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Proceedings of the Regular Meeting of the Knox County Board held in person at the Galesburg City Council chambers on Monday, November 24, 2025 at 6:03 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 4	Joshua Kramer
District 5	Ricardo "Rick" Sandoval
District 1	Cheryl Nache
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 5	Brian Friedrich

And those absent:

District 2	Erin Pugh
District 3	Kimberly Thierry
District 2	Jennifer Fredrick
District 4	Todd Olinger

Also present were County Clerk-Recorder Scott Erickson, County Treasurer Robin Davis, Sheriff Jack Harlan and Coroner Jacque Dare. Department Heads present were Knox County Nursing Home Administrator Jodi Mines, Highway Administrator Duane Ratermann, 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 he was removing Item 8 since it was a duplication of Item number 27. He asked if there were any objections. There were no objections and no 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.

Pam Davidson said good afternoon and she is from District 3. As a county board person, she is truly proud to be a part of this board. This year her aunt turned 100 years old and had a wonderful birthday party for her out at the Knox County Nursing Home where she has lived for three years. Two years ago, her mother had a 100th birthday party out there bless her soul. The place was absolutely gorgeous. They flipped a room into a party room with fresh flowers, balloons and there were people from all over the state that came to attend. She wanted to say thank you and she even heard that Nursing Home Administrator Mines was ironing table clothes for the event. Wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. November is a month filled with giving honor to our veterans and celebrating all the greatness our county has. Happy Thanks giving everyone and do not eat too much but if you do make sure to fall asleep during the football game.

Kevin Krisher said good evening and is President of their LLC in Galesburg. He discussed the recent tax increase for the property they purchased in December 2022. The land is known as the Lincoln Park North Subdivision off of Lincoln Park. It is 18 vacant lots, 20 parcels and 10.2 acres. In November of 2022 his neighbors and himself were approached with the idea of purchasing this land. His neighbors and also his four partners are John and Peg Watson, Gene and Nancy Youngquist, Renee Butler and himself Kevin Krisher with his wife Robin Krisher. They all currently live on Marmac Court within the subdivision. In December of 2022 they purchased the Lincoln Park North Subdivision for $150,000. Prior to closing they had a Q & A meeting at their lawyer's office. At one of the meetings they all engaged with some Q & A with their lawyers and the realtors that were present. Some of the potential buyers took note that reflect in black and white what they all know they heard and understood. The question was if the tax rate would increase on these lots from the current status at the time that was at farmland rate which was not correct. It was a developer rate of $600 per year. The answer was resoundingly no that it would not increase until the lots would be purchased by an individual. It would remain at farmland rate like they were told. They now know that the farmland rate was inaccurate and was being taxed as a preferred developer rate. When you pay professional people to represent you in these legal matters it is reasonable to expect accurate and actual information prior to a transaction which they did not. Every member of their LLC is in unanimous agreement that they would not have purchased this land had they known the taxes would increase 12,000 percent. He contacted the assessor's office and questioned the information that they had received in regard to the tax increase. He asked how it was even possible at 12,000 percent increase in taxes. He was informed that the reason for the change was Illinois Department of Revenue Publication 134

which was passed in 2021 developers' preferential assessment for subdivision property tax code 10-30.

John Watson said he is Mr. Krisher's next door neighbor and are also good friends. Explaining of what he was going through is that they told them that they had to get the property accessed or evaluated. They went to someone that would tell them what the property was valued at. The next day that person called and said that he could not do it since he went to work for the county board. He is the one that appraised the property at $600,000. He doesn't understand when you buy something for $150,000 and now it is worth $600,000. They would be glad to sell it to the board for half of that if they would like to buy it. He knows that there is a need for housing in Galesburg but there is nobody in town that they can find to build a house. They have talked to people in Iowa, Aledo Illinois, Cambridge Illinois and Geneseo Illinois to come down here and build. They said that they did not think they could do it because taxes are too high for the property. He realized the board cannot do anything about it but he wants them to know as a citizen what is going on. Mr. Krisher did go through an appeal process on the tax rate increase issue. It is a three-member board. Mr. Krisher went to the meeting since he could not go since he was out of town. One of the members on the board abstained, one voted no and the other one was not there. Which means one person decided that the appeal was no good. They did go to the state which did give them a reduction. They did get some money back from 2024. He said the 2025 tax bill was a little bit less but six of the properties went up any ways. They did not buy the property because they are developers. They mow it and pay it to get mowed and to take care of the creek behind them which Mr. Krisher takes care of that almost by himself. They are trying to get people to do it but he cannot afford it. It is going to send him into bankruptcy paying $22,000 a year in taxes which just isn't viable. He thanked the board for their time and if they have any questions they will be available. Thank you.

