system there. The Sheriff's department doesn't have easy access to get in there and this would allow them to have easier access to get in there when there is a situation. This will give them immediate access without having to have someone from inside the Mary Davis Home give them access. This will eliminate someone from having to step away from a situation to let them in. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger, and Friedrich— (13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve Resolution to Abate Levy for General Obligation Alternate Revenue Bonds, Series 2010A and Series 2010B, for Tax Year 2024 (Build America Bonds and Recovery Zone Bonds). Member Friedrich said that Item 15 and 16 are the same thing that they do every year. This keeps the taxpayers from paying the bonds and we pay them out of revenue we already have. It will be same for Item 16 as well. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry,

Kramer, Sandoval, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger, and Friedrich— (13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Fredrich to approve Resolution to Abate Levy for General Obligation Alternate Revenue Bonds, Series 2022 for Tax Year 2024. Chair Hawkinson said again same as Item 15. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger, and Friedrich— (13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Member Thierry said from the Public Service Committees they had no action items. They had a vote and their vice-chair is Member Sandoval and the secretary is Member Fredrich. Of the five department heads they had just two show up. So, one of the things that they talked about is to have the department heads attend the meeting so if they had any questions on bills they could inquire about them. They had a couple of requests from board members with contracts with the Mary Davis Home and Waste Removal. They requested that be present next time. With the coroner they talked about a housing location for her as well as up and coming purchases. All that information is in the board packet.

Member Davidson said that Member Thierry did a wonderful job for first time chairing. The department heads expecting them to sign their bills need to come to the committee meetings and discuss it.

Chair Hawkinson said Member Bondi is traveling abroad and sent him a picture from Egypt today so in his seat is Member Cohen.

Member Cohen presented the monthly report from the Infrastructure Committee and stated that the monthly report is in the drive. He said news from the committee as Chair Hawkinson said Member Bondi is living the high life. He thanked new and old members for how productive they were.

Motion was made by Cohen and seconded by Member Pugh to approve the Invoice from IEPA for Quarterly Tonnage Fee of \$37,756.06. Member Cohen said all landfills are required to pay the IEPA a quarterly fee based on the amount of waste disposed of the prior three months. They will be seeing this again throughout the year. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger, and Friedrich— (13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Cohen and seconded by Member Pugh to approve the Bid and Bring Back for Mowing and Bailing at Stegall Landfill. Member Cohen said this is a 3-year contract when it comes to mowing and bailing the Stegall Landfill. The gentlemen that we accepted the contract from was very generous in what he offered. He was more than willing to terminate the contract when it came to the year being up. They are putting out the bid since he did not exercise his option to continue with the contract. So, we will be getting bids soon and they pay us to mow and bail it. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger, and Friedrich— (13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Cohen and seconded by Member Weiss to approve Continuation of Service Agreement with Foth Infrastructure for 2025. Member Cohen said this is an agreement to continue the relationship with Foth for the landfills consulting, engineering and design need for the calendar year 2025. The total cost is \$385,150 which is \$27,100 less than last year.

Chair Hawkinson stated that this comes out of professional services that is budgeted for. Foth has been there consulting firm out there for a long time.

Member Davidson commented that Foth is worth every penny we pay them. They have been really great and loyal. Especially when Landfill Administrator Cleair started and also for the previous Landfill Administrator. They have been a great asset. This year they even came in a little cheaper and cannot say enough great things about them.

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

Motion was made by Member Cohen and seconded by Member Pugh to approve Bid and Bring Back for New Deck at Scale House. Member Cohen said Klingner inspected the deck at the scale house at the landfill and determined that it needed to be replaced as soon as possible. There is designs already for the replacement deck. Klingner will oversee the bidding process as well as the construction phase of the project. It will come out of the line item for building maintenance and materials. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger, and Friedrich— (13). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Cohen and seconded by Member Pugh to approve the invoice from Klingner for Survey Work at Administrative Building. Member Cohen confirmed with Chair Hawkinson that everything checked out.

Chair Hawkinson said yes, the total invoice that is in the packet is for \$27,016.25. This has to do with the ALTA the full survey. An email was sent to the Treasurer's office last week. They are researching and think that they have paid 12 or \$13,000 from the initial survey. Speaking with Mr. Basham from Klingner that \$27,016.25 if we paid that the 12 or \$13,000 from the legal survey that is included in so it should be less 12 or \$13,000 but the full approval is for \$27,016.25. It is budgeted in the 50 E. Main St. line item but the final bill could be less than that. Once they get verification if they had already paid that. If they did not pay that 12 or \$13,000 then they would have that approval up to that \$27,016.25.

Member Cohen said overall it just came out a little more than they expected but everything got ok'd.

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

Member Kramer presented the monthly report from the Health and Human Services committee. He said that the monthly report is in the packet. Currently, the nursing home has 114 residents as of the meeting time tonight. Last months revenue exceeded the expenses. He said that the Nursing Home Administrator Mines is doing a really good job out there and appreciates it. He thanked Knox County Public Health Administrator Gabriel for getting information to him

since he has taken over chair of the committee and appreciates it. Also, same thing to Supervisor of Assessments Hochstettler for getting the information to him.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Fredrick to approve Purchase of Marshall & Swift Software. Member Kramer said that this software is used with the Assessor's office which helps her do her job. If anyone has any questions Supervisor of Assessments Hochstettler is here to answer them. In the packet it shows 5-years. They already use part of this software. The only thing that is up for approval tonight is the year one and year two. The price of those two together are \$21,422.22

Chair Hawkinson stated that this is through Devnet which there is already a contract with them for part of the program. This is just for year one and year two for the purchase of the residential part of the program not for five years.

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

Member Kramer thanked Member Boone for taking the committee minutes.

Chair Hawkinson stated that the reports from some of 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.

Chair Hawkinson said that there were no budget line item changes.

Chair Hawkinson said that the manual checks are in the packet on page 150.

Motion was made by Member Weiss and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the claims by Members for per diem and mileage for the Committee Meetings of January 2025, Board Meetings Organizational Meeting in December, and other claims for per diem from Meetings. Chair Hawkinson said the total was \$3,790.80 and it is in the G-drive as well. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Weiss and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the claims against Knox County, Illinois for the period of December 24, 2024 through January 29, 2025 (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 \$2,250,044.95. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (13). Noes—(0). Motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 26th, 2025 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. The Knox County YouTube channel is available for live viewing or to download and watch later.

Motion was made by Member Thierry and seconded by Member Sandoval to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich. — (13). Noes— (0). Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.