



MINUTES of the HENRY COUNTY BOARD

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 9 2012

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 September, 2012, 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, October 9, 2012, at 6:00 P.M.** The Proposed FY 12-13 Henry County Budget will be presented and held over with final action to be taken at the November 2012 Henry County Board meeting. Said meeting will be held in the **COUNTY BOARD ROOM**, Judicial Wing, Room 102J, Henry County Courthouse in the Village of Cambridge, Illinois.

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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 BOARD

Cambridge, Illinois _____ October 4, 2012_____
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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 **9th** day of **October, 2012** at 6:00 P.M.

2. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Tim Wells.
3. The meeting was opened with a prayer by Chaplain Kathy Nelson after which the pledge of allegiance to the flag was given.
4. A Call of the Roll by Deputy County Clerk, Kelli Humphrey showed **twenty-one** members **present**: Jim Eccher, Roger Gradert, Rick Livesay, Pat Ripperger, Dennis Sullivan, Donald DeDobbelaere, Tim Wells, Dennis Anderson, Kathy Nelson, Kippy Nelson, Bill Preston, Karen Urick, Muriel Weber, Jon Zahm, Ann DeSmith, Marshall Jones, Jim Kursock, Jan May, Jim Findley, John Sovanski, and Jerry Thompson. **Three** members were **absent**: Rebekah McCaw, Tom Steele, and Ted Sturtevant.

5. Member Muriel Weber moved to approve the agenda of the October 9, 2012 County Board meeting. Member Jan May seconded the motion.
Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

6. Chairman Tim Wells asked for Public Comment.

Mr. Jim Ufkin, Landowner in Yorktown Township and Chairman of the Legislative Committee of the Henry County Farm Bureau, spoke regarding Clean Line Energy.

Mr. Phillip Arnold, Yorktown Township, spoke regarding transmission lines (RICL) Rock Island Clean Line. Where is eminent domain? Who is speaking for the land?

Mr. Todd Sieben, of Geneseo, spokesman for Clean Line Energy Partners, a member of the Farm Bureau, and a 4th generation landowner, spoke regarding Clean Line Energy.

Mr. Bruce Jones, 2821 Seyller Rd, disappointed with the Board's decision to work with Rock Island Clean Line.

Ms. Cheryl Arnold, Yorktown Township, also disappointed with the Board's decision.

Mr. Rock Katshnig, Yorktown Township, 4th generation landowner, spoke regarding the County Board holding off on spending the \$210,000/year quite yet, "cause this might turn into a complicated matter".

7. Member Pat Ripperger moved to approve and place on file the September 11, 2012 Special and Annual Session County Board Meeting Minutes. Member Jim Kursock seconded the motion.
Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

8. Ms. Cheryl Geitner, University of Illinois Extension 4-H Youth Development, gave a Presentation. Miss Rebecca Ebert, Annawan All Stars, presented a Cookie Jar to Tim Wells. Water and cookies are in the Hallway for the Board Members. Miss Freya Block, member of the Henry County Rough Riders thanked the Board for supporting Henry County 4-H. It teaches respect, work-ethics and responsibility.

9. Member Rick Livesay moved to approve and place on file the monthly reports of the Henry County Health Department, Veterans Assistance Commission, Henry County Emergency Telephone System Board, Henry County Economic Development Partnership and the County Clerk/Recorder monthly fee report. Member Jim Findley seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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10. Member Ann DeSmith moved to **confirm** the following **appointments/reappointments:**

Reappointment of Mr. Ned Richardson to the Henry County Ethics Commission for a term from October 9, 2012 to July 31, 2014.

Appointment of Ms. Diana Shreck to the Henry County Ethics Commission for a term from October 9, 2012 to July 31, 2014.

Reappointment of Mr. Ansley Carlson to the North Edwards River and West Mud Creek Drainage District for a term from September 4, 2012 to September 1, 2015.

Reappointment of Mr. Ronald Neumann to the Aqueduct Special Drainage District for a term from September 4, 2012 to September 1, 2015.

Reappointment of Mr. Brett Dynes to the Mud Creek Special Drainage District for a term from September 4, 2012 to September 1, 2015.

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Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.
Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

11. Member Rick Livesay moved to **hold over** until the November 13, 2012 Recessed Annual Session County Board meeting the following **appointments/reappointments**:

Reappointment of Mr. Tom Montgomery to the Henry County Building Board of Appeals for a term from December 1, 2012 to November 30, 2015.

Reappointment of Mr. Gerald Franks to the Henry County Planning Committee for a term from December 1, 2012 to November 30, 2015.

Reappointment of Dr. David Modder, Kewanee, to the position of Henry County Animal Control Administrator for a term from December 1, 2012 to November 30, 2013.

Reappointment of Dr. Chris Ryan, Kewanee, to the position of Henry County Animal Control Assistant Administrator for a term from December 1, 2012 to November 30, 2013.

