



MINUTES of the HENRY COUNTY BOARD

MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 13 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 9th day of October, 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, November 13, 2012, at 6:00 P.M.** The County Board will take final action on the proposed FY 12-13 Henry County Budget and adopt the 2012 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.**

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 BOARD

Cambridge, Illinois _____ November 8, 2012_____
You are hereby notified that the the County Board of Henry County will meet in **RECESSED ANNUAL SESSION** on **Tuesday, November 13, 2012, 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.**

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 **13th** day of **November, 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 County Clerk Barbara M. Link showed **twenty-two** members present: Jim Eccher, Roger Gradert, Rick Livesay, Rebekah McCaw, Pat Ripperger, Dennis Sullivan, Donald DeDobbelaere, Tim Wells, Dennis Anderson, Kathy Nelson, Kippy Nelson, Bill Preston, Tom Steele, Karen Urick, Muriel Weber, Jon Zahm, Ann DeSmith, Jim Kursock, Jim Findley, John Sovanski, Ted Sturtevant, and Jerry Thompson. Two members were absent: Marshall Jones and Jan May.
5. Member Rebekah McCaw moved to approve the agenda of the November 13, 2012 County Board meeting. Member Jim Eccher seconded the motion.
Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

6. Chairman Tim Wells asked for Public Comment.

Ms. Denise Haga, Galva, IL, thanked the County Board for the opportunity to serve as a potential candidate to the Henry County Board of Health.

Mr. Bill Rutherford, Geneseo, IL, of the Penny Slough Drainage and Levee District, spoke regarding his concern for the district, he is not opposed or in favor of Clean Line, he just wanted the County Board to be aware of his concerns with Clean Line's project going through the Drainage District land.

7. Member Marshall Jones arrived at 6:08 p.m.

8. Member Donald DeDobbelaere moved to approve and place on file the October 9, 2012 Recessed Annual Session County Board Meeting Minutes. Member Jim Findley seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

9. Chairman Tim Wells presented **Ms. Debra J. Doss, Henry County Circuit Clerk**, an **appreciation plaque** for her years of service to Henry County. Ms. Doss will have served as Henry County Circuit Clerk from December 1, 1988 through November 30, 2012.

10. **Deputy Hampton and Deputy Jorik (K-9 Dog)**, gave a presentation introducing the new canine dog. Deputy Hampton explained the training that Deputy Jorik has been through, and that he has been certified in narcotics and patrol work.

11. Member Jim Kursock moved to approve and place on file the monthly reports of the Henry County Health Department, Veterans Assistance Commission, Henry County Economic Development Partnership monthly and Annual reports, Bi-State Regional Commission September and October reports, the County Clerk/Recorder monthly fee report. Member Rick Livesay seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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12. Member Jerry Thompson moved to **confirm** 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 Jim Findley seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

13. Member Roger Gradert moved to **hold over** until the December 11, 2012 County Board meeting the following **appointments/ reappointments**:

Appointment of Mr. Timothy Nimrick, Kewanee, to the Henry County Housing Authority for a term from December 11, 2012 to June 30, 2017.

Appointment of Ms. Denise Haga, Kewanee, to the Henry County Board of Health to complete the un-expired term of Mr. Walter "Van" DeVilder, for a term from December 11, 2012 to May 31, 2013.

Appointment of Ms. Pat Ripperger, Alpha, to the Henry County Planning Committee for a term from December 11, 2012 to November 30, 2015.

Appointment of Mr. Marshall Jones, Kewanee, to the Henry County Zoning Board of Appeals for a term from December 11, 2012 to November 30, 2017.

Reappointments of Ms. Penny Calson, Ms. Gail Ripka, Ms. Amy Jackson, Ms. Christine Schilling, and Mr. Patrick Leuck to the Henry County Mental Health Board for terms from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2016.

