

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF
THE COUNTY BOARD
OF
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ANNUAL SESSION

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

The Iroquois County Board met in Annual Session at the Administrative Center on Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 9:00 A.M.

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

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Roll call and votes in Iroquois County
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Chairman Schroeder
On motion to call roll

Aye: Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, DeWitt, Dowling, Hansen, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schroeder, Schultz, Wasmer, Wilkening

Absent: Ebert, Schuldt, Wynn

PRAYER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Board member John Dowling introduced Reverend Copeland, Pastor of the Watseka First Methodist Church, 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 August 2007 Recessed County Board meeting. Motion carried by a voice vote.

PAYROLL

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

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Chairman Schroeder
On motion to approve payroll

Aye: Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, DeWitt, Dowling, Hansen, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schultz, Wasmer, Wilkening

Absent: Ebert, Schuldt, Wynn

COUNTY BOARD SERVICES

Russell Bills	\$ 330.00
Betty Busick	165.00
Alan DeWitt	189.00
John R. Dowling	385.00
Jerry P. Haynes	514.01
Dennis Johnson	217.38
Donna Crow	266.56
Kevin Hansen	243.57
Troy Krumwiede	165.00
Beryl V. Luecke	336.40
Harriett Mowrey	500.43
John M. Kuntz	365.52
James H. Meyer	561.54
Ronald Schroeder	500.29
Lowell D. Schmidt	330.00
Merle Lemenager	355.00
Dale L. Schultz	267.54
Donna L. Wasmer	220.00
John A. Wilkening	606.88
Susan J. Wynn	275.00
Jim Hurt	223.20
Jean L. Hiles	189.45

ETSB Presentation - Nita Dubble

911 Coordinator Nita Dubble addressed the County Board with a Power Point presentation concerning the Emergency Telephone Systems Board (ETSB) and ICOM, the joint 911 dispatch center. Nita said on November 8, 1994 the County Board approved a \$2 per month surcharge on all telephone “hard lines” to fund 911 in Iroquois County. Eventually a \$.75 cent per line surcharge was added to cell phones as well. On January 10, 1995 the Emergency Telephone Systems Board was established and in 1997 the Board contracted with Iroquois County to rent 2,000 square feet of space at the Administrative Center for the 911 dispatch office. ETSB provided over \$219,000 worth of improvements to the space and in turn received the first ten years of the lease free of charge. This lease will expire August 31, 2007; the ETSB and the County Board are currently negotiating a new lease.

In October of 1998 ICOM was formed, which merged the County dispatch center with the City of Watseka dispatch. Prior to this, only a wall separated the two entities in the Administrative Center. ICOM receives annual funding of \$181,000 from ETSB, and \$125,000 each from the County and the City of Watseka. Nita noted the source of funds coming from the land line surcharge is diminishing, as cell phones are becoming more prevalent than land lines.

Nita reported on the many contributions from the ETSB to police departments, fire departments, etc, including phone and computer systems and other equipment. She reported on the success of new program, Camp 911, which includes demonstrations to second and third graders in every school in Iroquois County. Participants include police departments, coroner’s office, hospitals,

ambulance service, dispatch, and others.

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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Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve Health Committee report

Aye: Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, DeWitt, Dowling, Hansen, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schultz, Wasmer, Wilkening

Absent: Ebert, Schuldt, Wynn

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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 August 31, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. Members present were John Dowling, Betty Busick, Rod Copas, Jean Hiles, and Donna Wasmer. Also present were Dr. James Finnell, Animal Control Administrator; Dr. Dennis Hopkins, Executive Director of Iroquois Mental Health Center; Alberta Burton, Director of Operations and Therapist at Iroquois Mental Health Center; Chuck Schmidt, President of 708 Board; Brian Martell, Solid Waste Coordinator; and Ron Schroeder, County Board Chairman.

Dr. Finnell distributed copies of the Animal Control Report for the period ending August 21, 2007. There were a total of 14 stray dog calls, 2 bite cases, 6 registration violations, 5 welfare and nuisance calls, and 19 dogs impounded. Four specimens were taken to the University of Illinois Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory to be tested for rabies and 5 dogs were taken to the Vermilion County Welfare Kennel for adoption.

Dr. Finnell gave the committee an update concerning a bite case involving a 10 year old who had been at home alone when a fight occurred between 3 Pit Bulls. The home did not have a phone and the boy sought help from a passerby. He received severe lacerations and was taken by ambulance to St. Mary's Hospital. Upon the request of the committee, Dr. Finnell sought advice from Jim Devine regarding the incident. He informed the committee that because of the age of the child and other circumstances involved, no further action can be taken.

In other matters, Dr. Finnell said a call was made to 911 concerning several animals at a

residence owned by Elizabeth Brown. A welfare inspection was made and most of the animals were found to be without food, water, or adequate area for exercise. Ten dogs and 1 donkey were rescued from the residence, one dog escaped before it could be retrieved. A warrant was obtained and a registered letter was mailed to Ms. Brown. Dr. Finnell said there has been no response after 7 days. The post office will hold the letter for 15 days before it is returned. He also said the animals have not been reported as missing.

Dr. Finnell told the committee the bat problem in Iroquois County is completely out of hand. He said he has sent 10 bats for testing just in the past week and people are leaving bats in containers on his porch. He said the Department of Public Health is now furnishing containers and shipping for the bats to be sent for testing. He said all bats have come back negative for rabies so far, but he feels that because of the volume being sent, there will probably be a positive result in the future.

There was some discussion about the Animal Control facility obtaining a controlled substance license. The committee will discuss this further at the next meeting.

Dr. Dennis Hopkins, Executive Director of the Iroquois Mental Health Center, said the agency received a 3 year accreditation and was given an exemplary performance rating. He said quality assurance is the key to how things run and they are making it a priority. The agency began a fee for service program on July 1, 2007, which means payment is not received until services are performed. He talked about Rule 132 which provides all regulations concerning payment. He noted the agency can no longer bill for transportation as was done in the past. He said the staff was cut because of the fee for service program, but more staff will be hired for the PSR program and part-time staff can be added as needed.

Dr. Hopkins said the agency has a new computer system which is much more efficient and they now have access to more data. He said more dollars are being spent on schools, with emphasis on problems such as bullying, cutting, and eating disorders. They also have an internship program which they share with Nexus and Ford-Iroquois Special Education. He said more phone lines have also been added because of the volume of calls received.

Brian Martell, Solid Waste Coordinator, distributed copies of the Revenue/Expense Report ending August 2007. He said the trailer at the Wal-Mart parking lot in Watseka continues to receive a steady amount of recyclables. In response to a question about PR work, he said there is a need for it, because they have received calls from the public wanting to know if the Recycling Center is still open.

It was noted the office at the Recycling Center must be improved, it was described as being disgraceful. One suggestion was to replace the existing office with a small trailer. It was noted the committee should be thinking about upgrading the building. Brian said an electrical inspection was recently completed and it appears the electrical safety is fine now.

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 Rod Copas and seconded to adjourn at 10:25 A.M. Motion carried.

s/John Dowling
s/Betty Busick
s/Rod Copas
s/Jean Hiles

TAX

Mr. Haynes, Chairman of the Tax 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 Tax Committee report

Aye: Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, DeWitt, Dowling, Hansen, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schultz, Wasmer, Wilkening

Absent: Ebert, Schuldt, Wynn

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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 September 4, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. Members present were Jerry Haynes, John Kuntz, Betty Busick, Troy Krumwiede, Dale Schultz, Kevin Hansen, and Jim Hurt. Also present were Bob Yergler, Supervisor of Assessments; Mindy Kuntz-Hagan, Treasurer; Cecelia Dixon, Director of Data Processing; Mark Henrichs, County Clerk; Tom Tuntland, County Programmer; Ron Schroeder, County Board Chairman; and John Wilkening, County Board Vice-Chairman.

Cecelia Dixon, Director of Data Processing, reported the direct deposit option is going well with approximately 70 employees signed up thus far.

Treasurer Mindy Kuntz-Hagan reported as of this date, approximately \$20 million has been collected in taxes. Mindy said she hopes to make a 25% distribution on September 21st. The annual tax sale will be held on October 29th.

Mindy briefly discussed legislation recently signed into law that allows counties to charge tax buyers up to \$250 to register to participate in the tax sale. Those who do participate in the sale are refunded the fee; only those who decline to attend are not refunded the fee. She said the law is likely intended to discourage "no shows", which is not really a problem in Iroquois County. She said she will be checking to see if Ford County will assess a fee.

Bob Yergler, Supervisor of Assessments, reported he is watching various pending legislation, covering issues such as wind farms and proposed tax exemptions increases.

The committee discussed ongoing problems with the lack of work being turned in by some township tax assessors. It was moved by John Kuntz to have the Supervisor of Assessments send out a letter to township supervisors, informing them of the number of building permits issued by the County, and the number of them that have been acted upon by the township assessor. Motion died for lack of a second. Bob said he would send a letter to all assessors with a copy going to each township supervisor. In order to stress job performance, the letter will include data concerning the number of building permits issued by the County and the number of those permits that have been completed by the assessor. The committee agreed that although the Supervisor of Assessments and the Township Supervisors have no actual authority over elected assessors, they may be able to urge them to do a better job. It was also noted that although the letter should go out to all assessors, not all of them are lacking in job performance. Bob said it is a complicated job and the lack of proper training is often a factor.

County Programmer Tom Tuntland reported he is working on changing the County's internet domain name. The current domain name expires in November. There will be no cost to register the new name. Tom said he is also working on updates to all the tax system computers, which have not been updated for several years.

Committee Chairman Jerry Haynes said estimates need to be obtained for a new line-writer printer for the Data Processing Department in order for the purchase to be put into the proposed budget. Although the printer is currently in working order, it is an older model and there is no longer a back-up available in the Assessment Office. Tom was asked to provide the specs for a model that will be compatible with the County's system.

County Clerk Mark Henrichs said monthly financial reports for the County Clerk and the Recorder's office will be placed in committee members mailboxes. He briefly discussed articles concerning election issues, problems in Douglas County with tax bills that have still not gone out, and the formula and notification procedure for the extension of "village share" of funds from township tax levies.

Mark discussed an ordinance recently approved by the Watseka City Council that would extend the life of the Watseka TIF I District for a period of one year. On July 13, 2004, the Iroquois County Board approved a resolution to oppose a 12-year extension of this TIF District. It was the consensus of the committee that because of the adverse affects of TIF districts on various taxing bodies, the County opposes any extension to the life of a TIF district. Several issues surrounding the Watseka ordinance were discussed as well as what options the County has to oppose and prevent the extension. State's Attorney Jim Devine will be contacted to research and advise the County. Following discussion, it was moved by Dale Schultz and seconded to recommend to the full County Board to establish and approve a resolution to oppose any extension to the Watseka TIF I District as proposed by Watseka Ordinance No. 2237. Motion carried unanimously.

