



MINUTES of the HENRY COUNTY BOARD

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 12 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 15th day August, 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 **ANNUAL SESSION** on **Thursday, September 12, 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 _____ September 5, 2013 _____
You are hereby notified that the the County Board of Henry County will meet in **ANNUAL SESSION** on Thursday, **September 12, 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 **ANNUAL SESSION** in the Village of Cambridge, the County and State aforesaid, on Thursday, the **12th** day of **September, 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 **eighteen** members **present**: Ann DeSmith, Marvin Gradert, JoAnne Hillman, Rick Livesay, Kathy Nelson, Bill Preston, Loren Rathjen, Karen Urick, Tim Wells, Dennis Anderson, Jim Findley, Roger Gradert, Jim Kursock, Jan May, Thomas May, John Sovanski, Ted Sturtevant, and Jerry Thompson. **One** member was **absent**: Jacob Waller.
5. Member JoAnne Hillman moved to approve the revised agenda of the September 12, 2013 County Board meeting. Member John Sovanski seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

6. Member Kathy Nelson recommended **Mr. Don DeDobbelaere** to fill the vacancy in County Board District 2, formerly held by Ms. Kippy Nelson. Member Rick Livesay seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed fifteen members voting "Aye": A. DeSmith, M. Gradert, J. Hillman, R. Livesay, K. Nelson, B. Preston, L. Rathjen, K. Urick, T. Wells, D. Anderson, R. Gradert, J. May, J. Sovanski, T. Sturtevant, and J. Thompson. Three members voting "Naye": J. Findley, J. Kursock, and T. May. One member was absent: J. Waller.

Motion Carried.

7. County Clerk, Barb Link swore in newly appointed Member Don DeDobbelaere.

8. Chairman Tim Wells asked for Public Comment.

9. Member Jan May moved to approve and place on file the August 15, 2013 County Board Meeting Minutes. Member Loren Rathjen seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

10. **Ms. Denise Bulat**, Executive Director of the Bi-State Regional Commission gave a presentation and distributed information on Bi-State Services for Member Governments.

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11. Member Kathy Nelson moved to approve and place on file the monthly reports of the Bi-State Regional Commission, Henry County Health Department, Veterans Assistance Commission, Emergency Telephone System Board, and the County Clerk/Recorder monthly fee report. Member Bill Preston seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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12. Member Jan May reported that a press release had been published regarding the resignation of **Ms. Kate Barton**, CEO/Director of the Henry County Housing Authority, who is resigning in December.

13. Member Marvin Gradert moved to confirm the following reappointment:

Reappointment of Mr. Greg Miller to the Oxford Fire Protection District for a term from September 12, 2013 to April 30, 2015.

Member Roger Gradert seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

14. Member Jan May moved to hold over until the October 10, 2013 County Board meeting the following appointments/reappointments:

Reappointment of Mr. Lloyd Whitsell to the North Edwards River and West Mud Creek Drainage District for a term from September 3, 2013 to September 5, 2016.

Reappointment of Mr. Henry J. Bowman to the Aqueduct Special Drainage District for a term from September 3, 2013 to September 5, 2016.

Reappointment of Mr. Dwaine C. Verbeck to the Mud Creek Special Drainage District, for a term from September 3, 2013 to September 5, 2016.

Member Marvin Gradert seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

15. Member Jacob Waller arrived at 6:26 p.m.

16. Member Jerry Thompson moved to **hold over** until the October 10, 2013 County Board meeting the **appointment of Ms. Betty Murphy to the Henry County 708 Board** for a term from **October 10, 2013 to December 31, 2016**. Member JoAnne Hillman seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

17. Member Roger Gradert moved to approve **appointment of Mr. Donald DeDobbelaere** to the Public Safety Committee Chairman position, to be approved immediately, for a term from **September 12, 2013 to November 30, 2014**. Member Loren Rathjen seconded the motion. Discussion was held which is archived in the County Clerk's office. Member Roger Gradert called Point of Order.

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

Motion Failed.

18. Member Ann DeSmith moved to approve the **appointment of Mr. Don DeDobbelaere to the Public Safety Committee**, to be approved immediately, for a term from September 12, 2013 to November 30, 2014. Member Jacob Waller seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

19. Member Karen Urick, Health and Social Services Committee Chairperson, moved to approve and place on file the Health and Social Services Committee report. Member Tom May seconded the motion. Member Urick also announced the retirement of Ms. Gail Ripka in April, 2014.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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20. Member Ann DeSmith, Public Safety Committee Member, moved to approve **FY12-13 Emergency Management Performance Grant**. Member Jim Kursock seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

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

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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22. Member Dennis Anderson, Finance Committee Chairman, moved to approve and place on file the Treasurer's August bank balance reports and interest earned reports and the County Clerk's August fund balance reports. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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23. Member Dennis Anderson moved to approve the payment of the August county accounts in the amount of **\$2,728,229.70**. Member Loren Rathjen seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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24. 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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25. Member JoAnne Hillman, Communications Committee Chairperson, moved to approve and place on file the Communications Committee report. Member Jacob Waller seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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26. Member JoAnne Hillman excused herself at 6:45 p.m.

27. Member Roger Gradert, Administration Committee Chairman, moved to approve and place on file the Administration Committee report. Member Rick Livesay seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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28. Member Ann DeSmith, Planning and Development Committee Chairperson, moved to approve and place on file the Planning and Development Committee report. Member Jim Kursock seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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29. Member Rick Livesay, Transportation Committee Chairman, moved to approve and place on file the Transportation Committee report. Member Jim Findley seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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30. Member John Sovanski, Executive Committee Chairman, moved to adopt the **Henry County Subrecipient Grant Policy**. Member Dennis Anderson seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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31. Member John Sovanski moved to approve and place on file the Executive Committee report. Member Jan May seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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32. Chairman Tim Wells asked for County Board comment.

Member Loren Rathjen believes the members of this board should be able to conduct the business of the citizens of Henry County in a professional and cordial manner and respect all points of view, and if not, they need to reassess why they are on this board.

Member Kathy Nelson as Chaplain has asked for many prayers asking for respectfulness and stability to all members of this board. She thinks we need to all be respectful of each other, we are entitled to our opinions, but we can speak them respectfully.

Member John Sovanski reported the County Health Board met last week. They were presented with an incentive package for 2 or 3 employees that are going to retire and they voted it down. Member Karen Urick said she was at the meeting, and it was not voted down. It has just been held over until December. Member John Sovanski said he was given incorrect information and apologized.

Member Karen Urick said if you have any questions regarding Hillcrest Homes budget and why they are being asked to reimburse \$120,000.00 of their budget, please feel free to call Colleen Gillaspie and Mary Bergren.

Chairman Wells reported all Elected Officials are invited to Invenergy on September 17th at 1:30 p.m. Mr. Wells also thanked Colleen Gillaspie and Member Dennis Anderson on their time spent on the details with the budget. Chairman Wells wanted to eliminate rumors and will not re-seek election as a County Board Member, but will plan on running as a candidate for Henry County Treasurer.

33. Member Ann DeSmith moved to go into **closed session**. Member Roger Gradert seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

34. Member Ann DeSmith moved to resume back to regular session. Member Loren Rathjen seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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35. Member Ann DeSmith moved to release the closed session minutes of March 14, 2013. Member Jacob Waller seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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36. Member Jerry Thompson moved to **recess until the October 10, 2013 Recessed Annual Session 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.

37. Chairman Tim Wells declared the meeting recessed at 7:05 p.m.