Knox County Board
Member Packet

Meeting of the Board
November 23, 2026

This packet contains the meeting's agenda, accompanying documentation, and minutes of recent standing committee meetings.

Compiled by Scott G. Erickson
Knox County Clerk / Recorder

THE COUNTY OF KNOX
STATE OF ILLINOIS

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK

SCOTT G. ERICKSON
KNOX COUNTY CLERK

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD ON NOVEMBER 23, 2026

In accordance with action taken at its October 28, 2026, regular meeting, the Knox County Board ordered that members of the Knox County Board will hereby meet in regular session at 6:00 p.m. on November 23, 2026, at the Galesburg City Council Chambers, Galesburg, Illinois and via teleconference due to public gathering restrictions.

Along with this notice is the agenda of matters to be discussed at said meeting. The agenda can also be accessed through our web site at www.Knoxcountyil.gov.

DATED: November 20, 2026

Scott G. Erickson
Knox County Clerk and
Ex-Officio Clerk of the Board

Please Note:
There will be a closed session starting at 5:30PM for personnel, collective bargaining, security procedures, property, and pending litigation.

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

PLEASE NOTE: Except for emergency personnel, please turn off all cellular telephones and paging devices during the meeting.

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THE COUNTY OF KNOX
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OFFICE OF THE
KNOX COUNTY BOARD

Ways & Means Committee

Brian Friedrich
Committee Chairman

AGENDA

Date / Time of Meeting: November 19, 2026 @ 6pm
Location of Meeting: Knox County Annex

Call to Order

Roll Call: Committee Chairman Friedrich, Bondi, Kramer, Nache, Pugh, Thierry, Sandoval, and Hawkinson (Ex-Officio)

Public Comment

Modifications to Agenda

Approval of Prior Months Minutes

Knox County Clerk/Recorder
- Report
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Knox County Sheriff
- Report
- Approve Request to Pre-Purchase Sheriff Vehicles
- Approve

Knox County Treasurer
- Report
- Approve Resolution Authorizing County Clerk and County Treasurer to Issues Warrants for Certain Claims during the Period the County Board is not in Session.
- Approve List of Items to be Included in the Recurring Monthly Checks List.
- Approve Budget Changes for Fiscal Year 2026-2027.
- Approve the Knox County Tax Levy for FY2026-2027 (With any modifications announced at the meeting)
- Approve the Knox County Budget for FY2026-2027 (With any modifications as announced at the meeting)
- Approve Truth in Taxation Hearing (if needed)

Insurance/Liability Information
- Report

Budget/County Board/ARPA/Misc.
- Financial & Personnel Expenses Report from Treasurer
- Approve Budget Changes - FY2025-2026

Review / Approval of Bills

Old/New Business
- Approve Contract for Landfill Assistant.

Executive Session – (If necessary)

Adjournment

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RESOLUTION NUMBER _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE COUNTY CLERK AND COUNTY TREASURER TO ISSUE COUNTY WARRANTS FOR CERTAIN CLAIMS DURING THE PERIOD THE COUNTY BOARD IS NOT IN SESSION

WHEREAS, certain payments should be furnished for the County of Knox, State of Illinois, for the periods when the County Board is not in session; and,

WHEREAS, the County Clerk and County Treasurer of said County should be authorized to issue County Warrants;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Members of the County Board of the County of Knox, State of Illinois, that the County Clerk and County Treasurer be authorized and directed to issue County Warrants in payments of said services and materials and shall include all utilities furnished to the County, for all County Payrolls, and also issue County Warrants in payment of other claims against Knox County that may from time to time be approved and submitted by the proper authorities, and none of such payments shall exceed the appropriations thereof, as provided in the budget for the fiscal year in which said warrants are issued, and this Resolution shall be in effect until otherwise directed by the board.

Resolved and passed this 23rd day of November, 2026

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Jared Hawkinson,
Knox County Board Chair

ATTEST: _____
Scott G. Erickson, County Clerk

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SPECIAL MONTHLY MANUAL CHECKS LIST
DEC. 2026-NOV. 2027

ndor	Description	Appropriation	Amount		Budget FY 26-27
Devnet Inc.	County Clerk Software Support	#001-040-560340-20	$1,556.63	(1 month)	$18,680.00
			$1,556.67	(11 months)	
Devnet Inc.	County Assessor Software Support	#001-010-560330-20	$1,556.63	(1 month)	$18,680.00
			$1,556.67	(11 months)	
Devnet Inc.	County Treasurer Software Support	#001-120-560350-20	$1,556.63	(1 month)	$18,680.00
			$1,556.67	(11 months)	
McDonough County Clerk	County's Proportionate Share of	#001-185-870010-42	$73,659.87	(1 month)	$883,918.00
	Probation Division		$73,659.83	(11 months)	
Treasurer					
Reserve Account	Postage	#001-000-570000-10	$5,000.00		$100,000.00
Pitney Bowes					
Election Judges		#001-045-510150-20			$30,000.00
Jurors		#001-020-590530-42			$20,000.00