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 John Kuntz and seconded to adjourn at 10:52 A.M. Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Jerry Haynes
s/John Kuntz

s/Betty Busick
s/Troy Krumwiede
s/Dale Schultz
s/Kevin Hansen
s/Jim Hurt

TECHNOLOGY

Mr. Haynes, Chairman of the Technology 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 Technology Committee report

Aye: Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, DeWitt, Dowling, Hansen, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schultz, Wasmer, Wilkening

Absent: Ebert, Schuldt, Wynn

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Mr. Chairman and members of the County Board:

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

Your committee met at the Administrative Center on September 4, 2007 at 11:15 A.M. Members present were Jerry Haynes, Kevin Hansen, Dale Schultz, John Wilkening, and Ronald Schroeder, County Board Chairman. Also present were Tom Tuntland, County Programmer; and County Board members John Kuntz, Betty Busick, and Jim Hurt.

The committee held a general discussion concerning the need to either replace or backup the Genicom Line printer in the Data Processing office. It was decided a proposal will be prepared to get prices and performance data to the county for consideration.

More discussion followed concerning the replacement of the balance of the computer system which was disabled when the server failed. Items discussed were; security, Gateway server, Proxy server, Domain Name server, server side software, and whether to build a County owned system or host out. It was decided further information will be gathered concerning web hosting and building the county's own system before a final decision is made. Tom Tuntland indicated outside hosting vendors are available at \$10 per month. There were questions about the size of the web page and

security issues.

It was stated that each county employee and board member will now have the ability to receive his or her own email address on the county system. Tom will handle the assignment of email addresses to any employee or board member who wants to use the email system.

There was some concern regarding the number of pages and functions the county web site should include. It was determined research is needed to design the current web page and also to determine additional information needs in the future.

Chairman Haynes announced the next Technology meeting will be held on October 2, 2007 at 11:00 A.M. in the Iroquois County Board room.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, a motion was made by Kevin Hansen and seconded to adjourn at 12:05 P.M. Motion carried.

s/Jerry Haynes
s/Kevin Hansen
s/Dale Schultz
s/Ron Schroeder

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

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.

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Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Annual Session, September 11, 2007

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve Management Services Committee report

Aye: Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, DeWitt, Dowling, Hansen, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schultz, Wasmer, Wilkening

Absent: Ebert, Schuldt, Wynn

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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 September 4, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. Members present were Harriett Mowrey, Beryl Luecke, Merle Lemenager, Jean Hiles, Alan DeWitt, Dennis Johnson, and Ed Schuldt. Also present were Larry Pankey, Maintenance Supervisor; Sheriff Eldon Sprau; and Chris Landstrom, Vanguard Energy Services.

Sheriff Eldon Sprau informed the committee of questions circulating regarding the

acceptance of bids for the parking lot repair that was preformed at the Administrative Center and the Courthouse. Eldon felt it was important to discuss this topic and clarify any and all questions pertaining to this issue. It was noted that Larry Pankey, Maintenance Supervisor, had been contacted by Steve Freehill, Freehill Asphalt, regarding the condition of the parking lots at both of the buildings. Larry referred him to Eldon who in turn referred him to the Management Committee. Steve addressed the committee at the May meeting and offered different estimates for different phases of the job. The bids were broken down for the convenience of the County to accept or reject any or all of the proposed estimates. After much discussion the committee referred this business to the Finance Committee. The Finance Committee voted 6:1 to accept all three of the proposals from Freehill and to use money from the farm account to cover the expense for the projects. There were no other bids sought because Freehill Asphalt specializes in this type of work and had done prior work on the parking lots in 2004.

Committee Chairman Harriett Mowrey addressed the committee concerning the microphones in the County Board Room. The committee discussed the option of requiring any person that would like the floor to stand and speak into the microphones that are in place in the two isles of the room. Cordless microphones and a new amplifier were also discussed since the amplifier is for a guitar and not a P.A. system. A microphone on the desk of the County Board Chairman was also something the committee felt would be beneficial because of the various times the Chairman addresses the County Board throughout the meetings. Larry will check into adding a microphone at the front desk and replacing the amplifier with one better suited for the boardroom and report back to the committee at the October meeting.

Larry Pankey, Maintenance Supervisor, reported on the following:

- Cecelia Dixon, Director of Data Processing, has requested an awning for the outside entrance to her office. A low profile awning would have to be erected due to the sign above her door. This will be considered at a later date depending on what remains in the budget after other expenses are covered.
- The timer on the generator at the Courthouse has been replaced and is working as it should. The part was \$1,300 with an additional \$1,100 for the labor.
- There was an expense of \$379 to replace the carpet in the office of Judge Lustfeldt's secretary. The carpet was bubbling up and the only option was to tear up the old and replace it with new.
- Larry was given a truck that is not used by the recycling center to replace his black truck that has a smaller engine which in turn may need costly repairs as the miles get higher.

The committee talked briefly about the inventory control that was recommended by the auditor for property owned by the County. This project has many details that need to be ironed out and will be done so by Harriett, Larry, and Eldon, with the help of Barb Witte, Administrative Assistant to the County Board.

To help the drainage on the land to the west of the Administrative Center, Sam Martin of Emerald Valley Farms has hired Wessels Excavating to clear out trees and dredge the ditch that borders his land. Sam contacted Eldon and asked if he could extend this project onto the adjacent County property ensuring that the County will incur no expense for the project. Since there will be

no expense and it will improve the drainage and the aesthetics of the property Eldon told him to go ahead with the excavation of the entire ditch.

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

Chris Landstrom of Vanguard Energy Services addressed the committee concerning the contract renewal for natural gas. After discussing the possibilities it was decided it would be beneficial to remain with the same type of contract that is currently in place. A motion was made by Alan DeWitt and seconded to extend the contract for two years through Vanguard Energy Services. Motion carried.

Mr. Landstrom stated he would also like to submit a proposal for the electric service for the County. He will forward the bid to Barb and let the committee decide if the savings would be great enough to switch from the current provider Ameren.

In a final matter, the committee discussed the need for soil samples to be taken while the weather cooperates. Ed Schuldt stated the lab used by Bill Horton of Crop Production is the same lab used by Walker Place. He feels it would be beneficial to the County to hire a company that uses a different lab to test the samples. Watseka Interstate will be contacted and Ed will report back with his findings

As there was no further business to come before the committee, it was moved by Beryl Luecke and seconded to adjourn at 10:15 A.M. Motion carried.

s/Harriett Mowrey
s/Beryl Luecke
s/Merle Lemenager
s/Jean Hiles
s/Alan DeWitt
s/Dennis Johnson
s/Ed Schuldt

JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Kuntz, 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: Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, DeWitt, Dowling, Hansen, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schultz, Wasmer, Wilkening

Absent: Ebert, Schuldt, Wynn

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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 September 5, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. Members present were John Kuntz, Susan Wynn, Lowell Schmidt, Donna Crow, Rod Copas, Alan DeWitt, and John Wilkening. Also present were Mike Power, Probation Supervisor; Bill Cheatum, Coroner; Sheriff Eldon Sprau; Arlene Hines, Circuit Clerk; Judge James Kinzer; State's Attorney Jim Devine; and Ron Schroeder, County Board Chairman.

Committee Chairman John Kuntz distributed and reviewed ESDA Director Carl Gerdovich's report for August 2007.

Judge Kinzer reported on a \$300 reimbursement for sex offender evaluation to be received from the state soon. Additionally, he reported Kankakee County Judge Scott Swain in permanently assigned to Iroquois County until Judge Gordon Lustfeldt returns.

Coroner Bill Cheatum distributed his report for August 2007. There were no inquests held, no inquests pending, three coroner's certificates issued, fourteen coroner calls transferred back to a doctor, and seven cremation permits issued.

Bill also reported on filing death certificates electronically which will be implemented in January, 2008. He said counties surrounding the Springfield area will be the first to sample the electronic filing to determine how well the system will work. Iroquois County is not among the first group to test the program.

Probation Supervisor Mike Power reported from December 2006 to August 2007 his department has driven 8,087 miles using the department's vehicle. Calculating the mileage at 48.5 cents per mile, the total cost would have been \$3,922.20. Since the department was not paid mileage, the cost to the department was \$682.74; a savings of \$3,239.46 in travel & mileage.

Mike reported on juvenile boarding. His department currently has four juveniles on home detention. Home detention is saving the county money by keeping the juveniles from being housed at outside facilities. If the juveniles were placed in Vermilion County the cost of housing would have been \$3,060; and if placed in Will County the cost of housing would have been \$4,320. The idea is to provide home visits to determine the juveniles are where they are suppose to be. Any violation would place them into a juvenile detention facility instead of home detention.

Mike also reported on purchasing 2-way radios with a charger for the department vehicle in lieu of regular radios which are costly.

Additionally, Mike reported on the purchasing of copy paper through the county. He said it was his understanding the county purchased a large amount of copy paper for various departments and were billed as needed. He said he received a bill for 16 cartons of paper from the vendor and cancelled the order.

State's Attorney Jim Devine reported Assistant State's Attorney Bill Donohue is making a "slow exit" from his department. Bill is running for State's Attorney in Vermilion County, making an opening in the State's Attorney's department. Jim said Bill would be leaving even if not elected to State's Attorney in Vermilion County, as he commutes from Danville on a daily basis. Jim said

he is looking for a prosecutor with experience.

Circuit Clerk Arlene Hines distributed her report for August 2007 and answered questions.

Sheriff Sprau reported the department is short one correctional officer. The officer is currently on disability and is not expected to return for approximately two months.

County Board Chairman Ron Schroeder expressed concern over last month's committee meeting on the situation of a sex offender conducting work for the county at the courthouse. Ron said the information was deemed incorrect and should have been handled differently. Ron stated the matter should have been further researched before it was ever brought up at the committee meeting.

In other matters, Ron discussed security measures at the courthouse. He discussed how security for contractors and vendors should be tightened. Sheriff Sprau said he would work on suggestions and report back to the committee.

Also discussed was the formation of a new ad hoc committee for the purpose of performing inventory on county equipment in all departments. It was suggested a tracking system should be implemented to keep track of replaced equipment.

Additionally, Chairman Schroeder reported all committee chairman should be voting on all issues having a roll call vote. Also, if money is to be spent outside of regular committee meetings, the matter needs to be placed on the county board agenda for discussion.

