



MINUTES of the HENRY COUNTY BOARD

MEETING DATE: MARCH 13 2014

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 February, 2014, 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, March 13, 2014, 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 _____ February 6, 2014 _____
You are hereby notified that the the County Board of Henry County will meet in **REGULAR SESSION** on Thursday, **March 13, 2014, 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 **13th** day of **March, 2014** 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 Barb Link showed **eighteen** members **present**: Ann DeSmith, Marvin Gradert, JoAnne Hillman, Kathy Nelson, Bill Preston, Loren Rathjen, Karen Urick, Jacob Waller, Tim Wells, Dennis Anderson, Don DeDobbelaere, Jim Findley, Roger Gradert, Jim Kursock, Jan May, John Sovanski, Ted Sturtevant, and Jerry Thompson. **Two** members were **absent**: Rick Livesay and Thomas May.
5. Member Dennis Anderson moved to approve the agenda of the March 13, 2014 County Board meeting and amend by changing item 7C. Finance report given by Member Jerry Thompson. Member Jan May seconded the motion.
Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
6. Chairman Tim Wells asked for Public Comment.

7. Member Jim Findley moved to approve and place on file the February 13, 2014 County Board meeting minutes. Member Kathy Nelson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

8. **Mr. Dan Swanson, Veterans Assistance Commission, gave a presentation of the Henry County Veteran's Commission. Mr. Bob Merrill, President of the Veterans Assistance Commission was also present.**

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9. Member Marvin Gradert moved to approve and place on file the monthly reports of the Veterans Assistance Commission, Bi-State Regional Commission, Henry County Emergency Telephone System Board, Henry County Health Department January and February reports, 708 Mental Health Board and the County Clerk/Recorder monthly fee report. Member Jacob Waller seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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10. Under Communications, the following members gave reports on outside agencies.

Member Bill Preston reported on the UCCI meeting, discussing Emergency 9-1-1 and the financial status of Illinois.

Member Roger Gradert reported on Economic Development, a meeting is scheduled in Springfield on April 2, 2014.

11. Member Karen Urick moved to **confirm** the following **reappointment**:

Appointment of Mr. Ray Wirth to the Henry County Merit Commission for a term from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2019.

Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

12. Member Ann DeSmith moved to **hold over** until the April 10, 2014 County Board meeting the following **appointments/reappointments**:

Reappointment of Mr. Kenneth DeSmith to the Atkinson Fire Protection District for a term from May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2017.

Appointment of Mr. Jim Mortier to the Colona Community Fire Protection District for a term from May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2017.

Reappointment of Mr. Gerald DeSmith to the Alba/Annawan Fire District for a term from May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2017.

Reappointment of Mr. Thomas Curnyn to the Geneseo Fire Protection District from May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2017.

Member Roger Gradert seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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13. 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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14. Member John Sovanski, Executive Committee Chairperson, moved to approve and place on file the Executive Committee report. Member Marvin Gradert seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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15. Member Jerry Thompson, Finance Committee Member, moved to approve and place on file the Treasurer's February bank balance reports and interest earned reports and the County Clerk's February fund balance reports. Member Loren Rathjen seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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16. Member Jerry Thompson moved to approve the payment of the February **county accounts** in the amount of **\$1,948,569.72**. Member Jacob Waller seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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17. Member Jerry Thompson moved to approve and place on file the Finance Committee report. Member Jim Findley seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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18. Member JoAnne Hillman, Communications Committee Chairperson, moved to recommend the county board approve **sending a letter to legislators** regarding pending legislation opposing/supporting recently introduced bills. Member Dennis Anderson seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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19. Member JoAnne Hillman moved to approve and place on file the Communications Committee report. Member Ann DeSmith seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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20. Member Roger Gradert, Administration Committee Chairman, moved to approve the following **appointment/reappointments** to the **Henry County Insurance Advisory Committee**:

Reappointment of Mr. Jim Grier (Kewanee) for a term from **January 1, 2014** to **December 31, 2017**.

Reappointment of Mr. Steve Mapes (Atkinson) for a term from **January 1, 2014** to **December 31, 2017**.