Ken Springer stated that he is with the Knox County Partnership for Economic Development. He wanted to spotlight this month the Quad Cities Regional Economic Authority. On your agenda early on tonight is a reappointment for himself to the board of the Quad Cites Regional Economic Development Authority. He wanted to tell the board what they do at QCREDA. That is what they call it for short. It is one of ten regional bonding authorities across the State of Illinois. QCREDA covers Stevenson, JoDavies, Carroll, Whiteside, Lee, Henry, Knox, Mercer and Rock Island Counties. QCREDA is one of the original two regional bonding authorities in Illinois which was created in the late 1980's. The way these regional bonding authorities' functions is they serve as conduits for bond financing for economic development projects. The way they do that is each year the State of Illinois allows municipalities a certain amount of tax-exempt bonding authority for economic development projects or tax-exempt funding cap. If a community doesn't use that cap two things can happen. The community could do nothing and that cap will be taken away or that cap can be preserved by granting that unused grant cap to the regional bonding authority like QCREDA. What QCREDA does is it collects unused bond caps from the nine counties within the region pulls that together and that becomes a large-scale financial tool to invest in different economic development projects around the nine-county region. QCREDA typically funds housing, manufacturing and non-profit projects with this bond cap. In recent years QCREDA has used funds to finance a 16-million-dollar renovation to the Galesburg Towers Apartment complex which is off of Henderson Street. It provides

affordable apartments to seniors and individuals with disabilities. QCREDA funding has also been used on senior project in Sterling, Illinois. Two Rivers YMCA has utilized funds and several manufacturing projects which he named a few that utilized financing from QCREDA. The appointment would appointment him back to the board and would be the representative from Knox County. He would join the representatives from the other eight counties involved as well as a number of appointments from the governor's office and somebody from the Illinois Department of Commerce. It is a good tool and another tool in the toolbox of economic development. It is a pool financing that can be used to finance projects all over those nine counties. Thank you.

Chair Hawkinson thanked everyone for speaking during public comment.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Weiss to approve the following items of the consent agenda: 1) minutes of the regular Board Meeting on October 29, 2025 and 2) sales tax and various taxes for the month of September 2025 in the amounts of $162,292.68 and $52,734.74 and public safety tax in the amount of $277,230.94. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (11). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve the appointment to Board of Directors for Quad Cities Regional Economic Development of Ken Springer. Chair Hawkinson said that this is a re-appointment and the information is in the packet. He thanked Mr. Springer for everything he does for willing to be on the board again for the Regional Economic Development of the Quad Cities. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (11). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the appointment to the Knox County Housing Authority Board of Joseph Riley. Chair Hawkinson said that this is a re-appointment and the information is in the packet.

Member Davidson said that she has received several complaints from Congolese that they do not have to the proper documentation in Spanish or French for them when they want to go into housing. She said that she would be voting no because that is part of that housing authority that they should have it. She knows the health department has it and other entities. They should be working on it and it has been brought to his attention several times.

Chair Hawkinson said that he isn't sure what that has to do with the re-appointment.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (10). Noes—Davidson--- (1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Weiss to approve the payment Application #13 Jail Laundry and Medical for MSI for $8,517.96. Chair Hawkinson said that it is on the items for the Chair since it was relayed to the proper committee but it was missed. Everything is in the packet of lien waivers. This is for $8,517.96 and balance to finish is $20,752 which is Item #6. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer,

Sandoval, Nache, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (10). Noes— Davidson--- (1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Weiss to approve the payment Application #14 Retention Jail and Medical for MSI for $20,752. Chair Hawkinson said that this is the final payment for this with the balance to finish of zero.

Member Robertson asked if the project is done once this is paid.

Chair Hawkinson said that this particular project once this payment the amount with retainage is zero. So, we will not be paying any more on this project.

Member Robertson said so the project is done.

Chair Hawkinson said yes.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (10). Noes—Davidson--- (1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Weiss and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the payment Application #5 for the Mary Davis Home for $319,802.15. Chair Hawkinson said that this is application #5 for the Mary Davis Performance Contract with the balance to finish of $2,149,950.50. All the lien waivers and invoices are included. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi and Friedrich— (9). Noes— Nache--- (1). Motion carried.