The committee reviewed the claims. It was moved by Rod Copas 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 Rod Copas and seconded to adjourn at 10:19 A.M. Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/John Kuntz
s/Susan Wynn
s/Lowell Schmidt
s/Donna Crow
s/Rod Copas
s/Alan Dewitt
s/John Wilkening

**FINANCE
and
BUDGET HEARINGS**

Mr. Meyer, Chairman of the Finance Committee, gave the four reports of his committee. Mr. Copas asked State's Attorney Jim Devine for clarification concerning the position of Public Safety Director. Mr. Copas asked if it was legal to pay the Sheriff a separate salary for the position. Mr. Devine said the position and salary are allowed per Illinois State Statute. Mr. Meyer moved for adoption of the four reports which was seconded and carried by a roll call vote.

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Annual Session, September 11, 2007

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve four (4) Finance Committee reports

Aye: Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, DeWitt, Dowling, Hansen, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schultz, Wasmer, Wilkening

Absent: Ebert, Schuldt, Wynn

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Mr. Chairman and members of the County Board:

Your committee to whom was referred **Finance-Budget Hearings** would beg leave to submit the following report on the matters before them:

Your committee met at the Administrative Center on August 21, 2007 at 8:30 A.M. Members present were Jim Meyer, Russell Bills, Lowell Schmidt, Jerry Haynes, John Dowling, Susan Wynn, and Harriett Mowrey. Also present were Cecelia Dixon, Director of Data Processing; Mindy Kuntz Hagan, Treasurer; John Wilkening, County Board Vice-Chairman; Mark Henrichs, County Clerk; Tom Tuntland, County Programmer; Bob Yergler, Supervisor of Assessments; Barb Witte, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; and Bill Cheatum, Coroner.

The committee reviewed County revenues line by line with Treasurer Mindy Kuntz Hagan. They discussed specific revenues which appear to be decreasing. Each of these decreasing revenue lines will be revisited in the following days as Department Heads present their budget proposals and are available to answer questions.

The following departments presented their proposed budgets with any major changes noted:
Treasurer - Mindy Kuntz Hagan - no major changes proposed

Animal Control - Mindy Kuntz Hagan - no major changes at this time; however, discussion is taking place concerning a restructuring of the animal control fee schedule due to changing state laws.

Coroner - Bill Cheatum - no major changes proposed. Morgue fees are increasing but there are fewer inquests being held.

Data Processing - Cecelia Dixon and Tom Tuntland. Cecelia noted \$25,000 proposed for the capital improvements line item, which would include a new line-writer printer and all costs associated with completing the email and web-site server plan. County Programmer Tom Tuntland proposed a title change from County Programmer to Director of County Information Systems. He feels the new title better encompasses his duties. He proposes a salary increase of \$4,635.

Supervisor of Assessments - Bob Yergler reported his office is at full staff now for the first time in well over a year. He proposed no major changes to his budget and noted he is doing as much as possible to go after EAV.

Board of Review - Bob Yergler - no major changes, lowering some lines including mileage and travel.

County Board - Barb Witte - no major changes proposed.

County Clerk & Recorder - Mark Henrichs discussed the decrease in the Recorder fees line. He explained less property is changing hands, thus fewer documents are recorded; however, property is selling higher so revenue from the real estate transfer tax is not decreasing. Mark proposed no major changes.

Elections - Mark Henrichs - proposing to lower the ballots and supplies line as his office will again print ballots in-house. Mark noted in even years, there are two elections to fund, and just one election in odd years. He explained reimbursement from the State for election judges salaries for the Fall election is generally not received until the following fiscal year.

County Board member John Dowling said he would like the County Board to consider helping to fund/promote the Iroquois County Fair.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, the meeting adjourned at 12 P.M.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Jim Meyer
s/Russell Bills
s/Lowell Schmidt
s/Jerry Haynes
s/John Dowling
s/Susan Wynn
s/Harriett Mowrey

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY

County Board, Annual Session
September 11, A.D., 2007

Mr. Chairman and members of the County Board:

Your committee to whom was referred **Finance-Budget Hearings** would beg leave to submit the following report on the matters before them:

Your committee met at the Administrative Center on August 22, 2007 at 8:30 A.M. Members present were Jim Meyer, Russell Bills, Lowell Schmidt, Jerry Haynes, John Dowling, Susan Wynn, and Harriett Mowrey. Also present were Cecelia Dixon, Director of Data Processing; Mindy Kuntz Hagan, Treasurer; John Wilkening, County Board Vice-Chairman; Judge James Kinzer; Jean Hiles for Historical Documents; Dale Strough, Public Defender; Mike Sabol, Assistant Public Defender; Jim Devine, State's Attorney; Sheriff Eldon Sprau and Investigator Jonathan Rieches; Rick Einfeldt, Probation Director; Gloria Schleeff, Zoning Administrator; Carl Gerdovich, ESDA Director; and Dr. John Pickering from the Ford-Iroquois Public Health Department.

The following departments presented their proposed budgets with any major changes noted:
Courts and Jurors - Judge James Kinzer - no major changes proposed. Judge Kinzer noted the Special Attorney line is reimbursed by the State. When received, this money goes into a reimbursements line.

Historical Documents - Jean Hiles - A portion of the total budget comes from a property tax

levy as well as a grant from the County's general fund. Jean said this year they are asking for an increase from \$15,000 to \$17,500 from the general fund, mostly due to rising utility costs.

Public Defender - Dale Strough and Mike Sabol - Discussed the program implemented last year by the State, which provides reimbursement from the State for 2/3 of the Public Defender's salary. Dale proposed the approximate \$17,000 received thus far be used to increase the Public Defender's salary. He proposed an increase of \$8,000 for the Assistant Public Defender. He discussed increasing case loads in the Public Defender's office. It was noted the County received a memo last March that funding for the program had been exhausted. No reimbursement has been received since April.

State's Attorney - Jim Devine - Asking for a \$5,000 increase to be divided between the two Assistant State's Attorneys. He discussed the Criminal Prosecution line which can vary significantly from year to year and noted there is no way to regulate this line.

Sheriff - Sheriff Eldon Sprau and Investigator Jonathan Rieches - Proposed that a \$3,500 increase in the Sheriff's Supervisor of Safety position, along with the \$2,000 set annual increase would put his salary more in-line with others. Proposed a \$7,585 increase for Undersheriff Derek Hagen. Eldon noted because of guaranteed overtime in the union contract, there are Sergeants and Lieutenants making more than himself and the Undersheriff.

Eldon said four squad cars need to be rotated out every year. He requested \$122,128 in the Capital Expense line. This would cover the cost of four new Chevrolet Impala squad cars, light bars, radio brackets, markings, and mobile radios, as well as four in-car camera units and twelve taser units with cartridges. Eldon discussed grants, fee increases, and other cost-cutting measures and said he is willing to use the Public Safety Fund to offset costs, as money becomes available in this account.

Probation - Rick Einfeldt - No major increases proposed; normal salary increases.

Zoning - Zoning Administrator Gloria Schleef - Proposed increase of \$4,100 for Administrator's salary and increase of \$2,265 for her Chief Deputy. Gloria cited many night meetings which they are required to attend for which they do not receive overtime, as well as large salary increases given to other newer employees.

ESDA - Carl Gerdovich - Requesting salary increase of \$5,000 plus \$3,000 increase for expense of office line. Carl said many other counties in Region 7 have full time ESDA Directors with assistants. He said the requirements are the same, as far as what the State expects, regardless of the population of the County; and those expectations become more and more involved each year.

Veteran's Assistance Commission - John Wilkening - Requesting increase of \$1,000 in Director's Education line for training for the new director, Robert Davies.

Ford-Iroquois Public Health Department - Dr. John Pickering - Requesting \$19,000 less than last year. Dr. Pickering said this is due to increased funding from the State.

As there was no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 11:29 A.M.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Jim Meyer
s/Russell Bills
s/Jerry Haynes
s/Harriett Mowrey

s/Lowell Schmidt
s/John Dowling
s/Susan Wynn

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IROQUOIS COUNTY

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Mr. Chairman and members of the County Board:

Your committee to whom was referred **Finance-Budget Hearings** would beg leave to submit the following report on the matters before them:

Your committee met at the Administrative Center on August 23, 2007 at 8:30 A.M. Members present were Jim Meyer, Russell Bills, Lowell Schmidt, Jerry Haynes, John Dowling, Susan Wynn, and Harriett Mowrey. Also present were Cecelia Dixon, Director of Data Processing; Mindy Kuntz Hagan, Treasurer; John Wilkening, County Board Vice-Chairman; County Board member Jean Hiles; Joel Moore, Superintendent of Highways; Nita Dubble, 911 Coordinator; Don Deany, 377 Board; Jim Reynolds, Iroquois Development Association; Chuck Schmidt, President 708 Mental Health Board; Arlene Hines, Circuit Clerk; Thad Eshleman, Soil & Water Conservation; and Larry Pankey, Maintenance Supervisor.

The following departments presented their proposed budgets with any major changes noted:

County Highway - County Engineer Joel Moore - no major changes proposed with the exception of Equipment Rental increasing from \$30,000 to \$150,000 due to increased usage of rental equipment.

911/ETSB - Coordinator Nita Dubble spoke to the committee concerning the 911 rent proposal. Nita said the suggested \$8.50/per square foot seems unfair, as that is what the Farm Service Agency pays. 911 provides the county services in several ways such as monitoring the boiler room, fire alarm, and hallways in the administrative center during evening hours when there is no one present in the building. Also, Nita stated they have maintained the 911 dispatch center themselves by installing carpet and tile and painting the facility. Nita also noted they are losing money on land lines for 911 service because people are using cell phones as their primary line. Following discussion, Nita said she will meet with the 911 Board in September and present a \$400/month rent proposal to them.

377 Board - Don Deany - no change from previous year.

Industrial Development Association- Jim Reynolds - no change from previous year.

708 Mental Health Board - Chuck Schmidt discussed organizational changes within the Iroquois Mental Health Department. He outlined several achievements the center has received, staff improvements, etc. The Mental Health Center is proposing an approximate 3% increase.

Circuit Clerk - Arlene Hines is proposing no major changes with the exception of increasing Expense of Office to \$25,000.

Recycling Center - John Dowling is proposing a capital improvement for the renovation of the Recycling Center's office and a new sign. John noted the people interested in purchasing the Recycling Center have now resigned from doing so.

I-KAN - John Dowling - I-KAN is proposing an increase of approximately 5%.

Soil and Water Conservation - Resource Conservationist Thad Eshleman briefly reviewed current projects. Thad proposed no change to the \$2,000 grant provided annually from the County.

