

1. Pursuant to a call signed by thirteen members (being more than ½ the members of said Board), which was duly received and filed by the Clerk of said Board on the 1st day of December, 2008, and due notice having been given by the Clerk by publication in a newspaper published in the County of Henry in words and figures as follows:

“You are hereby notified that the County Board of Henry County will meet in **REGULAR SESSION** on **Tuesday, December 9, 2008**, at **6:00 P.M.** Said meeting will be held in the **COUNTY BOARD ROOM**, Judicial Wing, Room 102J, Henry County Courthouse in the Village of Cambridge, Illinois.

BARBARA M. LINK  
County Clerk”

A certificate of Publication by said newspaper being on file and also by mailing a notice to each member of said Board in words and figures as follows, to-wit:

OFFICE OF COUNTY CLERK

Cambridge, Illinois December 4, 2008 Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Henry County will meet in **REGULAR SESSION** at the hour of **6:00 P.M.** on **Tuesday, December 9, 2008**. Said meeting will be held in the **FIRST FLOOR JUDICIAL WING** in the Henry County Courthouse in the Village of Cambridge, Illinois.

A certificate of mailing said notice being on file, the Henry County Board of the County of Henry and State of Illinois, convened in **REGULAR SESSION in the FIRST FLOOR JUDICIAL WING** in the Henry County Courthouse in the Village of Cambridge, in the County and State aforesaid, on Tuesday, the **9th** day of **December, 2008** at **6:00 P.M.**

2. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tom Nicholson.
3. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Kippy Nelson after which the pledge of allegiance to the flag was given.
4. A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **eighteen** members **present:** Jesse Crouch, Jim Eccher, Rick Livesay, Tom Nicholson, Pat Ripperger, Dennis Sullivan, Jim King, Kippy Nelson, Bill Preston, Karen Urick, Muriel Weber, Ann DeSmith, Jason DeSplinter, Jim Kursock, Jan May, Ron Salisbury, John Sovanski, and Ted Sturtevant. **Six** members were **absent:** JoAnne Hillman, Betty Murphy, Dennis Anderson, Rich Nordstrom, Tom Steele, and Jerry Thompson.

5. Member Jim Eccher moved to approve the agenda of the December 9, 2008 County Board meeting and amend by adding under item 1 – the approval of the December 1, 2008 Organizational County Board meeting minutes. Member Muriel Weber seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

6. Member Jesse Crouch moved to approve and place on file the November 18, 2008 Recessed Annual Session County Board meeting minutes. Member Jim King seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

7. Member Jan May moved to approve and place on file the December 1, 2008 Organizational County Board meeting minutes. Member Pat Ripperger seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

8. Mr. Bill Philhower, Zoning & Building Department Officer, presented Certificates of Service to Mr. Mahlon Love, Mr. Rodney Searle, and Mr. Donald Bennodt for their service on the Zoning Board of Appeals and to Mr. Bill Freddy for his service on the Planning Committee. Mr. Searle and Mr. Bennodt were present.

9. Members Betty Murphy and Jerry Thompson arrived at 6:12 P.M.

10. Chairman Tom Nicholson presented a clock to **Mr. Bill Philhower, Zoning/Building Officer, for his dedication and years of service to Henry County.**

11. Member Jan May moved to accept and place on file the monthly reports of the Bi-State Regional Commission, Veteran's Assistance Commission, County Clerk/Recorder monthly and annual fee reports, Henry County Health Department, Henry County Economic Development Partnership, and University of Illinois Extension. Member Jesse Crouch seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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12. Member Rick Livesay moved to **confirm the appointment of Mr. James Ufkin to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term from December 9, 2008 through November 30, 2009.** Member Kippy Nelson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

13. Member Jim King moved to **confirm the appointment of Mr. Kyle Sproston to the Zoning Board of Appeals to complete the unexpired term of Mr. Rodney Searle for a term from December 9, 2008 through November 30, 2011.** Member Jesse Crouch seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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14. Member Ann DeSmith moved to **confirm** the **appointment** of **Mr. Gerald Franks** to the **Planning Committee** to complete the unexpired term of Mr. Bill Freddy for a term from **December 9, 2008** through **November 30, 2009**. Member Rick Livesay seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

15. Member Jim King moved to **confirm** the **appointment** of **Ms. Carol Johnson** to the **Henry County Rural Revolving Loan Fund Board** to complete the unexpired term of Mr. Dan Edwards for a term from **December 9, 2008** through **May 31, 2009**. Member Muriel Weber seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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16. Member Jan May moved to **hold over** until the January 13, 2009 County Board meeting the **appointment** of **Mr. Mike McGinn** to the **Zoning Board of Appeals** to complete the unexpired term of Mr. Donald Benoodt for a term from **January 13, 2009** through **November 30, 2012**. Member James Kursock seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