Item #8 was removed.

Member Friedrich said that the monthly report from the Ways and Means Committees are in the packet. He said when he gets to the Sherriff purchasing things hopefully you read your packet because when he came to the committee meeting he gave an excellent explanation of why he is buying the stuff. He will try and fill you in and the sheriff also is here to answer any questions unless he had to go due to an emergency. The sheriff did an excellent job giving them the information which is much appreciated.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve Resolutions of Deeds of Conveyance. Member Friedrich said that there are three of them this month. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi and Friedrich— (9). Noes— Robertson--- (1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the Membership Dues for Illinois Association of County Board Members for $1,500. Member Friedrich said that this is useful and where they get training. They also have stuff available for new board members. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (11). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve 7 Year Contract for Required Radio Upgrades for Sheriff. Member Friedrich said years ago they bought radios and the old ones were horrible. He gave a short briefing explaining that these new

radios would allow them to talk to Galesburg unlike now they have to talk through dispatch. By February they should be able to have them up and running. He wanted to mention again that the sheriff had an excellent explanation on this.

Chair Hawkinson said the current radios are no longer supported by Motorola so they have reached the end of life. They are also no longer repairable. This is a government lease through Motorola Solutions for the total amount of $462,689.78. For a monthly payment of $6,618.17 per month for 84 months.

Member Davidson understands that it is well needed for these radio upgrades but will they have something in them to record and keep track in case they get subpoenaed to court.

Chair Hawkinson answered by saying all radio transmissions are already recorded as well as dispatch with their body cameras.

Member Friedrich said before they had to talk through dispatch and were unable to talk directly to Galesburg officers through radios. They will just have to flip a channel to talk directly to them if an emergency comes up. They referenced back to the Deputy Wiest situation when they had to talk through someone in dispatch to communicate. This will help to speed up communication through the deputies.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (11). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve purchase of 2026 Ford F-250 for Fleet Operations for Sheriff. Member Friedrich said the current truck being used at the sheriff's department while driving down the road the fuel tank fell off of it. They are looking to replace it and move the old F-250 over to the courthouse and he thinks they plan on putting a snowplow on it. They need a newer heavier duty vehicle to tow things like the boat. Again, the sheriff had an excellent explanation.

Chair Hawkinson commented that it is budgeted and has the money for it

Member Friedrich said that he is using a state bid for it.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (10). Noes— Robertson--- (1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the purchase of 2024 Ford Transit - 350 AWD Cargo Van for Sheriff. Member Friedrich stated again that the information is in the packet. This van is what hauls the prisoners around to and from Chicago. It broke down with prisoners in it. The van also has heating and cooling separate for the prisoners versus the drivers. The heating and cooling system for the prisoners has failed. They have had it several places and are unable to get it fixed. That vehicle will be decommissioned and given to the county clerk for delivering voting equipment. The sheriff said it is a good vehicle just the heating and cooling for the back area does not work. Unless it is a good day they are unable to use it to move prisoners due to it getting to hot or cold for them. The money is in the sheriff's budget. The price of it is $87,593 and it is all equipped already. They can pick up the van next week and start using it if approved tonight.

Member Davidson asked about the last two vehicles broking down and if they get yearly or quarterly checked out. She asked if the van is going to break down with Clerk Erickson's voting equipment in there and then they cannot get it to the polls on time. She asked

what kind of money will need to be put into it if it is breaking down all the time or do we send it to the purple village.

Member Friedrich said the purple wave. He said that question was asked at committee and the sheriff feels that the vehicle is perfectly safe to tool around the county. It just is not safe to take prisoners back and forth for transport longer distances. He feels the vehicle around here would be perfectly safe.

Chair Hawkinson stated that the vehicle has 250,000 miles on it.

Member Friedrich referenced back to the other vehicle about getting an inspection it has needed updated but the sheriff just finally has enough money in his budget to do it.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (9). Noes— Robertson and Davidson --- (2). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the purchase of 2026 Polaris Ranger XP 1000 Crew (NorthStar Ultimate) for the Sheriff. Member Friedrich said the sheriff's department during the county fair run around on four wheelers and they need replaced due to them being at the end of their life for years. This will be used mainly for search and rescue when needing to go through fields looking for criminals and other operations. This Spring the sheriff's office called him due to a theft in the area and needed to track them so they borrowed his wife's ranger to help in the search. They were appreciative and now would like to have their own. This one is a four-seater and would have heat and air if needed for search and rescue

Member Nache asked where the old four wheelers were going.