Courthouse and Jail - Maintenance Supervisor Larry Pankey proposed a salary increase of \$2,500; the usual increase is approximately \$1,015 a year. Larry proposed a 7% increase in both electricity and heating, as well as a 10% increase for maintenance and repairs. He does not foresee a change for service contracts as he anticipates to not renew the maintenance agreement with Trane. Larry is proposing installing a new phone system for the courthouse, in addition to a new fire alarm system for the jail, and several other projects for the administrative center and the courthouse.

As there was no further business to come before the committee the meeting adjourned at 11:15 A.M.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Jim Meyer
s/Russell Bills
s/Jerry Haynes
s/Harriett Mowrey
s/Lowell Schmidt
s/John Dowling
s/Susan Wynn

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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 September 6, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. Members present were Jim Meyer, Russell Bills, Jerry Haynes, Harriett Mowrey, John Dowling, Lowell Schmidt, and Susan Wynn. Also present were Mindy Kuntz Hagan, Treasurer; Bob Yergler, Supervisor of Assessments; Cecelia Dixon, Director of Data Processing; Mark Henrichs, County Clerk; Ron Schroeder, County Board Chairman; John Wilkening, County Board Vice Chairman; Roger Schuldt, Schuldt Insurance; County Board member Jean Hiles; and Wendy Davis from the *Times-Republic*.

Roger Schuldt, Schuldt Insurance, reported a 2007 Ford F550 service truck for the County Highway Department has been added to the County's policy. Committee member Jerry Haynes said he has been working with Roger concerning the workers compensation insurance renewal rates. It was noted there have been no workers comp claims thus far this year.

Treasurer Mindy Kuntz Hagan reported a check has been received from the State for Public Defender salary reimbursement for the month of July, which is the first month of the State's fiscal year. Mindy said no payments were made to the County for April, May, or June.

Mindy reported Kathy Blunk of Illinois Corn Stoves, Inc. is several months delinquent on her revolving loan fund payments. Mindy has attempted to contact her by mail and telephone with no response. It was the consensus of the committee to give the company until October 1st before turning it over to the State's Attorney.

Mindy briefly discussed security cameras that she will have installed in her office. She has received a bid from Goodman Communications in the amount of \$2,931, which will be paid from her automation fund.

Supervisor of Assessments Bob Yergler reported his office is now at full staff and are working on finishing work for the current tax cycle.

Director of Data Processing Cecelia Dixon distributed information from IMRF concerning several new bills which were recently signed into law. The bills concern such things as converting military service credits, transfers to and from local police pension funds, and ECO benefits for legally adopted children.

Cecelia reported on the project of purchasing paper for all county offices in order to get a better discount. She said the Probation Department and the Judges office have chosen not to participate which threatened to jeopardize the discount rate; however, the State's Attorney's office and the Circuit Clerk's office increased their order so that the minimum purchase could be reached. Cecelia said she has ordered 300 cartons of paper for a total of approximately \$9,600. The resulting discount was approximately \$8 per carton.

County Board Chairman Ron Schroeder discussed some changes to County Board meeting procedures. He said, as discussed last month, in committee meetings the chairman of the committee shall vote when a roll call vote is taken. Also, in the event that money is going to be spent, if the item has not gone through a committee, it must be on the County Board agenda for approval. Additionally, he said when a County Board member calls for the question during a meeting, the call shall be in the form of a motion with a second and a vote taken. If the vote fails, discussion will continue. If the vote passes, discussion will cease and the board will proceed to vote on the motion in question.

Finance Chairman Jim Meyer said members of the Finance Committee will work individually on where they feel cuts can be made in the proposed 2007/2008 budget in order to present a balanced budget. They will meet again on September 18th at 8 A.M. It was noted the current budget is right on target. If any excess results, certain purchases may be able to be made this year. The committee asked that all offices with automation funds make their transfers by mid-October rather than waiting to the last minute. This would be helpful to make projections for the proposed budget.

County Clerk Mark Henrichs discussed an ordinance recently passed by the Watseka City Council to extend the Watseka TIF I agreement for a period of one year. The original 23-year agreement will expire with the 2009 extension. TIF loss to affected taxing bodies is currently approximately \$1.25 million annually. Questions remain such as when was the TIF Joint Board of Review meeting held, who was notified or invited to attend, and can minutes of that meeting be obtained; can the agreement be extended without the consent of the affected taxing bodies; and what steps must be taken to oppose the extension. State's Attorney Jim Devine has been asked to advise the Board on these and many other questions. It was also suggested that the language of the original agreement be looked at. Mark said ultimately this may end up in court.

The committee reviewed the claims. It was moved by Susan Wynn 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 Russell Bills and seconded to adjourn at 10:17 A.M. Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Jim Meyer
s/Russell Bills
s/Jerry Haynes
s/Harriett Mowrey
s/John Dowling
s/Lowell Schmidt
s/Susan Wynn

PLANNING & ZONING

August 16, 2007

Mr. Lemenager, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee, gave the first 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

Annual Session, September 11, 2007

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve August 16, 2007 Planning & Zoning report

Aye: Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, DeWitt, Dowling, Hansen, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schultz, Wasmer, Wilkening

Absent: Ebert, Schuldt, Wynn

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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 August 16, 2007, at 1:30 P.M. Members present were Merle Lemenager, Donna Wasmer, Donna Crow, Beryl Luecke, and Dale Schultz. Also present were Gloria Schlee, Zoning Administrator; Debbie Wright, Chief Deputy Zoning Administrator; and Wendy Davis from the *Times-Republic*.

Zoning Administrator Gloria Schlee discussed the proposed Zoning Office budget with the Committee. Following discussion, a recommendation was made by the Committee to increase the Zoning Administrators salary by \$4,100 for a total of \$42,500 and to increase the Chief Deputy

Zoning Administrators salary by \$2,665 for a total of \$26,000.

Zoning Administrator Gloria Schleef reported on the following:

- The Recycling Center will be on the agenda for the September meeting.
- Joseph Yobbka is still currently advertising on his website and giving ultralight lessons. State's Attorney Jim Devine had a meeting with Mr. Yobbka regarding advertising an ultralight business on his website. No action was taken at this time.
- Mr. Devine will send a letter to Mikel Freeman regarding the continual running of semis on his property.
- The Wind Tower Ordinance has been prepared and is ready for hearings.
- Regional Planning presently has thirteen members; sixteen members make a full board. Keith McTaggart is interested in becoming a Regional Planning member. A motion was made by Dale Schultz and seconded to have Gloria contact Keith McTaggart and appoint him to the Regional Planning Commission. Motion carried.
- The Zoning Office condemned a trailer in Effner owned by LaVone Pehlke. State's Attorney Jim Devine spoke with her attorney, Kay Johnson, and said she could repair the trailers and have them reinspected.
- Complaints were received concerning the property of Roger and Carol Schuldt. FEMA and concerned neighbors have both contacted the Zoning Office regarding the levy built on their property.

Regional Planning discussed suggestions for the zoning district RH-1, Rural Homestead. Members thought it would be best to leave RH-1 as it was currently written and to give variances for acreage according to the individual property.

Discussion was also held regarding Conditional Uses for replacing a previous homesite in A-1 and A-2. Regional Planning suggested asking for a Permitted Use if physical evidence such as standing buildings and record of a previous dwelling existed. The consensus of the Committee was to forward the issue back to Regional Planning for the correct wording.

Regional Planning members also felt they should be involved with map amendment requests, along with seeing the applicants. The recommendation of the Committee was to make attendance optional rather than mandatory for map amendment requests. They felt that Gloria could present the request if the applicant was not at the meeting.

Members of Regional Planning also would like to invite contractors and possibly realtors to a meeting to discuss improving Regional Planning's duties and issues of interest to contractors and realtors. They also discussed sending a questionnaire to realtors for their comments regarding rezonings. The members will bring a list of questions for discussion next month.

The Committee discussed a definition for "natural barriers", as stated in the RH-1 classification. The definition is not currently listed in the Zoning Ordinance.

As there was no further business to come before the Committee, it was moved by Beryl Luecke and seconded to adjourn at 3:31 P.M. Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Merle Lemenager
s/Donna Wasmer
s/Donna Crow
s/Beryl Luecke

PLANNING & ZONING -September 7, 2007

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-9 (Kovar)

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-10 (Martin)

ORDINANCE NO. 2007-11 (Zirkle)

and

MOTIONS

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

Mr. Lemenager, Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee, gave the second report of his committee. Concerned citizens were present to speak in opposition to the Lundmark rezoning request and present a petition asking that the request be denied. Emily Lundmark, real estate agent for the Lundmarks spoke on their behalf. Following the period of public discussion, it was moved by Mr. Dowling and seconded to removed the Lundmark rezoning request from the September 7th Planning and Zoning Committee report for separate consideration. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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Chairman Schroeder

On motion to removed Lundmark rezoning request for separate consideration

Aye: Bills, Busick, Crow, Dowling, Hansen, Haynes, Hiles, Johnson, Krumwiede, Kuntz, Luecke, Mowrey, Schultz, Wilkening

Nay: Copas, DeWitt, Hurt, Kuntz, Meyer, Schmidt, Wasmer

Absent: Ebert, Schuldt, Wynn

Following County Board discussion, it was moved by Mr. Copas and seconded to refer the Lundmark rezoning request back to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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Chairman Schroeder

On motion to refer Lundmark rezoning request back to Planning & Zoning Committee

Aye: Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, DeWitt, Dowling, Hansen, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Mowrey, Schultz, Wasmer, Wilkening

Nay: Meyer, Schmidt

Absent: Ebert, Schuldt, Wilkening, Wynn

Attorney Terry Hamrick spoke on behalf of Mr. Ray Morris. He felt there were problems

with their conditional use request process and suggested they return to the committee with the request. Following extensive discussion by the full County Board it was moved by Mrs. Crow and seconded to refer the Morris rezoning request back to the Planning and Zoning Committee. Motion failed by a roll call vote.

