

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE COUNTY BOARD
OF
IROQUOIS COUNTY, ILLINOIS
RECESSED SESSION

November 14, A.D., 2006

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November 2006

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

The Iroquois County Board met in Recessed Session at the Administrative Center on Tuesday, November 14, 2006 at 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Schroeder called the meeting to order and asked County Clerk Mark Henrichs to call the roll.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY**

Roll Call and Votes in Iroquois County

Recessed Session, November 14, 2006

Chairman Schroeder

On Motion to call roll

Aye: Benjamin, Bills, Busick, Curtis, DeWitt, Dowling, Ebert, Hansen, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Jameson, Johnson, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schroeder, Wasmer, Wilkening, Wynn

Absent: Schuldt, Schultz

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Board member John Dowling introduced Reverend Don Love, Pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church in Watseka, who gave the opening prayer after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

MINUTES

It was moved by Mrs. Busick and seconded to approve the minutes of the October 2006 Recessed County Board meeting. Motion carried by a voice vote.

PAYROLL

It was moved by Mr. Benjamin and seconded to approve the payroll. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY**

Roll Call and Votes in Iroquois County

Recessed Session, November 14, 2006

Chairman Schroeder

On Motion to approve payroll

Aye: Benjamin, Bills, Busick, Curtis, DeWitt, Dowling, Ebert, Hansen, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Jameson, Johnson, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Wasmer, Wilkening, Wynn

Absent: Schuldt, Schultz

COUNTY BOARD SERVICES

Russell Bills	\$ 110.00
Betty Busick	165.00
Alan DeWitt	189.03
Alan L. Benjamin	220.00
Rick Curtis	66.57
John R. Dowling	110.00
Jerry P. Haynes	287.64
Dennis Johnson	213.06
Kevin Hansen	237.09
Beryl V. Luecke	81.70
Harriett Mowrey	280.52
John M. Kuntz	353.52
James H. Meyer	156.28
Kathy J. Ebert	205.05
Ronald Schroeder	350.65
Lowell D. Schmidt	220.00
Merle Lemenager	209.07
Dale L. Schultz	165.00
Donna L. Wasmer	165.00
John A. Wilkening	296.56
Phyllis Jameson	197.04
Susan J. Wynn	165.00
Jim Hurt	145.60
Jean L. Hiles	187.44

FOP CONTRACT

Sergeants & Lieutenants

(Contract recorded and placed on file in the County Clerk's Office)

Negotiations Committee member John Wilkening said an agreement for FOP Sergeants and Lieutenants has been reached and signed by the union. The agreement includes a 4% increase retroactive to December 1, 2003; a 4% increase retroactive to December 1, 2004; and a 4% increase retroactive to December 1, 2005. Effective December 1, 2006, Sergeants shall be paid a salary that is equivalent to eight percent (8%) higher than the salary of the highest step in the deputy pay plan in the Department. Lieutenants shall be paid a salary that is equivalent to ten percent (10%) higher than the salary paid to the highest step in the sergeant pay plan in the Department. The insurance plan shall remain the same. Following discussion, it was moved by Mr. Wilkening and seconded to ratify the FOP Sergeants and Lieutenants contract as presented. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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Roll Call and Votes in Iroquois County

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Chairman Schroeder
On Motion to approve FOP Sergeants & Lieutenants contract
Aye: Benjamin, Curtis, DeWitt, Dowling, Haynes, Hiles, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Wasmer, Wilkening, Wynn
Nay: Bills, Busick, Ebert, Hansen, Hurt, Jameson, Johnson, Schultz
Absent: Schuldt

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES

Chairman Schroeder presented plaques of recognition to outgoing Treasurer David Perzee, and outgoing County Board members Phyllis Jameson and Rick Curtis. The Chairman thanked them for their years of service to Iroquois County.

HEALTH

Mr. Dowling, Chairman of the Health Committee, gave the report of his Committee and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded and carried by a roll call vote.

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Roll Call and Votes in Iroquois County

Recessed Session, November 14, 2006

Chairman Schroeder

On Motion to approve Health Committee report

Aye: Benjamin, Bills, Busick, Curtis, DeWitt, Dowling, Ebert, Hansen, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Jameson, Johnson, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schultz, Wasmer, Wilkening, Wynn

Absent: Schuldt

STATE OF ILLINOIS IROQUOIS COUNTY

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Mr. Chairman and members of the County Board :

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

Your Committee met at the Administrative Center on November 6, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. Members present were Donna Wasmer, Betty Busick, Kathy Ebert, Jean Hiles, and Alan DeWitt. Also present were Dr. James Finnell, Animal Control Administrator; Brain Martell, Solid Waste Coordinator; and Sue Rieches, Community Development Specialist for East Central Illinois Community Action Agency.

Dr. Finnell distributed copies of the Animal Control Report for October 2006. There were a total of 7 stray dog calls, 5 bite cases, 1 registration violation, and 18 dogs impounded. There were

2 dogs taken to the Vermilion County Welfare Kennel.

Dr. Finnell said he and Gloria Schleef inspected the Hammel residence in Milford. He stated in his opinion, the situation is closed because they found only four dogs in her possession. Although there were many other animals in the house, the law only has to do with the number of dogs. The court stipulated she could have only five dogs at the residence.

In other matters, Dr. Finnell discussed the request of Warden Dan Garner to carry a firearm when making high risk Animal Control calls. Dr. Finnell said Dan is willing to meet with the Committee in person to discuss his request. Dr. Finnell read letters from Sheriff Eldon Sprau and States Attorney Jim Devine. He had asked for their input concerning Dan Garner's request. Dr. Finnell also read a rebuttal letter which he had written. He requested all letters be included in the minutes. A motion was made by Betty Busick and seconded to include all letters in the Health Committee minutes. Motion carried.

Brian Martell, Solid Waste Coordinator, distributed copies of the Operating and Volume Report for the period ending October 15, 2006. Brian noted volume was down slightly and stated it is usually down during harvest. He said he is hoping to sell a load of cans this month. Brian was asked if the Recycling Center could handle more volume of aluminum and newspaper. He said they could and it was suggested an ad be put in the newspaper as a reminder to people in the County about the Recycling Center. Brian said he will work up an ad and find out if it could be published for free.

There was some discussion regarding a truck repair bill for air bags and a fifth wheel. Brian said CIPS is redoing the electric service at the Recycling Center. He said it has been in need of repair for quite some time. He also said a new roof is needed on the storage shed. Brian said he will draw up a proposal for bids. He said he is hoping the electric service repair cost will come from this years budget and the cost of the roof replacement will come from next years budget.

Sue Rieches, Community Development Specialist for East Central Illinois Community Action Agency, spoke to the Committee about Powerblitz 2006. This is a program which gives assistance to eligible families and individuals to help with heating bills. Sue said persons may apply for assistance on November 7, from 11:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. at the Watseka First United Methodist Church in Watseka. Sue said they usually receive between 700-800 applications from Iroquois County. The amount of assistance given to eligible applicants is based on income and number of people per household. Sue was asked if people actually receive help from companies who promote such programs as the "Dollar More" on utility bills. She said persons do sometimes receive assistance from such programs.

The Committee reviewed the claims. It was moved by Jean Hiles and seconded to pay the bills subject to County Board approval. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to come before the Committee, a motion was made by Kathy Ebert and seconded to adjourn at 10:54 A.M. Motion carried.

s/Donna Wasmer
s/Betty Busick
s/Alan DeWitt
s/Kathy Ebert
s/Jean Hiles

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October 25, 2006

J.H. Finnell DVM
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Watseka, Illinois 60970

RE: Opinion regarding the Arming of Animal Control Wardens

Dr. Finnell:

I understand that some breeds of dogs can be dangerous and aggressive, however, I feel there are better options available that are less-than-lethal to control these situations. In my opinion most confrontations with dogs can be handled with pepper spray, animal tasers or the traditional pole & wire loop.

The Kankakee County Animal Control has recently purchased animal tasers which can handle more than one dog at a time. They indicated that the tasers made for animal control were adequately serving their needs in multiple, aggressive dog cases. An agreement with the Kankakee County Sheriff's Department for standby assistance in extreme cases has also been implemented.

If Mr. Garner feels he is going into a dangerous situation that he cannot control, the Iroquois County Sheriff's Department will gladly stand by with an armed officer. Our office is definitely concerned with Dan's well-being and will offer any assistance to protect him.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me!

