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Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Knox County Board held in person at the Galesburg City Council chambers on Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 6:19 p.m. This meeting was presented via teleconference for viewing only. The YouTube channel link can be found on the County website. You can view the meeting on the Knox County YouTube channel. After the meeting is over you review it and are able to download it.

The Meeting was called to order by County Board Chair Jared Hawkinson and upon roll call the following Members reported present:

District 1	Tracy Robertson
District 2	Erin Pugh
District 3	Kimberly Thierry
District 4	Joshua Kramer
District 5	Ricardo “Rick” Sandoval
District 1	Cheryl Nache
District 2	Jennifer Fredrick
District 3	Pamela Davidson
District 4	Jared Hawkinson
District 5	Patty Boone
District 1	Anthony Weiss
District 2	Robert Bondi
District 3	Samuel Cohen
District 4	Todd Olinger
District 5	Brian Friedrich

All Members present.

Also present were County Clerk-Recorder Scott Erickson, County Treasurer Robin Davis, Sheriff Jack Harlan Jr. and Coroner Jacque Dare. Department Heads present were Knox County Public Health Administrator Michele Gabriel, Highway Administrator Duane Ratermann, Knox County Nursing Home Administrator Jodi Mines, Landfill Administrator Rod Cleair and Supervisor of Assessments Sonia Hochstetler.

Sheriff Harlan delivered the Proclamation and Chair Hawkinson led the Members in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. In lieu of a formal invocation, Chair Hawkinson asked that a moment of silence be observed.

Chair Hawkinson asked for additions or deletions to the agenda with additions for discussion only.

Chair Hawkinson stated that this is not an addition but a change is process. After Item 1-3 for the Chair we will move on to Items 17-29 for Infrastructure since Member Bondi has to leave early and will move ahead of the Committee on Ways and Means. He asked if there were any objections. There were no objections to the removals or additions for the agenda.

Chair Hawkinson asked for public comment. He asked if there was anyone that did not get a chance to sign up before the meeting started.

Ken Springer stated that he is with the Knox County Partnership for Economic Development. He apologized for not being able to make it last month and wanted to give a quick update. Western Smoke House is in full production at 1809 Monmouth Blvd. which has created 150-180 new jobs located in the former Maytag facility.

There are three exciting business in the downtown area. The first being Dante and Dory's Pet Emporium which is now open at the intersection of Main Street and Seminary in the former Dollar General building. They have an awesome selection of food, treats, toys and more. The second being Judy's Kitchen which was the former Prairie St. Pasta on main and Prairie St. The restaurant services Chinese comfort foods and has an excellent bar. Third is Orange Cup Sidecar on Main St. Sidecar is the 4th location for the popular locally-owned chain and will serve bagels, breads, coffee and sandwiches. All three-business filled formally vacant building in the downtown area and contribute to the vibrancy of downtown.

The 2025-2026 CEO program held a Meet and Greet at Orange Cup Sidecar and wanted thanked Chair Hawkinson and the many others that came to support them.

Pam Davidson said good afternoon and stated that she is from County Board District 3. She was happy to let everyone know and say thank you to the Knox College Students for coming which are in her district. Since sometimes she he up there to announce sometimes bad things. She said the County Clerk's office is very busy during election time and remember we are elected by our constituents. Happy Halloween.

Chair Hawkinson thanked everyone for speaking.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the following items of the consent agenda: 1) minutes of the regular Board Meeting on September 24, 2025 and 2) sales tax and various taxes for the month of August 2025 in the amounts of $167,993.54 and $65,063.16 and public safety tax in the amount of $286,443.91. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (15). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Chair Hawkinson said that next is the Annual Report from the Knox County 708 Mental Health Board which he made sure was in the board packet and public packet which list all the details released by the 708 Mental Health Board.

Member Davidson said she says this every year that it is wonderful what they do for mental health but it is the same companies. She is not sure if they are not applying or new people do not come or if they do not offer the help during the process.