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Annual Session, September 11, 2007

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to refer Morris conditional use request back to the Planning & Zoning Committee

Aye: Bills, Crow, Dowling, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Krumwiede, Kuntz

Nay: Busick, Copas, DeWitt, Hansen, Johnson, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schultz, Wasmer

Absent: Ebert, Schuldt, Wilkening, Wynn

It was moved by Mr. Lemenager and seconded to approve the balance of the Planning and Zoning Committee report and Ordinance No. 2007-9, Ordinance No. 2007-10, and Ordinance No. 2007-11. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Annual Session, September 11, 2007

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve September 7, 2007 Planning & Zoning Committee report *as amended* and Ordinance No. 2007-1, Ordinance No. 2007-10, and Ordinance No. 2007-11

Aye: Busick, DeWitt, Dowling, Hansen, Haynes, Johnson, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schultz, Wasmer

Nay: Bills, Copas, Crow, Hiles, Hurt, Krumwiede

Absent: Ebert, Schuldt, Wynn

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
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County Board, Annual Session
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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 September 7, 2007, at 8:30 A.M. Members present were Merle Lemenager, Donna Wasmer, Jim Meyer, Donna Crow, Dale Schultz,

Troy Krumwiede, and Beryl Luecke. Also present were Gloria Schleef, Zoning Administrator; Debbie Wright, Chief Deputy Zoning Administrator; and Wendy Davis from the *Times-Republic*.

Robert and Mary Kovar of Martinton Township are requesting 9.75 acres be rezoned from A-1 to RH-1 with a variance for acreage. Mr. Kovar stated the parcel is wooded and has been since the 1940's. The Kovars would like to build a single family dwelling. They believe there is enough buildable area that they will not have to take down any trees. Both Regional Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals voted to approve the rezoning unanimously. A motion was made by Jim Meyer and seconded to **approve** the request to rezone the 9.75 acre parcel from A-1 to Rural Homestead with a variance for acreage. Roll call vote. Motion to **approve** carried unanimously.

The following paragraphs removed for separate consideration and referred back to the Planning and Zoning Committee per action taken by the full County Board.

~~[Emily Lundmark, a real estate agent from McColly Real Estate, represented Paul Lundmark and his wife Stacy. The Lundmarks would like to purchase 4.39 acres located in Middleport Township and are requesting to rezone from RR-1 back to A-2, which was the previous zoning. The property was zoned from A-2 to RR-1 approximately two years ago. A subdivision was intended for the property, but never materialized. The owner is now trying to sell the property to the Lundmarks.~~

~~Paul and Stacy are requesting the parcel be rezoned to A-2 for the purpose of keeping two to three horses on the property. Paul stated they will also be re-siding the house, painting the barns, cleaning the grounds, and installing a new fence for the horses. The Lundmarks believe this would be the best use for the land, as A-2 would conform to the surrounding area.~~

~~Some attendees voiced opposition regarding the number of animals allowed per acre, as they do not want to be neighboring a pig farm or any other large group of farm animals. They also have concerns the horses will bring increased numbers of rodents, bugs, and flies. The Lundmarks stated they are currently only interested in keeping two horses on the property. They said they would consider entering into a covenant with neighbors in order to resolve the issues regarding the number of animals on the property.~~

~~Regional Planning voted nine to two to approve the request. Zoning Board of Appeals voted three to three to approve the rezoning; the motion did not carry. Following further discussion, a motion was made by Beryl Luecke and seconded to **approve** rezoning the 4.39 acre tract from RR-1 to A-2. Roll call vote. Lemenager: Nay; Meyer: Nay; Luecke: Aye; Krumwiede: Nay; Schultz: Aye; Crow: Aye; Wasmer: Nay. Motion to approve was **denied** with a four to three vote.]~~

John Martin is requesting to rezone 11 acres from A-2 to RR-1 for the purpose of a 12 lot subdivision. The tract is located in Middleport Township, Sections 27 and 34. An elevation certificate is required due to a small portion of the parcel being in the flood plain. Both Regional Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to approve the rezoning. A motion was made by Troy Krumwiede and seconded to **approve** rezoning an 11 acre parcel from A-2 to RR-1 for the purpose of a 12 lot subdivision. Roll call vote. Motion to **approve** carried unanimously.

Attorney Terry Hamrick represented Ray Morris, who is requesting a conditional use in order to keep a mobile home outside the Timbered Meadows Campground, located in Ash Grove Township. Mr. Hamrick stated Mr. Morris purchased the property four and a half years ago and moved the trailer there in order to supervise job sites and ongoing construction at the grounds. He said the mobile home is not a residence, but a construction site trailer. He does have someone that oversees the jobs when he is not able to be there; this person does stay overnight. He also stated the

work is ongoing, but plans to remove the trailer as soon as construction is finished.

Mr. Hamrick said the campground is vacant from October 15th through April 15th. Everything is closed down and winterized, as well as the construction site trailer. He believes this request should be treated as an “Unspecified Use”, located in the Zoning Ordinance under Section 2.2. He believes the request should be looked at differently because they are not dealing with a residence, but rather a job site trailer. This trailer would be of no use to them in a mobile home park.

Zoning Board of Appeals voted unanimously to deny this conditional use. Following further discussion, a motion was made by Dale Schultz and seconded to **deny** the request for a conditional use to keep a mobile home. Roll call vote. Lemenager: Aye; Meyer: Aye; Luecke: Aye; Krumwiede: Nay; Schultz: Aye; Crow: Nay; Wasmer: Aye. Motion to **deny** carried with a five to two vote.

Eric Adsit of Milford Township is requesting a conditional use to replace a previous homesite. Eric’s grandparents own the surrounding 240 acres; they will be giving him one and a half acres for building a home. He stated the previous homesite burned in 1982, but outbuildings still exist on the property. Both Regional Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals voted to approve the conditional use. A motion was made by Donna Crow and seconded to **approve** the conditional use to replace a previous homesite. Roll call vote. Motion to **approve** carried unanimously.

John Zirkle has purchased 32.29 acres of woods located in Douglas Township. He is requesting to rezone the acreage from A-1 to RH-1 for the purpose of building a single family residence on the property. He stated he does have a certificate of elevation and has confirmation that at least 4.98 acres is not located in the flood plain. Both Regional Planning and Zoning Board of Appeals voted to approve this request unanimously. A motion was made by Troy Krumwiede and seconded to **approve** rezoning the property from A-1 to RH-1 for the purpose of building a single family dwelling. Roll call vote. Motion to **approve** carried unanimously.

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

Zoning Administrator Gloria Schlee reported on the following:

- Roger Schuldt will need to request a permit from the state for the levy he put in. The Zoning Office will have State’s Attorney Jim Devine contact Roger.
- Jim has sent Andrew Smith a letter regarding all of the garbage on his property.
- Richard Smith will need to obtain a “before fill” elevation certificate.
- Joseph Yobbka still has his website posted with hang gliding, tow packages, and lessons.
- The trailer in Effner has had follow-up inspections and has been released from the condemned status.
- An ethanol plant request from Global Renewable Energy has been tabled until next month for Regional Planning.

Bryan Luke, Don Wauthier, and Hanley Guy all have Regional Planning appointments expiring within the next month. The Zoning Office has spoken with all three members and all three would accept re-appointment. A motion was made by Dale Schultz and seconded to re-appoint Bryan Luke, Don Wauthier, and Hanley Guy to the Regional Planning Commission. Roll call vote. Motion carried unanimously.

As there was no further business to come before the Committee, it was moved by Beryl

Luecke and seconded to adjourn at 11:58 A.M. Motion carried.
All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Merle Lemenager
s/Donna Wasmer
s/Jim Meyer
s/Donna Crow
s/Dale Schultz
s/Troy Krumwiede
s/Beryl Luecke

TRANSPORTATION & HIGHWAY
and
TWO LOCAL AGENCY AGREEMENTS FOR FEDERAL PARTICIPATION
(Stockland Bridge No. 41 & Stockland Bridge No. 23
and
Resolution No. R2007-11 (CH 45)
Resolution No. R2007-12 (CH 9)
Resolution No. R2007-13 (Stockland Rd District TR434)
Resolution No. R2007-14 (Jurisdictional Transfer CH 18)
Local Agency Agreements and Resolutions are recorded and placed on file
in the County Clerk's Office

Mr. Bills, Vice Chairman of the Transportation and Highway Committee, gave the report of his committee and presented two Local Agency Agreements and Resolution No. R2007-11, Resolution No. R2007-12, Resolution No. R2007-13, and Resolution No. R2007-14 for approval. Mr. Bills moved for adoption of all which was seconded and carried by a roll call vote.

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County
Annual Session, September 11, 2007
Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve Transportation & Highway Committee report, two Local Agency Agreements, Resolution No. R2007-11, Resolution No. R2007-12, Resolution No. R2007-13, and Resolution No. R2007-14

Aye: Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, DeWitt, Dowling, Hansen, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schultz, Wasmer
Absent: Ebert, Schuldt, Wynn

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY

County Board, Annual Session
September 11, A.D.,2007

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 Friday, September 7, 2007. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. Members present were: John Wilkening, Chairman, Russell Bills, Kevin Hansen, Jim Hurt, Dennis Johnson, and Joel Moore, County Engineer. Also present were Aaron Knapp, Fountain Creek Highway Commissioner, and Dennis Conrad of Conrad Trucking.

First order of business was receiving bids for material projects. All bids were opened and read. It was moved by Russell Bills and was seconded that the following awards be recommended to the County Board, contingent on IDOT approval.

Awarded Bids:

Section	Contractor	Amount
07-12000-00-GM, Sp. #4, Gp. #1	Weber Trucking	\$33,000.00
07-00000-00-GM, Sp. #2, Gp. #1	Morrison & Benoit	\$15,660.00
07-00000-00-GM, Sp. #2, Gp. #2	Metal Culverts, Inc.	\$17,213.20

Motion carried.

The committee examined the claims and financial reports for the month of August, 2007. After reviewing all claims, it was moved by Jim Hurt and seconded to pay the following claims, subject to County Board approval.

County Highway	\$ 46,907.47
County MFT	\$ 52,237.64
County Bridge	\$ 8,477.47
TBP	\$ 12,268.80
County Matching	\$ 180.00
Township MFT	\$153,865.39
State Constr. & Engr.	\$ 12,066.15

Motion carried.

Kevin Hansen moved and was seconded to approve a County Resolution for \$375,000 for the use of Motor Fuel Tax for the improvement of C.H. 45, Section 07-00292-00-RP. Motion carried.

Dennis Johnson moved and was seconded to use \$86,000 Matching Tax Funds for a bridge project on C.H 9, Section 04-00052-03-BR, three miles east of Stockland. Motion carried.

Kevin Hansen moved and was seconded to use \$66,000 Matching Tax Funds for a bridge project, Section 06-26102-01-BR, on TR 434 in Stockland Township, 3300 E, 1 ½ mile east and 1 mile north of Stockland. Motion carried.

Jim Hurt moved and was seconded to approve Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation on Bridge Project on C.H. 9, Section 04-00052-03-BR. Motion carried.

Dennis Johnson moved and was seconded to approve Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation on Bridge Project on TR 434, Section 06-26102-01-BR. Motion carried.