Member Friedrich said probably to scrap. He would have to ask the sheriff but knows they have several four wheelers that are just junk that would go to scrap or the purple wave.

Member Nache asked if they would be replacing each one.

Member Friedrich said no, this would replace all of them.

Member Nache said ok.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (9). Noes— Robertson and Davidson --- (2). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the recurring Monthly Bill List. Member Friedrich said they do this every year for the monthly bills allowing the Treasurer and County Clerk to enter the bills to be paid. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (11). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the Resolution Authorizing County Clerk and County Treasurer to Issue County Warrants for Certain Claims During Period when the County Board is not in Session. Member Friedrich said this is the follow up of the other one authorizing them to pay the bills. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (11). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the Knox County Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 with changes.

Member Friedrich asked Chair Hawkinson to read the information.

Chair Hawkinson stated that the estimated levy is 1.16433 with estimated EAV of $1,195,937,142. He said for notation purposes last year's estimation was 1.23693 and ended up at 1.26765. Since really tracking it, it has gone down every year since 2022-2023. Again, this year estimated is 1.16433. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (11). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve Budget Changes for Budget FY 2025-2026. Member Friedrich asked Chair Hawkinson to read the changes.

Chair Hawkinson stated since there is a budget on display any changes to the budget between last month and now have to be read aloud as follows. K9 Donation proposed budget was $31,702.00 new proposed budget is $23,797.28. These next changes are due to the Nursing Home Administrator contract approved before the whole board. Overall proposed budget was $501,088. And new proposed budget is $475,000. He asked Treasurer Davis if he had to read all the lines.

Treasurer Davis said just read the individual lines.

Chair Hawkinson read Administrator proposed budget was $106,912 and new proposed budget is $125,000. Bonus proposed budget was $5,000 new proposed budget is $13,000. Contingencies proposed budget was $501,088 and new proposed budget is $475,000. Transfer Vehicle Replacement budget was $18,490 and new proposed revenue budget is $2,040. Vehicle Replacement expense was $19,000 new proposed expense budget is $2,550. Arrestee Medical fees proposed budget was $6,000 and new proposed revenue budget is $2,200. Trans Exp-arrestee medical proposed budget was $6,001 and new proposed expense budget is $2,201. Trans in -DUI fund proposed budget was $25,999 and new proposed revenue budget is $35,799. Trans Exp-Arrestee Medical proposed budget was $36,000 and new proposed expense budget is $45,800. County Share Reimbursement-Judges proposed budget was $15,639 and new proposed budget is $21,318. Contingencies proposed budget was $475,929 and new proposed budget is $470,250. Improvement Loan Proceeds proposed budget was $6,585,418 and new proposed revenue budget is $5,568,343. Improvement Loan Expense proposed budget was $6,585,418 and new proposed expense is $5,568,343. Housing Other County Inmates proposed budget was $219,000 and new proposed revenue budget is $657,000. Fuel for County Sheriff proposed budget was $160,000 new proposed budget is $195,000. Utilities for County Sheriff proposed budget was $128,000 and the new proposed budget is $160,000. Contingencies proposed budget was $470,250 and new proposed expense budget is $841,250. Treasurer Permanent proposed budget was $260,311 and the new proposed expense budget is $264,841. Contingencies proposed budget was $841,250 and new proposed expense budget is $836,720. Assessor County Care Re-Assessor proposed budget was $17,650 and new proposed expense budget is $17,791. Contingencies proposed budget is $836,720 and new proposed expense budget is $836,579. GIS Transfer in Reserves proposed budget was $84,150 and new proposed revenue budget is $129,150. Software/Hardware proposed budget was $60,000 and new proposed expense budget is $105,000. School Resource Officer Transfer in-SRO proposed budget was $1 and new proposed revenue budget is $63,912. Vehicle Maintenance proposed budget was $15,000 and

new proposed expense budget is $78,911. Nursing Home Contingencies proposed budget was $100,000 and new proposed expense budget is $70,000. Maintenance Replace Equipment proposed budget was $5,000 and new proposed expense budget is $35,000. General Fund Rural Transit proposed budget was $0 and new proposed budget $1. Contingencies proposed budget was $836,579 and new proposed expense budget is $836,578. He confirmed with Treasurer Davis that was all of them.

