

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 11th day of October, 2011, 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 **RECESSED ANNUAL SESSION** on **Tuesday, November 8, 2011, 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 November 3, 2011. You are hereby notified that the the County Board of Henry County will meet in **RECESSED ANNUAL SESSION** on Tuesday, **November 8, 2011, at 6:00 p.m.** The County Board will take final action on the proposed FY 11-12 Henry County Budget and adopt the 2011 Henry County Tax Levy Ordinance. Said meeting will be held in the **COUNTY BOARD ROOM**, Judicial Wing, Room 102J, 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 **RECESSED ANNUAL SESSION** in the Village of Cambridge, the County and State aforesaid, on Tuesday, the **8th** day of **November, 2011** at 6:00 P.M.

2. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Wells.
3. The meeting was opened by Member Dan Swanson giving a speech in regards to all the Veteran’s that have sacrificed their lives for the freedom that we all share after which the pledge of allegiance to the flag was given.
4. A Call of the Roll by County Clerk, Barbara Link showed **twenty-two** members **present:** Jim Eccher, Roger Gradert, Rick Livesay, Rebekah McCaw, Pat Ripperger, Dan Swanson, Tim Wells, Dennis Anderson, Kathy Nelson, Kippy Nelson, Bill Preston, Tom Steele, Karen Urick, Muriel Weber, Jon Zahm, Ann DeSmith, Jason

DeSplinter, Jim Kursock, Jim Findley, John Sovanski, Ted Sturtevant and Jerry Thompson. **Two** members were **absent**: Dennis Sullivan and Jan May.

5. Member Dennis Anderson moved to approve the agenda of the November 8, 2011 County Board meeting and amend by moving #7 Finance report under Planning and Development. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

6. Chairman Tim Wells asked for Public Comment.

Mr. Shawn Roselieb, Geneseo, Chairman of the Board of the Fraternal Order of Police, spoke in opposition of the layoffs in the Sheriff's office.

Mr. Jim Cooper, Mayor of Orion, spoke on layoffs and challenges the Board to find other ways other than layoffs.

Ms, Deb VanDeWoestyne, Henry County Public Information Manager, and part-time Cambridge Main Street, spoke in regards to her position and how she enjoys reporting the good work people at the Courthouse accomplish.

7. Member Jason DeSplinter moved to approve and place on file the October 11, 2011 County Board meeting and October 18, 2011 County Board Special Meeting minutes. Member Tom Steele seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

8. Mr. Jerry Shannon, Maintenance Custodian/Supervisor, was presented with a plaque for his dedication and years of service in Henry County from 1999 – 2011.

9. Member Jim Grier, Insurance Advisory Committee Chairman/Jager Agency, Inc., Henry County, gave a presentation of FY12 Henry County Insurance Program and also introduced Todd Greer whom also represents ICRMT.

10. Member Roger Gradert moved to approve and place on file the monthly reports of the Bi-State Regional Commission, Henry County Health Department, Economic Development Partnership, Veterans Assistance Commission, and the County Clerk/Recorder monthly fee report. Member Ann DeSmith seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

11. Member Ann DeSmith moved to confirm the **appointments** of **Mr. Dwaine C. Verbeck** and **Mr. Steve VanHyfte** to the **Mud Creek Special Drainage District** for terms from **November 8, 2011** to **September 1, 2013** and **September 1, 2014 respectively**. Member Pat Ripperger seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

12. Member Tom Steele moved to **confirm** the **reappointment** of **Dr. David Modder** to the position of the **Henry County Animal Control Administrator**, for a

term from **December 1, 2011** to **November 30, 2012**. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

13. Member Jim Findley moved to **confirm** the **reappointment** of **Dr. Chris Ryan** to the position of **Henry County Animal Control Assistant Administrator**, for a term from **December 1, 2011** to **November 30, 2012**. Member Rebekah McCaw seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