Respectfully,


Sheriff Eldon E. Sprau



Iroquois County States Attorney's Office

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October 31, 2006

J.H. Finnell DVM
Iroquois County Animal Control
1001 E. Grant Street
Watseka, IL 60970

Re: Animal control officer possessing firearms

Dear Dr Finnell:

While I do believe that animal control officers find themselves in occasional situations of genuine danger, I feel that a County employee or agent legally in possession of a firearm is too much of a liability for the County. The County is setting a precedent if an animal control officer can carry a firearm.

I am not suggesting that Mr. Garner is not capable of good judgment when it comes to firearm use. My concern is the person who succeeds Mr. Garner in his capacity and legally carries a firearm as a County officer.

Other than carrying a firearm, I would advocate a less lethal method of self-defense for animal control.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "James A. Devine".

James A. Devine
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1001 E. GRANT St. WATSEKA, IL.. 60970

NOVEMBER 3, 2006

I am requesting that this statement concerning the arming of Animal control warden, Dan Garner, be inserted into the minutes. Mr. Garner and I agree that the request can be justified because of the radical change in dog ownership in the last 2-3 years. Specifically there has been and increase in the number of multi dog owners and particularly those owning several Pit-Bull Terriers. Not uncommonly the multi dog owners of this breed are involved in nefarious activities or are breeding these dogs to market to individuals of similar inclination. The point being that Mr. Garner in his capacity as An. Contrl Warden represents County law enforcement, and cannot expect such owners to be of any assistance. In fact he may be lured into a dangerous situations by persons knowing that liability on the owners property for a dog attack is very limited.

As previously stated the new dimension in Animal Control is the increase in unanticipated encounters with several Pit-Bull terriers on the owners property in the course of bite,"Dangerous" and "Vicious Dog" investigations, welfare inspections, registration violations, nuisance investigations and stray dog calls. A simple welfare inspection can result in the warden being in a enclosure with 3 or more of these dogs which are highly territorial. To turn and run invites pursuit and certain disaster. In a recent case in California two Pit-Bulls killed a woman in the hallway of an apartment building in 4 minutes, I personally nearly choked a bull dog to death attempting to force it to release its hold on another dog it had attacked unprovoked in my office.

It had been suggested that we equip the wardens with Taser Guns. These electrical devices were developed for and used by law enforcement to subdue humans. Their use on animals has met with mixed results. The reason being that it is single shot, the target is too small in the case of the Pit-Bull. The effective range of the device is 12-15 feet. A charging Pit-Bull covers that distance in .3 sec. The Taser is effective when used on large dogs when the darts hit it in the side and are 4 inches apart. A further disadvantage to the use of the Taser in the context of this request is that the subduing effect persists only when the current is on. If the dart becomes dislodged or the trigger is released the effect ceases immediately. This is true of a similar device used to anesthetize farm animals. There is a Taser for animal use recently developed that reportedly has a multi dosing capability with higher amperage. The cost is \$1500.00. We are in the process of researching this device

It has also been suggested that pepper spray could be used for this purpose. The problem with pepper spray outdoors is that the user can become incapacitated if the wind is in the wrong direction, and in the use on dogs the spray must contact the mucus membranes of the mouth or the eyes to get an immediate effect.

In our opinion, in unanticipated emergencies of the type encountered in Animal Control work, calling for help is not a viable option because in a confrontation with 2 or more dogs in attack mode, retreat to call for help is not possible. Absolutely the worst course of action is to turn and attempt to run. The other option is lay own and play dead. In encounters with Pit-Bulls you will not have to play for long.

The reason that the Pit-Bull Terrier is such a formidable problem in Animal Control work, in spite of its relatively small size, is that this breed has been developed over 2-300 years specifically for fighting dogs or bull bating. The courage, aggressiveness, the insensitivity to even life threatening pain, and the power of their jaws are the "nature of the beast". Further, their own aggressiveness is greatly enhanced by that of their pen mates when in the attack mode, and they are highly territorial. They will go from apparent docility to a frenzy of aggression in an instant with out exhibiting the usual signs barking and snarling a warning that an attack is eminent. It is common knowledge even among people who know and like them that you never know what might "set them off".

This request is consistent with the Animal control Act, and is being made only for Dan Garner with his 15 yrs experience in the work, and he would complete the 40 hours of firearm training as required of police candidates. I can understand why large incorporated areas who employ 10-20 wardens would be adverse to arming them unless the need is as great, and their demographics are the same as ours. However some do. In the Southern Counties of Illinois the wardens are armed. It is assumed that the Board could impose any "Rules of Engagement" they thought appropriate. Eg:

1. The use of the fire arm would be subject to investigation by the Sheriff's office with the board making the decision to revoke if appropriate.
2. The weapon can be used only in situations where the warden's life is in immediate danger.
3. The weapon is used only if there is no time to call for back-up, and no other humans are in the area who are willing or able to assist.
4. Under no circumstances will the weapon, or threatened use thereof, be made in confrontation with humans.

J. H. Finnell DVM

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**TAX
and
RESOLUTION NO. R2006-26**

Mr. Haynes, Chairman of the Tax Committee, gave the report of his Committee and presented Resolution No. R2006-26 for adoption. Mr. Haynes moved for adoption of all, which was seconded and carried by a roll call vote.

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Roll Call and Votes in Iroquois County

Recessed Session, November 14, 2006

Chairman Schroeder

On Motion to approve Tax Committee report and Resolution No. R2006-26

Aye: Benjamin, Bills, Busick, Curtis, DeWitt, Dowling, Ebert, Hansen, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Jameson, Johnson, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schultz, Wasmer, Wilkening, Wynn

Absent: Schuldt

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
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Mr. Chairman and members of the County Board:

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

Your Committee met at the Administrative Center on November 6, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. Members present were Jerry Haynes, John Kuntz, Jim Hurt, Dale Schultz, Alan Benjamin, and Kevin Hansen. Also present were Ron Schroeder, County Board Chairman; John Wilkening, County Board Vice-Chairman; Cecelia Dixon, Data Processing; Tom Tuntland, County Programmer; Bob Yergler, Supervisor of Assessments; Yvonne Doggett, Chief Deputy Treasurer; and Mark Henrichs, County Clerk.

Chief Deputy Treasurer Yvonne Doggett reported the delinquent tax sale was held in the County Board room on Monday, October 30th. A total of nine tax buyers "purchased" 320 parcels at a total cost of approximately \$386,000. [An additional 27 parcels went to the Iroquois County Trustee]. County Clerk Mark Henrichs said most parcels sold at 18%, which is the highest allowable percentage rate. He said for the past two years, most parcels sold at only 3% to 4%.

Supervisor of Assessments Bob Yergler discussed the new incremental tier system of calculating the senior freeze exemption. He said the new income level of \$50,000 allowed only 55 additional Iroquois County senior citizens to qualify.

Bob reported close to 3.5 million dollars in EAV in five townships has been captured with

the recent assessment of parcels which had not yet been added to the tax rolls. Pigeon Grove Township will gain approximately 1.1 million dollars in EAV and Fountain Creek will gain around \$421,464 in EAV. He indicated additional properties are being discovered which will also be picked up as time permits. The Committee briefly discussed new construction for bio-diesel production at Incobrasa Industries in Douglas Township. Any new construction would not be covered under the current abatement agreement and it was the consensus of the Committee that the property should be assessed and added to the tax rolls. No action was taken.

Bob reported the equalization process will take place in his office in the next few weeks and the Board of Review will then go into session. He said it will be necessary to mail notices to taxpayers and there is currently \$15,000 in the budget for that purpose; however, the publications will not be made until the next fiscal year. It was the consensus of the Committee to make no adjustments to the budget. The \$15,000 in the Assessment Office publication line, current budget, will go back to the general fund, and next year's publication line will show over-budget when the publications take place.

County Programmer Tom Tuntland said he has reviewed an email from the Illinois Department of Revenue concerning changes to take place on PTAB reports which are required to be sent to the State. The changes will include both the level of information provided and the method by which they will be transmitted. Tom said it will be a sizeable job but no date for compliance has been set. No action was taken at this time.

Cecelia Dixon, Data Processing, reported Section 125 participation letters have been distributed to all employees and at this time about 50% have been signed and returned to her office. She and the Committee discussed health insurance issues as they relate to union negotiations.

County Clerk Mark Henrichs said serious problems continue with the election vendor. Many of the usual supplies, forms, and even ballots are not being delivered in a timely manner and many items not at all. He said his staff has done an outstanding job of overcoming the problems and finding or creating what is needed. Mark discussed other election issues, including form emails and articles pertaining to citizen's concerns about voting equipment. Mark said all Iroquois County voting devices include a paper trail and he is comfortable with the devices. He said he is uncomfortable only with the level of support from the election vendor.