Treasurer Davis said yes.

Member Friedrich asked if everyone was still awake.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (11). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Moved on to Item 21 due to thinking Item 20 was a duplication.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Kramer to approve MOU with AFSCME Local 3217 for 33 Year Step. Member Friedrich said this would be to include the Courthouse , State's Attorney and Citizen Sheriff contracts that are all AFSCME to make them identical to Circuit or as close as we can get them.

Member Davidson stated that she thinks this is a great thing since they all negotiate the contract together and they should all be unified across the line so they do not have to go back and forth. She has talked to their staff of AFSCME Kyle Spencer who is in total agreement with it and she thinks that they should definitely do this.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (11). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Member Friedrich said sorry that they do have to go back to Item 20 he was informed.

Motion was made by Member Friedrich and seconded by Member Bondi to approve County Budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 with approved changed. Member Friedrich that Chair Hawkinson is not going to read all the changes again.

Member Davidson thanked Treasurer Davis, all the people that attended the budget meeting and Member Friedrich because she knows it is not easy to do a budget. She hopes that all the department heads stay within their budgets because hard times will be coming so please stay within your budgets. They have done it again with the Chair of Ways and Means and the Treasurer working do diligent to make sure the numbers are there. Great job you all.

Member Nache echoed Member Davidson's same sentiments. The auditors also every year say that we need to stay within their budget. Our constituents need to stay within their budgets. They cannot rob Peter to pay Paul so we just need to stay within our budgets. Thank you.

Member Friedrich stated that he thinks the department heads did an excellent job staying within their budgets. He doesn't remember anyone going over anything and said correct him if he is wrong. He appreciates everyone that comes to the budget meetings and worked. This wasn't his easiest budget meeting but it was the smoothest one as far as everyone getting alone. He had six or seven meetings with the Sheriff to work on his budget to cut it down. Treasurer Davis went with him to one of those meetings and even with the purchase at this board meeting

the Sheriff was able to give back about $80,000 that he did not use this year which he said kudos to him and all the department heads for helping out. This was the smoothest year he has ever had doing the budget.

Chair Hawkinson said the number on the floor for approval is $107,879,374 and is a balance budget.

Member Friedrich asked Chair Hawkinson to repeat that amount.

Chair Hawkinson said it is $107,879,374 which is 6.8% less than last years.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (11). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Member Sandoval presented the monthly report from the Public Service Committees. He said one good thing is they are working on getting the Coroner settled in. He talked to her today and they have the cooler and need to go over it one more time for inspection.

Coroner Dare said that it had a leak and they thought they had them all fixed but need to go over it one more time to make sure no more leaks and everything is sealed.

Member Sandoval that concludes his report.

Member Friedrich said that she went over to tour the office space for the coroner. It is very small but it will work. There are still some different things that still need to be fixed and are working on that in her room. She said good job to the board and the dividers look very nice. She is glad the coroner has a place for the public to come in to visit if she needs it.

Member Bondi presented the monthly report from the Infrastructure Committee and stated that their monthly report and minutes are in the packet.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the Bid and Bring Back for Construction of Landfill #4 and Closing of Landfill #3. Member Bondi said as the board know Foth Engineering is finalizing the bids and documents so they can close down #3. They are an excellent contractor and no other contractor in this area can do what they do. He said they want to be able to get their bid in to review it.

Member Nache commented that it has been a long time coming and she is glad that she is still here to see it happen.

Member Bondi said thank you Member Nache.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (11). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Friedrich to approve the Employment Contract for the Assistant Engineer Position at the Highway Department. Member Bondi said that it has been a long time coming to identify a proper employee for this position. The resume and information are in your packet. Along with the contract is also in the packet for review. Mr. Horton came to the infrastructure meeting and was interviewed slightly during that period. Highway Administrator Ratermann has worked tirelessly to identify this kind of position which is not easy to fill. He thinks they have brought along the right person at the right time to understudy with Highway Administrator Ratermann for a period of time prior to his contract expiring which he thinks is just a little over two years at this point in time.

Highway Administrator Ratermann said a year and a half.

Member Bondi said less than two years then.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (10). Noes— Nache---(1). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the Nursing Home Performance Contract Payment Request #3 for $723,025.52. Member Bondi stated that total is incorrect and the correct number should be $925,874.66.