14. Member Jon Zahm moved to **confirm** the **reappointments** of **Chief Thomas J. Piotrowski, Mr. Dennis Mallum, Mr. Dale Croegaert, and Ms. Carol Zimmerman** to the **911 Emergency Telephone System Board**, for terms from **December 1, 2011** to **November 30, 2015**. Member John Sovanski seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

15. Member Jim Eccher moved to **hold over** until the December 13, 2011 County Board meeting the **appointment** of **Mr. Dean Peterson** to the **911 Emergency Telephone System Board** for a term from **December 1, 2011** to **November 30, 2015**. Member Dan Swanson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

16. Member Murier Weber moved to **hold over** until the December 13, 2011 County Board meeting the **reappointment** of **Mr. John “Bill” Nelson** to the **Henry County Zoning Board of Appeals** for a term from **December 1, 2011** to **November 30, 2016**. Member Rebekah McCaw seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

17. Member Kathy Nelson moved to **hold over** until the December 13, 2011 County Board meeting the **reappointments** of **Mr. Steve Trego** and **Mr. Lyle Wirth** to the **Building Board of Appeals** for terms from **December 1, 2011** to **November 30, 2014**. Member Rick Livesay seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

18. Member Karen Urick, Health and Social Services Committee Chairperson, moved to approve and place on file the Health and Social Services Committee report and distributed a handout. Member Rebekah McCaw seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

19. Member Rick Livesay, Transportation Committee Chairman, moved to adopt **County Maintenance Resolution** in the amount of **\$1,000,000.00** appropriating **Motor Fuel Tax allotment** for the maintenance of County or State Highways. Member Bill Preston seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty-two** members voting **“Aye”**: J. Eccher, R. Gradert, R. Livesay, R. McCaw, P. Ripperger, D. Swanson, T.

Wells, D. Anderson, Kathy Nelson, Kippy Nelson, B. Preston, T. Steele, K. Urick, M. Weber, J. Zahm, A. DeSmith, J. DeSplinter, J. Kursock, J. Findley, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, J. Thompson. **Two** members were **absent**: D. Sullivan and J. May.

Motion Carried.

20. Member Rick Livesay moved to adopt **Resolution 11-27** appropriating motor fuel tax funds to pay a portion of the **County Engineer's salary**. Member Jim Eccher seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty-two** members voting **"Aye"**: J. Eccher, R. Gradert, R. Livesay, R. McCaw, P. Ripperger, D. Swanson, T. Wells, D. Anderson, Kathy Nelson, Kippy Nelson, B. Preston, T. Steele, K. Urick, M. Weber, J. Zahm, A. DeSmith, J. DeSplinter, J. Kursock, J. Findley, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, J. Thompson. **Two** members were **absent**: D. Sullivan and J. May.

Motion Carried.

21. Member Rick Livesay moved to approve and place on file the Transportation Committee report. Member Jim Findley seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

22. Member Kippy Nelson moved to approve the **2012 Holiday Schedule removing Election Day as a holiday**. Member Karen Urick seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **three** members voting **"Aye"**: T. Wells, B. Preston and T. Sturtevant. **Nineteen** members voting **"Naye"**: J. Eccher, R. Gradert, R. Livesay, R. McCaw, P. Ripperger, D. Swanson, D. Anderson, Kathy Nelson, Kippy Nelson, T. Steele, K. Urick, M. Weber, J. Zahm, A. DeSmith, J. DeSplinter, J. Kursock, J. Findley, J. Sovanski, and J. Thompson. **Two** members were **absent**: D. Sullivan and J. May.

**Motion Failed.**

23. Member Roger Gradert moved to approve the **2012 Holiday Schedule including Election Day**. Member Tom Steele seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty-one** members voting **"Aye"**: J. Eccher, R. Gradert, R. Livesay, R. McCaw, P. Ripperger, D. Swanson, T. Wells, D. Anderson, Kathy Nelson, Kippy Nelson, T. Steele, K. Urick, M. Weber, J. Zahm, A. DeSmith, J. DeSplinter, J. Kursock, J. Findley, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, J. Thompson. **One** member voting **"Naye"**: B. Preston. **Two** members were **absent**: D. Sullivan and J. May.

