



MINUTES of the HENRY COUNTY BOARD

MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 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 14th day November, 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, December 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 _____ December 6, 2013 _____
You are hereby notified that the the County Board of Henry County will meet in **REGULAR SESSION** on Thursday, **December 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 **REGULAR SESSION** in the Village of Cambridge, the County and State aforesaid, on Thursday, the **14th** day of **November, 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, Rick Livesay, Kathy Nelson, Bill Preston, Loren Rathjen, Karen Urick, Jacob Waller, Tim Wells, Don DeDobbelaere, Jim Findley, Roger Gradert, Jim Kursock, Thomas May, Jan May, John Sovanski, Ted Sturtevant, and Jerry Thompson. **Two** members were **absent**: JoAnne Hillman and Dennis Anderson.
5. Member Don DeDobbelaere moved to approve the revised agenda of the December 12, 2013 County Board meeting. Member Marvin Gradert seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

6. Chairman Tim Wells asked for Public Comment.

Sheriff Padilla spoke regarding a 9-1-1 call regarding a woman who was in labor. Deputy Liz Gibson gave instructions to the father to deliver the baby. The umbilical cord was wrapped around the infant's neck and with the help of Deputy Gibson, the baby was born and everyone was okay.

7. Member Kathy Nelson moved to approve and place on file the November 14, 2013 Recessed County Board meeting minutes. Member Jacob Waller seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

8. Chairman Tim Wells gave a Presentation of Service Recognition **Plaque** to **Ms. Mary Bergren, Hillcrest Home Administrator**. The plaque was presented by the Health and Social Services Committee, Tim Wells, Bill Preston, Jan May, and Karen Urick. A second plaque was given to her and will be placed at the entrance of Hillcrest Home.

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

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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10. Member Bill Preston gave information on the UCCI meeting.

11. Member Rick Livesay passed out and explained a report regarding yield mapping for the County Farm.

12. Member Jan May moved to **confirm** the following **appointments/reappointments**:

Reappointment of Mr. David VanDeVelde to the Henry County Zoning Board of Appeals for a term from December 1, 2013 to November 30, 2018.

Reappointment of Mr. Lloyd Carlson to the Henry County Building Board of Appeals for a term from December 1, 2013 to November 30, 2016.

Reappointment of Mr. Bob Hepner to the Henry County Planning Committee for a term from December 1, 2013 to November 30, 2016.

Reappointment of Mr. Bill Preston to the United County Council of Illinois (UCCI) for a term from December 1, 2013 to November 30, 2014.

Reappointments of Mr. John Swan, Chief Jim Dison, Mr. Tony Tracy, Mr. Tom Weston, and Chief Brian Stoudt, to the Henry County Emergency Telephone System Board for terms from December 1, 2013 to November 30, 2017.

Member Roger Gradert seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

13. Member Jerry Thompson moved to **hold over** until the January 16, 2014 County Board meeting the following **appointment**:

Appointment of Ms. Jan May to the Henry County Tourism Bureau to complete the unexpired term of Ms. Kippy Nelson, for a term from January 16, 2014 to November 30, 2014.

Member Loren Rathjen 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 Jan May seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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15. Member Don DeDobbelaere, Public Safety Committee Chairman, moved to rescind **Resolution 13-10 Revising the Liquor Control Section of the Henry County Code of Ordinances**. Member Ann DeSmith seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

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16. Member Don DeDobbelaere announced that **Mr. Gary Radicic resigned** today as the **Emergency Management Agency Manager**.

17. Member Don DeDobbelaere 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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18. Member Jerry Thompson, Finance Committee Member, moved to approve **Resolution 13-31 for the Henry County Board to Submit a Public Question Regarding the Special County Retailer's Occupation Tax for Public Safety** to be placed on the March 18, 2014 General Primary Election Ballot. Member Jim Findley seconded the motion.

19. Member Bill Preston moved to **amend the Resolution 13-31** to say to be placed on the November 2014, **General Election Ballot**. Member Marvin Gradert seconded the motion.

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

Motion Failed.

20. Back to the original motion to approve **Resolution 13-31** to Submit a Public Question Regarding the Special County Retailer's Occupation Tax for Public Safety to be placed on the March 18, 2014 General Primary Election Ballot.

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

Motion Carried.

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21. Member Jerry Thompson moved to approve and place on file the Treasurer's November bank balance reports and interest earned reports and the County Clerk's November fund balance reports. Member Jacob Waller seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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22. Member Jerry Thompson moved to approve the payment of the November county accounts in the amount of \$3,183,499.50. Member Loren Rathjen seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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23. Member Jerry Thompson moved to approve and place on file the Finance Committee report. Member Roger Gradert seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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24. Member Bill Preston and Member Kathy Nelson excused themselves at 6:50 p.m.

25. The Communications Committee did not have a report.

26. Member Roger Gradert, Administration Committee Chairman, moved to approve the bid from **Tri-City Electric** for the **Courthouse Lighting** base bid, Alternate #1, Alternate #2, and Alternate #3 in the total amount of \$116,845.00. Member Ted Sturtevant seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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27. Member Roger Gradert 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 **Ag-1 Special Use Permit 13-10 SU by Kim Roman** for the purpose of considering an Article 8 AG-1 Agriculture Section 8.3 Special Use Permit/**rural small business application for an embroidery/screen printing business** on 25% or less of 5 acres Pt N475.70 NW1/4 N of Canal Section 25 T17N RE 4th P.M., **Atkinson Township**. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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29. Member Ann DeSmith moved to approve and place on file the Planning and Development Committee report. Member Don DeDobbelaere seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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30. Member Rick Livesay, Transportation Committee Chairman, moved to approve and a place on file the Transportation Committee report. Member Ted Sturtevant seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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31. The Executive Committee did not have a report.

32. Member Ann DeSmith moved to approve **Ordinance 13-32 Abating Taxes to be Levied for 2013 Tax Year to pay the principal and interest of the General Obligation Refunding Bonds Series 2012**. Member Jan May seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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33. Member Roger Gradert moved to approve **Resolution 13-33 Opposing Adoption of HB 924 Amending the Prevailing Rate of Wage Act**. Member Marvin Gradert seconded the motion.

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

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

Member John Sovanski wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Member Donald DeDobbelaere attended the Planning Meeting last night, spoke regarding the population figures for Henry County.

Chairman Tim Wells expressed his gratitude to the department heads and employees of Henry County for their past, present and future control of spending, and capitalizing on revenue. Mr. Wells spoke regarding the charity of the Courthouse staff for the hats and mittens for Freedom House. Mr. Wells also mentioned Barb Link's and Rich VerHeecke's December Birthdays. Happy Birthday! A thank you card was sent from the family of Maurice Swanson. A survey from Planning and Development will be presented to the employees. Merry Christmas to everyone!

Member Roger Gradert wished all the County employees a Merry Christmas!

Member Jerry Thompson mentioned how Windmont Park in Kewanee is very beautifully decorated for Christmas. Mr. Thompson wished everyone a Merry Christmas!

35. Member Donald DeDobbelaere moved to **adjourn until the January 16, 2014 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.

36. Chairman Tim Wells declared the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.