Reappointment of Mr. Mike Hepner (Orion) for a term from **January 1, 2013** to **December 31, 2016**.

Appointment of Mr. Joseph Mickley (Cambridge & Atkinson) to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Terry Roesner, for a term from **January 1, 2014** to **December 31, 2014**.

Appointment of Mr. Scott Stauffer (Kewanee) to fill the unexpired term of Ms. Maryclair Gustafson for a term from **January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014**. Member Ted Sturtevant seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

21. 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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22. Member Ted Sturtevant, Transportation Committee Member, moved to approve the purchase of a **tandem axle dump truck to Truck Country**, the lowest bidder. Member Jim Findley seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

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23. Member Ted Sturtevant moved to approve the purchase of a **new wheel loader from Martin Equipment** of IA/IL, the lowest bidder. Member Loren Rathjen seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

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24. Member Ted Sturtevant moved to approve a **culvert project in Hanna Township** to be completed by **Curnyn Construction**. Member Loren Rathjen seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

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25. Member Ted Sturtevant moved to approve and place on file the Transportation Committee report. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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26. Member Donald DeDobbeleare, Public Safety Committee Chairman, moved to approve on file the Public Safety Committee report. Member Karen Urick seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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27. Member Ann DeSmith, Planning and Development Committee Chairperson, moved to approve **Zoning Application 14-01 MA** for the purpose of considering an Article 8 AG-1 Agriculture to Article 12 R-1 Residential Zoning Map Amendment submitted by **Edward and Tari Kneen** for construction of one none-farm **single family dwelling** on 1 acre of a 5 acre tract Pt NW ¼ NW ¼ S of RR Section 30, T17N, R4E, 4th P.M., **Atkinson Township**. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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28. Member Ann DeSmith moved to approve **Zoning Application 14-02 SU** for the purpose of considering an Article 8 AG-1 Agriculture Section 8.3 Special Use Permit application by **Cory and Michele Taets** for a **rural small business/dog kennel** on 25% or less of 2 acres in NE1/4 SE1/4 Section 28, T17N R1E, 4th P.M., **Colona Township**. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

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

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

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
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30. Member Dennis Anderson moved to approve **Proclamation 14-02 Recognizing the 2014 Annawan Bravettes for Winning the Class 1A Basketball State Championship**. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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31. Member Ann DeSmith moved to approve **Resolution 14-03 Authorizing Application for a Public Transportation Capital Assistance Grant under the Illinois Department of Transportation’s general authority to make such Grants**. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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32. Member Jerry Thompson moved to approve **Resolution 14-04 for Acceptance of the Special Warrant as Part of the Section 5311 Grant Application**. Member Roger Gradert seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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33. Member Ann DeSmith moved to approve **Ordinance 14-05 to Provide for Public Transportation in Henry County, Illinois**. Member Loren Rathjen seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.
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34. Member Roger Gradert moved to approve **Resolution 14-06 Authorizing Application for FY15 Section 5311 Financial Assistance Grant**. Member Don DeDobbeleare seconded the motion.

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

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

Chairman Wells reported on the CEO Agreement, to involve the County Board Chairperson's and the Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for review.

Chairman Wells also mentioned the Public Safety Sales Tax Referenda.

Chairman Wells said the Finance budget process for FY2015 will be starting, beginning with Hillcrest Home.

Colona Grade School #190 will be hosting the May County Board Meeting. Mr. Kyle Ganson, Superintendent has invited us. The meeting will be held at their gymnasium, which has a nice sound system. The 8th grade students are planning on being present.

36. Member Ann DeSmith moved to go into **closed session at 7:19 p.m. per SILCS 120/2 (c)(21)**. Member Jan May seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

37. Member Jerry Thompson moved to resume back to regular session at 7:23 p.m. Member Loren Rathjen seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

38. Member Karen Urick moved to release closed session minutes of the August 12, 2013 County Board meeting. Member Don DeDobbeleare seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

39. Member Jerry Thompson moved to **adjourn** until the **April 10, 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.

40. Chairman Tim Wells declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.