Jim Hurt moved and was seconded to approve jurisdictional transfer 1130N, 1500 to 1800 E, in Ash Grove Township, Woodworth-Schwer Slab. Motion carried.

Russell Bills moved and was seconded to approve the improvement of a railroad crossing on KBS line, one mile west of Iroquois, subsequent to Joel Moore's approval. Motion carried.

Joel discussed equipment needs and ongoing projects for the County Highway Department.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, Dennis Johnson moved and it was seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:29 A.M. Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/John Wilkening
s/Russell Bills
s/Kevin Hansen
s/Dennis Johnson
s/Jim Hurt

RESOLUTION NO. R2007-11

**Illinois Department
of Transportation**

**Resolution for Improvement by County
Under the Illinois Highway Code**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Iroquois County, Illinois, that the following described County Highway(s) be improved under the Illinois Highway Code:

County Highway(s) 45, beginning at a point near Station 0+00 (with a bridge omission from Station 91+22 to 91+85) and extending along said route(s) in a(n) northerly direction to a point near Station 187+78, a distance of approximately 19716.60 feet 3.545 mi.; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the type of improvement shall be 12" Process Modified Soil Base and A-2 Cover Seal Coat and shall be designated as Section 07-000292-RP and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the improvement shall be constructed by Contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there is hereby appropriated the sum of Three hundred seventy-five thousand dollars, (\$375,000) from the County's allotment of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the construction of this improvement and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit two certified copies of this resolution to the district office of the Department of Transportation.

I, Mark R. Henrichs County Clerk in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, and keeper of the records and files thereof, as provided by statute, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, perfect, and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the County Board of Iroquois County, at its annual meeting held at Watseka, Illinois on September 11, 2007.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said

County at my office in Watseka, Illinois in said County, this 11th day of September A.D., 2007.

(SEAL)

s/Mark R. Henrichs, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. R2007-12

**Illinois Department
of Transportation**

**Resolution for Improvement by County
Under the Illinois Highway Code**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Iroquois County, Illinois, that the following described County Highway(s) be improved under the Illinois Highway Code:

County Highway(s) 9 (FAS 334), beginning at a point near the NE corner of the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 19. T25N R10W of the 2nd P.M. and extending along said route(s) in a(n) Easterly direction to a point near Station 42+50, a distance of approximately 425.00 feet; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the type of improvement shall be a replacement bridge where CH9 crosses Mud Creek and shall be designated as Section 04-00052-03-BR and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the improvement shall be constructed by Contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there is hereby appropriated the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand and 00/100 dollars, (\$86,000) from the County's allotment of Matching Tax Funds for the construction of this improvement and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit two certified copies of this resolution to the district office of the Department of Transportation.

I, Mark R. Henrichs County Clerk in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, and keeper of the records and files thereof, as provided by statute, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, perfect, and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the County Board of Iroquois County, at its annual meeting held at Watseka, Illinois on September 11, 2007.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County at my office in Watseka, Illinois in said County, this 11th day of September A.D., 2007.

(SEAL)

s/Mark R. Henrichs, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. R2007-13

**Illinois Department
of Transportation**

**Resolution for Improvement by County
Under the Illinois Highway Code**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the County Board of Iroquois County, Illinois, that the following

described County Highway(s) be improved under the Illinois Highway Code:

Stockland Road District TR 434, beginning at a point near the SW corner of the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 13. T25N R11W of the 2nd P.M. and extending along said route(s) in a(n) Northerly direction to a point near Station 22+75, a distance of approximately 550.00 feet; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the type of improvement shall be a replacement bridge where TR 434 crosses Mud Creek and shall be designated as Section 06-26102-01-BR and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the improvement shall be constructed by Contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that there is hereby appropriated the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand and 00/100 dollars, (\$66,000) from the County's allotment of Matching Tax Funds for the construction of this improvement and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk is hereby directed to transmit two certified copies of this resolution to the district office of the Department of Transportation.

I, Mark R. Henrichs County Clerk in and for said County, in the State aforesaid, and keeper of the records and files thereof, as provided by statute, do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true, perfect, and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the County Board of Iroquois County, at its annual meeting held at Watseka, Illinois on September 11, 2007.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County at my office in Watseka, Illinois in said County, this 11th day of September A.D., 2007.

(SEAL)

s/Mark R. Henrichs, County Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. R2007-14

ADDENDUM #2

**RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT JURISDICTION OF WOODWORTH-SCHWER ROAD/
COUNTY HIGHWAY 18/1150 N ROAD**

WHEREAS, the State of Illinois, hereinafter called the STATE, and Iroquois County, Illinois, hereinafter called the COUNTY, have entered into a joint agreement for the jurisdictional transfer of a 2.99 mile portion of County Highway 18/1150 N Road, commonly known as the Woodworth-Schwer Road.

WHEREAS, the STATE agrees to pay to the COUNTY a lump sum of \$919,000, providing the COUNTY accepts jurisdiction of the said 2.99 mile portion of County Highway 18/1150 N

Road/Woodworth-Schwer road in its present condition.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with the provisions of the related agreement, the COUNTY agrees to assume jurisdiction of that portion of County Highway 18/1150 N Road, beginning at Township Road 170/1500 E Road (located in the unincorporated community of Schwer) and extending easterly 2.99 miles to County Highway 45/1800 N Road (located in the unincorporated community of Schwer), being 60 feet in width in its entirety. The COUNTY'S acceptance of the said portion of highway is effective upon execution of the formal agreement and 10 days following the COUNTY'S receipt of a lump sum payment from the STATE of \$919,000, payable to the Iroquois County Motor Fuel Tax Fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the COUNTY hereby agrees to add this same segment of transferred highway to the county highway system, designated as County Highway #18.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Clerk is hereby directed to transmit three certified copies of this approved resolution to the STATE, through its Department of Transportation, Regional Engineer's office in Ottawa, Illinois.

I, Mark R. Henrichs, County Clerk in and for Iroquois County in the state of Illinois, and keeper of the records and files thereof, as provided by statute, certify the foregoing to be a true, perfect, and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the County Board of Iroquois Count at its meeting held on September 11, 2007.

APPROVED

s/Ronald Schroeder
Ronald Schroeder, Chairman
Iroquois County Board

s/Mark R. Henrichs
Mark R. Henrichs
Iroquois County Clerk

9/11/2007
Date

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POLICY & PROCEDURE

Mr. Schroeder, Chairman of the Board, briefly reported on the AFSCME Negotiations meeting. Chairman Schroeder read the Policy and Procedure Committee report. The Board asked that a letter be forwarded to the Chief Circuit Judge, stating Iroquois County's opposition to Probation Director Rick Einfeldt's decision to cancel the "home detention" program in Iroquois County. Mr. Kuntz moved for adoption of the report, which was seconded and carried by a roll call vote.

STATE OF ILLINOIS IROQUOIS COUNTY

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Annual Session, September 11, 2007

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve Policy & Procedure Committee report

Aye: Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, DeWitt, Dowling, Hansen, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schultz, Wasmer

Absent: Ebert, Schuldt, Wynn

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY

County Board, Annual Session
September 11, A.D., 2007

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 September 10, 2007 at 9:00 A.M. Members present were Ron Schroeder, John Wilkening, Jerry Haynes, Harriett Mowrey, John Dowling, John Kuntz, Merle Lemenager, and Jim Meyer. Also present were Mindy Kuntz-Hagan, Treasurer; Mike Power, Probation Supervisor; Gloria Schleeef, Zoning Administrator; Sheriff Eldon Sprau; Brian Martell, Solid Waste Coordinator; Bill Cheatum, Coroner; Barb Witte, Administrative Assistant to the County Board; Bob Yergler, Supervisor of Assessments; Joel Moore, County Engineer; Cecelia Dixon, Director of Data Processing; Tom Tuntland, County Programmer; Mark Henrichs, County Clerk; Wendy Davis from the *Times-Republic*; Steve Bianchetta, Superintendent of Watseka Unit 9 School District and Jim Reynolds, Unit 9 School Board member.

Chairman Schroeder briefly restated County Board meeting policy changes as discussed in previous committee meetings. One issue that had not been previously discussed is who is responsible to approve requests from citizens to be placed on the County Board meeting agenda. It was the consensus of the committee that Chairman Schroeder should be contacted for approval of any additions and changes to the agenda. Additionally, there is question as to what action can be taken by the full County Board when the issue has not been discussed in a committee and is not listed specifically on the agenda. County Clerk Mark Henrichs said according to the Open Meetings Act, the Board is free to discuss any item of business; however, no action can be taken on business not listed on the agenda unless it would be in the public interest to do so.

Chairman Schroeder said a verbal request has been made by Boondocks Bar and Grill in Gilman for approval of a one day liquor license for a wedding reception which they will be catering at the Iroquois County Fairgrounds on October 6th. The committee had no problem with the request but agreed that Chairman Schroeder, as County Liquor Commissioner, had the final authority. Sheriff Sprau indicated there have been no problems in the past with events of this nature at the fairgrounds. Chairman Schroeder said he has approved other occasional requests for a free one-day license and would approve this one as well, contingent upon a written request from the applicant and a letter of approval from the Iroquois County Fair Board.

Request has been made for the appointment of County Engineer Joel Moore to the Human

Service Transportation Plan (HTSP) Region 6. Joel will act as the contact person to help facilitate communications between the Regional Coordinator and the County. HSTP is a unified, locally-derived, comprehensive strategy for delivery of public and specialized transportation services specifically those of person with disabilities, older adults, and persons with limited income. It was moved by John Wilkening and seconded to appoint County Engineer Joel Moore to the Human Service Transportation Plan Region 6. Motion carried.

Chairman Schroeder told the committee, for information only, the County has received a copy of the I-KAN audit ending June 30, 2006. The audit will be placed on file in the County Clerk's office.

The October 8th Policy and Procedure Committee meeting will fall on the Columbus Day holiday. Chairman Schroeder said the committee will instead meet on Friday, October 5th at 11:00 A.M.

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

Probation Supervisor Mike Power discussed his recent report of savings to the department by providing home detention to juveniles with visits from the Probation Department. He said this program has been cancelled by Probation Director Rick Einfeldt due to possible union problems.

Treasurer Mindy Kuntz Hagan reported she has been contacted by Delinquent Tax Agent Dennis Ballinger to schedule an auction of parcels which have been obtained by the County through the delinquent tax process. Approximately ten parcels will be sold at the auction which has been scheduled for 6:30 P.M. on October 4th in the County Board Room.