17. Member Ann DeSmith, Planning and Development Committee Chairperson, moved to hold over until the January 13, 2009 County Board meeting the **Zoning/Building Department 2008 Annual Report**. Member Rick Livesay seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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18. Member Kippy Nelson, Public Safety Committee Chairperson, moved to approve and place on file the Public Safety Committee report. Member Jim Kursock seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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19. Member Pat Ripperger, Finance Committee Chairperson, moved to approve and place on file the Treasurer's November Fund Balance and Interest Earned reports, and the County Clerk's November Reconciliation report. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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20. Member Pat Ripperger moved to authorize the Chairman to execute a **Deed of Conveyance** to **Joseph E. Meyer, Henry County Tax Agent**, for the following parcel **#17-12-502-001**. Member Dennis Sullivan seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty** members voting "**Aye**": J. Crouch, J. Eccher, R. Livesay, B. Murphy, T. Nicholson, P. Ripperger, D. Sullivan, J. King, K. Nelson, B. Preston, K. Urick, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, J. DeSplinter, J. Kursock, J. May, R. Salisbury, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, and J. Thompson. **Four** members were **absent**: JoAnne Hillman, D. Anderson, R. Nordstrom, and T. Steele.

Motion Carried.  
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21. Member Pat Ripperger moved to approve the payment of the **county accounts** in the amount of **\$2,933,878.03**. Member Jim Eccher seconded the motion. A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty** members voting **“Aye”**: J. Crouch, J. Eccher, R. Livesay, B. Murphy, T. Nicholson, P. Ripperger, D. Sullivan, J. King, K. Nelson, B. Preston, K. Urick, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, J. DeSplinter, J. Kursock, J. May, R. Salisbury, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, and J. Thompson. **Four** members were **absent**: JoAnne Hillman, D. Anderson, R. Nordstrom, and T. Steele.

Motion Carried.  
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22. Member Pat Ripperger moved to approve **Resolution 08-56** Amending the **Sheriff’s FY08 Budget** line item **Equipment (5540)** in the amount of **\$3,792.74** for 24 lapel mics, stubby antennas and earpieces. Member Dennis Sullivan seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty** members voting **“Aye”**: J. Crouch, J. Eccher, R. Livesay, B. Murphy, T. Nicholson, P. Ripperger, D. Sullivan, J. King, K. Nelson, B. Preston, K. Urick, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, J. DeSplinter, J. Kursock, J. May, R. Salisbury, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, and J. Thompson. **Four** members were **absent**: JoAnne Hillman, D. Anderson, R. Nordstrom, and T. Steele.

Motion Carried.  
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23. Member Pat Ripperger moved to approve **Resolution 08-57** Amending the **State’s Attorney’s FY09 Budget** Appropriating funds for the State’s Attorney’s Annual Salary line item **Officer/Dept Head Salary (3010)** and line item **IMRF (3310)**. Member Jerry Thompson Seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty** members voting **“Aye”**: J. Crouch, J. Eccher, R. Livesay, B. Murphy, T. Nicholson, P. Ripperger, D. Sullivan, J. King, K. Nelson, B. Preston, K. Urick, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, J. DeSplinter, J. Kursock, J. May, R. Salisbury, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, and J. Thompson. **Four** members were **absent**: JoAnne Hillman, D. Anderson, R. Nordstrom, and T. Steele.

Motion Carried.  
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24. Member Pat Ripperger moved to approve **Resolution 08-58** Amending the **Public Defender’s FY09 Budget** line item **Officer/Dept Head Salary (3010)** and line item **IMRF (3310)**. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty** members voting **“Aye”**: J. Crouch, J. Eccher, R. Livesay, B. Murphy, T. Nicholson, P. Ripperger, D. Sullivan, J. King, K. Nelson, B. Preston, K. Urick, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, J. DeSplinter, J.

Kursock, J. May, R. Salisbury, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, and J. Thompson. **Four** members were **absent**: JoAnne Hillman, D. Anderson, R. Nordstrom, and T. Steele.

Motion Carried.

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25. Member Pat Ripperger moved to approve the release of **Rural Revolving Loan Funds to The Other Side, LLC.**, of Geneseo, in the amount of **\$60,000.00**.