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

14. Member Karen Urick, Health and Social Services Committee Chairperson, moved to approve and place on file the Health and Social Services Committee report. Member Marshall Jones seconded the motion. Member Karen Urick wanted to thank the members of the Health and Social Services Committee for their time served: Jan May, Rebekah McCaw, and Muriel Weber.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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15. Member Rick Livesay, Transportation Committee Chairman, moved to approve **County Maintenance Resolution** in the amount of \$1,000,00.00 from the Motor Fuel Tax allotment for the maintenance on County or State highways through the Illinois Department of Transportation. 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. Sullivan, D. DeDobbelaere, T. Wells, Kathy Nelson, Kippy Nelson, B. Preston, T. Steele, K. Urick, M. Weber, J. Zahm, A. DeSmith, M. Jones, J. Kursock, J. Findley, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, and J. Thompson. **Two** members were **absent**: D. Anderson and J. May.

Motion Carried.
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16. Member Rick Livesay moved to approve **Resolution 12-32** approving the **Salary of the County Engineer, Steve Brandau**. Member Bill Preston seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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17. Member Rick Livesay recognized and thanked the following Transportation Committee members: Bill Preston, Jim Findley and Ted Sturtevant. Member Livesay also expressed his gratitude to Steve Brandau, County Engineer; Kerry Spivey, Secretary; and the employees of the Henry County Highway Department. We have the best roads in the State of Illinois!

18. Member Rick Livesay moved to approve and place on file the Transportation Committee report. Member Rebekah McCaw seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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19. 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 Kathy Nelson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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20. Member Dennis Anderson moved to approve the payment of the October county accounts in the amount of \$1,767,585.26. Member Pat Ripperger seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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21. Member Dennis Anderson moved to approve Resolution 12-33 Amending FY2012 Budget for the Sheriff's Department. Member Marshall Jones seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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22. Member Dennis Anderson moved to approve the FY2013 Henry County Budget. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed twenty 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, T. Steele, K. Urick, M. Weber, A. DeSmith, J. Kursock, J. Findley, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, and J. Thompson. Three members voting "Naye": R. McCaw, J. Zahm, and M. Jones. One member was absent: J. May.

Motion Carried.
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23. Member Dennis Anderson moved to approve the 2012 Henry County Tax Levy Ordinance 12-34. Member Kathy Nelson seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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24. Member Dennis Anderson moved to approve Resolution 12-35 reappointing Ms. Lindi Kernan as the Henry County Supervisor of Assessments for a term from November 18, 2012 through November 30, 2016. Member Jim Eccher seconded the motion.

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

Member Karen Urick inquired about rescinding her motion due to the additional annual amount of \$6,500.00, State's Attorney, Terry Patton advised she could not.

Motion Carried.
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25. Member Dennis Anderson moved to approve **Resolution 12-36 Authorizing Participation of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor Program**. Member Jon Zahm seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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26. Member Dennis Anderson moved to approve **Resolutions for Deeds of Conveyance to Joseph E. Meyer, Henry County Tax Agent, for the following parcels: 06-10-206-005, 19-10-100-001, 20-28-428-010, 20-32-256-010, 20-32-152-025, 20-33-227-009, 21-21-276-003, 22-30-131-017, and 25-04-102-010**. Member Marshall Jones seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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27. Member Dennis Anderson thanked the County Board for allowing him to serve as the Finance Committee Chairman, and also recognized the following for their support and time spent serving the Board: Kippy Nelson, Pat Ripperger, Jerry Thompson, Kathy Nelson, Marshall Jones, Tim Wells, Rich VerHeecke, and Jon Zahm.

28. 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.
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29. Member Roger Gradert, Administration Committee Chairman, moved to approve and place on file the FY2013 **Henry County Insurance Premium Package** in the amount of **\$866,823.00**. Member Dennis Anderson seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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30. Member Roger Gradert moved to approve and place on file an agreement with **SpyGlass Group, Inc** to perform auditing services.

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

Motion Carried.
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31. Member Roger Gradert moved to go into **closed session** to discuss the **Labor Agreement** between the FOP Labor Council and the County of Henry/Henry County Sheriff per 5 ILCS 120/2(C)(2). Member Ted Sturtevant seconded the motion.

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

32. Member Dennis Anderson moved to resume back into regular session. Member Marshall Jones seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

33. Member Roger Gradert moved to approve the **Labor Agreement between the FOP Labor Council and the County of Henry/Henry County Sheriff**. Member Jim Eccher seconded the motion.

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

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34. Member Roger Gradert thanked the County Board for the opportunity to serve as the Administration Committee Chairman and also thanked members Tom Steele, Kippy Nelson, John Sovanski, Ted Sturtevant and Administrator Colleen Gillaspie.