Member Weiss said that we do get other people to come in but they do not meet the guidelines and they do not come within the guidelines. Some come in every year like always.

Member Davidson said thank you.

Member Friedrich said she is going to say this again that we cannot forget our Knox county Seniors.

Chair Hawkinson said that $1,779,503 of awarded funds were granted. He would like to see more money granted for treatment for mental health disabilities and substance abuse. He said that he agrees 100% with Member Davidson that it needs to be a broader scope and they need to actively going out seeking. Everyone can see the needs on the streets in our communities and districts. He knows that some were declined but he has asked 2 years ago for them to make the grantees provide documentation of how they utilized the funds. Just like what we did with our ARPA grants they had to give a follow up of how the funds were used. He asked something to be put in place over 2 years ago now and a follow up with the 708 Board and Steve Watts. The VNA and Crossroads Counseling he saw were declined.

Member Nache said that she knows that we need counseling to little children. The Child Advocacy only does counsel for a certain length of time. She said they are not going to Bridgeway due to disliking them. We need something for 4 years and up for children.

Member Cohen said that he has to give some credit to the 708 Board for not granting money for bonuses this year like last year. He does feel that they do need to expand and can do better though.

Member Robertson was curious of the places that received funds and did not follow through. They need to have a plan and use it in that manner and perimeter.

Chair Hawkinson said as far as he knows all funds utilized have not provided financial statements for what the funds were used for.

Member Robertson said she heard that the Sympathy was returning money and Knoxville.

Member Weiss said that it is in place for them to show how to spend and if not, people have to return the funds.

Chair Hawkinson said that Mr. Watts did not provide that. He said correction $2,223,904 were approved, $1,843,393 were denied and $4,067,297 were requested. He understands that there is a gap in requests and someone would have to be turned down but look at that documentation.

Member Thierry agrees with Member Weiss that they are putting things in place and that was before he was on that board. Since Member Weiss has been on the 708 board she has seen improvements.

Member Davidson spoke about when Chair Hawkinson stated about having checks and balances on the received ARPA funds. On all these programs and things, out there in the end this is tax payer's money and she agree 100% with Chair Hawkinson that it is needed for this too. She said write that down.

Chair Hawkinson said duly noted.

Member Davidson stated that she would like to see this money not go to operation costs but places that are truly financially strapped and more funds go to small business.

Member Robertson asked if she was reading this right that Bridgeway was awarded $516,669 and $141,000 for employee bonuses.

Chair Hawkinson said that was last years.

Member Robertson stated that it was still approved last year.

Chair Hawkinson said next is Member Bondi with the presentation on the Committee on Infrastructure and subsequent action items.

Member Bondi presented the monthly report from the Infrastructure Committee and stated that the report and minutes are in the packet. He asked if there were any comments or questions.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the Invoice for $48,081.09 from IEPA for Quarterly Tonnage for the Landfill. Member Bondi said all landfills are required to pay the IEPA, a quarterly fee based on the amount of waste disposed of during the prior three months. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (15). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Nache to approve the Fuel Bid received on October 29, 2025. Member Bondi said that fuel bids were received in the County Clerk's Office today until 11 a.m. There were two bids with Herr Petroleum Corp. with a bid of $560,658 and West Central FS Inc. with $561,816. Herr came in at $1,051 lower this year and we always go with the lowest bid. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (15). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Pugh to approve the Agreement with Foth for Services for Knox County Landfill #4 Construction Bid Documents and Assistance. Member Bondi said landfill #4 has been permitted, the construction bid documents need to be finalized and published. Foth will be supervising the bidding process, once the process is completed. The agreement of services is in the packet. Landfill Administrator Rod Cleair and from Foth Josh Gabbreath are here to answer any questions. He thanked them for being here for this. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (15). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Pugh to approve the Rate Increase for Calendar Year 2026 for the Landfill. Member Bondi said that the landfill project will be a 24-25-million-dollar project which the increase is $20 per ton.

