

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 18th day of December, 2007, 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, JANUARY 8, 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 _____ January 3, 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, January 8, 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 **8th** day of **January, 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 Chaplain JoAnne Hillman after which the pledge of allegiance to the flag was given.
4. A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty-one** members **present:** Karol Vail, Jesse Crouch, James Eccher, JoAnne Hillman, Rick Livesay, Betty Murphy, Tom Nicholson, Pat Ripperger, Dennis Anderson, Marvin Gradert, Jim King, Rich Nordstrom, Tom Steele, Maurice Swanson, Muriel Weber, Ann DeSmith, James Kursock, Jan May, Ron Salisbury, John Sovanski, and Jerry Thompson. **Three** members were **absent:** Kippy Nelson, Roger Grafton, and Ted Sturtevant.

5. Member James Eccher moved to approve the Agenda of the January 8, 2008 County Board meeting and amend by adding item 8A under new business: closed session to discuss pending litigation. Member Pat Ripperger seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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6. Member Muriel Weber moved to approve and place on file the December 18, 2007 County Board minutes. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

7. **Ms. Cheryl Carney, Henry County Tourism Director, gave a presentation on Henry County Tourism.**

8. Member Ron Salisbury moved to accept and place on file the monthly reports of the Bi-State Regional Commission, Henry County Health Department Activity, Veteran's Assistance Commission, County Clerk/Recorder Fee report, and the Henry County Economic Development Partnership. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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9. Member Maurice Swanson moved to **confirm the reappointment of Mr. Bob Hepner to the Planning Committee for a term from December 1, 2007 through November 30, 2010.** Member Jan May seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

10. Member Jerry Thompson moved to **confirm the reappointment of Mr. Donald Benoodt to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term from December 1, 2007 through November 30, 2012.** Member Ann DeSmith seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

11. Member Pat Ripperger moved to **confirm the reappointment of Mr. Lloyd Carlson to the Building Board of Appeals for a term from December 1, 2007 through November 30, 2010.** Member Karol Vail seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

12. Member Jan May, Health and Social Services Committee Chairperson, moved to accept and place on file the Health and Social Services Committee report. Member Betty Murphy seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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13. Member Ann DeSmith, Planning and Development Committee Chairperson, moved to approve and place on file the **Zoning/Building Department 2007 Annual Report.** Member Dennis Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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14. Member Pat Ripperger moved to approve and place on file the Public Safety Committee and the Liquor Commission reports. Member James Kursock seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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15. Member Jesse Crouch moved to approve and place on file the December Fund Balance and Interest Earned report of the Treasurer and the Reconciliation report of the County Clerk. Member Pat Ripperger seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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16. Member Jesse Crouch moved to approve the payment of the **county accounts** in the amount of **\$2,834,767.79**. Member James Eccher seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty-one** members voting **“Aye”**: K. Vail, J. Crouch, J. Eccher, J. Hillman, R. Livesay, B. Murphy, T. Nicholson, P. Ripperger, D. Anderson, M. Gradert, J. King, R. Nordstrom, T. Steele, M. Swanson, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, J. Kursock, J. May, R. Salisbury, J. Sovanski, and J. Thompson. **Three** members were **absent**: K. Nelson, R. Grafton, and T. Sturtevant.

Motion Carried.

17. Member Jesse Crouch moved to approve budget **Resolution 08-01 appropriating \$13,200** for the purpose of a **new telephone system**. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty-one** members voting **“Aye”**: K. Vail, J. Crouch, J. Eccher, J. Hillman, R. Livesay, B. Murphy, T. Nicholson, P. Ripperger, D. Anderson, M. Gradert, J. King, R. Nordstrom, T. Steele, M. Swanson, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, J. Kursock, J. May, R. Salisbury, J. Sovanski, and J. Thompson. **Three** members were **absent**: K. Nelson, R. Grafton, and T. Sturtevant.

Motion Carried.

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18. Member Jesse Crouch moved to approve budget **Resolution 08-02 appropriating \$7,886.16** for a **salary increase and related IMRF expenses for the Public Defender effective July 1, 2007**. Member Pat Ripperger seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty-one** members voting **“Aye”**: K. Vail, J. Crouch, J. Eccher, J. Hillman, R. Livesay, B. Murphy, T. Nicholson, P. Ripperger, D. Anderson, M. Gradert, J. King, R. Nordstrom, T. Steele, M. Swanson, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, J. Kursock, J. May, R. Salisbury, J. Sovanski, and J. Thompson. **Three** members were **absent**: K. Nelson, R. Grafton, and T. Sturtevant.

Motion Carried.

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19. Member Jesse Crouch moved to **hold over** until the February County Board meeting the **Independent Payroll Audit report**. Member Ron Salisbury seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

20. Member Jesse Crouch moved to approve Resolution to execute a **Deed of Conveyance** to **Joseph E. Meyer, Henry County Tax Agent, on parcel #24-19-502-001**. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty-one** members voting **“Aye”**: K. Vail, J. Crouch, J. Eccher, J. Hillman, R. Livesay, B. Murphy, T. Nicholson, P. Ripperger, D. Anderson, M. Gradert, J. King, R. Nordstrom, T. Steele, M. Swanson, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, J. Kursock, J. May, R. Salisbury, J. Sovanski, and J. Thompson. **Three** members were **absent**: K. Nelson, R. Grafton, and T. Sturtevant.

Motion Carried.