Mindy reported since the time of her report to the Finance Committee this month she has received three additional payments from the State for reimbursement for Public Defender's salary. The payments for April, May, and June of 2007 make the State current as of August 1st for this program.

Steve Bianchetta and Jim Reynolds representing Watseka Unit 9 School District were present to discuss the Ordinance recently approved by the Watseka City Council to extend the life of the Watseka TIF 1 District for a period of one year. Mr. Bianchetta said the school board will meet in September to study the issues, determine if there is a legal basis for the extension, and prepare to take appropriate action. He explained the largest share of school funding comes from the State and is based on student enrollment, as well as the value of the property available to the school for taxation. Schools do receive more money from the state when they have less property value available to them, but not to the extent that funds from local taxes provide.

It was noted the real issue may be the interpretation of 23 years. The 23rd extension occurs in 2009. The County opposes a 24th payment and an extension of any length to the life of the TIF I District because of the severe negative impact it has on taxing bodies and tax payers as well. The committee will ask State's Attorney Jim Devine to prepare a resolution to reflect the County's stance that will be forwarded to appropriate authorities.

County Clerk Mark Henrichs presented maps and TIF loss reports for the four TIF Districts located in Watseka and discussed the financial impact.

As there was no further business to come before the committee, it was moved by John Kuntz and seconded to adjourn at 11:00 A.M. Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Ron Schroeder
s/John Wilkening
s/Jerry Haynes
s/Harriett Mowrey
s/John Dowling
s/John Kuntz
s/Jim Meyer
s/Merle Lemenager

APPOINTMENTS

Chairman Schroeder presented the following appointments for adoption. It was moved by Mr. Hiles and seconded to approve the appointments. Motion carried by a voice vote.

Dean Henrichs of 839 N 1100 East Rd, Cissna Park, IL to Drainage Commissioner of #02 - Artesia Drainage District No. 4 for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September 2010.

Henry W. Breymeyer of 536 N Fourth, Cissna Park, IL to Drainage Commissioner of #54 - Pond Lily Drainage District No. 1 for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September 2010.

John Arnold of 1665 E US Highway 52, Martinton, IL to Drainage Commissioner of #35 - Martinton Drainage District No. 4 for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September 2010.

Edward P. Beaupre of 2697 E 3300 North Rd, Beaverville, IL to Drainage Commissioner of #91 - Beaver Drainage District No. 3 for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September 2010.

Gary Teske of 1026 N 800 East Rd, Onarga, IL to Drainage Commissioner of #01 - Artesia Drainage District No. 3 for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September 2010.

Steven R. Walder of 019 N 1900 East Rd, Hoopeston, IL to Drainage Commissioner of #29 - Fountain Creek & Lovejoy Drainage District for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September 2010.

Richard F. Yates of 2227 N 1630 East Rd, Watseka, IL to Drainage Commissioner of #30 - Iroquois Drainage District No. 1 for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September 2010.

Eldon C. Faupel of 2806 N 2700 East Rd, Donovan, IL to Drainage Commissioner of #84 - Beaver Drainage District No. 1 for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September 2010.

Ronald H. Wagner of 1070 E 1200 North Rd, Onarga, IL to Drainage Commissioner of #43 - Onarga Drainage District No. 4 for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September 2010.

Werner Janssen of 1983 N 1510 East Rd, Watseka, IL to Drainage Commissioner of #18 - Crescent-Iroquois Drainage District No. 2 for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September 2010.

Lynne Brown of 722 E 2200 North Rd, Danforth, IL to Drainage Commissioner of #21 - Danforth Drainage District No. 3 for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September 2010.

Mickie Joe Hagan of 3053 E 1900 North Rd, Sheldon, IL to Drainage Commissioner of #25 - Eastburn Drainage District No. 2 for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September 2010.

Hanley Guy of 230 Lakeview Drive, Clifton, IL to Regional Planning Commission for a term of three years.

Bryan Luke of 216 W Blaine, Cissna Park, IL to Regional Planning Commission for a term of three years.

Don Wauthier of 2860 N 1500 East Rd, Clifton, IL to Regional Planning Commission for a term of three years.

CLAIMS

The following claims were presented for payment. It was moved by Mr. Johnson 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

Annual Session, September 11, 2007

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve claims

Aye: Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, DeWitt, Dowling, Hansen, Haynes, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Kuntz, Lemenager, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schmidt, Schultz, Wasmer

Absent: Ebert, Schuldt, Wynn

ST CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEER FND - EXPENSE

IROQUOIS PAVING CORP 12,066.15

COUNTY HIGHWAY - GAS & OIL

HERITAGE FS, INC 3,042.24

PENCE OIL COMPANY 1,174.92

SCOTCHMONS STORES 1,037.75

COUNTY HIGHWAY - OFFICE EXP PRINT & PUBLISHING

AT&T MOBILITY 225.72

CITYBLUE TECHNOLOGIES LLC 110.59

CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC 655.37

FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA INC 103.53

MINDY KUNTZ HAGAN CO TREASURER 140.87

STAPLES 189.92

COUNTY HIGHWAY - ROAD SUPPLIES CONSTRUCTION CST

ALLIED MUNICIPAL SUPPLY 433.75

APCON 668.25

CROP PRODUCTION SERVICES 400.00

EASTERN ILLINOIS CLAY CO 108.72

HENRICHS DRAINAGE INC 136.68

LEON PFINGSTEN DBA 1,640.37

PRAIRIE MATERIAL SALES INC 504.72

COUNTY HIGHWAY - REPAIRS & SHOP SUPPLIES

THE FASTENAL COMPANY	134.64
AIRGAS	37.95
ALEXANDER LUMBER CO	16.21
ALTORFER INC	49.64
ATCO INTERNATIONAL	185.00
BIG R STORES	338.14
C & C TIRE AND AUTO SERVICE	19.70
DEPKE GASES & WELDING SUPPLIES	87.04
FARM PLAN	260.70
GANO WELDING SUPPLIES INC	350.00
HICKSGAS WATSEKA, INC	68.13
K & H TRUCK PLAZA, INC	65.90
MCCULLOUGH IMPLEMENT CO	77.68
PRAIRIE INT'L TRUCKS INC	352.54
RAHN EQUIPMENT COMPANY	388.04
STOCKLAND SERVICE INC	126.50
SWARTZ EQUIPMENT	118.02
THOMAS E YERGLER DBA	151.98
WATSEKA FORD LINCOLN MERCURY	704.52
WATSEKA NAPPA	396.41

COUNTY HIGHWAY - BUILDING MAINTENANCE

CULLIGAN WATER CONDITIONING	61.75
EASTERN ILLINI ELECTRIC COOP	652.33
MINDY KUNTZ HAGAN CO TREASURER	32.86
NICOR GAS	89.77
ZEE MEDICAL INC	451.87

COUNTY HIGHWAY - MISCELLANEOUS

IL ASSOC OF COUNTY ENGINEERS	40.00
JESSIE WHITE SECRETARY	75.00
JOEL MOORE	92.50

COUNTY BRIDGE - CONST OF BRIDGES & ROADS & ETC

FEHR-GRAHAM & ASSOCIATES	1,900.00
IROQUOIS PAVING CORP	6,577.47

TOWNSHIP BRIDGE - CONST OF BRIDGES & ROADS & ETC

IROQUOIS PAVING CORP	12,268.80
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MATCHING TAX - CONST OF BRIDGES & ROADS & ETC

IROQUOIS TITLE COMPANY	180.00
COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX - SALARY - COUNTY ENGINEER	
MINDY KUNTZ HAGAN CO TREASURER	9,416.07
COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX - PAYROLL	
MINDY KUNTZ HAGAN CO TREASURER	15,409.78
COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX - EQUIPMENT RENTAL & MILEAGE	
IROQUOIS CO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	20,032.90
COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX - CONTRACTORS & SUPPLIES	
GENERAL MATERIALS CORP	6,135.90
IROQUOIS PAVING CORP	1,242.99
TOWNSHIP MOTOR FUEL TAX - CONTRACTORS & SUPPLIES	
CONRAD TRUCKING, INC	9,221.56
GENERAL MATERIALS CORP	22,918.10
GRAY'S MATERIAL SERVICE	49,818.46
GROSSO TRUCKING INC	13,532.42
IROQUOIS TRUCKING CO.,INC	32,773.89
IROQUOIS PAVING CORP	1,533.60
MORRISON & BENOIT CONSTRUCTION	5,059.48
STOCKLAND TOWNSHIP TREASURER	19,007.88
- PUBLIC SAFETY FINES (ANIMALS)	
JODIE FUNK	25.00
- BUILDING & ZONING FEES	
CATHERINE NAGELE	150.00
SHERIFF - LEADS	
COMMUNICATIONS REVOLVING FUND	1,268.17
SHERIFF - DIET OF PRISONERS	
ARAMARK SERVICES INC	4,317.76
R & M ELECTRIC	137.50
SHERIFF - EXPENSE OF OFFICE	
BAIER PUBLISHING CO	92.00
CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC	719.86
WALMART COMMUNITY BRC	27.17

SHERIFF - GAS & OIL

CASEY'S GENERAL STORES INC	17.53
PENCE OIL COMPANY	8,723.49
PHILLIPS 66 - CONOCO 76	42.00

SHERIFF - MEDICINE

CVS PHARMACY	71.98
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SHERIFF - PRISONER SUPPLIES

CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC	410.25
MEDIACOM	79.50

SHERIFF - INVESTIGATION EXPENSE

SCOTCHMONS STORES	16.43
WALMART COMMUNITY BRC	203.88

SHERIFF - UNIFORM & WEAPON ALLOWANCE

RAY O'HERRON CO., INC	454.11
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SHERIFF - RADIOS & AUTO EQUIPMENT

BIG R STORES	39.49
RAY O'HERRON CO., INC	310.00

SHERIFF - MAINTENANCE OF AUTOS

WATSEKA CHRYSLER, PLYMOUTH	429.51
ALIGNMENT UNLIMITED INC	27.00
BIG R STORES	39.49
C & C TIRE AND AUTO SERVICE	672.47
GARRY'S HIGHWAY GARAGE	40.00
JONCO PRODUCTS INC	149.80
KENNETH J CAILTEUX	90.00
PENCE OIL COMPANY	1,372.95

SHERIFF - TRAINING

DEREK HAGEN	230.82
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CORONER - CONVENTION & TRAVEL

BILL CHEATUM	248.91
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CORONER - EXPENSE OF OFFICE