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BUDGETARY LINE CHANGES FOR YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET ON DISPLAY
NOVEMBER 2026

APPROPRIATIONS	PROPOSED BUDGET 2026-2027	PROPOSED REVENUE CHANGES 2026-2027	PROPOSED EXPENSE CHANGES 2026-2027	NEW ADOPTED REVENUE BUDGET 2026-2027	NEW ADOPTED EXPENSE BUDGET 2026-2027
BUDGETARY LINE ITEM CHANGES					
IT					
001-194-510200-20 PERMANENT IT	$229,346.00		$3,173.00		$232,519.00
001-194-580560-20 TRAINING/TRAVEL	$10,000.00		($8,000.00)		$2,000.00
001-000-480001-20 TRANS IN RESERVES	$400,358.00	(4,827.00)		$395,531.00	
Increase IT specialist wages from 3.65% to a annual amount of $5,000					
NURSING HOME					
044-925-470100-55 IMPROVEMENT LN PROCEEDS	$1,293,938.00	($813,384.00)		$480,554.00	
044-925-790200-55 IMPROVEMENT LN EXPENSE	$1,293,938.00		($813,384.00)		$480,554.00
These budget changes are to reflect the remaining funds available					
DCFS					
001-072-510200-40 DCFS PATROL OFFICER	$78,733.00		$3,539.00		$82,272.00
001-072-530100-40 FICA CO SHARE	$6,023.00		$271.00		$6,294.00
001-072-530150-40 IMRF CO SHARE	$7,874.00		$354.00		$8,228.00
001-072-530200-40 GRANT PERSONNEL CONT EXP	9,863.00		(4,164.00)		$5,699.00
These budget changes are to reflect new Patrol contract wage per Sheriff Harlan					
SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER					
001-082-510200-40 SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER	$226,405.00		($41,944.00)		$184,461.00
001-082-530100-40 FICA CO SHARE	$17,320.00		($3,208.00)		$14,112.00
001-082-530150-40 IMRF CO SHARE	$22,641.00		($4,194.00)		$18,447.00

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BUDGETARY LINE CHANGES FOR YEAR 2026-2027 BUDGET ON DISPLAY
NOVEMBER 2026

001-082-460104-40 SCHOOL RES OFFICER REIMB	347,444.00	(49,346.00)		$298,098.00	
These budget changes are to reflect 75% of new Patrol contract wages per Sheriff Harlan					
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PATROL					
001-102-510200-40 PERMANENT	$1,953,419.00		$139,385.00		$2,092,804.00
001-000-820000-20 CONTINGENCIES	$510,000.00		($139,385.00)		$370,615.00
These budget changes are to reflect new Patrol contract wage per Sheriff Harlan					
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ABINGDON TOWN CONTRACT					
001-144-510200-40 PERMANENT	$329,964.00		$85,817.00		$415,781.00
001-144-530100-40 FICA CO SHARE	$24,093.00		$7,715.00		$31,808.00
001-144-530150-40 IMRF CO SHARE	$31,494.00		$10,085.00		$41,579.00
001-144-460906-40 ABINGDON TOWN CONTRACT	430,080.00	103,617.00		$533,697.00	
These budget changes are to reflect new Patrol contract wage per Sheriff Harlan					
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NURSING HOME					
004-000-480001-55 TRANS IN RESERVES	$476,521.00	$43,000.00		$519,521.00	
004-000-750100-55 FURNITURE REPACEMENT	$35,000.00		$36,000.00		$71,000.00
004-750-630000-55 INCONTIENT SUPPLIES	$50,000.00		$7,000.00		$57,000.00
These budget changes are for dining room chairs and delayed billing on supplies					
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LANDFILL					
012-000-510200-45 PERMANENT SALARIES	$612,887.00		$95,000.00		$707,887.00
012-000-480000-45 TRANSFER IN RESERVES	$622,387.00	$95,000.00		$717,387.00	
These budget changes are to reflect new Landfill Superintendent position					
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001-194-580560-20 TRAINING/TRAVEL	$10,000.00		($8,000.00)		$2,000.00
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044-925-790200-55 IMPROVEMENT LN EXPENSE	$1,293,938.00		($813,384.50)		$480,553.50
These budget changes are to reflect the remaining funds available					

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Robin Davis <rdavis@knoxcountyil.gov>