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21. Member Jesse Crouch moved to authorize the Treasurer to release **Rural Revolving Loan Funds to the following: Flex Court Athletics in the amount of \$100,000.00; TK’s, Inc. in the amount of \$30,000.00; and Central Technical Resources, LLC in the amount of \$50,000.00**. Member Pat Ripperger seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty-one** members voting **“Aye”**: K. Vail, J. Crouch, J. Eccher, J. Hillman, R. Livesay, B. Murphy, T. Nicholson, P. Ripperger, D. Anderson, M. Gradert, J. King, R. Nordstrom, T. Steele, M. Swanson, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, J. Kursock, J. May, R. Salisbury, J. Sovanski, and J. Thompson. **Three** members were **absent**: K. Nelson, R. Grafton, and T. Sturtevant.

Motion Carried.

22. Member Jesse Crouch moved to approve and place on file the Finance Committee report. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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23. Member James Kursock, Transportation Committee Chairman, moved to approve and place on file the Transportation Committee report. Member James Eccher seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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24. Member John Sovanski, Executive Committee Chairman, moved to **hold over** until the February County Board meeting a **Resolution** considering the **submittal of a public question** regarding a special **one half percent (.50%) county retailer’s occupation tax for Public Safety on the November 4, 2008 Election ballot**. Member James Eccher seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote with the exception of Member M. Gradert voting “Naye”.

25. Member John Sovanski moved to adopt **Resolution 08-03 Supporting Mandatory Federal Funding for the Veterans Health Care**. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty-one** members voting “**Aye**”: K. Vail, J. Crouch, J. Eccher, J. Hillman, R. Livesay, B. Murphy, T. Nicholson, P. Ripperger, D. Anderson, M. Gradert, J. King, R. Nordstrom, T. Steele, M. Swanson, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, J. Kursock, J. May, R. Salisbury, J. Sovanski, and J. Thompson. **Three** members were **absent**: K. Nelson, R. Grafton, and T. Sturtevant.

Motion Carried.

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26. Member John Sovanski moved to adopt **Resolution 08-04 Continuing a Cooperative Tourism Agreement between Henry County and the Henry County Tourism Bureau**. Member Jan May seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty-one** members voting “**Aye**”: K. Vail, J. Crouch, J. Eccher, J. Hillman, R. Livesay, B. Murphy, T. Nicholson, P. Ripperger, D. Anderson, M. Gradert, J. King, R. Nordstrom, T. Steele, M. Swanson, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, J. Kursock, J. May, R. Salisbury, J. Sovanski, and J. Thompson. **Three** members were **absent**: K. Nelson, R. Grafton, and T. Sturtevant.

Motion Carried.

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

Motion Carried.

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28. Member James Eccher, Communications Committee Chairman, moved to approve and place on file the Communications Committee report. Member James Kursock seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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29. Member Tom Steele, Administration Committee Chairman, moved to adopt **Resolution 08-05 Designating the Henry County Courthouse, Jail, Appurtenant Structures and Courthouse Property as Smoke Free**. Member Betty Murphy seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twelve** members voting “**Aye**”: J. Eccher, R. Livesay, B. Murphy, D. Anderson, M. Gradert, J. King, R. Nordstrom, T. Steele, M. Swanson, M. Weber, J. May, and J. Sovanski. **Nine** members voting “**Naye**”: K. Vail, J. Crouch, J. Hillman, T. Nicholson, P. Ripperger, A. DeSmith, J. Kursock, R. Salisbury, and J. Thompson. **Three** members were **absent**: K. Nelson, R. Grafton, and T. Sturtevant.

Motion Carried.
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30. Member Tom Steele, Administration Committee Chairman, moved to approve **grant #08-203079** in the amount of **\$30,000.00** be used for the **parking lot construction project**. Member Jesse Crouch seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty** members voting **“Aye”**: K. Vail, J. Crouch, J. Eccher, J. Hillman, R. Livesay, B. Murphy, T. Nicholson,

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P. Ripperger, D. Anderson, M. Gradert, R. Nordstrom, T. Steele, M. Swanson, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, J. Kursock, J. May, R. Salisbury, J. Sovanski, and J. Thompson. **One** member voting **“Naye”**: J. King. **Three** members were **absent**: K. Nelson, R. Grafton, and T. Sturtevant.

Motion Carried.
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31. Member Tom Steele moved to approve and place on file the Administration Committee report. Member Rick Livesay seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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32. Member James Eccher moved to go into closed session to discuss pending litigation. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty-one** members voting **“Aye”**: K. Vail, J. Crouch, J. Eccher, J. Hillman, R. Livesay, B. Murphy, T. Nicholson, P. Ripperger, D. Anderson, M. Gradert, J. King, R. Nordstrom, T. Steele, M. Swanson, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, J. Kursock, J. May, R. Salisbury, J. Sovanski, and J. Thompson. **Three** members were **absent**: K. Nelson, R. Grafton, and T. Sturtevant.

Motion Carried.

33. Member James Eccher moved to go back into regular session. No action was taken. Member James Kursock seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

34. Chairman Tom Nicholson asked for public comment, going over the rules for public comment which are as followed: a speaker must identify themselves to the Clerk, comments should be directed to the County Board and not an individual Board Member, topics should be related to the County Board, individuals must act in a professional demeanor, and have a 3 minute time limit.

35. Member James Kursock moved to adjourn until the next **County Board meeting** to be held **Tuesday, February 12, 2008**. Member Muriel Weber seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

36. Chairman Tom **Nicholson** declared the meeting adjourned.