



## MINUTES of the HENRY COUNTY BOARD

**MEETING DATE:** MARCH 10 2016

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 11th day February, 2016, 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 10, 2016, 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 3, 2016 \_\_\_\_\_  
You are hereby notified that the County Board of Henry County will meet in **REGULAR SESSION** on Thursday, **March 10, 2016, 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 **10th** day of **March, 2016** 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 **sixteen** members **present**: Kippy Breeden, Ann DeSmith, Rick Livesay, Kathy Nelson, Jeff Orton, Bill Preston, Loren Rathjen, Dennis Anderson, Jim Findley, Roger Gradert, Marshall Jones, Jan May, Kelli Parsons, Ted Sturtevant, Lynn Sutton and Jerry Thompson. **Four** members were **absent**: JoAnne Hillman, Karen Urick, Jacob Waller and Jim Kursock.
5. Member Dennis Anderson moved to approve the revised agenda of the March 10, 2016 County Board meeting and amend by removing item 8 under Finance. Member Kathy Nelson seconded the motion.  
Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.
6. Chairman Roger Gradert asked for Public Comment.

7. Member Jeff Orton moved to approve and place on file the February 11, 2016 County Board regular session meeting minutes. Member Jim Findley seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

8. Mr. Don McFarland and Mr. Ron Pankau from Green Vision International, Inc., gave a presentation.

9. Member Karen Urick arrived at 6:34 p.m.

10. Member Kelli Parsons moved to approve and place on file the monthly reports of the Bi-State Regional Commission, Veterans Assistance Commission, Henry County Health Department, Illinois Counties Association County Review Volume 9 Issue, and the County Clerk/Recorder monthly fee report. Member Jeff Orton seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

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11. The following outside agencies reported:

Member Bill Preston reported on the UCCI meeting.

Member Lynn Sutton reported on the Henry County Economic Development.

Member Jan May reported on Tourism.

Member Rick Livesay reported on the County Farm.

Chairman Roger Gradert reported March 21 will be an Extension meeting.

12. Member Jan May moved to **hold over** until the April 14, 2016 County Board meeting the following **appointments/reappointments**:

**Reappointment of Mr. John Sovanski to the Kewanee Community Fire Protection District for a term from May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2019.**

**Reappointment of Mr. Victor Dzekunskas to the Colona Fire Department for a term from May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2019.**

**Reappointment of Mr. Albert Hulting to the Alba/Annawan Fire District for a term from May 1, 2016 to April 30, 2019.**

Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.

13. Member Kippy Breeden, Executive Committee Chairperson, moved to approve **Resolution 16-09 to Submit a Public Question Regarding the Special County Retailer's Occupation Tax for Public Safety on the November 8, 2016 Ballot**. Member Dennis Anderson seconded the motion.

14. Member Bill Preston moved to **amend the motion to reduce from ½ percent to ¼ percent**. Member Kathy Nelson seconded the motion.