Motion Carried.

24. Member Kippy Nelson, Executive Committee Chairperson, moved to approve and place on file the Executive Committee report. Member Rick Livesay seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

25. Member Bill Preston, Communications Committee Chairman, moved to approve and place on file the Communications Committee report. Member Karen Urick seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

26. Member Roger Gradert, Administration Committee Chairman, moved to approve **FY12 Henry County Insurance Premium Package** in the amount of **\$804,587.00**. Member Ted Sturtevant seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty-two** members voting **“Aye”**: J. Eccher, R. Gradert, R. Livesay, R. McCaw, P. Ripperger, D. Swanson, T. Wells, D. Anderson, Kathy Nelson, Kippy Nelson, B. Preston, T. Steele, K. Urick, M. Weber, J. Zahm, A. DeSmith, J. DeSplinter, J. Kursock, J. Findley, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, J. Thompson. **Two** members were **absent**: D. Sullivan and J. May.

Motion Carried.

27. Member Roger Gradert introduced Mr. Steve Wells as the new Maintenance Supervisor.

28. Member Roger Gradert moved to approve and place on file the Administration Committee report. Member Kathy Nelson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

29. Member Jason DeSplinter, Public Safety Committee Chairman, moved to approve the **Noxious Weed Officer Job Description**. Member Dan Swanson seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty-two** members voting **“Aye”**: J. Eccher, R. Gradert, R. Livesay, R. McCaw, P. Ripperger, D. Swanson, T. Wells, D. Anderson, Kathy Nelson, Kippy Nelson, B. Preston, T. Steele, K. Urick, M. Weber, J. Zahm, A. DeSmith, J. DeSplinter, J. Kursock, J. Findley, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, J. Thompson. **Two** members were **absent**: D. Sullivan and J. May.

Motion Carried.

30. Member Jason DeSplinter moved to approve and place on file the Public Safety Committee report. Member Jim Kursock seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

31. Member Ann DeSmith, Planning and Development Committee Chairperson, moved to approve **Zoning Application 11-15 MA** for the purpose of considering an Article 8 AG-1 Agriculture to Article 12 R-1 Residential Zoning Map Amendment application by **Kolen/Tammy Lyon** for construction of **one non-farm single family dwelling** on 1 acre of a 5.93 acre tract Pt W272.14 of E723.39 S of River and N of Rd NE1/4 SE1/4 Section 28 T18N R2E, 4<sup>th</sup> P.M., **Hanna Township**. Member Pat Ripperger seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty-two** members voting **“Aye”**: J. Eccher, R. Gradert, R. Livesay, R. McCaw, P. Ripperger, D. Swanson, T.

Wells, D. Anderson, Kathy Nelson, Kippy Nelson, B. Preston, T. Steele, K. Urick, M. Weber, J. Zahm, A. DeSmith, J. DeSplinter, J. Kursock, J. Findley, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, J. Thompson. **Two** members were **absent**: D. Sullivan and J. May.

Motion Carried.

32. Member Ann DeSmith moved to approve **Zoning Application 11-17 MA** for the purpose of considering an Article 8 Ag-1 Agriculture to Article 12 R-1 Residential Zoning Map Amendment Application by **Bob Johnson Construction, Inc.**, for construction of **one non-farm single family dwelling** on 5 acre tract N330 of W660 SW1/4 SW1/4 SW1/4 Section 26 T17N R3E, 4<sup>th</sup> P.M., **Geneseo Township**. Member Rick Livesay seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty-two** members voting **“Aye”**: J. Eccher, R. Gradert, R. Livesay, R. McCaw, P. Ripperger, D. Swanson, T. Wells, D. Anderson, Kathy Nelson, Kippy Nelson, B. Preston, T. Steele, K. Urick, M. Weber, J. Zahm, A. DeSmith, J. DeSplinter, J. Kursock, J. Findley, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, J. Thompson. **Two** members were **absent**: D. Sullivan and J. May.

Motion Carried.

