Knox County Board

Regular Monthly Meeting – November 2026
Galesburg City Hall, Galesburg, Illinois
And Via Teleconference for
Public Viewing Access
November 23, 2026

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Special Events		
5:30 p.m.		Closed Session for Personnel, Collective Negotiations, Security Procedures, Property, and Pending Litigation. (5 ILCS 120/2c-1,2,8, & 11)
Opening Ceremonies		
6:00 p.m.		Call to Order (Chairman)
		Roll Call (Clerk)
		Declaration of Quorum (Chairman)
		Proclamation (Sheriff)
		Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America (Chairman)
		Moment of Silence. (In lieu of a formal Invocation).
		Additions to the Agenda (for discussion only)
Public Comment		
Consent Agenda (R/C)		
Item 1	Approve	Minutes of the Board Meeting on October 28, 2026.
Item 2	Presentation	Sales tax and various taxes for month of August 2026 in the amounts of $172,460.46 and $70,166.25 and public safety tax in the amount of $298,457.83
Items for the Chairman		
Item 3	Approve R/C	Approve Payment of MSI and Cleaning Bills for Courthouse Plumbing Project from Contingency.
Item 4	Approve R/C	Approve Resolutions on Deeds of Conveyance (1) (Clerk)
Item 5	Approve R/C	Remove from Table - Approve Pay Increase for IT Employee. (B. Friedrich)
Item 6	Approve R/C	Approve Pay Increase for IT Employee. (B. Friedrich) (If removed from Table)
Item 7		Remove from Table – FOIA Officer Salary.
Item 8	Approve R/C	Approve Salary Increase for FOIA Officer. (B. Friedrich)

Item 9	Approve R/C	Remove from Table – Request for Pre-Purchase of Sheriff Vehicles.
Item 10	Approve R/C	Approve Request for Pre-Purchase of Sheriff Vehicles. (If Removed from Table) (B. Friedrich)
Item 10A	Approve R/C	Approve ARPA Payment Request – BBWave
Report – Committee on Ways and Means.		
Item 11	Presentation	Monthly Report from Committee.
Item 12	Approve R/C	Approve Resolution Authorizing County Clerk and County Treasurer to Issue Warrants for Certain Claims during the Period the County Board is Not in Session.
Item 13	Approve R/C	Approve List of Items to be included in the Recurring Monthly Checks List.
Item 14	Approve R/C	Approve Budget Changes for Fiscal Year 2026 – 2027.
Item 15	Approve R/C	Approve Knox County Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.
Item 16	Approve R/C	Approve Knox County Budget for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (With Modifications from the Posted Display Copy).
Item 17	Approve R/C	Approve Contract for Landfill Assistant.
Report – Committee on Public Service.		
Item 18	Presentation	Monthly Report from Committee.
Report – Committee on Infrastructure		
Item 19	Presentation	Monthly Report from Committee.
Item 20	Approve R/C	Approve Draft Employment Agreement for Bob Wagher to be Landfill Assistant.
Item 21	Approve R/C	Approve Fuel Re-Bid for County Fuel.
Item 22	Approve R/C	Approve Purchase of Two (2) 15 Yard Roll-Off Containers from Wastequip for $13,579.23.
Item 23	Approve R/C	Remove from Table – Budget for Renovation 50 East Main.
Item 24	Approve R/C	Approve Final Budget for Renovation of 50 East Main Street project. (If needed)
Item 25	Approve R/C	Approve Payment to Galesburg Downtown Council for 50 E Main Landscape Maintenance in amount of $3,900.
Item 26	Approve R/C	Approve MSI Invoice 209-25 – Nursing Home Performance Contract Pay App #15 for $208,656.63.
Item 27	Approve R/C	Approve Resolution on County Motor Fuels Tax Salary, Section 27-00000-00-CS
Item 28	Approve R/C	Approve 2026-2027 Employment Agreement for Duane Ratermann.
Report – Committee on Health and Human Services		
Item 29	Presentation	Monthly Report from Committee.
Item 30	Approve R/C	Approve ZBA Case #ZA-01-26 – West Central FS INC to Change Zoning District from “R” Residential to “M” Restricted Industrial Zone District, Filed by Applicant, West Central FS INC, 1445 Monmouth Blvd, Galesburg, IL.
Item 31	Approve R/C	Approve Case #AM-01-26 – To Remove Commercial Agritainment/Agritourism Operation from Zoning Resolution 5.2.02 (21) “C” and 5.3.02 (32) “A” of Knox County Zoning Resolution.
Item 32	Approve R/C	Bid and Bring Back for Landscaping around new Generator at Nursing Home.

Reports – External Committees Assigned to Board Members		
Reports from these Committees will be placed on file in the County Clerk's office. No presentations will be provided during the meeting. If you have specific questions, please direct them to the specific Board representative.		
Knox County Board of Health (Bondi)		
Galesburg Convention and Visitors Bureau (Pugh)		
9-1-1 Committee (Hawkinson)		
Knox County Area Partnership for Economic Development		
Prairie Hills Resources Board (Robertson)		
United Council of Counties (J. Fredrick)		
Western Illinois Regional Council (Cohen)		
Knox County Mental Health 708 Board (Weiss)		
University of Illinois Extension Office (Boone)		
Knox County Civic Center Authority – Orpheum Board (Sandoval)		
Claims Against the County – R/C		
Item 33	Approve R/C	Approve Opening of Budget for Line Item Changes. (If Necessary)
Item 34	Presentation	Presentation of the Proposed Budget Line Item Changes
Item 35	Approve R/C	Approval of Proposed Line Item Changes. (If Necessary)
Item 36	Presentation	Review of Manual Checks Issued for Current Cycle.
Item 37	Approve R/C	Claims by Members for per diem and mileage for the Committee Meetings of November 2026, Board Meeting in October 2026, and other claims for per diem from Meetings.
Item 38	Approve R/C	Claims against Knox County, Illinois, for the period of October 29, 2026 through November 23, 2026 (ordering that invoices be accepted and approved and that the County Clerk and County Treasurer be authorized and directed to issue County Warrants in payment of the bills in the aggregate amount approved by the County Board)
Announcements		
Item 39	Presentation	The next regular meeting will be held on **Monday, December 21, 2026,** 6:00 p.m., at Galesburg City Hall Council Chambers.
Item 40	Presentation	The Organizational Meeting for the Knox County Board will be Held on **December 7, 2026** at 6:00 PM at the Knox County Courthouse.
Closing Ceremonies		
Item 41	Presentation	Presentation of Certificates of Appreciation to County Board Members Leaving the Knox County Board.
Item 42	Presentation	Adjournment of meeting until next scheduled meeting of the Board.

* CONSENT AGENDA: All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by the Board and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Member or citizen so requests; in which event the item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

** Action item to be used only if previous Motion to Remove from Table is approved.

VOTING CHART: R/C = Roll Call Vote; Voice = Voice Vote; 2/3 = 2/3rds Vote

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