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

**Motion Failed.**

15. Back to the main motion.

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

Motion Carried.  
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16. Member Kippy Breeden moved to authorize **changing the Human Resources function oversight from the County Clerk’s Office to the County Board control** effective May 1, 2016 and to approve the revised **Human Resource Associate Job Description**. Member Lynn Sutton seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.  
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17. Member Kippy Breeden moved to approve **Proclamation 16-10 Declaring April 2016 as National County Government Month**. Member Jan May seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.  
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18. Member Kippy Breeden moved to approve and place on file the Executive Committee report. Member Lynn Sutton seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.  
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19. Member Loren Rathjen, Finance Committee Chairman, 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 Kelli Parsons seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.  
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20. Member Loren Rathjen moved to approve the payment of the February **county accounts** in the amount of **\$1,975,469.87**. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.  
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21. Member Loren Rathjen moved to approve **Resolution 16-11 Increasing the Duplicate Tax Bill Fee from \$2.00 to \$3.00**. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.  
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22. Member Loren Rathjen moved to approve **Resolution 16-12 Authorizing Short Term Use of Health Department Building Funds**. Member Jan May seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.  
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23. Member Loren Rathjen moved to approve **Resolution 16-13 Establishing Henry County Fee Schedule**. Member Jerry Thompson seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.  
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24. Member Loren Rathjen moved to approve a **Resolution** for a **Deed of Conveyance to Joseph E. Meyer and Associates** on the following parcel: **20-34-157-006**. Member Kathy Nelson seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.  
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25. Member Loren Rathjen moved to release **Rural Revolving Loan Funds** in the amount of **\$150,000.00** to **Midwest Trailer Manufacturing**. Member Jeff Orton seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.  
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26. Member Loren Rathjen moved to approve and place on file the Finance Committee report. Member Lynn Sutton seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.  
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27. Member Lynn Sutton, Communications Committee Chairman, moved to authorize sending a letter to the **Legislators Supporting SB 3070**. Member Marshall Jones seconded the motion.

Motion Carried.

28. Member Lynn Sutton moved to approve and place on file the Communications Committee report. Member Marshall Jones seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.  
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29. Member Dennis Anderson, Administration Committee Chairman, moved to approve the purchase of a **water softener** from **Culligan**, and **installation** through **Wirth Plumbing**, for a total amount of **\$10,260.00**. Member Loren Rathjen seconded the motion.  
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A Call of the Roll by Clerk Link showed **seventeen** members voting **“Aye”**: K. Breeden, A. DeSmith, R. Livesay, K. Nelson, J. Orton, B. Preston, L. Rathjen, K. Urick, D. Anderson, J. Findley, R. Gradert, M. Jones, J. May, K. Parsons, T. Sturtevant, L. Sutton and J. Thompson. **Three** members were **absent**: J. Hillman, J. Waller and J. Kursock.

Motion Carried.  
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30. Member Dennis Anderson 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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31. Member Rick Livesay, Transportation Committee Chairman, moved to approve an **Agreement with Hutchinson Engineering, Inc.** for engineering services for a historical bridge in **Atkinson Township**. The funding will be 80% State, 10% County and 10% Road District funds in the total amount of **\$40,250.00**. Member Ted Sturtevant seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.  
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32. Member Rick Livesay moved to approve an **Agreement with Fehr Graham & Associates, LLC** for **engineering services** for a bridge in **Cornwall Township** to be financed with 80% State, 10% County and 10% Road District funds. Member Jeff Orton seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.  
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33. Member Rick Livesay 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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34. Member Marshall Jones, Public Safety Committee Chairman, moved to approve and place on file the Public Safety Committee report. Member Dennis Anderson seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.  
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35. Member Ann DeSmith, Planning and Development Committee Chairperson, moved to approve and place on file the February 11, 2016 Planning and Development Committee report. Member Marshall Jones seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.  
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37. Member Jerry Thompson moved to approve Resolution **16-14 Authorizing Application for 5311 Downstate Operating Assistance Program.**

Member Loren Rathjen seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.  
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38. Member Kelli Parsons moved to approve the **Acceptance of the Special Warranty.** Member Ann DeSmith seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.  
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39. Member Marshall Jones moved to approve **Ordinance 16-15 to Provide for Public Transportation in Henry County.** Member Jan May seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.  
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40. Member Dennis Anderson moved to go into **closed session** to review closed session minutes per 5 ILCS 120/2/(C)(21). Member Loren Rathjen seconded the motion.

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

Motion Carried.

41. Member Dennis Anderson moved to go back in to regular session.

42. Member Kippy Nelson moved to release the following closed session minutes: August 13, 2015, November 12, 2015 and December 10, 2015. Member Loren Rathjen seconded the motion.

Motion Carried Via Voice Vote.  
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43. Chairman Roger Gradert asked for County Board comment.

44. Member Lynn Sutton moved to adjourn until the April 14, 2016 **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.

45. Chairman Roger Gradert declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.