33. Member Ann DeSmith wanted to publicly commend Mr. Bill Philhower, the previous Manager of the Zoning and Building Department, for his dedication and especially for donating his time at no charge to the County.

34. Member Ann DeSmith moved to approve and place on file the Planning and Development Committee report. Member Karen Urick seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

35. Member Dennis Anderson, Finance Committee Chairman, moved to approve and place on file the Treasurer’s October bank balance reports and interest earned reports and the County Clerk’s October fund balance reports. Member Pat Ripperger seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

36. Member Dennis Anderson moved to approve the payment of the October **county accounts** in the amount of **\$2,569,933.74**. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty-two** members voting **“Aye”**: J. Eccher, R. Gradert, R. Livesay, R. McCaw, P. Ripperger, D. Swanson, T. Wells, D. Anderson, Kathy Nelson, Kippy Nelson, B. Preston, T. Steele, K. Urick, M. Weber, J. Zahm, A. DeSmith, J. DeSplinter, J. Kursock, J. Findley, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, J. Thompson. **Two** members were **absent**: D. Sullivan and J. May.

Motion Carried.

37. Member Dennis Anderson moved to adopt a Resolution for **Deeds of Conveyance** to **Joseph E. Meyer**, Henry County Tax Agent, on the following parcels

**20-32-232-002, 25-03-126-019, 06-19-200-016, 20-33-404-011, 20-33-408-039, 20-32-282-002, 05-27-101-002, 05-27-104-001, 05-27-110-004, 09-34-428-008, 20-01-300-002, 20-28-452-013, 20-32-409-006, 20-33-226-008, 20-33-305-019, 20-33-353-012, 20-34-151-007, 20-34-158-006, and 22-30-217-010** . Member Rebekah McCaw seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty-two** members voting “**Aye**”: J. Eccher, R. Gradert, R. Livesay, R. McCaw, P. Ripperger, D. Swanson, T. Wells, D. Anderson, Kathy Nelson, Kippy Nelson, B. Preston, T. Steele, K. Urick, M. Weber, J. Zahm, A. DeSmith, J. DeSplinter, J. Kursock, J. Findley, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, J. Thompson. **Two** members were **absent**: D. Sullivan and J. May.

Motion Carried.

38. Member Dennis Anderson moved to adopt **Resolution 11-28 Authorizing Participation in the State’s Attorney Appellate Prosecutor Program**. Member Jon Zahm seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty-two** members voting “**Aye**”: J. Eccher, R. Gradert, R. Livesay, R. McCaw, P. Ripperger, D. Swanson, T. Wells, D. Anderson, Kathy Nelson, Kippy Nelson, B. Preston, T. Steele, K. Urick, M. Weber, J. Zahm, A. DeSmith, J. DeSplinter, J. Kursock, J. Findley, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, J. Thompson. **Two** members were **absent**: D. Sullivan and J. May.

Motion Carried.

39. Member Dennis Anderson moved to adopt the proposed **FY12 Henry County Budget**. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

40. Member Jason DeSplinter moved to **amend the proposed FY12 Henry County Budget to add an additional \$176,201.00 to the Sheriff’s Department**. Member Dan Swanson seconded the motion.

41. Member Jason DeSplinter moved to **rescind the motion**.

42. Member Dennis Anderson moved to **amend the proposed FY12 Henry County Budget** to include revenue revisions of **Corporate Taxes** in the amount of **\$2,056,400.00** and expense revisions to **Microfilm** in the amount of **\$5,403.00**. Member Karen Urick seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty-two** members voting “**Aye**”: J. Eccher, R. Gradert, R. Livesay, R. McCaw, P. Ripperger, D. Swanson, T. Wells, D. Anderson, Kathy Nelson, Kippy Nelson, B. Preston, T. Steele, K. Urick, M. Weber, J. Zahm, A. DeSmith, J. DeSplinter, J. Kursock, J. Findley, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, J. Thompson. **Two** members were **absent**: D. Sullivan and J. May.

Motion Carried.