Mark said he has received an invoice for the "Tax Facts" publication provided by the Taxpayer Federation of Illinois. He said the annual cost for ten subscriptions to the publication, which is sent via email now, rather than paper copy, is \$250. Mark said he will check with others who are listed to see if anyone wishes to continue to receive it.

The Committee reviewed the claims. It was moved by John Kuntz and seconded to pay the bills subject to County Board approval. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to come before the Committee, it was moved by Dale Schultz and seconded to adjourn at 11:15 A.M. Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Jerry Haynes
s/John Kuntz
s/Jim Hurt
s/Dale Schultz
s/Alan Benjamin

RESOLUTION NO. R2006-26

**Certificate of Resolution (2007)
For Iroquois County Group
Section 125 Premium Only Plan
Plan Year Ending December 31, 2007
(Attached Adoption Agreement (2007) recorded and on file in the County Clerk's Office)**

The undersigned Secretary or Principal of **Iroquois County Group** (the Employer) hereby certifies that the following resolutions were duly adopted by the board of directors of the Employer on January 1, 2007, and that such resolutions have not been modified or rescinded as of the date hereof:

RESOLVED, that the form of Amended Section 125 Cafeteria Plan effective January 1, 2007, presented to this meeting is hereby approved and adopted and that the proper officers of the Employer are hereby authorized and directed to execute and deliver to the Administrator of the Plan one or more counterparts of the Plan.

RESOLVED, that the Administrator shall be instructed to take such actions that are deemed necessary and proper in order to implement the Plan, and to set up adequate accounting and administrative procedures to provide benefits under the Plan.

RESOLVED, that the proper officers of the Employer shall act as soon as possible to notify the employees of the Employer of the adoption of the Cafeteria Plan by delivering to each employee a copy of the summary description of the Plan in the form of the Summary Plan Description presented to this meeting, which form is hereby approved.

The undersigned further certifies that true copies of the Adoption Agreement, Premium Only Plan, and the Summary Plan Description, approved and adopted in the foregoing resolutions, are attached herewith.

By s/Mark R. Henrichs
Secretary/Principal

MANAGEMENT

Mrs. Mowrey, Chairman of the Management Services Committee, gave the report of her Committee and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded and carried by a roll call vote.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
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Roll Call and Votes in Iroquois County
Recessed Session, November 14, 2006

Chairman Schroeder

On Motion to approve Management Services Committee report

Aye: Benjamin, Bills, Busick, Curtis, DeWitt, Dowling, Ebert, Hansen, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Jameson, Johnson, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schultz, Wasmer, Wilkening, Wynn

Absent: Schuldt

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Mr. Chairman and members of the County Board:

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

Your Committee met at the Administrative Center on November 6, 2006, at 10:30 A.M. Members present were Harriett Mowrey, Jean Hiles, Dennis Johnson, Lowell Schmidt, and Merle Lemenager. Also present were Larry Pankey, Maintenance Supervisor; Sheriff Eldon Sprau; and John Wilkening, County Board Vice Chairman.

The Committee discussed a proposal from Vanguard Energy Services. Previously, a representative from Vanguard addressed the Board regarding the freeze on electric rates being lifted. The increase is estimated to be between 25 to 30 percent higher. Varied rates were discussed; the County has the option to lock in a certain rate for a 17 month or three year term. Following further discussion, the consensus of the Committee was to table the Vanguard proposal until next months meeting.

Maintenance Supervisor Larry Pankey reported on the following:

- The fiberglass tank is currently being installed near the Courthouse. The tank is similar to a large sump pump and will help to keep garbage out of the sewer system. The County Highway Department has been assisting Maintenance with the project by excavating the area.
- Two heat pumps have been replaced.
- Thermostat covers have been installed in all of the offices at the Administrative Center. Installation of the covers at the Courthouse has been partially completed.
- A part-time member of the housekeeping department has resigned.
- The Maintenance Department is in need of a work truck. Their existing work vehicle, which is a 1985 pickup truck, has many problems. Larry inquired about the Highway Department's older trucks.

Sheriff Eldon Sprau thanked the Committee for allocating the funds for the remote visitation room at the Jail. The visitation room has been completed and the everyone is very pleased with the outcome.

Sheriff Sprau also reported letters will be sent out to all police departments regarding sheriffs fees.

The Committee reviewed the claims. It was moved by Lowell Schmidt and seconded to pay the bills subject to County Board approval. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to come before the Committee, it was moved by Dennis Johnson and seconded to adjourn at 11:13 A.M.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Harriett Mowrey
s/Jean Hiles
s/Dennis Johnson
s/Lowell Schmidt
s/Merle Lemenager

JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kuntz, Vice-Chairman of the Judicial and Public Safety Committee, gave the report of his Committee and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded and carried by a roll call vote.

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Chairman Schroeder

On Motion to approve Judicial & Public Safety Committee report

Aye: Benjamin, Bills, Busick, Curtis, DeWitt, Dowling, Ebert, Hansen, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Jameson, Johnson, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schultz, Wasmer, Wilkening, Wynn

Absent: Schuldt

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Mr. Chairman and members of the County Board:

Your Committee to whom was referred **Judicial & Public Safety** would beg leave to submit the following report on the matters before them:

Your Committee met at the Courthouse on November 8, 2006, at 9:00 A.M. Members present were John Kuntz, Betty Busick, Alan DeWitt, Phyllis Jameson, John Wilkening, and Susan Wynn. Also present were Judge Gordon Lustfeldt; Sheriff Eldon Sprau; Arlene Hines, Circuit Clerk; Bill Cheatum, Coroner; Mike Power, Probation Supervisor; Jim Devine, States Attorney; Carl Gerdovich, ESDA Coordinator, and Ron Schroeder, County Board Chairman.

Judge Lustfeldt addressed the Committee and said his department finished up in good shape with their budget, even though the special attorney costs are hard to control. He said November will be a very busy month since they will lose four workdays because of holidays. He said they anticipate

a light docket in December so far, and there will be no December jury. In January they will start over with a new Grand Jury. Judge Lustfeldt said the working relationship between his office and the Iroquois Mental Health Center has been going well.

Bill Cheatum, Coroner, distributed his report for the month of October. There were no inquests, three inquests pending, eight coroner's certificates issued, thirteen coroner calls transferred to medical death certificates, and eight cremation permits issued. Bill said there have been many autopsies performed in the past months.

Circuit Clerk Arlene Hines distributed her report for October, 2006. It was noted the number of passports applied for has risen because of new rules which will go into effect after the first of the year concerning travel to Canada and Mexico.

Mike Power, Probation Supervisor, made an inquiry to the Committee regarding the purchase of a vehicle for the Probation Department. John Wilkening requested he attend the Finance Committee meeting to discuss this further.

Carl Gerdovich, ESDA Coordinator, distributed his report for October, 2006. Carl said he and Animal Control Administrator Dr. James Finnell recently attended Agro-Terrorism Preparedness Training at Parkland College in Champaign. He discussed the importance of this training and talked about a fire which occurred near Piper City recently, resulting in the loss of much fire-fighting gear because of contamination.

State's Attorney Jim Devine said the number of people participating in Teen Court has increased and they may have to divide into two courtrooms. He is very pleased with the growth of this program. He said he recently attended a Crime Stoppers meeting in Loda. Jim said there are many significant court cases coming up after the first of the year.

County Board Chairman Ron Schroeder updated the Committee in regard to the FOP union contract. He said they are now in their third year of a non-existent contract which is supposed to be a four year contract. He explained how some of the union members have split into their own groups, so they are able to negotiate on their own.

Sheriff Eldon Sprau said the Grand Jury examined the County Jail on November 2, 2006 according to the provisions of Chapter 720 of the Illinois Compiled Statutes. They found 14 prisoners confined at the time of said visit, the jail was sanitary, and the areas of confinement for prisoners well kept with no apparent deficiencies.

Eldon said the video visitation area is now operational and is working very well. He said the area is not only for visitors, but also for lawyers and ministers who come to talk with prisoners. It is considered a multi-purpose room. He expressed his appreciation for the funding to provide this area. He said the new booking fees will go into effect December 1, 2006. He said the fee study costs were \$8200.00, but this amount should be recouped in six months.

