



## MINUTES of the HENRY COUNTY BOARD

**MEETING DATE:** JULY 11 2013

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 13th day June, 2013, 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 **Thursday, July 11, 2013, 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 BOARD

Cambridge, Illinois \_\_\_\_\_ July 3, 2013 \_\_\_\_\_  
You are hereby notified that the the County Board of Henry County will meet in **REGULAR SESSION** on Thursday, **July 11, 2013, 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 **REGULAR SESSION** in the Village of Cambridge, the County and State aforesaid, on Thursday, the **11th** day of **July, 2013** 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 **seventeen** members **present**: Ann DeSmith, JoAnne Hillman, Rick Livesay, Kathy Nelson, Bill Preston, Loren Rathjen, Karen Urick, Jacob Waller, Tim Wells, Dennis Anderson, Jim Findley, Roger Gradert, Jim Kursock, Jan May, Kippy Nelson, Jerry Thompson, and Ted Sturtevant. **Three** members were **absent**: Marvin Gradert, Thomas May, and John Sovanski.
5. Member Jacob Waller moved to approve the revised agenda of the July 11, 2013 County Board meeting. Member Jan May seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
6. Chairman Tim Well asked for Public Comment.

7. Member Jim Findley moved to approve and place on file the June 13, 2013 County Board Meeting Minutes. Member Bill Preston seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

8. **Mr. Greg Farnham, Coordinator for Rock River Trail Initiative**, gave a presentation of Rock River Trail.

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9. Member Jan May moved to approve and place on file the monthly reports of the Henry County Health Department, Veterans Assistance Commission, Emergency Telephone System Board, Henry County Economic Development Partnership, Henry County 708 Mental Health Board and the County Clerk/Recorder monthly fee report. Member Loren Rathjen seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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10. Member Kippy Nelson moved to **confirm** the following **appointments/reappointments**:

**Appointment of Mr. Dan Meyer to the Bishop Hill Fire Protection District for a term from April 1, 2013 to April 30, 2016.**

**Reappointment of Mr. Carl Bates to the Galva Community Fire Protection District for a term from May 1, 2013 to April 30, 2016.**

**Reappointment of Ms. Rebekah Root to the Henry County 708 Board for a term from December 1, 2012 to December 31, 2016.**

Member Roger Gradert seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

11. Member Ann DeSmith moved to **hold over** until the August 15, 2013 County Board Meeting the following **appointments/reappointments**:

**Reappointment of Mr. Raymond Hanson to the Osco-Andover Fire Protection District for a term from August 15, 2013 to April 30, 2015.**

**Appointment of Mr. Tom Steele to the Henry County Ethics Commission for a term from August 15, 2013 to July 31, 2015.**

**Appointment of Mr. Dennis Verbeck to the Farmland Review Committee for a term from August 15, 2013 until a replacement is named.**

Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

12. Member Kippy Nelson, Public Safety Committee Chairperson, moved to **hold over** until the August 15, 2013 County Board meeting **Resolution 13-18 Revising the Liquor Control Section of the Henry County Code of Ordinances**. Member Jacob Waller seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

13. Member Kippy Nelson 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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14. Member Karen Urick, Health and Social Services Committee Chairperson, read a letter from **Ms. Mary Bergren, Hillcrest Home Administrator, who is planning on retiring December 12, 2013 after 37 years of service to Henry County.**

15. Member Karen Urick moved to approve and place on file the Health and Social Services Committee report. Member Jan May seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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16. Member Dennis Anderson, Finance Committee Chairman, moved to approve and place on file the Treasurer's June bank balance reports and interest earned reports and the County Clerk's June fund balance reports. Member Loren Rathjen seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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17. Member Kippy Nelson excused herself.

18. Member Dennis Anderson moved to approve the payment of the June county accounts in the amount of **\$2,731,755.98**. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **sixteen** members voting "Aye": A. DeSmith, J. Hillman, R. Livesay, Kathy Nelson, B. Preston, L. Rathjen, K. Urick, J. Waller, T. Wells, D. Anderson, J. Findley, R. Gradert, J. Kursock, J. May, T. Sturtevant, and J. Thompson. **Four** members were **absent**: M. Gradert, T. May, Kippy Nelson, and J. Sovanski.

Motion Carried.