43. Member Tom Steele moved to **amend the main motion** to include **amendment packet #3**, the proposed **FY12 Henry County Budget revisions**. Member Karen Urick seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **sixteen** members voting “**Aye**”: J. Eccher, R. Gradert, R. Livesay, R. McCaw, P. Ripperger, D. Swanson, Kippy Nelson, T. Steele, K. Urick, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, J. DeSplinter, J. Kursock, J. Findley, J. Sovanski, and J. Thompson. **Six** members voting “**Naye**”: T. Wells, D. Anderson, Kathy Nelson, B. Preston, J. Zahm, and T. Sturtevant. **Two** members were **absent**: D. Sullivan and J. May.

Motion Carried.

44. Member Dennis Anderson moved to approve the main motion to adopt the **FY12 Henry County Proposed Budget as amended**. Member Karen Urick seconded the motion. Discussion was held and on audio tape in the office of the County Clerk.

45. Member Dan Swanson moved to **reduce Department 1010** County Board Budget to \$125,000.00 from \$195,965.00. Member Jason DeSplinter seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Member DeSplinter withdrew his second.

46. Back to the original motion to **approve the FY12 Henry County Proposed Budget as amended**.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **sixteen** members voting “**Aye**”: J. Eccher, R. Gradert, R. Livesay, R. McCaw, P. Ripperger, D. Swanson, Kippy Nelson, T. Steele, K. Urick, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, J. DeSplinter, J. Kursock, J. Findley, J. Sovanski, and J. Thompson. **Six** members voting “**Naye**”: T. Wells, D. Anderson, Kathy Nelson, B. Preston, J. Zahm, and T. Sturtevant. **Two** members were **absent**: D. Sullivan and J. May.

Motion Carried.

47. Member Dennis Anderson moved to approve the amended **2011 Henry County Tax Levy** in the amount of **\$7,051,137.00**. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion. Discussion was held. Member Jerry Thompson withdrew his second.

48. Member Dennis Anderson moved to amend the original motion to approve the **amended 2011 Henry County Tax Levy in the amount of \$7,407,417.00**. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty-two** members voting “**Aye**”: J. Eccher, R. Gradert, R. Livesay, R. McCaw, P. Ripperger, D. Swanson, T. Wells, D. Anderson, Kathy Nelson, Kippy Nelson, B. Preston, T. Steele, K. Urick, M. Weber, J. Zahm, A. DeSmith, J. DeSplinter, J. Kursock, J. Findley, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, J. Thompson. **Two** members were **absent**: D. Sullivan and J. May.

Motion Carried.

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

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

50. Member Bill Preston made a motion to transfer appropriations from the 2011 budget to the 2012 budget for the Information Services Department web-site rewrite. Point of order was called. Discussion was held.

51. Member Tom Steele moved to approve a Proclamation Designating December 2011 as the National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month. Member Jason Desplinter seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **twenty-two** members voting **“Aye”**: J. Eccher, R. Gradert, R. Livesay, R. McCaw, P. Ripperger, D. Swanson, T. Wells, D. Anderson, Kathy Nelson, Kippy Nelson, B. Preston, T. Steele, K. Urick, M. Weber, J. Zahm, A. DeSmith, J. DeSplinter, J. Kursock, J. Findley, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, J. Thompson. **Two** members were **absent**: D. Sullivan and J. May.

Motion Carried.

52. Chairman Tim Wells asked for County Board Comment.

Chairman Tim Wells stated, “One comment I would like to make in regards to assurances regarding to the nature of making sure that no one is going to be name calling or the opportunity that we need to be professional and the idea that anyone making personal attacks on an individual will not be tolerated. That is the only assurances I want to give.”

Member Kathy Nelson, spoke as Chaplain, regarding how she felt that there was disrespect at Public meetings and a lack of respect from County Board members.

53. Member Roger Gradert moved to adjourn until the **December 13, 2011 County Board meeting**. Member Jim Kursock seconded the motion.

54. Chairman Tim Wells declared the meeting adjourned.