In other matters, Eldon spoke at length about salary issues within the Sheriff's Department. He said after the new contract goes into effect, he and Undersheriff Derek Hagen will actually be earning less than some employees with a lesser rank, when holiday pay is included. He distributed comparisons of salaries within the department and also comparisons to salaries of the Watseka Police Chief and Captain, and the Iroquois County Probation Supervisor. The figures shown did not include overtime. He also included the number of employees these officials are responsible for. He submitted a proposal for Sheriff and Undersheriff salaries to the Committee. He said the County needs to set a structure for salaries and then increases could be made across the board. More discussion followed.

The Committee reviewed the claims. It was moved by Phyllis Jameson and seconded to pay the bills subject to County Board approval. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to come before the Committee, it was moved by Susan Wynn and seconded to adjourn at 10:45 A.M. Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/John Kuntz
s/Betty Busick
s/Alan DeWitt
s/Phyllis Jameson
s/John Wilkening
s/Susan Wynn

FINANCE

Mr. Schmidt, Chairman of the Finance Committee, gave the report of his Committee and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded and carried by a roll call vote.

STATE OF ILLINOIS IROQUOIS COUNTY

Roll Call and Votes in Iroquois County

Recessed Session, November 14, 2006

Chairman Schroeder

On Motion to approve Finance Committee report

Aye: Benjamin, Bills, Busick, Curtis, DeWitt, Dowling, Ebert, Hansen, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Jameson, Johnson, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schultz, Wasmer, Wilkening, Wynn

Absent: Schuldt

STATE OF ILLINOIS IROQUOIS COUNTY

County Board, Recessed Session

November 14, A.D., 2006

Mr. Chairman and members of the County Board:

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

Your Committee met at the Administrative Center on November 9, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. Members present were Lowell Schmidt, Russell Bills, Jerry Haynes, Jim Meyer, Phyllis Jameson, and Susan Wynn. Also present were Roger Schuldt, Schuldt Insurance; Ron Schroeder, County Board Chairman, John Wilkening, County Board Vice-Chairman; Mike Power, Probation Supervisor; Arlene Hines, Circuit Clerk; Tom Tuntland, County Programmer; Sheriff Eldon Sprau; Bob Yergler, Supervisor of Assessments; Donna Schmitz and Cecelia Dixon, Data Processing; and Mark Henrichs, County Clerk.

Roger Schuldt, Schuldt Insurance, reported in September the County Highway Department added a patching machine to the County policy, and on October 12th, the Sheriff's Department deleted two squad cars which have been replaced.

Roger reported Bliss-McNight, the County's property insurance company, will be submitting a bid quote for workers compensation insurance. He said they are confident they can offer a competitive premium and will submit their quote before December 1st for review.

Mike Power, Probation Supervisor, asked the Committee for consideration of a vehicle to be used by the Probation Department, possibly to be purchased with funds left in the current Probation Department budget. Sheriff Sprau said his department has a 2004 Dodge, which has high mileage but has been serviced regularly and is economical to operate. He said it would be no problem for the Probation Department and ESDA to use the vehicle.

Sheriff Eldon Sprau discussed a salary increase proposal for himself and Undersheriff Derek Hagen. Eldon said there are Lieutenants and Sergeants that are making more money than the two highest ranking employees of the department. Additionally, he noted he and the Undersheriff must work extra hours to keep overtime expenses down and cover vacation time, etc for deputies, at no additional pay. Deputies, including Sergeants and Lieutenants receive overtime pay. He proposes a 12 percent increase (over Lieutenant's salary) for the Undersheriff, and a 14 percent increase (over Lieutenant's salary) for his position. Sheriff Sprau said although his salary has been set, it may be adjusted. He cited statutes which allow the Sheriff to receive a separate salary as Supervisor of Safety. It was the consensus of the Committee to review the proposal, as there are many factors to consider; and a recommendation will come from the Policy & Procedure Committee on Monday.

County Clerk Mark Henrichs said there were problems with summary of the November 7th General Election results. He said all precinct tabulation and reports were perfect, but when uploading results to the Election Summary Report, 18 of the 37 precinct memory cards failed to be recognized by the software purchased from Fidlar, the election vendor. It was necessary to manually enter the results from these 18 precincts. Final results have been posted.

The Committee reviewed the claims. It was moved by Phyllis Jameson and seconded to pay the bills subject to County Board approval. Motion carried.

Finance Chairman Lowell Schmidt said reviewing the County's financial position, with just a short time left in the current budget period, things look "fairly good". He noted there were a few offices yet to make their transfers to the general fund and he would like that taken care of as soon as possible.

Circuit Clerk Arlene Hines said they would like to continue AFSCME negotiations as soon as possible. Sally Tammen, President of Local 3312, and Victor Osuna, AFSCME Council 31 Representative, were present for discussion. Chairman Schmidt said insurance will be a large part of negotiations discussion and until that has been settled, it will be hard to negotiate. Benefit Administrative Systems representative Michael Elliott distributed a current and proposed schedule of medical insurance benefits for Iroquois County employees. Michael said health care costs are rising at double digit rates. Changes can be made which will merely shift costs from employer to employee, or an effort can be made to make employees more proactive and consumer minded. Iroquois County prescription costs are twice the national average.

Proposed changes will be: 1) Generic drug co-pay to remain at \$10; brand name drug co-pay to increase to \$50; and brand name drug if no generic is available co-pay to increase to \$50. These

rates are all double for a ninety-day supply by mail order. 2) \$250 deductible will apply in most cases (currently deductible rarely applies). 3) Health screening/wellness plan to be made a condition of eligibility for health plan.

Finance Chairman Schmidt said claim experience in the past year has been relatively low. He said based on this information, he would recommend no premium charge for individual employee insurance for the next 12 months and would recommend the above proposed changes which should save the County approximately \$72,000 a year. He would like the unions to consider this with the stipulation that the premium charge to employees could be reviewed annually. Further discussion will take place at the Policy & Procedure Committee on Monday.

As there was no further business to come before the Committee, it was moved by Phyllis Jameson and seconded to adjourn at 12:00 P.M. Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Lowell Schmidt
s/Russell Bills
s/Jerry Haynes
s/Jim Meyer
s/Phyllis Jameson
s/Susan Wynn

BUDGET

Finance Chairman Lowell Schmidt reviewed the 2006-2007 proposed budget which has been on file for thirty days in the County Clerk's Office. Chairman Schmidt presented amendments to the proposed budget for the Board's review as follows:

General Fund - Revenues	Sheriff Fees add \$6,000	\$91,000
General Fund Expense		
-Law Enforcement	Undersheriff add \$1,415	\$52,415
NEW LINE ITEM	Supervisor of Safety	\$ 1,500
-State's Attorney	Administrative Asst. Salary add \$325	\$25,725
-Courts & Admin of Justice	Asst Deputy Head Salary add \$335	\$25,935
-Circuit Clerk	Asst Deputy Head Salary add \$405	\$27,405
-Zoning and Planning	Asst Deputy Head Salary add \$235	\$23,835
-County Clerk	Asst. Deputy Head Salary add \$560	\$49,560
	C.D. Clerk - \$25,725	
	C.D. Recorder - \$23,835	
	Systems Coordinator add \$325	\$25,725

-County Treasurer	Asst Deputy Head Salary add \$565	\$30,765
-Assessment Office	Asst Deputy Head Salary add \$350	\$26,250
-County Board	Asst Deputy Head Salary add \$500	\$10,000
Total Fund Revenues		\$5,501,209
Total Fund Expenses		\$5,498,818
	SURPLUS	\$2,391

Following extensive discussion, it was moved by Mr. Dowling and seconded to close the debate. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY**

Roll Call and Votes in Iroquois County

Recessed Session, November 14, 2006

Chairman Schroeder

On Motion to close debate

Aye: Benjamin, Bills, Busick, DeWitt, Dowling, Ebert, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Jameson, Johnson, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Wasmer, Wilkening

Nay: Curtis, Hansen, Schultz, Wynn

Absent: Schuldt

It was moved by Mr. Dowling and seconded to approve the amendments as presented. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY**

Roll Call and Votes in Iroquois County

Recessed Session, November 14, 2006

Chairman Schroeder

On Motion to approve amendments

Aye: Benjamin, Bills, Busick, DeWitt, Dowling, Ebert, Haynes, Hiles, Kuntz, Lemenager, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schultz, Wasmer, Wilkening, Wynn

Nay: Curtis, Hansen, Hurt, Jameson, Johnson, Luecke

Absent: Schuldt

**BUDGET
RESOLUTION NO. R2006-27**

It was moved by Mr. Dowling and seconded to adopt the proposed budget as amended.