2027 Budg Changes

3 messages

Jodi Mines <jodi.mines@knoxcountyil.gov> Thu, Nov 5, 2026 at 2:12 PM
To: Robin Davis <rdavis@knoxcountyil.gov>
Cc: Josh Kramer <jkramer@knoxcountyil.gov>, Jared Hawkinson <jhawkinson@knoxcountyil.gov>

004-000-480001-55 Transfer in Reserves increase to $519,512

004-000-750100-55 Furniture Replacement increase to $71,000 (adding 36,000 for dining room chairs)
004-750-630000-55 Incontinent Supplies increase by $7,000 (to reflect current spending-there was delayed billing)

Please let me know when you have made these changes or added them to the list of changes to be approved on 11/23.

Thanks,
Jodi

Jodi Mines <jodi.mines@knoxcountyil.gov> Mon, Nov 16, 2026 at 11:37 AM
To: Robin Davis <rdavis@knoxcountyil.gov>
Cc: Josh Kramer <jkramer@knoxcountyil.gov>, Jared Hawkinson <jhawkinson@knoxcountyil.gov>

Is it possible to change the Ledger ID for line item 004-260-680000-55 to Rehab Supplies versus Part B-Therapy?
Please let me know.
Thanks,
Jodi
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Jodi Mines <jodi.mines@knoxcountyil.gov> Mon, Nov 16, 2026 at 11:41 AM
To: Robin Davis <rdavis@knoxcountyil.gov>
Cc: Josh Kramer <jkramer@knoxcountyil.gov>, Jared Hawkinson <jhawkinson@knoxcountyil.gov>

One more:
Ledger ID for line item 004-750-630000-55 from Extension Office to Incontinent Supplies?

And can you remove 004-255-510200-55 Dining Services described as Permanent -Therapy?

Please let me know.
Thanks,
Jodi
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Robin Davis <rdavis@knoxcountyil.gov>

Review of sted Budget

2 messages

Jack Harlan <jharlan@knoxcountyil.gov> Tue, Nov 17, 2026 at 9:48 AM
To: Jared Hawkinson <jhawkinson@knoxcountyil.gov>, Brian Friedrich <bfriedrich@knoxcountyil.gov>, Lindsey May <lmay@knoxcountyil.gov>, Robin Davis <rdavis@knoxcountyil.gov>

Good morning,

Apologies for the delay. Following my review, please update and verify the following budget numbers:

- 001-072-510200-40 (DCFS Patrol Officer): Change from 78,733 to 82,272 (contract adjustment)
- 001-082-510200-40 (School Resource Officer): Change from 226,405 to 184,461 (reflects 75% of wage)
- 001-102-510200-40 (Permanent Patrol): Change from 1,953,419 to 2,092,804 (contract adjustment)

Please check these numbers and let me know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

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Jack C. Harlan Jr.
Knox County Sheriff
Knox County Sheriff's Office
152 South Kellogg St.
Galesburg, Il., 61401
Phone: (309)345-3743
Cellphone: (309)569-1172
email: jharlan@sheriff.knox.il.us
Website: http://www.knoxcountysheriffil.com/

Jack Harlan <jharlan@knoxcountyil.gov> Tue, Nov 17, 2026 at 9:56 AM
To: Jared Hawkinson <jhawkinson@knoxcountyil.gov>, Brian Friedrich <bfriedrich@knoxcountyil.gov>, Lindsey May <lmay@knoxcountyil.gov>, Robin Davis <rdavis@knoxcountyil.gov>

My apologies, I forgot to include Abingdon in my previous message.

Please make the following account adjustment:

- 001-144-510200-40 (Permanent): Change from 329,964 to 415,781 (contract adjustment)

Thank you,

Jack Harlan

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Knox County Board and Committee Meetings Calendar NOVEMBER 2026

The following is a list of the meetings of the standing Committees for the Knox County Board for the above referenced month.

Public Service Committee
November 16, 2026 at Annex conference room at 6:00 PM

Infrastructure Committee
November 17, 2026 at Annex conference room. Starting at 6:00PM

Health and Human Services Committee
Nov ember 18, 2026 at Annex conference room. Starting at 6:00 PM

Ways and Means Committee
November 19, 2026 at Annex conference room. Starting at 6:00 PM.

Executive Committee
November 19, 2026 at Annex conference room. Starting at 5:00PM

IT Department Meeting
November 12, 2026 via teleconference. Starting at 9:30 AM.

Knox County Board Meeting – Regular Meeting
November 23, 2026 at Galesburg City Hall. Starting at 6:00 PM.
Zoom Meeting ID = 729 532 7867

Zoom option will be available to the viewing public only. Any public comment statements should be made in person at meeting.