

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 12th day of August, 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 **ANNUAL SESSION** on **Tuesday September 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 September 4, 2008 Notice is hereby given that the County Board of Henry County will meet in **ANNUAL SESSION** at the hour of **6:00 P.M.** on **Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 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 **ANNUAL 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 **September, 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, Betty Murphy, Tom Nicholson, Pat Ripperger, Kippy Nelson, Marvin Gradert, Jim King, Rich Nordstrom, Tom Steele, Maurice Swanson, Muriel Weber, Ann Desmith, Roger Grafton, James Kursock, Ron Salisbury, John Sovanski, Ted Sturtevant,

and Jerry Thompson. **Three** members were **absent**: Rick Livesay, Dennis Anderson, and Jan May.

5. Member Muriel Weber moved to approve the Agenda of the September 9, 2008 County Board meeting and amend by adding the following items: 6E – ESDA Job Description; item 8A – Resolution for a Downstate Operating Assistance Grant; item 8B – Review Closed Session minutes; and item 8C – Public Comment. Member Pat Ripperger seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

6. Member Roger Grafton moved to approve and place on file the August 12, 2008 County Board minutes. Member Jim King seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

7. Ms. Denise Bulat, Executive Director of the Bi-State Regional Commission, distributed a brochure and gave a presentation on the Bi-State Regional Commission.

(See Enclosure)

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

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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9. Member Jim King moved to **confirm** the **reappointment** of **Mr. Robert Anderson** to the **Bishop Hill Community Fire Protection District** for a term from **September 10, 2008** through **April 30, 2011**. Member Karol Vail seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

10. Member Ron Salisbury moved to approve 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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11. Member Ann DeSmith, Planning and Development Committee Chairman, discussed the Planning and Development Committee meeting, giving a verbal report.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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12. Member Kippy Nelson moved to approve and place on file the Public Safety Committee report. Member James Kursock seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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13. Member Jesse Crouch moved to approve and place on file the August Fund Balance 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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14. Member Jesse Crouch moved to approve the payment of the **county accounts** in the amount of **\$2,849,316.92**. 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, B. Murphy, T. Nicholson, P. Ripperger, K. Nelson, M. Gradert, J. King, R. Nordstrom, T. Steele, M. Swanson, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, R. Grafton, J. Kursock, R. Salisbury, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, and J. Thompson. **Three** members were **absent**: R. Livesay, D. Anderson and J. May.

Motion Carried.

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15. 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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16. Member James Kursock, Transportation Committee Chairman, moved to approve the **replacement of a bridge in Oxford Road District** to be completed by **Curnyn Construction** in the amount of \$207,256.00, to be financed with 80% state funds, 10% county funds, and 10% road district funds. Member Maurice Swanson 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, B. Murphy, T. Nicholson, P. Ripperger, K. Nelson, M. Gradert, J. King, R. Nordstrom, T. Steele, M. Swanson, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, R. Grafton, J. Kursock, R. Salisbury, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, and J. Thompson. **Three** members were **absent**: R. Livesay, D. Anderson and J. May.

Motion Carried.

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17. Member James Kursock moved to approve a **roof repair for the old maintenance shop** to be completed by **Oldeen Roofing of Kewanee** in the amount of **\$34,425.00**. Member Roger Grafton 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, B. Murphy, T. Nicholson, P. Ripperger, K. Nelson, M. Gradert, J. King, R. Nordstrom, T. Steele, M. Swanson, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, R. Grafton, J. Kursock, R. Salisbury, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, and J. Thompson. **Three** members were **absent**: R. Livesay, D. Anderson and J. May.

Motion Carried.

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18. Member James Kursock 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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19. Member John Sovanski, Executive Committee Chairman, moved to approve the **job description for the ESDA Manager**. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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20. Member John Sovanski moved to approve and place on file the Executive Committee report and noted in his minutes that Mr. Bill Philhower will continue as the ESDA Manager, not to exceed June 2009, not June 2008. Member Jim King seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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21. Member James Eccher, Communications Committee Chairman, moved to approve and place on file the Communications Committee report. Member Ted Sturtevant seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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22. Member Tom Steele, Administration Committee Chairman, moved to approve and place on file the Administration Committee report. Member Rich Nordstrom seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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23. Member Roger Grafton moved to adopt **Resolution 08-22** Authorizing application of and execution for a **Public Transportation Financial Assistance Contract** under the provisions of the **Downstate Public Transportation Act**. Member Jim King seconded the motion.

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Motion Carried.

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24. Member James Eccher moved to go into **closed session** to review closed session minutes. Member Tom Steele 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, B. Murphy, T. Nicholson, P. Ripperger, K. Nelson, M. Gradert, J. King, R. Nordstrom, T. Steele, M. Swanson, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, R. Grafton, J. Kursock, R. Salisbury, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, and J. Thompson. **Three** members were **absent**: R. Livesay, D. Anderson and J. May.
Motion Carried.

25. Member Jim King moved to resume back into open **session**. Member Muriel Weber seconded the motion.
Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

26. Member Tom Steele moved to release the closed session minutes of May 9, 2006; March 11, 2008; and June 10, 2008. Member JoAnne Hillman seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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27. Chairman Tom Nicholson asked for Public Comment.

28. Member Tom Steele moved to recommend Chairman Nicholson to send a letter to our legislators expressing our discontent with the downstate recreational parks being closed, specifically the Hennepin Canal and Bishop Hill. Member Jim King seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

29. Chairman Nicholson mentioned that on the October Agenda it will say to “set” the next date for the November County Board meeting. The November County Board meeting falls on Veteran’s Day, which is a Holiday. The date will be set by the majority advice whether to change it to the 3rd Tuesday in November as it has been done in the past.

30. Member James Kursock moved to recess until the **Recessed Annual Board** meeting to be held **Tuesday, October 14, 2008**. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

31. Chairman Tom Nicholson declared the meeting adjourned.