Motion carried by a roll call vote.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY**

Roll Call and Votes in Iroquois County

Recessed Session, November 14, 2006

Chairman Schroeder

On Motion to adopt budget as amended

Aye: Benjamin, Bills, Busick, Curtis, DeWitt, Dowling, Ebert, Haynes, Hiles, Jameson, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schultz, Wasmer, Wilkening, Wynn

Nay: Hansen, Hurt, Johnson

Absent: Schuldt

RESOLUTION NO. R2006-27

**A RESOLUTION ADOPTING A BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR,
DECEMBER 1, 2006 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2007
AND CANCELING PRIOR APPROPRIATIONS**

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the County Board at this meeting to establish an appropriation and budget for the succeeding fiscal year, December 1, 2006 to November 30, 2007; and,

WHEREAS, a proposed budget for the next fiscal year has been prepared, and has been available for public inspection as required by law; and,

WHEREAS, the County Board has determined that the proposed budget should be approved; and,

WHEREAS, there are unexpended appropriation balances in the budget for the current fiscal year, which appropriation shall terminate with the close of the fiscal year, except as provided by law.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNTY BOARD OF
IROQUOIS COUNTY, AS FOLLOWS:**

1. That the proposed budget for the fiscal year, December 1, 2006 to November 30, 2007, for the various purposes set forth therein, and a copy of the said budget, as amended, is attached hereto and made a part thereof.

2. That the appropriations in the budget for the current fiscal year shall terminate at

the close of this fiscal year, except that any remaining appropriations balances shall continue to be available for thirty (30) days after the close of the current fiscal year, only for the authorization of the payment of obligations incurred prior to the close of the fiscal year, and the County Clerk is hereby directed to terminate such appropriations as provided herein.

Passed and approved this 14th day of November, 2006

s/Ronald Schroeder
Ronald Schroeder, Chairman
Iroquois County Board

ATTEST:

s/Mark R. Henrichs
Mark Henrichs, County Clerk

20 Ayes 3 Nays

PLANNING & ZONING

Mr. Benjamin, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, gave the report of his Committee and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded and carried by a roll call vote.

STATE OF ILLINOIS IROQUOIS COUNTY

Roll Call and Votes in Iroquois County

Recessed Session, November 14, 2006

Chairman Schroeder

On Motion to approve Planning & Zoning Committee report

Aye: Benjamin, Bills, Busick, DeWitt, Dowling, Ebert, Hansen, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Jameson, Johnson, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schultz, Wasmer, Wilkening, Wynn

Absent: Curtis, Schuldt

STATE OF ILLINOIS IROQUOIS COUNTY

County Board, Recessed Session
November 14, A.D., 2006

Mr. Chairman and members of the County Board:

Your Committee to whom was referred **Planning and Zoning** would beg leave to submit the following report on the matters before them:

Your Committee met at the Administrative Center on November 9, 2006, at 10:30 A.M. Members present were Alan Benjamin, Dale Schultz, Donna Wasmer, Merle Lemenager, and Harriett Mowrey. Also present were Gloria Schleef, Zoning Administrator; and Erin Doss from the *Times-Republic*.

A public meeting was called to order for the purpose of hearing one Preliminary Plat Approval.

Khaled Sandouka is requesting a preliminary plat approval for his five acre tract located in Middleport Township. Mr. Sandouka and his wife have lived on the parcel for a period of ten years. He is requesting a two lot subdivision for the purpose of dividing off three acres for a second home for his daughter or son.

Regional Planning did not vote on the preliminary plat as there was not a quorum present. However, they did make a recommendation that the preliminary plat be approved. Following discussion, a motion was made by Dale Schultz and seconded to **approve** the preliminary plat. Roll call vote. Motion to **approve** carried unanimously.

Zoning Administrator Gloria Schleef reported the County Inspectors requested an increase in payment. Gloria distributed a mileage sheet from Myrl "Huck" Marshall. The document shows Myrl has driven 3,356 miles for 107 inspection trips. They earn \$50.00 per inspection and do not get compensated for mileage. By subtracting mileage, Myrl has calculated that he makes approximately \$36.05 per inspection.

The County inspectors were paid \$40.00 per inspection in 1994. In 2001, they were given a \$5.00 increase. A \$5.00 increase was also issued in April of 2003, which brings them to their current rate of \$50.00 per inspection.

Following further discussion, a motion was made by Harriett Mowrey and seconded to increase inspector's fees by \$5.00. Motion carried.

Regional Planning member Charles Leitz's appointment expires on December 15, 2006. Mr. Leitz would take reappointment. A motion was made by Donna Wasmer and seconded to reappoint Charles Leitz to the Regional Planning Commission. Motion carried.

Zoning Board of Appeals member Russell Perkinson's appointment expires on November 11, 2006. Mr. Perkinson would take reappointment. A motion was made by Dale Schultz and seconded to reappoint Russell Perkinson to Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Gloria Schleef reported on the following:

- A Zoning Board of Appeals member is still needed to replace Brad Howe.
- Many Regional Planning members are not attending meetings regularly. The past two meetings have not had enough members to make a quorum, therefore, no motions could be made. The Zoning Office will be sending a letter to all members regarding the importance of attending meetings regularly.
- Dr. Finnell and Gloria toured Barbara Hammill's property on October 23rd. Barbara had four dogs on the premises; she noted her other dogs were in a kennel. She will be closing on a home in Livingston County in two weeks.
- Joseph Yobbka contacted the Zoning Office after receiving a second letter regarding

running a business. Mr. Yobbka had a website which offered hang gliding and flying lessons from instructors and merchandise for sale. He stated he was not offering flying lessons for pay and has spoke with his attorney about the site. Gloria said she would need a letter from his attorney stating he was not running a business. Mr. Yobbka said he would have his attorney send a letter to the Zoning Office.

- Navitas Energy, a company based out of Minneapolis, MN, has contacted the Zoning Office regarding wind farms in the Sheldon area. Mr. Fladeboe is the project director; he feels that the Sheldon site is a good location. Presently, they are working with approximately 1,700 acres. Mr. Fladeboe said they are currently working on leases for all of the properties. He stated most of the people he has spoken with are in favor of the windmills on their property. It will be approximately two years before the company will be ready for any hearings. Mr. Fladeboe also stated his company will not be asking for tax abatements from the County. Navitas Energy will contact the County every six months to keep them updated with the progress.
- The Zoning Office has received many complaints regarding a dumping site in L'Erable.
- Gloria will be attending a Flood Plain Seminar in Lisle on Monday, November 13th.
- Revenue Reports were distributed to the Committee.

The definition of arterial roads were discussed. Chairman Alan Benjamin stated he has found many definitions in a book called *Planning 1-2-3*. The definitions of arterial roads, collector roads, and local roads would be good to use as guides. The definitions are as follows:

- Arterial - Roadways that provide the highest level of service at the greatest speed for the longest uninterrupted distance.
- Collector - Roadways that provide a lower level of service at lower speeds. These roads normally collect traffic from local streets and connect them with arterials.
- Local - All roadways not defined as arterials or collectors. These roadways typically provide access to residential land uses.

Following further discussion, a motion was made by Donna Wasmer and seconded to approve adding the three definitions to the Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried.

The Committee reviewed the claims. It was moved by Dale Schultz and seconded to pay the bills subject to County Board approval. Motion carried.

As there was no further business to come before the Committee, it was moved by Donna Wasmer and seconded to adjourn at 12:00 P.M. Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Alan Benjamin
s/Dale Schultz
s/Donna Wasmer
s/Merle Lemenager
s/Harriett Mowrey

TRANSPORTATION & HIGHWAY

Mr. Wilkening, Chairman of the Transportation & Highway Committee, gave the report of his Committee and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded and carried by a roll call vote.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY**

Roll Call and Votes in Iroquois County

Recessed Session, November 14, 2006

Chairman Schroeder

On Motion to approve Transportation & Highway Committee report

Aye: Benjamin, Bills, Busick, DeWitt, Dowling, Ebert, Hansen, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Jameson, Johnson, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schultz, Wasmer, Wilkening, Wynn

Absent: Curtis, Schuldt

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY**

County Board, Recessed Session

November 14, A.D.,2006

Mr. Chairman and members of the County Board:

Your Committee to whom was referred **Transportation & Highway** would beg leave to submit the following report on the matters before them:

Your Committee met at the Iroquois County Highway Building on Thursday, November 9, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 10:30 A.M. Members present were John Wilkening, Chairman; Russell Bills, Kevin Hansen, Dennis Johnson, and Joel Moore, County Engineer.