Member Karen Urick seconded the motion.
Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

12. Member Karen Urick, Health and Social Services Committee Chairperson, moved to approve and place on file the Health and Social Services Committee report and also presented an invitation for an **Open House at Hillcrest Home** for Saturday, **October 20, 2012** to celebrate the remodeling. Member Jan May seconded the motion.
Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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13. Member Rick Livesay, Transportation Committee Chairman, moved to approve **construction of a bridge** located in **Colona and Edford Townships**. Member Jon Zahm seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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14. Member Rick Livesay moved to approve and place on file the Transportation Committee report. Member Jim Eccher seconded the motion.
Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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15. Member Dennis Anderson, Finance Committee Chairman, moved to approve and place on file the Treasurer's September bank balance reports and interest earned reports and the County Clerk's September fund balance reports. Member Kathy Nelson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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16. Member Dennis Anderson moved to approve the payment of the September **county accounts** in the amount of **\$3,434,773.03**. Member Jim Eccher seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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17. Member Dennis Anderson moved to **hold over** until the November 13, 2012 Recessed Annual Session County Board meeting the **FY2013 Henry County Budget** and the **Summary of the Preliminary 2012 Tax Levy**. Member Pat Ripperger seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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18. Member Dennis Anderson moved to approve a **Resolution** for a **Deed of Conveyance** to **Joseph E. Meyer**, Henry County Tax Agent, for the following parcel: **20-32-280-007**. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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19. Member Dennis Anderson moved to accept the low bid from **Maximus Consulting Services, Inc.** to perform a Henry County TORT Fund Use Study in the amount of **\$4,500.00** to be paid from the TORT Fund. Member Marshall Jones seconded the motion.

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Motion Carried.
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20. Member Dennis Anderson moved to approve and place on file the Finance Committee report and also thanked the County Board for their work on the Budget. Member Kathy Nelson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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21. Member Roger Gradert, Administration Committee Chairman, moved to approve and place on file the Administration Committee report. Member Jim Findley seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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22. Member Kippy Nelson, Executive Committee Chairperson, moved to approve **Resolution 12-31** in Support of the **Rural Revolving Loan Fund Program** to continue to establish economic development as a major priority and to assist small business in Henry County. Member Roger Gradert seconded the motion.

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Motion Carried.
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23. Member Kippy Nelson moved to approve and place on file the Executive Committee report. Member Donald DeDobbelaere seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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24. Member Jim Kursock, Public Safety Committee Chairman, moved to approve and place on file the Public Safety Committee report. Member Rick Livesay seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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25. Member Jon Zahm, Communications Committee Member, moved to approve and place on file Communications Committee report. Member Jim Findley seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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26. Member Ann DeSmith, Planning and Development Committee Chairperson, reported there is no report to be placed on file for the Planning and Development Committee this month.

27. Chairman Tim Wells asked for County Board Comment.

Chairman Tim Wells wanted to thank the following members for their time served as County Board Members: Tom Steele, Muriel Weber and Pat Ripperger.

Chairman Tim Wells reported October 26 between 4:30 and 6:00 p.m. the Courthouse will be open for trick-or-treating. He also thanked the "Beautify the Courthouse Committee" for the Courthouse decorations.

Member Jon Zahm mentioned Diet Mountain Dew is now a 20 can case vs 24, comparing the analogy with the number of Board members, "do more with less."

Chairman Tim Wells spoke regarding eminent domain.

Member Karen Urick said that the County Board voted on this 2 months ago and that land owners fear private companies coming and seeking public utility status adding the fear of eminent domain.

Mr. Bill Preston asked what was actually passed? Chairman Wells answered by stating an easement of passage from Rock Island to Bureau Counties if it comes through Henry County. An Agreement between the County and the Township has not been passed because we do not even know if it is going to go through our County.

Member Roger Gradert spoke regarding irrigation systems. Farmers still come first.

Ms. Colleen Gillaspie stated the key piece for the County is during the term of the Agreement the County shall cooperate with the developer on a good faith basis and provide positive assistance as necessary, such as public hearings, different events during the pre-construction, the construction, and operation basis of the project.

Member Ann DeSmith said if they get the ICC's approval, they have the ability to come through the County either way, but by signing the agreement, we will have \$7,000 per linear mile and we have the support.

Member Karen Urick said that they would not have given us \$7,000 per linear mile if we didn't sign the agreement. If it does happen, there will be a road agreement and it will be looked at carefully.

Member Bill Preston asked, is it a done deal?

Mr. Roger Gradert asked, if they go to the ICC and ask for eminent domain. We cannot write a letter in support of the farmers against it?

Member Pat Ripperger asked if at that point and time, we would we would lose money and have to pay Attorney fees, right? "Right", answered Mr. Terry Patton, Henry County State's Attorney.

Member Rick Livesay asked, if eminent domain occurs, we don't lose that \$7,000 per linear mile. "No", answered Chairman Wells.

Member Kathy Nelson asked what amount of money is going to be paid to the land owner?

28. Member Jim Kursock moved to **recess** until the **November 13, 2012 Recessed Annual Session County Board** meeting. Member Jan May seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

29. Chairman Tim Wells declared the meeting recessed at 7:09 p.m.