Member Friedrich stated that they have tried to keep the cost down over the years because like Member Nache says so not to hurt the little guys. We are unable to build the cells like what was done in the past.

Landfill Administrator Cleair said that they couldn't even if they wanted too due to all the requirements now.

Member Friedrich said that we cannot do it ourselves anymore.

Member Bondi said that the costs are in the packet and there is a discount for locals.

Member Nache said just like Member Friedrich said she doesn't want the fee raises to hurt the little guy. She knows that we have to but likes to stand up for the little guy so they don't have to drive 20 to 30 miles more to find cheaper.

Member Friedrich answered by saying that there is no one outside of us in the area.

Member Nache said they can dump on the side of the road. She knows we have to raise the fees and will vote for it.

Member Cohen said that they are not happy about having to increase it but if we do not then we will have no landfill unfortunately with everything going on.

Member Davidson understands it has to be raised but wondered about an area not in the landfill for lesser items.

Landfill Administrator Cleair said we have to raise it $20 which is the bare minimum and next year will have to raise it again.

Member Davidson asked about a drop off box like they have in Rock Island.

Landfill Administrator Cleair asked for the drop off box how would it be monitored and he doesn't like the EPA would allow it either.

Member Bondi asked about transfer stations.

Landfill Administrator Cleair said a mattress would be under $100.

Member Davidson said that we have to have outside of the box help for people not able to pay $200 and $100 to dispose things.

Landfill Administrator Cleair said for $20 they could dispose of a mattress.

Chair Hawkinson said Peoria County landfill is closed and we are getting Peoria County waste.

Landfill Administrator Cleair said that he didn't plan on having to do the new construction of Landfill #4 this soon but with Peoria closing it bumped it up 2 years. He said even with bumping it up the bear minimum of $20 per ton is dirt cheap and they could have gone to $30. He said most landfill have sold or are leased and we are the little guy.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (15). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Kramer to approve County Motor Fuel Tax Salary Resolution, Section 26-00000-00-CS for the Highway. Member Bondi said that we do this every year for the purpose of paying the County Engineer's Salary of $185,500.00 so we have enough funds. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (15). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Fredrick to approve Creation of Employment Contract for the Assistant Engineer Position at Highway Department.

Member Davidson asked if this position has gone through the wage study.

Member Bondi said that they haven't identified this but are licensed.

Member Davidson said she knows they are licensed.

Member Bondi said we do have to do that.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (15). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Kramer to approve Payment of Invoice for Mary Davis Home Project - $127,624.37. Member Bondi said the original contract amount is for $3,069,855.53 with $657,225.42 completed and retainage of $57,122.54 the information and lien waivers are in the packet. He said that Member Cohen has done an outstanding job reviewing them properly. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Kramer, Sandoval, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (13). Noes—Thierry and Nache---(2). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Fredrick to approve the Nursing Home Performance Contract Payment Request for $723,025.52. Member Bondi said that the original contract is for $7,659,903.59, total completed and stored is $1,917,939.69, total retainage and stored material is $191,793.97. Mr. Basham from Klingner has reviewed and have proof with pictures of the stored materials.

Member Cohen said that he also has a call in to Trent from MSI to get a question answered that they had before next committee meeting.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (13). Noes— Thierry and Davidson--- (2). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the Invoice from Klingner Engineering for 50 East Main Street Project Design Work for $3,934.50.

Member Davidson asked if Klingner talked to all the departments.

Member Bondi said that he sent them all out for review and he knows Treasurer Davis got hers.

Coroner Dare said that she did not get hers.

Member Davidson said that the Coroner did not see it.