The Committee examined the claims and financial reports for the month of October 2006. After reviewing all claims, it was moved by Russell Bills and seconded to pay the following claims, subject to County Board approval.

County Highway	\$ 60,510.34
County MFT	\$ 46,755.10
County Bridge	\$ 42,086.00
TBP	\$ 95,630.63
County Matching	\$ 270.00
Township MFT	\$ 91,599.74

Motion carried.

It was moved by Dennis Johnson and seconded to accept a Petition for Aid for a bridge project in Artesia Township. Motion carried.

In the Engineer's report, Joel informed the Committee on several plans for future work in the County. He also reported the letting for the County and Road Districts Maintenance and Construction Projects will be held on January 24, 2007.

As there was no further business to come before the Committee, Kevin Hansen moved and it was seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:23 A.M. Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/John Wilkening

s/Russell Bills
s/Kevin Hansen
s/Dennis Johnson

POLICY & PROCEDURE

Mr. Schroeder, Chairman of the Board, gave the Policy and Procedure Committee report. It was moved by Mr. Kuntz and seconded to approve the report. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

STATE OF ILLINOIS IROQUOIS COUNTY

Roll Call and Votes in Iroquois County

Recessed Session, November 14, 2006

Chairman Schroeder

On Motion to approve Policy & Procedure Committee report

Aye: Benjamin, Bills, Busick, DeWitt, Dowling, Ebert, Hansen, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Jameson, Johnson, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schultz, Wasmer, Wilkening, Wynn

Absent: Curtis, Schuldt

STATE OF ILLINOIS IROQUOIS COUNTY

County Board, Recessed Session
November 14, A.D., 2006

Mr. Chairman and members of the County Board:

Your Committee to whom was referred **Policy & Procedure** would beg leave to submit the following report on the matters before them:

Your Committee met at the Administrative Center on November 13, 2006 at 9:00 A.M. Members present were Ron Schroeder, John Wilkening, Jerry Haynes, Harriett Mowrey, John Kuntz, Lowell Schmidt, John Dowling, and Alan Benjamin. Also present were Sheriff Eldon Sprau; Undersheriff Derek Hagen; Joel Moore, County Highway Engineer; Mark Henrichs, County Clerk; Arlene Hines, Circuit Clerk; Bob Yergler, Supervisor of Assessments; Barb Witte, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; Debbie Wright, Chief Deputy Zoning Administrator; Donna Schmitz and Cecelia Dixon, Data Processing; and Jim Devine, State's Attorney; and County Board member Merle Lemenager.

The Committee reviewed the claims. It was moved by Jerry Haynes and seconded to pay the bills subject to County Board approval. Motion carried.

The Committee briefly discussed the County Board Christmas dinner, which is held annually following the December County Board meeting. It was moved by Jerry Haynes and seconded to have County Clerk Mark Henrichs take care of the planning of the annual party. Motion carried.

The AFSCME union will continue to negotiate with a meeting to be held November 21st at

1 PM. Harriett Mowrey, Lowell Schmidt, John Wilkening, and Ron Schroeder will negotiate with the AFSCME union, along with one additional County Board member.

Each Committee Chairman highlighted their report and answered questions. Health Committee Chairman John Dowling said in regards to the issue of Animal Control Warden Dan Garner's request to carry a firearm when making high-risk animal control calls, Warden Garner, Animal Control Administrator Dr. James Finnell, State's Attorney Jim Devine, and Sheriff Eldon Sprau will meet to discuss the matter and hopefully arrive at a viable solution.

Discussion was held concerning the upgrading of county road coordinate signs. Eventually, by law, all the signs will have to be replaced with ones larger in size. It is the responsibility of Township Road Commissioners to maintain the signs; including installing the new ones; however, there appears to be some Commissioners that are not doing the work that is required of them. Not properly upgrading the signs may put townships at risk of lawsuit. It was the consensus of the Committee to have the County Engineer and County Board Chairman send letters to all Township Supervisors so that they may address this issue with their Road Commissioners.

It was moved by John Kuntz and seconded to go into Executive Session at 9:47 A.M. to discuss personnel. Motion carried.

It was moved by John Dowling and seconded to go out of Executive Session at 10:54 A.M. Motion carried.

The Committee discussed possible changes to the County's health insurance plan. The various proposed changes and implementation dates were discussed at length.

As there was no further business to come before the Committee, it was moved by John Kuntz and seconded to adjourn at 11:53 A.M. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted.

s/Ron Schroeder
s/John Wilkening
s/Jerry Haynes
s/Harriett Mowrey
s/John Kuntz
s/Lowell Schmidt
s/John Dowling
s/Alan Benjamin

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Schroeder presented the following appointments for approval. It was moved by Mrs. Ebert and seconded to approve the appointments. Motion carried.

Howard J. Loy of 2829 E 2900 North Rd, Beaverville, IL to Drainage Commissioner of #84 - Beaver Drainage District No. 1 for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September 2009.

James Yana of 3063 E 1600 North Rd, Sheldon, IL to Drainage Commissioner of Sheldon Drainage District #1 for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September 2009.

Clarence T. Lavoie of 1716 N 200 East Rd, Onarga, IL to Drainage Commissioner of LaHogue Drainage District #1 for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September 2009.

Charles Leitz of 1121 N 2600 East Rd, Milford, IL to Regional Planning Commission for a three-year term to expire December 15, 2009.

Russell Perkinson of 114 E County Rd, Thawville, IL to Zoning Board of Appeals for a five-year term to expire November 11, 2011.

CLAIMS

The following claims were presented for payment. It was moved by Mr. Schmidt and seconded to approve the claims. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IROQUOIS COUNTY

Roll Call and Votes in Iroquois County

Recessed Session, November 14, 2006

Chairman Schroeder

On Motion to approve claims

Aye: Benjamin, Bills, Busick, DeWitt, Dowling, Ebert, Hansen, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Jameson, Johnson, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schultz, Wasmer, Wilkening, Wynn

Absent: Curtis, Schuldt

COUNTY HIGHWAY - EQUIPMENT RENTAL & MILEAGE

RAHN EQUIPMENT COMPANY 4,430.72

COUNTY HIGHWAY - SNOW PLOWING BY TOWNSHIP

ASH GROVE TOWNSHIP TREASURER 920.70
ASHKUM TOWNSHIP TREASURER 1,664.85
BEAVER TOWNSHIP TREASURER 1,283.70
BEAVERVILLE TOWNSHIP TREASURER 2,054.25
BELMONT TOWNSHIP TREASURER 369.60
CHEBANSE TOWNSHIP TREASURER 4,380.75
CONCORD TOWNSHIP TREASURER 556.05
DANFORTH TOWNSHIP TREASURER 1,013.10
DOUGLAS TOWNSHIP TREASURER 495.00
FOUNTAIN CREEK TWP TREASURER 1,678.05
IROQUOIS TOWNSHIP TREASURER 1,301.85
LOVEJOY TOWNSHIP TREASURER 419.10
MARTINTON TWP TREASURER 775.50
MILFORD TOWNSHIP TREASURER 933.90
MILKS GROVE TOWNSHIP TREASURER 2,978.25
PAPINEAU TOWNSHIP TREASURER 1,410.75
PRAIRIE GREEN TWP TREASURER 2,113.65
RIDGELAND TOWNSHIP 133.65
STOCKLAND TOWNSHIP TREASURER 2,598.75

COUNTY HIGHWAY - GAS & OIL

HERITAGE FS, INC	1,566.55
PENCE OIL COMPANY	496.86
SCOTCHMONS STORES	739.52

COUNTY HIGHWAY - OFFICE EXP PRINT & PUBLISHING

ACCU-GRAPHICS	84.00
C & K QUIC PICS INC	25.25
CINGULAR WIRELESS	177.63
CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC	148.40
FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA INC	7.75
DAVID L PERZEE, CO TREASURER	140.87

COUNTY HIGHWAY - ROAD SUPPLIES CONSTRUCTION CST

ALLIED TUBE & CONDUIT	1,892.00
CONTECH CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS	772.30
LANDAUER, INC	122.28
LYLE SIGNS INC	1,022.51
P H DREW INC	530.00
PEOPLES COMPLETE BLDG CENTER	275.40