35. Member Roger Gradert 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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36. Member Kippy Nelson, Executive Committee Chairperson, moved to Approve the **2013 Holiday Schedule**. Member Dennis Anderson seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

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37. Member Kippy Nelson recognized the following members of the Executive Committee: Rick Livesay, Jim Kursock, Roger Gradert, Dennis Anderson, Ann DeSmith, Karen Urick, Bill Preston, Tim Wells, and Administrator Colleen Gillaspie.

38. Member Kippy Nelson moved to approve and place on file the Executive Committee report. Member Karen Urick seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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39. Member Bill Preston, Communications Committee Chairman, recognized the following members of the Communications Committee: Jim Eccher, Jim Findley, Jon Zahm, County Assessor Lindi Kernan, County Engineer Steve Brandau, Sheriff Jim Padilla, and Information Services Director Rosemary Rathjen.

40. Member Jon Zahm, Communications Committee Member, moved to approve and place on file Communications Committee report. Member Pat Ripperger seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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41. Member Jim Kursock, Public Safety Committee Chairman, thanked the following members of the Public Safety Committee: Karen Urick, Ann DeSmith, Don DeDobbelaere, and Administrator Colleen Gillaspie.

42. Member Jim Kursock moved to approve and place on file the Public Safety Committee report. Member Ann DeSmith seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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43. Member Ann DeSmith, Planning and Development Committee Chairperson, moved to approve **Zoning Map Amendment 12-15 MA** for the purpose of considering an Article 8 AG-1 Agriculture to Article 12 R-1 Residential zoning map amendment application by **Leonard Boelens for construction of one non-farm single family dwelling** on 1 acre of a 3.56 acre tract NE1/4 SE1/4 Section 19 T15N R4E, 4th P.M., **Burns Township**. Member Rick Livesay seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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44. Member Ann DeSmith moved to approve **Zoning Map Amendment 12-16 SU** for the purpose of considering an Article 13 R-2 Residential Section 13.3 Special Use Permit/**rural small business** application by **Terry Anderson on 25% or less of Lots 1 & 2 Charles Bourell Sub NE1/4 Section 17 T16N R1E, 4th P.M., Western Township**. Member Dennis Sullivan seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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45. Member Ann DeSmith thanked the following for their service to the Planning and Development Committee: Rick Livesay, Dennis Sullivan, Jon Zahm, Zoning/Building Department Manager Kyle Stromquist, Zoning/Building Department Secretary Marti Sproston, and Administrator Colleen Gillaspie.

46. Member Ann DeSmith moved to approve and place on file the Planning and Development Committee report. Member Muriel Weber seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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47. Member Pat Ripperger moved to approve **Proclamation 12-37 Designating December 2012 as National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month**. Member John Sovanski seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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48. Chairman Tim Wells asked for County Board Comment.

Chairman Tim Wells thanked Rebekah McCaw for delivering flowers to Jim King.

Chairman Tim Wells reminded board members to turn in their per diems.

Chairman Tim Wells recognized the following County Board Members for their service to Henry County:

Marshall Jones – 2 months
Donald DeDobbelaere – 8 months
Rebekah McCaw – 2 Years
Jon Zahm – 2 years
Dennis Sullivan – 6 years (2 times of service)
Kippy Nelson – pending results
Pat Ripperger – 16 years
Tom Steele – 14 years
Jim Eccher – 18 years (1992-2002 & 2004-2012)
Muriel Weber – 20 years (Eldon Weber 1976 -1992) 36 years total service of the family

Chairman Wells also thanked the Board, staff, and employees for their support for the last 2 years and the opportunity he has been given to serve as Chairman.

Chairman Wells presented the 2012 Annual Report of the County Board and gave an overview. (See Page)

The following members thanked several people which are archived in the County Clerk's office:

Kippy Nelson
Jim Eccher
Jon Zahm
Pat Ripperger
Muriel Weber
Kathy Nelson
Tom Steele
Marshall Jones
Bill Preston
Don DeDobbelaere

49. Member Rebekah McCaw moved to **adjourn** until the **December 3, 2012 Organizational County Board** meeting. Member Muriel Weber seconded the motion.
Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

50. Chairman Tim Wells declared the meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.