Member Bondi said that he would send it to Coroner Dare.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (15). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Olinger to approve Valley Construction Contract, Subject to the State's Attorney's Suggestions Approval. Member Bondi said that the State's Attorney reviewed Valley Construction Contract with no arbitration just litigation like State's Attorney Worby recommended. The contract has been revised and is in the packet. He thanked Clerk Erickson for getting it in the packet. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (14). Noes— (0). Abstain---Thierry--- (1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Cohen to approve Amendment to Resolution 2024-089 Establishing Education Incentive Program to Provide that the Definition Associated with the Grade of "C", That when the Course Work is Formatted to Provide a Grade of "Pass/Fail" it Would be Acceptable to be Eligible for the Reimbursement. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich—(15). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Fredrick to approve Reimbursement of $300 to Adam Chasteen for the One Course Now Completed at Western Governors University. Member Bondi said that he is enrolled in four courses and has one completed. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (15). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

***Member Bondi left at 7:06 p.m.

Chair Hawkinson said that they will now go back to Item 4 and subsequent action items.

Member Friedrich said that the monthly report from the Ways and Means Committees are in the packet. He said that November 10th at 50 E. Main Street at 5 p.m. which will be the last budget meeting unless they are thrown a curve ball. He encourages all the department heads to look at the budget to make sure it is what they agreed it to be.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the Resolutions on Deeds of Conveyance. Member Friedrich said there are nineteen of them and for the Knox College Students this is to put them back on the tax roll. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (14). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the Bids for Workmen's Compensation, Liability, Property and Vehicle Insurance. Member Friedrich said that they had a special meeting to hear some options on being self-insured but at this time they are not confident to go that way. They are going to try and curve the problem areas. The other way is cheaper but a risk. They will have Chad come back in a year. The standard is $1,790,470. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (14). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the Resolution Authorizing an Additional Gate Fee to be Charged at the Knox County Landfill for the Building Fund. Member Fredrich said this is to move part of the landfill money to help with the up keep of the courthouse which is not enough but it helps.

Member Davidson thinks that they should stop it and the money go back to the landfill.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (13). Noes— Davidson--- (1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the Resolution Authorizing a Transfer of Portion of Gate Fees to be Charged at the Knox County Landfill. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (13). Noes— Davidson--- (1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the Resolution Authorizing an Additional Gate Fee to be Charged at the Knox County Landfill for General Fund.

Member Cohen spoke about a percent increase or lump sum instead.

Landfill Administrator Cleair said that is the next one.

Treasurer Davis said the next one is 10% $370,000 or flat $800,000 of equal monthly taking less.

Member Cohen said thank you.

Member Friedrich said what we take out of.

Member Robertson said so less money.

Member Friedrich said yes.

Landfill Administrator Cleair said to pay for bond the county quit last year for day to day operation.

Member Robertson said so we would be able to save for the bond.

Landfill Administrator Cleair said it would help a little.

Member Davidson said other departments can take from that if need to like the nursing home and Mary Davis Home which is allocated out of that gate fee.

Landfill Administrator Cleair said that the landfill does not take from it.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (13). Noes— Davidson--- (1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the Resolution Authorizing Allocation of Certain Gate Receipts at the Knox County Landfill to Special Contingency Fund. Member Friedrich said this is moving the money out of the landfill to the Special Contingency Fund and Item 11 is what departments can get that money but this is Item 10.

Chair Hawkinson said $200,000 flat and the nursing home and Mary Davis Home can use it.

Member Robertson asked if there is a limit on how much per calendar year the funds could be pulled from for those facilities.

Member Friedrich said we has the county board have to see and approve it.

Member Robertson asked what past or current department is bailing them out.

Member Friedrich said crutch to get by but not a life line they have to be able to stand on their own. It is not a life line of hardship.

Member Robertson said thank you.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (13). Noes— Davidson--- (1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the Resolution on Use of Special Contingency Fund. Member Friedrich said this is authorizing where the money can be spent. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (13). Noes— Davidson--- (1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve Placement on Display of the Knox County Tentative Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. (Pending Changes). Member Friedrich said tonight we do not adjourn the meeting we recess for the next 30 days. The next budget meeting is on the 10th. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (14). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve Placement on Display of Knox County Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026. (Pending Changes). Member Friedrich thanked Treasurer Davis and the department heads for making a hard year the easiest. He said that they had to make some tough decisions. He encouraged everyone to look at the budget between now and the 10th to make sure it is correct.