COUNTY HIGHWAY - REPAIRS & SHOP SUPPLIES

THE FASTENAL COMPANY	176.58
BIG R STORES	288.78
C & C TIRE AND AUTO SERVICE	252.35
DOUBLE Y SALES & SERVICE	36.95
FARM PLAN	61.09
K & H TRUCK PLAZA, INC	45.62
KAPER'S HARDWARE & BUILDING	20.14
KENNETH J CAILTEUX	119.55
LINDE GAS LLC	95.58
MARTIN EQUIPMENT OF IL INC	187.50
MCCULLOUGH IMPLEMENT CO	422.88
PRAIRIE INT'L TRUCKS INC	305.88
WATSEKA FORD LINCOLN MERCURY	149.21
WATSEKA NAPPA	517.80

COUNTY HIGHWAY - BUILDING MAINTENANCE

CANADY LABS, INC	49.10
CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	21.75
EASTERN ILLINI ELECTRIC COOP	670.54
NICOR GAS	94.08
DAVID L PERZEE, CO TREASURER	42.01

PLUMB MART 57.19
 WATSEKA B & D ENTERPRISES 151.49

COUNTY HIGHWAY - MISCELLANEOUS

TOWNSHIP OFF. OF ILL 400.00

COUNTY BRIDGE - CONST OF BRIDGES & ROADS & ETC

COOMBE-BLOXDORF PC 4,080.02
 FEHR-GRAHAM & ASSOCIATES 825.15
 IROQUOIS PAVING CORP 25,227.00
 TOBEY'S CONSTRUCTION & CARTAGE 11,953.83

TOWNSHIP BRIDGE - CONST OF BRIDGES & ROADS & ETC

TOBEY'S CONSTRUCTION & CARTAGE 95,630.63

MATCHING TAX - CONST OF BRIDGES & ROADS & ETC

IROQUOIS TITLE COMPANY 270.00

COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX - SALARY - COUNTY ENGINEER

DAVID L PERZEE, CO TREASURER 5,769.24

COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX - PAYROLL

DAVID L PERZEE, CO TREASURER 5,708.05

COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX - CONTRACTORS & SUPPLIES

CONRAD TRUCKING, INC 33,897.69
 GENERAL MATERIALS CORP 1,380.12

TOWNSHIP MOTOR FUEL TAX - CONTRACTORS & SUPPLIES

ASH GROVE TOWNSHIP TREASURER 30,000.00
 BELMONT TOWNSHIP TREASURER 5,000.00
 CONRAD TRUCKING, INC 3,008.64
 GASAWAY DISTRIBUTORS INC 574.50
 GENERAL MATERIALS CORP 20,337.36
 GRAY'S MATERIAL SERVICE 5,051.14
 GROSSO CONSTRUCTION CO 1,178.27
 IROQUOIS TRUCKING CO., INC 1,319.85
 MORRISON & BENOIT CONSTRUCTION 2,649.28
 STOCKLAND TOWNSHIP TREASURER 20,000.00
 TOBEY'S CONSTRUCTION & CARTAGE 2,480.70

SHERIFF - MILEAGE & TRAVEL

ELDON E SPRAU 53.95

SHERIFF - LEADS

COMMUNICATIONS REVOLVING FUND 2,346.28

SHERIFF - DIET OF PRISONERS

ARAMARK SERVICES INC 4,189.98

SHERIFF - EXPENSE OF OFFICE

CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC 45.20

MAXIMUS INC 4,100.00

MICROTEK SOLUTIONS 307.00

SHERIFF - GAS & OIL

BP 173.51

CASEY'S GENERAL STORES INC 133.04

PENCE OIL COMPANY 4,780.36

SHERIFF - MEDICINE

CVS PHARMACY 542.29

KANKAKEE CO SHERIFF'S OFFICE 254.51

SHERIFF - PRISONER SUPPLIES

BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC 612.93

SCOTCHMONS STORES 3.98

WALMART COMMUNITY BRC 34.82

SHERIFF - INVESTIGATION EXPENSE

RANDY EIMEN 6.21

SCOTCHMONS STORES 19.28

WALMART COMMUNITY BRC 3.87

SHERIFF - UNIFORM & WEAPON ALLOWANCE

GALL'S INC 219.90

HUXMAN ADVERTISING 7.50

SHERIFF - RADIOS & AUTO EQUIPMENT

KENNETH J CAILTEUX 2,091.57

RAY O'HERRON CO., INC 4,455.00

SHERIFF - MAINTENANCE OF AUTOS

AUTO GLASS CENTER 257.94

C & C TIRE AND AUTO SERVICE 233.85

JONCO PRODUCTS INC 99.90

KAPER'S HARDWARE & BUILDING	13.41
KEVIN D NORDMEYER DBA	1,410.00
PENCE OIL COMPANY	759.33
RUST CHEVROLET, INC	75.00
WALMART COMMUNITY BRC	14.88

SHERIFF - TRAINING

PUBLIC AGENCY TRAINING COUNCIL	250.00
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS - GAR	2,587.00

SHERIFF - DOCTOR FEES

PHILIP ZUMWALT MD	143.92
R VILLAFRIA AND ASSOCIATES PC	25.60

CORONER - AUTOPSIES & X-RAYS & ETC

WILLIAM K BELCHER	540.00
AIT LABORATORIES	455.00
AUTOPSY PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS	2,175.00
KANKAKEE COUNTY CORONERS	900.00

STATES ATTORNEY - CRIMINAL PROSECUTION

ASPEN PUBLISHERS INC	110.00
BERKOT SUPER FOODS #305	11.25
IROQUOIS TITLE COMPANY	90.00
JAMES A DEVINE	129.05
JENNIFER L SCHUNKE	232.20
RONDA LUCAS	23.40
DEBRA K. TURRELL	524.00
WEST GROUP PAYMENT CENTER	693.00

STATES ATTORNEY - JUVENILE JUSTICE COMMITTEE EXP

SUBWAY RESTAURANT	25.00
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STATES ATTORNEY - EXPENSE OF OFFICE

AQUALITY SOLUTIONS	16.00
BARBARA KING	12.00
MARTIN WHALEN OFFICE SOLUTIONS	128.98

STATES ATTORNEY - PUBLICATIONS/CONTINGENT

TWIN STATES PUBLISHING INC	75.60
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E.S.D.A. - SUPPLIES & EXPENSES

CARL GERDOVICH	186.01
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NEXTEL PARTNERS INC 66.49

COURTS - BAILIFF SALARY

DAN SAWYER 1,848.00

DONALD R KING 1,056.00

ROSCOE MASON 1,760.00

COURTS - SPECIAL ATTORNEY HIRE

SCOTT R RIPLEY 300.00

COURTS - JUDGES EXPENSE

CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC 131.35

GORDON L. LUSTFELDT 21.35

PENGAD 81.17

COURTS - LIBRARY

WEST GROUP PAYMENT CENTER 2,023.34

COURTS - COURT SERVICES

COMMUNITY RESOURCE 450.00

JOSE DAMIA 75.00

DAVID A COLEMAN JR 475.00

PROBATION - MILEAGE & TRAVEL

VINCENT W FOX 127.07

GREG BARRETT 218.93

MICHAEL C POWER 183.78

PROBATION - JUVENILE BOARDING

RIVER VALLEY DETENTION CENTER 460.00

VERMILION COUNTY TREASURER 340.00

PROBATION - EXPENSE OF OFFICE

ADCRAFT PRINTERS 35.00

AQUALITY SOLUTIONS 20.00

CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC 13.18

MICROLOGIC BUSINESS SYSTEMS 101.00

NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS 7.77

REGEL ASSOCIATES 500.00

CIRCUIT CLERK - TRAVEL & CONVENTION EXPENSE

KAMALEN JOHNSON 110.81

CIRCUIT CLERK - EXPENSE OF OFFICE

BAIER PUBLISHING CO	41.00
CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC	44.80
VICTOR TECHNOLOGY	11.60

PUBLIC DEFENDER - EXPENSE OF OFFICE

DALE STROUGH, ATTORNEY AT LAW	666.67
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ZONING AND PLANNING - REGIONAL PLANNING PER DIEM