Member Jesse Crouch seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **seventeen** members voting

**“Aye”**: J. Crouch, J. Eccher, B. Murphy, T. Nicholson, P. Ripperger, D. Sullivan, J. King, K. Nelson, B. Preston, K. Urick, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, J. Kursock, J. May, R. Salisbury, J. Sovanski, and J. Thompson. **Three** members voting **“Naye”**: R. Livesay, J. DeSplinter, and T. Sturtevant. **Four** members were **absent**: JoAnne Hillman, D. Anderson, R. Nordstrom, and T. Steele.

Motion Carried.

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26. Member Pat Ripperger moved to approve **Resolution 08-59** Amending the **Circuit Clerk’s FY09 Budget** line item **Jury Pay (5300)** and line item **Jury Mileage (5301)** and **Resolution 08-60** Amending line item **Court Reporter Supplies (4015)**.

Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty** members voting **“Aye”**:

J. Crouch, J. Eccher, R. Livesay, B. Murphy, T. Nicholson, P. Ripperger, D. Sullivan, J. King, K. Nelson, B. Preston, K. Urick, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, J. DeSplinter, J. Kursock, J. May, R. Salisbury, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, and J. Thompson. **Four** members were **absent**: JoAnne Hillman, D. Anderson, R. Nordstrom, and T. Steele.

Motion Carried.

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27. Member Pat Ripperger moved to approve and place on file the Finance Committee report. Member Dennis Sullivan seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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28. Member James Kursock, Transportation Committee Chairman, moved to approve and place on file the Transportation Committee report. Member Ron Salisbury seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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29. Member John Sovanski, Executive Committee Chairman, moved to approve and place on file the Executive Committee report. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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30. Member John Sovanski moved to approve and place on file the Administration Committee report. Member Pat Ripperger seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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31. Member Jim Eccher, Communications Committee Chairman, moved to approve and place on file the Communications Committee report. Member Jim King seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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32. Member Jan May, Health and Social Services Committee Chairperson, moved to approve and place on file the Health and Social Services Committee report. Member Ron Salisbury seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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33. Member James Eccher moved to go into **closed session** to discuss personnel. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty** members voting “**Aye**”: J. Crouch, J. Eccher, R. Livesay, B. Murphy, T. Nicholson, P. Ripperger, D. Sullivan, J. King, K. Nelson, B. Preston, K. Urick, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, J. DeSplinter, J. Kursock, J. May, R. Salisbury, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, and J. Thompson. **Four** members were **absent**: JoAnne Hillman, D. Anderson, R. Nordstrom, and T. Steele.

Motion Carried.

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34. Member Jim King moved to resume into **open session**. Member Pat Ripperger seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

35. Member Jim King moved to approve and place on file the **Sheriff’s Department audit report on applying agreed upon procedures** and make a recommendation to the Sheriff to adopt the recommendation in a timely fashion. Member Kippy Nelson seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty** members voting “**Aye**”: J. Crouch, J. Eccher, R. Livesay, B. Murphy, T. Nicholson, P. Ripperger, D. Sullivan, J. King, K. Nelson, B. Preston, K. Urick, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, J. DeSplinter, J. Kursock, J. May, R. Salisbury, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, and J. Thompson. **Four** members were **absent**: JoAnne Hillman, D. Anderson, R. Nordstrom, and T. Steele.

Motion Carried.

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36. Chairman Tom Nicholson asked for public comment.

37. Chairman Tom Nicholson asked for County Board comment. Member Bill Preston spoke regarding interest on Henry County bonds.

38. Member Bill Preston moved to postpone construction of the Courthouse parking lot for one year to free funds to repair the Old Courthouse. Member Jason DeSplinter seconded the motion. Discussion was held.

39. Member John Sovanski called for the question. Chairman Nicholson explained the voting process and asked Clerk Link to Call the Roll.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **ten** members voting “**Aye**”: R. Livesay, B. Murphy, J. King, K. Nelson, B. Preston, K. Urick, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, J. DeSplinter, and J. May. **Ten** members voting “**Naye**”: J. Crouch, J. Eccher, T. Nicholson, P. Ripperger, D. Sullivan, J. Kursock, R. Salisbury, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, and J. Thompson. **Four** members were **absent**: JoAnne Hillman, D. Anderson, R. Nordstrom, and T. Steele.

**Motion Failed.**

40. Member Jim King moved to adjourn until the January 13, 2009 County Board meeting. Member James Kursock seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

41. Chairman Nicholson declared the meeting adjourned.