Member Nache stressed the constituents if they do not understand to get ahold of someone and to please look at it this year to see how your tax dollars are being spent.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (14). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve Resolution with State Appellate Prosecutor. Member Friedrich said that they do this every year in case a special prosecutor is needed due to conflicts. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (14). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Fredrick to approve MOU with Scott County Sheriff for Prisoner Housing. Member Friedrich said that this agreement is with Scott County, Iowa paying us $60/day and they wanted to send us 40 but we only have room for 20. This will give us another $4,000 to put in the budget at the last second to help with the money we spent on the jail which everyone is impressed with it. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (14). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Member Friedrich reminded everyone that when we conclude we will recess and thanked all the department heads.

Chair Hawkinson said kudos to the Ways and Means Committee for getting where they are at. They were able to do a reduction of seven million in total.

Member Sandoval presented the monthly report from the Public Service Committees. He said the reports are in the packet. The Coroner is getting a cooler from Peoria County at no charge to us.

Member Davidson asked if they talked about contracts.

Member Sandoval said that they are talking to State's Attorney Worby on it.

Member Davidson said that she feels since they can't use Carl Sandburg College that every funeral home that is dealt with we should have a safeguard with also any out of the county.

Member Kramer presented the monthly report from the Health and Human Services committee. He said the monthly report was in the packet.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve Bid and Bring Back for Custodial Floor Care Services for the Nursing Home. Member Kramer said that a county employee did it for years but is no longer there.

Member Davidson asked if they talked with the Union since it is a Union job.

Member Kramer said that this is a Bid and Bring back only.

Nursing Home Administrator Mines said that there is nothing to talk to the Union about right now. They are just seeing what it would cost. The bids could come back and be totally out of the water. It might be were housekeeping needs to absorb and we cannot put the cart before the horse.

Member Davidson said that it is still a Union job.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss and Olinger— (10). Noes—Thierry, Davidson, Cohen and Friedrich---(4). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Fredrick to approve the Bid for Vulcan Endurance Gas Restaurant Range. Member Kramer said that Johnson Mechanical out of Pekin came in the lowest at $10,000 which includes removal and installation. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (13). Noes—Thierry---(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Fredrick to approve the Employment Contract with Nursing Home Administrator. Member Kramer stated that they discussed this in the closed session meeting. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Kramer, Sandoval, Fredrick, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Olinger and Friedrich— (8). Noes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Nache, Davidson and Cohen--- (6). Motion carried.

Chair Hawkinson stated that the reports from some of the outside committees are in the packet along with the minutes if they submitted them. If anyone has a question in regards to an outside committee or their report, they should contact the Board Member that is serving on that committee and ask them directly.

Motion was made by Member Nache and seconded by Member Weiss to approve Opening of Budget for Line Item Changes. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes— Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (14). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Chair Hawkinson stated that the budget line item changes are in the packet and there are several due to being the last of the year from highway, treasurer, sheriff and judicial.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Fredrick for the approval of Proposed Line Item Changes. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (14). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Chair Hawkinson said that the manual check review is in the packet and there is a long list like normal due to jury checks.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Fredrick to approve the claims by Members for per diem and mileage for the Committee Meetings of October 2025, Board Meeting in September, and other claims for per diem from Meetings. Chair Hawkinson stated that the total was $4,188.80. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (14). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Nache to approve the claims against Knox County, Illinois for the period of September 25, 2025 through October 29, 2025 (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). Chair Hawkinson reported that the vouchers submitted were in the amount of $3,620,312.56. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes— Robertson, Pugh, Thierry, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Fredrick, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Cohen, Olinger and Friedrich— (14). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, November 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., at Galesburg City Hall Council Chambers due to being Thanksgiving eve otherwise. The Zoom option is for public viewing only. Board Members will be present in person for this meeting. The Knox County YouTube channel is available for live viewing or to download and watch later.

Meeting recessed at 7:46 p.m.