ALAN BENJAMIN	55.00
CHARLES LEITZ	55.00
DON DEANY	55.00
ROGER FRANCIS	55.00
JOHN WEIDERT	55.00
MERLE LEMENAGER	55.00

ZONING AND PLANNING - INSPECTIONS

MELVIN ALCORN	900.00
BATES BROWN	1,950.00
MYRL MARSHALL	700.00

ZONING AND PLANNING - ADMINISTRATION TRAVEL & EDUCATION

GLORIA SCHLEEF	269.46
IAFSM	60.00
WYNDHAM LISLE-CHICAGO HOTEL	116.55

ZONING AND PLANNING - REGIONAL PLANNING TRAVEL

GLORIA SCHLEEF	11.13
CHARLES LEITZ	12.46
ROGER FRANCIS	11.13
MERLE LEMENAGER	14.69
DEB WRIGHT	4.45

ZONING AND PLANNING - EXPENSE OF OFFICE

CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC	10.60
INTERNATIONAL CODE COUNCIL	199.00
QUILL CORPORATION	50.98

COUNTY CLERK - TRAVEL & CONVENTION EXPENSE

MARK HENRICHS	352.44
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COUNTY CLERK - REBINDING GRANTEE-GRANTOR

FIDLAR COMPANIES	957.90
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COUNTY CLERK - EXPENSE OF OFFICE

ROGER SCHULDT INSURANCE 30.00
SECRETARY OF STATE 10.00

COUNTY TREASURER - EXPENSE OF OFFICE

QUILL CORPORATION 77.88

POSTAGE FOR COUNTY OFFICES - POSTAGE

DAVID L PERZEE, CO TREASURER 2,000.00

ASSESSMENT OFFICE - EXPENSE OF OFFICE

THE ADVOCATE 21.25
CRAIG KEITH 56.00
CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC 638.20
SCHEIWE'S PRINT SHOP & 295.00
SCOTCHMONS STORES 30.50
THE JOSHUA COMPANY 255.00

ASSESSMENT OFFICE - PUBLICATIONS

BAIER PUBLISHING CO 22.75
THE GILMAN STAR, INC 15.00
PAXTON PRINTING, INC 22.40

ASSESSMENT OFFICE - PROF EDUCATION EXPENSE & TRANS

LOUISE BRUENS 46.82
ROBERT A YERGLER 20.06

COURTHOUSE, JAIL, & ADMIN CTR - TELEPHONE

A T & T LONG DISTANCE 444.30
AT&T 3,008.37
CINGULAR WIRELESS 183.73
NEXTEL PARTNERS INC 312.03

COURTHOUSE, JAIL, & ADMIN CTR - ELECTRICITY

AMEREN CIPS 7,987.80

COURTHOUSE, JAIL, & ADMIN CTR - WATER

CITY OF WATSEKA 485.20

COURTHOUSE, JAIL, & ADMIN CTR - HEATING

NICOR GAS 377.41
VANGUARD ENERGY SERVICES LLC 1,826.64

COURTHOUSE, JAIL, & ADMIN CTR - MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS

BELL ELECTRIC	200.00
BIG R STORES	139.91
C & C TIRE AND AUTO SERVICE	1,393.77
HOGAN-WALKER - JOHN DEERE	360.20
KAPER'S HARDWARE & BUILDING	1,789.70
PENCE OIL COMPANY	314.37
PEOPLES COMPLETE BLDG CENTER	107.54
PLUMB MART	859.34
PRECISION PIPING	781.89
WALMART COMMUNITY BRC	73.47
WATSEKA NAPPA	137.40

COURTHOUSE, JAIL, & ADMIN CTR - SERVICE CONTRACTS

ALLIED WASTE SERVICES #726	364.28
ANGEL PEST CONTROL LLC	247.00
AQUALITY SOLUTIONS	212.64
DIVISION OF MANAGEMENT SERVICE	70.00
KONE INC	689.54

COURTHOUSE, JAIL, & ADMIN CTR - HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES

CANADY BUILDING MAINTENANCE	1,738.08
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COUNTY BOARD - SUPPLIES & EXPENSES

JOHN KUNTZ	17.80
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ELECTIONS - NVRA POSTAGE

DAVID L PERZEE, CO TREASURER	17,000.00
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ELECTIONS - BALLOTS & SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT

THE ADVOCATE	45.20
BAIER PUBLISHING CO	26.00
DIANNE BLENCOE	6.38
CELEBRATIONS	477.75
CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC	500.90
FIDLAR COMPANIES	195.62
THE GILMAN STAR, INC	30.00
MILFORD HERALD, INC	48.00
OFFICE DEPOT	277.80
PAXTON PRINTING, INC	897.00
SUGAR & SPICE	140.00
THE JOSHUA COMPANY	205.00

TIGER DIRECT 899.95
TWIN STATES PUBLISHING INC 262.40

DATA PROCESSING - EDUCATION & TRAVEL EXPENSE

CECELIA DIXON 57.85
DONNA SCHMITZ 59.19
TIGER DIRECT 806.51

DATA PROCESSING - OFFICE SUPPLIES

CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC 124.70
QUILL CORPORATION 181.38

DATA PROCESSING - COMPUTER & COPIER PAPER SUPPLY

CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC 150.00

DATA PROCESSING - MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS

MICROLOGIC BUSINESS SYSTEMS 65.00
TOM TUNTLAND 40.48

ANIMAL CONTROL - SALARIES - WARDENS

DAN GARNER 570.00
WILLIAM GARNER 155.00

ANIMAL CONTROL - ANIMAL CARE

FORT DODGE ANIMAL HEALTH 53.70
WILLIAM A GARNER DBA 1,080.06

ANIMAL CONTROL - OFFICE SUPPLY/VACCINATION TAGS

AJAX DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS 525.60
DR JAMES FINNELL 53.94

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - ASSESSMENT - CAPITAL EXPENSE

BELL ELECTRIC 225.00

RENOVATION - COURTHOUSE/JAIL EXPENSES

TIMOTHY GOODMAN DBA 14,401.64

TEEN COURT FUND - MILEAGE & TRAVEL

BECCA CAILTEUX 10.00
KATHERINE CASH 10.00
BRANDON DUBY 10.00
LIZZY GILBERT 10.00
AARON LOVE 10.00

CHERYLE WEAVER	10.00
TEEN COURT FUND - EXPENSE OF OFFICE	
BURGER KING	78.80
AMY JO HUFFORD	52.89
PIZZA RESOURCES CORPORATION	85.66
MICHAEL SABOL	225.00
RETIREMENT - COUNTY SHARE OF FICA	
FORD-IROQ PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT	5,785.89
RETIREMENT - CO SHARE OF RETIREMENT (IMRF)	
FORD-IROQ PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT	14,435.93
LIABILITY INSURANCE - INSURANCE	
ROGER SCHULDT INSURANCE	411.00
COURT DOCUMENT STORAGE FUND - CONTINGENT	
EASTMAN KODAK COMPANY	1,728.00
AUTOMATION COUNTY RECORDER - AUTOMATION EXPENSES	
COTT SYSTEMS	968.35
AUTOMATION COUNTY TREASURER - AUTOMATION EXPENSES	
QUILL CORPORATION	338.00
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL - TELEPHONE	
AT&T	54.13
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL - HEATING & ELECTRICITY	
AMEREN CIPS	82.63
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL - PURCHASE OF RECYCLABLES	
DAVID L PERZEE, CO TREASURER	6,000.00
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL - GENERAL OPERATIONS	
AQUALITY SOLUTIONS	38.80
BIG R STORES	24.61
BP	192.80
HICKSGAS WATSEKA, INC	105.60
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL - MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	
K & H TRUCK PLAZA, INC	2,382.99

KKK SANITARY DISPOSAL, INC	914.68
DRUG ABUSE FUND - CONTINGENT	
SHERIFF ELDON SPRAU	2,000.00
PROBATION SERVICES FEE - TRANS TO GEN FUND - BENEFITS	
DAVID L PERZEE, CO TREASURER	17,036.00
PROBATION SERVICES FEE - DRUG TESTING	
RIVERSIDE REFERENCE LABORATORY	175.00
WITHAM TOXICOLOGY	46.00
COURT SECURITY FEE - COURT SECURITY CONTINGENT	
WALMART COMMUNITY BRC	9.83
COURT SECURITY FEE - TRAN TO GEN FD R&R IMRF/FICA	
DAVID L PERZEE, CO TREASURER	1,010.68
COURT SECURITY FEE - COURT SECURITY - DUI EXPENSES	
APPLIED CONCEPTS INC	552.88
GROUP INSURANCE TRUST FUND - MONTHLY FIXED COSTS - HEALTH	
BENEFIT ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS	71,767.20

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Jameson and seconded to adjourn at 11:10 A.M. Motion carried. The next Recessed County Board meeting will be held in Watseka, Illinois at the Administrative Center on Tuesday, December 12, 2006 at 9:00 A.M.