Motion to amend was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Kramer for the correct total to be $925,874.66. Member Bondi read that the overall contract total is for $7,659,903.59 with retainage of $283,198.88 and stored material of $11,470.05. All lien releases are in hand and summary sheet. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (11). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Kramer to approve the Nursing Home Solar Project Pay Application #3 for $91,200.62. Member Bondi stated the lien waivers and AIA document is in place. The contract is for $2,243,319 contract with $91,200.62 is being requested for completed work. Retainage is for $192,074.30 and summary sheet along with all lien releases are in hand. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (11). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Member Bondi said that he had one more action item for Fuel Tax Resolution on his summary.

Chair Hawkinson said that unfortunately since it is not on the agenda anything for that discussion will have to wait until December's meeting or a special meeting if time is of the essence.

Member Bondi asked Highway Administrator Ratermann if it was an issue.

Highway Administrator Ratermann said he noticed tonight that it was not on the agenda and said that it is fine. It can wait until December.

Chair Hawkinson said ok, we will address that in December.

Member Bondi apologized to Highway Administrator Ratermann for missing that.

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 Consultant Agreement with Elevate Consulting Group. Member Kramer said that it is an agreement to enter in with the nursing home to do consulting services such as therapy consultants, therapy EMR set up and support, monthly billing support, help provide PBJ reports, MDS support, recruitment therapy staffing. They will assist Nursing Home Administrator Mines with everything she does out there for the therapy section of the nursing home. There is a fee of

$3,500 per month. After approximately six months it starts to go down since programs start to get figured out and then able to manage it themselves.

Member Friedrich commented that this therapy consultant is just the first step and there will be several steps to get it going which will be awhile in house. This is just for six months to get it the process going.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (11). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Fredrich to approve Bid for Apollo WP6300 for the Nursing Home. Member Kramer said that this is a special tub that they were hoping to get several to get them on the wings but it was not cost effective so this cost is for one at $9,550. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (11). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Nache to approve the Bid for Ice Machine. Member Kramer said this is for replacing the big ice machine in the kitchen for $8,500 from Johnson Mechanical Services.

Member Nache commented that this is a can that has been kicked down the road for years. Way before any of them were on the board and some were not even born yet. They used to have to beat on the machine to get it to work back in 1984. Now in 2025 we are just now finally replacing it. It has been a long time coming so good deal.

Member Kramer said that is what they are doing.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (11). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Kramer and seconded by Member Fredrich to approve Bid and Bring Back for New Kubota Tractor with Cab or Equivalent for the Nursing Home. Member Kramer said that this is just to put it out for bid for a tractor that they use for all kinds of miscellaneous things at the nursing home. They are hoping to be able to use the attachments they already have on the new one. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (11). Noes— (0). 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 Bondi and seconded by Member Sandoval to approve Opening of Budget for Line Item Changes. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (11). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Chair Hawkinson said that the budget line item changes were in the packet as well as one sheet today that everyone should have a copy of that. These are for the current fiscal year so the Treasurer's office can start closing things out for year end.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Kramer for the approval of Proposed Line Item Changes. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich—(11). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Chair Hawkinson said that the manual check review is in the packet.

Motion was made by Member Weiss and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the claims by Members for per diem and mileage for the Committee Meetings of November 2025, Board Meeting in May, and other claims for per diem from Meetings. Chair Hawkinson stated that the total was $4,433.00. Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (11). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

Motion was made by Member Weiss and seconded by Member Bondi to approve the claims against Knox County, Illinois for the period of October 30, 2025 through November 24, 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 $3,759,703.32 plus the purchases that were approved this evening of $63,488.00, plus $87,593.00, plus $34,061.27. Chair Hawkinson asked if there were any other amounts that needed added or just those.

Treasurer Davis asked when the lease first payment would be for the radios.

Chair Hawkinson said December 1st or January 1st is the first payment.

Treasurer Davis said so just those three then.

Chair Hawkinson asked if there were any questions on those amounts.

Roll call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (11). Noes— (0). Motion carried.

The next Regular Meeting will be held on Monday, December 22, 2025 at 6:00 p.m., at Galesburg City Hall Council Chambers. 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.

Chair Hawkinson wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Motion was made by Member Bondi and seconded by Member Sandoval to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call vote is recorded as follows: Ayes—Robertson, Kramer, Sandoval, Nache, Davidson, Hawkinson, Boone, Weiss, Bondi, Cohen and Friedrich— (11). Noes— (0). Motion carried and meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.