



## MINUTES of the HENRY COUNTY BOARD

MEETING DATE: MARCH 12 2015

1. Pursuant to a call signed by eleven members (being more than ½ the members of said Board), which was duly received and filed by the Clerk of said Board on the 12th day February, 2015, 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 12, 2015, 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 \_\_\_\_\_ March 5, 2015 \_\_\_\_\_  
You are hereby notified that the County Board of Henry County will meet in **REGULAR SESSION** on Thursday, **March 12, 2015, 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 **12th** day of **March, 2015** at 6:00 P.M.

2. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Roger Gradert.
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**: Kippy Breeden, Ann DeSmith, JoAnne Hillman, Rick Livesay, Kathy Nelson, Jeff Orton, Bill Preston, Loren Rathjen, Dennis Anderson, Jim Findley, Roger Gradert, Jim Kursock, Marshall Jones, Jan May, Kelli Parsons, Ted Stutevant, Lynn Sutton, and Jerry Thompson. **Two** members were **absent**: Karen Urick and Jacob Waller.
5. Member Lynn Sutton moved to approve the agenda of the March 12, 2015 County Board meeting. Member Jan May seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
6. Chairman Roger Gradert and asked for Public Comment.

7. Member Marshall Jones moved to approve and place on file the February 12, 2015 County Board meeting minutes. Member Rick Livesay seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

8. Member Jim Findley moved to approve and place on file the monthly reports of the Veterans Assistance Commission, Henry County Health Department, Henry & Stark County Health Department & Black Hawk Community Education Center Issues & Actions of Mental Health Invitation for March 19, 2015 flyer, United Counties Council of Illinois 2015 Leadership Academy Program Information, Bi-State Regional Commission, Henry County Emergency Telephone System Board minutes, and the County Clerk/Recorder monthly fee report. Member Jim Kursock seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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9. The following outside agencies reported:

Mr. Lynn Sutton reported on Henry County Economic Development.

Mr. Bill Preston reported on the UCCI meeting.

10. Member Marshall Jones moved to **confirm** the following **appointments/reappointments**:

**Appointment of Mr. Steven Anderson to the Orion Community Fire Protection District, for terms from March 12, 2015 to April 30, 2017.**

**Reappointment of Mr. Scott Hoffman to the Orion Community Fire Protection District for a term from March 12, 2015 to April 30, 2018.**

Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

Motion Carried.

11. Member Jim Findley moved to **hold over** until the April 16, 2015 County Board meeting the following **appointments/reappointments**:

**Reappointments of Dr. David Modder and Dr. Chris Ryan, respectively, to the positions of Henry County Animal Control Administrator and Henry County Assistant Animal Control Administrator, for a terms from December 1, 2013 to November 30, 2016.**

**Reappointment of Mr. Rich Nelson as the Henry County Noxious Weed Officer for a term from December 1, 2013 to November 30, 2016.**

**Reappointment of Mr. Doug DeBuysere to the Geneseo Fire Protection District for a term from May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2018.**

**Reappointment of Ms. Maryclair Gustafson to the Atkinson Fire Protection District for a term from May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2018.**

**Reappointment of Ms. Jacqueline Catour to the Colona Community Fire Protection District for a term from May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2018.**

**Appointment of Mr. Tom Weston to the Kewanee Community Fire Protection District for a term from May 1, 2015 to April 30, 2018.**

Member Kathy Nelson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

12. Member Rick Livesay, Transportation Committee Chairman, moved to approve and place on file the Transportation Committee report. Member Ted Sturtevant seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.  
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13. Member Marshall Jones, Public Safety Committee Chairman, moved to approve the **contract for Public Defender Contractual Services with Nieman Law Group, P.C.** Member Jim Kursock seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.  
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14. Member Marshall Jones 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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15. Member Ann DeSmith, Planning and Development Committee Chairperson, moved to approve **Zoning Application 15-03 MA by Tim and Angela Kincaid** for the purpose of considering an **Article 8 AG-1 Agriculture to Article 12 R-1 Residential zoning map amendment for construction of one non-farm single family dwelling** on 1 acre of a 3 acre parcel S348.12 of N763.44 of E375.39 NE1/4 Section 4 T16N R3E, 4<sup>th</sup> P.M., **Munson Township**. Member Marshall Jones seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.  
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16. Member Ann Desmith moved to approve and place on file the Planning and Development Committee report from February 12, 2015 and March 4, 2015. Member Jeff Orton seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.  
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17. Member Jan May, Health and Social Services Committee Chairperson, moved to approve and place on file the Health and Social Services Committee report. Member Bill Preston seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.  
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18. Member Kippy Breeden, Executive Committee Chairperson, moved to approve the **Proclamation 15-05 Establishing National Public Health Week from April 6 – 12, 2015**. Member Dennis Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.  
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19. Member Kippy Breeden moved to approve and place on file the **Proclamation 15-06 Establishing April 2015 as National County Government Month -“Counties Moving America Forward: The Keys are Transportation and Infrastructure”**. Member Jan May seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.  
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20. Member Kippy Breeden moved to approve and place on file the Executive Committee report. Member Marshall Jones seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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21. Member Loren Rathjen, Finance Committee Chairman, moved to approve **Signing Criteria for Revised Cambridge Law Enforcement Agreement**. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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22. Member Loren Rathjen moved to approve **Participation in Benchmark Project**. Member Marshall Jones seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **fifteen** members voting “**Aye**”:

A. DeSmith, J. Hillman, R. Livesay, K. Nelson, J. Orton, L. Rathjen, D. Anderson, J. Findley, R. Gradert, J. Kursock, M. Jones, J. May, K. Parsons, L. Sutton, and J. Thompson. **Three** members voting “**Naye**”: K. Breeden, B. Preston, and T. Sturtevant. **Two** members were **absent**: K. Urick and J. Waller.

Motion Carried.

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23. Member Loren Rathjen moved to approve **Participation in Joint Wireless Internet Installation Project**. Member Kelli Parsons seconded the motion.

24. Member Bill Preston moved to **table this for a year**. Member Ted Sturtevant seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **seven** members voting “**Aye**”:

K. Breeden, K. Nelson, J. Orton, B. Preston, D. Anderson, J. Findley, and T. Sturtevant. **Eleven** members voting “**Naye**”: A. DeSmith, J. Hillman, R. Livesay, L. Rathjen, R. Gradert, J. Kursock, M. Jones, J. May, K. Parsons, L. Sutton, and J. Thompson. **Two** members were **absent**: K. Urick and J. Waller.

Motion Failed.

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25. Back to the main motion to approve **Participation in Joint Wireless Internet Installation Project**.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **fourteen** members voting “**Aye**”: A. DeSmith, J. Hillman, R. Livesay, K. Nelson, L. Rathjen, D. Anderson, J. Findley, R. Gradert, J. Kursock, J. May, K. Parsons, T. Stutevant, L. Sutton, and J. Thompson. **Four** members voting “**Naye**”: K. Breeden, J. Orton, B. Preston, and M. Jones. **Two** members were **absent**: K. Urick and J. Waller.

Motion Carried.

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26. Member Loren Rathjen 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 Marshall Jones seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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27. Member Loren Rathjen moved to approve the payment of the March **county accounts** in the amount of **\$2,250,491.43**. Member Jeff Orton seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

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28. Member Loren Rathjen moved to approve a **Policy to Request Non-Union Wage Increases**. Member Kelli Parsons seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.  
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29. Member Loren Rathjen moved to approve and place on file the Finance Committee report. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.  
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30. Member Lynn Sutton, Communications Committee Chairman, moved to approve and place on file the Communications Committee report. Member JoAnne Hillman seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.  
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31. Member Dennis Anderson, Administration Committee Chairman, moved to authorize the purchase of **two fire alarm panels, including necessary software and wiring, from Thompson Electronics Co. for \$17,700.00**. Member Kathy Nelson seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.  
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32. Member Dennis Anderson moved to approve the **Revisions to the Henry County Health Care Plan**. Member Jan May seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.  
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33. Member Dennis Anderson moved to approve and place on file the Administration Committee report. Member Jan May seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.  
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34. Member Loren Rathjen, moved to approve **Resolution 15-07 Calling for the Governor and General Assembly to Protect Necessary Funding for County Government**. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **seventeen** members voting **“Aye”**: K. Breeden, A. DeSmith, J. Hillman, R. Livesay, J. Orton, B. Preston, L. Rathjen, D. Anderson, J. Findley, R. Gradert, J. Kursock, M. Jones, J. May, K. Parsons, T. Stutevant, L. Sutton, and J. Thompson. **One** member voting **“Naye”**: K. Nelson. **Two** members were **absent**: K. Urick and J. Waller.

Motion Carried.  
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35. Chairman Roger Gradert asked for County Board comment: none.

36. Member Ann DeSmith moved to go into **closed session** per 5ILCS 120/2(c)(21) to review closed session minutes at 7:11 p.m. Member Jan May seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

37. Member Jan May moved to resume back into regular open session at 7:14 p.m. Member Ann DeSmith seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

38. Member Loren Rathjen moved to release the following closed session minutes: August 14, 2014, September 11, 2014 A, and September 11, 2014 B. Member Marshall Jones seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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39. Member Jerry Thompson moved to adjourn until the April 16, 2015 **County Board** meeting to be held at the **Henry County Courthouse, Courtroom 102J**, 307 West Center St, Village of Cambridge, Illinois. Member Rick Livesay seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

40. Chairman Roger Gradert declared the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.