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19. Member Dennis Anderson moved to approve **Resolution 13-16 Increasing the County Law Library Fee from \$13.00 to \$21.00 effective August 1, 2013**. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **sixteen** members voting "Aye": A. DeSmith, J. Hillman, R. Livesay, Kathy Nelson, B. Preston, L. Rathjen, K. Urick, J. Waller, T. Wells, D. Anderson, J. Findley, R. Gradert, J. Kursock, J. May, T. Sturtevant, and J. Thompson. **Four** members were **absent**: M. Gradert, T. May, Kippy Nelson, and J. Sovanski.

Motion Carried.

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20. Member Dennis Anderson 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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21. Member JoAnne Hillman, Communications Committee Chairperson, moved to recommend the County Board approve sending a letter to Governor Quinn opposing HB2361, HB2361, HB2404, HB2482 and SB2339. Member Jim Findley seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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22. Member JoAnne Hillman moved to approve and place on file the Communications Committee report. Member Rick Livesay seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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23. Member Roger Gradert, Administration Committee Chairman, moved to accept the **reinsurance renewal proposal** for a **\$40,000.00 deductible** from **Symentra Life Insurance Company** in the amount of **\$337,386.00**, which reflects no change in monthly premiums. Member Loren Rathjen seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **sixteen** members voting "Aye": A. DeSmith, J. Hillman, R. Livesay, Kathy Nelson, B. Preston, L. Rathjen, K. Urick, (Roll Call continued on next page)

J. Waller, T. Wells, D. Anderson, J. Findley, R. Gradert, J. Kursock, J. May, T. Sturtevant, and J. Thompson. **Four members were absent:** M. Gradert, T. May, Kippy Nelson, and J. Sovanski.

Motion Carried.  
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24. 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.  
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25. Member Rick Livesay, Transportation Committee Chairman, moved to approve a **bridge project** located in **Clover Road District** to be completed by **Curnyn Construction** in the amount of **\$154,150.00**. The project is to be funded by 80% State, 10% County, and 10% Road District funds. Member Ted Sturtevant seconded the motion.

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Motion Carried.  
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26. Member Rick Livesay moved to approve a **Sign Upgrade Program** to be funded with Federal funds. The bid was awarded to **MD Solutions**, the lowest bidder in each group. Member Ted Sturtevant seconded the motion.

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Motion Carried.  
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27. Member Rick Livesay moved to approve and place on file the Transportation Committee report. Member Ann DeSmith seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.  
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28. No Executive Committee report to place on file.

29. Member Ann DeSmith, Planning and Development Committee Chairperson, moved to approve and place on file the May 8, 2013 Planning and Development Committee report. Member JoAnne Hillman seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.  
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30. Member Jerry Thompson moved to approve **Resolution 13-17 Authorizing Application for the Downstate Operating Assistance Program**. Member Loren Rathjen seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **sixteen** members voting "Aye": A. DeSmith, J. Hillman, R. Livesay, Kathy Nelson, B. Preston, L. Rathjen, K. Urick, J. Waller, T. Wells, D. Anderson, J. Findley, R. Gradert, J. Kursock, J. May, T. Sturtevant, and J. Thompson. **Four members were absent:** M. Gradert, T. May, Kippy Nelson, and J. Sovanski.

Motion Carried.  
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31. Chairman Tim Wells asked for County Board comment.

Member Roger Gradert mentioned the Wall Dogs, Artist paintings that are being done in Kewanee. They are a great tribute to Kewanee.

Member Jan May also mentioned the Wall Dogs, they started sketching 15 murals on the sides of buildings. Tomorrow the painting will begin. There is lots of food, activities, and music. It is going to be fascinating and a beautiful project.

Member Kathy Nelson mentioned an Abilities Plus Golf outing that is to be held August 5, 2013 at Kewanee Dunes. The first 144 golfers will get in. Dinner will be served.

Chairman Tim Wells spoke regarding the Golf Classic Birdies for Charity, if you wish you could list Hillcrest Home or Abilities Plus, to support our own agencies. Mr. Wells wanted to thank Ms. Colleen Gillaspie for getting funds and a card together to send something to Mr. Jim Eccher showing our support. Chairman Wells had Mr. Rick Livesay come forward to acknowledge his 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday, and gave him a present.

32. Member Jerry Thompson moved to **adjourn** until the **August 15, 2013 County Board** meeting to be held in the **County Board Room** at the **Henry County Courthouse**, Room 102J, in the Village of Cambridge, IL. Member Roger Gradert seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

33. Chairman Tim Wells declared the meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.