

**OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF  
THE COUNTY BOARD  
OF  
IROQUOIS COUNTY, ILLINOIS  
ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION  
December 1, A.D., 2008**

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December 1, 2008**

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**THE  
IROQUOIS COUNTY BOARD  
OFFICIAL REPORT OF PROCEEDINGS**

The Organizational meeting of the County Board of Iroquois County was held on Monday, December 1, 2008 at 9:00 A.M. at the Administrative Center in Watseka, Illinois.

County Clerk Mark Henrichs called the meeting to order.

**PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

County Board member Jean Hiles introduced Reverend Joseph Hughes, pastor of the Centennial Christian Church in Watseka, who gave the opening prayer after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

**CALL FOR SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

County Clerk Mark Henrichs read the call for a special County Board meeting.

To Mark R. Henrichs:

We, the undersigned members of the County Board of Iroquois County, Illinois, do hereby request you to call a special meeting of the County Board of Iroquois County, Illinois to meet at the Administrative Center in the city of Watseka, Illinois on Monday, December 1, 2008 at 9:00 A.M.

s/Rodney Copas  
s/Dale L. Schultz  
s/Dennis Johnson  
s/Betty Busick  
s/Troy R. Krumwiede  
s/Bret V. Schmid  
s/Lowell D. Schmidt  
s/Donna L. Wasmer  
s/Jean L. Hiles  
s/Harriett Mowrey  
s/James H. Meyer  
s/Susan Wynn Bence  
s/Donna K. Crow

**CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE**

County Clerk Mark Henrichs appointed Mr. Schultz, Mrs. Busick, Mrs. Wasmer, Mr. Johnson, and Mrs. Crow to the Credentials Committee. The Committee appointed Mrs. Crow as Chairman.

Mrs. Crow, Chairman of the Credentials Committee, gave the report of her committee and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded and carried by a voice vote.

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Mr. Clerk:

Your committee to whom was referred **Credentials Committee** would beg leave to submit the following report on the matters before them:

Your committee met at the Administrative Center on Monday, December 1, 2008 at 9:23 A.M. to inspect the Oaths of Office for the newly elected County Board members.

It was moved by Donna Wasmer and seconded by Dale Schultz to approve the credentials as inspected. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, it was moved by Dennis Johnson and seconded by Betty Busick to adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

s/Donna Crow, Chairman  
s/Donna L. Wasmer  
s/Dale L. Schultz  
s/Betty Busick  
s/Dennis Johnson

**OATH OF OFFICE**

County Clerk Mark Henrichs administered the oath of office to the newly elected County Board members.

County Clerk Mark Henrichs called the roll.

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Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

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On motion to call roll

Aye: Alt, Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, Curtis, DeWitt, Hansen, Hiles, Johnson, Krumwiede, Kuntz, Lemenager, McCray, Meyer, Mowrey, Pursley, Schmid, Schmidt, Schroeder, Schultz, Wasmer, Wynn Bence

Absent: Dowling, Luecke

**NOMINATIONS FOR CHAIRMAN**

County Clerk Mark Henrichs asked for nominations for County Board Chairman. It was moved by Mrs. Crow and seconded to nominate Ronald Schroeder as County Board Chairman. It was moved by Mr. Kuntz and seconded to close nominations for County Board Chairman. Motion carried by a voice vote. Mr. Schroeder is elected Chairman of the Iroquois County Board by unanimous consent. County Clerk Mark Henrichs called the roll.

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IROQUOIS COUNTY**

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Organizational Session, December 1, 2008

On motion to elect Ron Schroeder as County Board Chairman

Aye: Alt, Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, Curtis, DeWitt, Hansen, Hiles, Johnson, Krumwiede, Kuntz, Lemenager, McCray, Meyer, Mowrey, Pursley, Schmid, Schmidt, Schroeder, Schultz, Wasmer, Wynn Bence

Absent: Dowling, Luecke

**NOMINATIONS FOR VICE CHAIRMAN**

County Board Chairman Ron Schroeder asked for nominations for County Board Vice Chairman. It was moved by Mrs. Wynn Bence and seconded to nominate Harriett Mowrey as County Board Vice Chairman. It was moved by Mr. Johnson and seconded to nominate Dale Schultz as County Board Vice Chairman. It was moved by Mr. DeWitt and seconded to close the nominations. Motion to close nominations carried by a voice vote. County Clerk Mark Henrichs called the roll, asking each member to state the name of the nominee of their choice for Vice Chairman. The roll being called the following members cast their vote for the first nominee, Mrs. Mowrey: Alt, Busick, Crow, Hiles, Kuntz, Meyer, Mowrey, Pursley, Schmidt, Wasmer, Wynn Bence. The following members cast their vote for the second nominee, Mr. Schultz: Bills, Copas, Curtis, DeWitt, Hansen, Johnson, Krumwiede, Lemenager, McCray, Schmid, Schultz. The vote being tied at eleven (11) to eleven (11), Chairman Schroeder was called to break the tie. Chairman Schroeder cast his vote for Mrs. Mowrey. He stated both nominees are good Board members and good choices; however, Mr. Schultz is from the same County Board District as himself. He felt it wiser to elect a Vice Chairman from another area of the County. Mrs. Mowrey accepted election as County Board Vice Chairman.

Chairman Schroeder discussed changes to the standing committees, which will take affect immediately. He said the Health Committee will no longer meet, with the sale of the Recycling Center; and Animal Control will report to the Tax Committee from this point on. The Policy & Procedure Committee will no longer meet on a regular basis, as their business is often redundant. Administrative Assistant Barb Witte will prepare the committee list and contact each member to advise them of the committees to which they will be assigned.

Chairman Schroeder said he is often asked about the feasibility of conducting County Board meetings at night, which may allow more citizens to attend. He said the January, February, and March County Board meetings will be held at 7 PM, rather than 9 AM, on a trial basis.

**APPROVE BONDS**

Chairman Schroeder presented the following bond amounts for the newly elected County

Officials.

Coroner .....	\$5,000
State's Attorney .....	5,000
Circuit Clerk .....	100,000

It was moved by Mrs. Hiles and seconded to approve the bonds. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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On motion to approve bonds

Aye: Alt, Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, Curtis, DeWitt, Hansen, Hiles, Johnson, Krumwiede, Kuntz, Lemenager, McCray, Meyer, Mowrey, Pursley, Schmid, Schmidt, Schultz, Wasmer, Wynn Bence

Absent: Dowling, Luecke

**ADOPT ROBERTS RULES OF ORDER**

It was moved by Mrs. Wynn Bence and seconded to adopt the Roberts Rules of Order for conducting County Board meetings with a rotating alpha-based roster for recording votes. Motion carried by a voice vote.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

County Clerk Mark Henrichs said due to budget cuts and not being able to fill the position of Systems Coordinator in the County Clerk's Office, his office will no longer be responsible for taking minutes of the County Board's committee meetings. State's Attorney Jim Devine stated he had submitted an opinion in writing approximately one year ago to Mark that there is no statutory obligation for the Clerk's Office to take the minutes of committees and subcommittees; only to act as Clerk of the full County Board.

**ADJOURNMENT**

As there was no further business to come before the Board, it was moved by Mr. Schultz and seconded to adjourn at 10:05 A.M. Motion carried. The next County Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 9:00 A.M.