JIM WELDY	29.33
METROCALL	22.06

CORONER - AUTOPSIES & X-RAYS & ETC

WILLIAM K BELCHER	140.00
AUTOPSY PATHOLOGY CONSULTANTS	750.00
KANKAKEE COUNTY CORONERS	250.00

STATES ATTORNEY - CRIMINAL PROSECUTION

BERKOT SUPER FOODS #305	11.25
CENTRAL BANK ASHKUM	141.40
JENNIFER L SCHUNKE	194.40
WEST GROUP PAYMENT CENTER	200.00

STATES ATTORNEY - EXPENSE OF OFFICE

CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC	728.52
LAW BULLETIN PUBLISHING	381.25
TIGER DIRECT	144.56

E.S.D.A. - SUPPLIES & EXPENSES

CARL GERDOVICH	182.36
NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	57.70

COURTS - BAILIFF SALARY

DAN SAWYER	1,911.00
DONALD R KING	728.00
ROSCOE MASON	1,729.00

COURTS - SPECIAL ATTORNEY HIRE

JENNIFER SIMUTIS, ATTY AT LAW	667.50
KEVIN B WITT	397.50

COURTS - JUDGES OFFICE EXPENSE

CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC	353.28
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COURTS - LIBRARY

IL INSTITUTE FOR CONT LEGAL ED	149.50
LAW BULLETIN PUBLISHING	239.00
WEST GROUP PAYMENT CENTER	1,398.09

COURTS - COURT SERVICES

JOSE DAMIA	225.00
JENNIFER L SCHUNKE	127.60
ONARGA ACADEMY	1,020.00

PROBATION - MILEAGE & TRAVEL

MINDY KUNTZ HAGAN CO TREASURER 80.45
 MICHAEL C POWER 56.75

PROBATION - JUVENILE BOARDING

VERMILION COUNTY TREASURER 2,550.00

PROBATION - EXPENSE OF OFFICE

CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC 166.32
 NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS 76.80
 RICHARD M REGEL DBA 343.75

PROBATION - VEHICLE OPERATING EXPENSES

MIKE'S SERVICE STATION 67.99

CIRCUIT CLERK - DEPUTY CLERK SALARY

DONNA JO ANDERSON 176.67

CIRCUIT CLERK - EXPENSE OF OFFICE

CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC 2,514.75
 GOODIN ASSOCIATES, LTD 286.06

CIRCUIT CLERK - EDUCATION & DUES EXPENSE

IL ASSOCIATION OF COURT CLERKS 125.00

ZONING AND PLANNING - BOARD ZONING APPEALS PER DIEM

BARB TEIG 110.00
 ELIZABETH THOMPSON 110.00
 JILL JOHNSON 110.00
 MYRL MARSHALL 110.00
 RUSSELL PERKINSON 165.00
 TERRY BURTON 110.00

ZONING AND PLANNING - REGIONAL PLANNING PER DIEM

BRYAN LUKE 55.00
 CHARLES LEITZ 55.00
 DON DEANY 55.00
 HANLEY GUY 55.00
 HARRY MOGGED 55.00
 JOHN WEIDERT 55.00
 MERLE LEMENAGER 55.00
 HAROLD M LOY 55.00
 BERYL LUECKE 55.00
 MIKE MORAN 55.00

DONALD WAUTHIER 55.00

ZONING AND PLANNING - BOARD OF APPEALS TRAVEL

GLORIA SCHLEEF 24.26
BARB TEIG 24.26
ELIZABETH THOMPSON 42.68
JILL JOHNSON 36.86
RUSSELL PERKINSON 72.75
TERRY BURTON 13.58
DEB WRIGHT 9.70

ZONING AND PLANNING - INSPECTIONS

MELVIN ALCORN 1,100.00
BATES BROWN 2,805.00
MYRL MARSHALL 1,430.00
WILLIAM BARRETT 385.00

ZONING AND PLANNING - REGIONAL PLANNING TRAVEL

GLORIA SCHLEEF 12.13
BRYAN LUKE 28.13
CHARLES LEITZ 13.58
HANLEY GUY 24.25
HARRY MOGGED 21.34
DE HASSELBRING 18.43
MERLE LEMENAGER 16.01
HAROLD M LOY 17.46
BERYL LUECKE 29.10
MIKE MORAN 12.61
DONALD WAUTHIER 18.43
DEB WRIGHT 4.85

ZONING AND PLANNING - EXPENSE OF OFFICE

GLORIA SCHLEEF 7.20
CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC 463.39
QUILL CORPORATION 84.95

ZONING AND PLANNING - PUBLICATIONS

KANKAKEE DAILY JOURNAL CO, LLC 159.60

COUNTY CLERK - TRAVEL & CONVENTION EXPENSE

MARK HENRICHS 639.74

COUNTY CLERK - MAINTENANCE/CONTRACTS

MARTIN WHALEN OFFICE SOLUTIONS	505.55
COUNTY CLERK - EXPENSE OF OFFICE	
CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC	287.36
QUILL CORPORATION	94.95
COUNTY CLERK - EDUCATION & DUES EXPENSE	
ELECTION ADMIN. REPORTS	197.00
OTHER PUBLIC & COUNTY SERVICES - GRANT TO PLEDGE FOR LIFE	
I-KAN	4,000.00
BOARD OF REVIEW - EXPENSE OF OFFICE	
SCHEIWE'S PRINT SHOP &	100.30
COUNTY TREASURER - EXPENSE OF OFFICE	
CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC	32.39
RODGER BENNETT	57.56
POSTAGE FOR COUNTY OFFICES - POSTAGE	
MINDY KUNTZ HAGAN CO TREASURER	4,000.00
ASSESSMENT OFFICE - EXPENSE OF OFFICE	
C.A.O.A	300.00
CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC	340.49
MARSHALL & SWIFT	412.20
SECRETARY OF STATE	20.00
THE JOSHUA COMPANY	205.00
ASSESSMENT OFFICE - PROF EDUCATION EXPENSE & TRANS	
DRURY INN	154.00
SCOTCHMONS STORES	46.00
SUSAN VEGOVISCH	185.26
ASSESSMENT OFFICE - TAX MAPS SERVICE	
THE SIDWELL COMPANY	2,995.75
COURTHOUSE, JAIL, & ADMIN CTR - TELEPHONE	
A T & T LONG DISTANCE	512.12
AT&T	3,014.68
AT&T MOBILITY	79.95
NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS	84.41

COURTHOUSE, JAIL, & ADMIN CTR - ELECTRICITY	
AMEREN CIPS	13,723.50
COURTHOUSE, JAIL, & ADMIN CTR - WATER	
CITY OF WATSEKA	807.20
COURTHOUSE, JAIL, & ADMIN CTR - HEATING	
NICOR GAS	240.70
VANGUARD ENERGY SERVICES LLC	371.26
COURTHOUSE, JAIL, & ADMIN CTR - MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	
AILEY'S 3 WELDING	151.75
BELL ELECTRIC	670.00
BIG R STORES	374.93
C & C TIRE AND AUTO SERVICE	382.88
CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC	51.00
FARM PLAN	853.69
GLADE PLUMBING & HEATING CO	566.52
HUXMAN ADVERTISING	122.50
KAPER'S HARDWARE & BUILDING	947.61
PENCE OIL COMPANY	99.30
PLUMB MART	399.55
PRECISION PIPING	889.73
TIM GOODMAN DBA	324.48
WATSEKA FORD LINCOLN MERCURY	1,174.66
WATSEKA NAPPA	282.64
COURTHOUSE, JAIL, & ADMIN CTR - SERVICE CONTRACTS	
ALLIED WASTE SERVICES #726	542.91
ANGEL PEST CONTROL LLC	419.00
AQUALITY SOLUTIONS	56.68
HILTZ PORTABLE SANITATION	145.00
URBAN ELEVATOR SERVICE	291.00
COURTHOUSE, JAIL, & ADMIN CTR - HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES	
CANADY BUILDING MAINTENANCE	2,293.42
COUNTY BOARD - SUPPLIES & EXPENSES	
PRECISION DATA PRODUCTS	79.53
JOHN KUNTZ	107.38
ELECTIONS - BALLOTS & SUPPLIES & EQUIPMENT	
FIDLAR COMPANIES	2,611.40

THE JOSHUA COMPANY 205.00
TIGER DIRECT 1,237.48

DATA PROCESSING - OFFICE SUPPLIES

CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC 611.95
TOM TUNTLAND 46.40

DATA PROCESSING - COMPUTER & COPIER PAPER SUPPLY

CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC 5,743.50

ANIMAL CONTROL - SALARIES - WARDENS

DAN GARNER 1,185.00
WILLIAM GARNER 220.00

ANIMAL CONTROL - ANIMAL CARE

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS 60.00
WILLIAM A GARNER DBA 1,031.00

ANIMAL CONTROL - OFFICE SUPPLY/VACCINATION TAGS

CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC 135.80
DR JAMES FINNELL 37.48

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS - BLDGS/GROUNDS - CAPITAL EXPENS

CANADY BUILDING MAINTENANCE 998.52

RENOVATION - COURTHOUSE/JAIL EXPENSES

HANFORD CARPET SERVICE 379.00
MODERN GLASS COMPANY 1,564.60

RETIREMENT - COUNTY SHARE OF FICA

FORD-IROQ PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT 2,767.30

RETIREMENT - CO SHARE OF RETIREMENT (IMRF)

FORD-IROQ PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT 6,501.32

COURT DOCUMENT STORAGE FUND - CONTINGENT

BAIER PUBLISHING CO 597.00
GOODIN ASSOCIATES, LTD 2,320.44

AUTOMATION CIRCUIT CLERK - AUTOMATION CIRCUIT CLERK

IROQUOIS COUNTY GENEALOGICAL 60.00
MARTIN WHALEN OFFICE SOLUTIONS 169.00
TIM GOODMAN DBA 788.49

SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL - TELEPHONE	
AT&T	57.98
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL - HEATING & ELECTRICITY	
AMEREN CIPS	87.23
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL - GENERAL OPERATIONS	
BP	219.56
P & B TRUCKING INC	675.00
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL - MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS	
KKK SANITARY DISPOSAL, INC	313.04
PROBATION SERVICES FEE - DRUG TESTING	
RIVERSIDE REFERENCE LABORATORY	189.00
COURT SECURITY FEE - COURT SECURITY - DUI EXPENSES	
APPLIED CONCEPTS INC	519.55
GROUP INSURANCE TRUST FUND - MONTHLY FIXED COSTS - HEALTH	
BENEFIT ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS	68,287.45

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. DeWitt and seconded to adjourn at 12:37 P.M. Motion carried by a voice vote. The next County Board meeting will be held in Watseka, Illinois at the Administrative Center on Tuesday, October 9, 2007 at 9:00 A.M.