

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF

THE COUNTY BOARD

OF

IROQUOIS COUNTY, ILLINOIS

RECESSED SESSION

MAY 11, A.D., 2010

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

The Iroquois County Board met in Recessed Session at the Administrative Center on Tuesday, May 11, 2010 at 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Schroeder called the meeting to order and asked County Clerk Lisa Fancher to call the roll.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY**

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Recessed Session, May 11, 2010

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to call roll

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, Curtis, Dowling, Hansen, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Luecke, McCray, Meyer, Mowrey, Pursley, Schmid, Schroeder, Schultz, Wasmer, Wynn Bence

Absent: Lemenager, Zumwalt

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by students of Jody Munsterman's 5th grade class from Crescent City Grade School. After which, County Board member John Dowling introduced Reverend Love, Pastor of Calvary Lutheran Church in Watseka, who gave the opening prayer.

AGENDA

It was moved by Mrs. Crow and seconded to approve the agenda. State's Attorney Jim Devine talked about changes to the format of the agenda that were prompted by a request for review that was filed with the Illinois Attorney General's Office. He explained that the agenda used by the County Board must show specifically, any action or discussion that is expected to take place at their meetings. The prior agenda was too vague and did not show action which is a violation of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. Motion to approve the agenda carried by a voice vote.

MINUTES

It was moved by Mrs. Busick and seconded to approve the minutes of the April 2010 Recessed County Board meeting. Motion carried by a voice vote.

PAYROLL

It was moved by Mr. Dowling and seconded to approve the April payroll of \$308,720.27. At this time, Treasurer Mindy Kuntz Hagan spoke to the Board regarding her income/expense report. It showed that there would not be enough for May 21st and June 4th payrolls if the Board did not take action. She said there is \$276,000 in a liquid bank account at Iroquois Bank that the Board could use for payroll to be met until the June 2010 Regular County Board meeting. It was the consensus of the Board, that since the money from the aforementioned bank account is part of the general fund, it should be used. Motion to approve the April payroll carried by a roll call vote.

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IROQUOIS COUNTY**

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Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve payroll

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, Curtis, Dowling, Hansen, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Luecke, McCray, Meyer, Mowrey, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Wasmer, Wynn Bence

Absent: Lemenager, Zumwalt

COUNTY BOARD SERVICES

Russell Bills	\$100.00
Betty Busick.....	\$75.00
John Dowling.....	\$75.00
Dennis Johnson.....	\$129.00
Rod Copas.....	\$180.00
Donna Crow.....	\$108.00
Kevin Hansen.....	\$156.00
Troy Krumwiede.....	\$75.00
Beryl Luecke.....	\$165.00
Harriett Mowrey.....	\$227.00
Jim Meyer.....	\$104.00
Charles Alt.....	\$200.00
Ernest Curtis.....	\$120.00
Jim McCray.....	\$138.00
Ron Schroeder.....	\$252.00
Dan Pursley.....	\$184.50
Bret Schmid.....	\$120.00
Dale Schultz.....	\$150.00
Susan Wynn Bence.....	\$104.00
James Hurt.....	-0-
Jean Hiles.....	\$100.20
Kyle Anderson.....	\$117.00
Donna Wasmer.....	\$75.00

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

FINANCE-May 10th, 2010

Mr. Meyer, Chairman of the Finance Committee, gave the report of his committee and moved for adoption. It was moved by Mr. Dowling and seconded to remove the paragraph recommending a vote from the County Board on the closing of the jail. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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IROQUOIS COUNTY**

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County
Recessed Session, May 11, 2010
Chairman Schroeder

On the motion to remove a paragraph for separate consideration

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, Curtis, Dowling, Hansen, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Luecke, McCray, Meyer, Mowrey, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Wasmer, Wynn Bence

Absent: Lemenager, Zumwalt

MOTION

It was moved by Mr. Meyer and seconded to close the County jail. Discussion ensued about closing the jail. There were many unanswered questions regarding the long term expense to maintain the jail. Many Board members felt the Management and Judicial Committee's should start researching the pros and cons about closing the jail before the final decision is made. Sheriff Eldon Sprau said the Board needs to decide what is essential and what is non-essential, and feels the Board should look into the matter further. Motion failed by a roll call vote.

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Chairman Schroeder

On motion to close the County jail

Aye: Meyer

Nay: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, Curtis, Dowling, Hansen, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Luecke, McCray, Mowrey, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Wasmer, Wynn Bence

Absent: Lemenager, Zumwalt

MOTION

It was moved by Mr. Bills and seconded to remove a second paragraph from the Finance Committee report, which concerns the payment of bills subject to County Board approval. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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IROQUOIS COUNTY**

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County
Recessed Session, May 11, 2010
Chairman Schroeder

On motion to remove a paragraph for separate consideration

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, Curtis, Dowling, Hansen, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Luecke, McCray, Meyer, Mowrey, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Wasmer, Wynn Bence

Absent: Lemenager, Zumwalt

MOTION

The Board discussed the approval of claims. According to the County's Auditor and State Statute, claims should not be paid until approved by the County Board. Many vendors will have to be contacted to change billing cycles, to avoid late fees, if a claim is not received before the monthly County Board meeting. Data Processing will provide a list of standard claims, for encumbrance purchasing, that would have preauthorized approval regardless of when they are received. It was moved by Mr. Meyer and seconded to pay the bills presented to the Finance Committee. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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IROQUOIS COUNTY**

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Chairman Schroeder

On motion to pay bills presented to the Finance Committee

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, Curtis, Dowling, Hansen, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Luecke, McCray, Meyer, Mowrey, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Wasmer, Wynn Bence

Absent: Lemenager, Zumwalt

FINANCE-May 10th, 2010

Balance of Report

It was moved by Mr. Meyer and seconded to approve the balance of the Finance Committee report. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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IROQUOIS COUNTY**

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

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Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve balance of the May 10th Finance Committee report

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, Curtis, Dowling, Hansen, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Wasmer, Wynn Bence

Nay: McCray

Absent: Lemenager, Zumwalt

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY**

County Board, Recessed Session
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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 May 10, 2010 at 2:30 P.M. Members present Jim Meyer, Russell Bills, Kevin Hansen, Charles Alt, Harriett Mowrey, John Dowling, Susan Wynn Bence and Rod Copas. Also present County Board Chairman Ron Schroeder, Treasurer Mindy Kuntz Hagan, Sheriff Eldon Sprau, Supervisor of Assessments Bob Yergler, Circuit Clerk Lisa Hines, ESDA Director Carl Gerdovich, County Clerk Lisa Fancher, Probation Supervisor Barb King, Planning & Zoning Administrator Gloria Schleef, Data Processing Director Cecelia Dixon, County Information Systems Director Tom Tuntland, County Engineer Joel Moore, IDA Director Ken Barragree, Maintenance Supervisor Larry Pankey, Undersheriff Derek Hagen, Coroner Bill Cheatum, AFSCME President & County Highway Employee John Smith, Supervisor of Assessments employee Louise Bruens, Retired Sheriff Joe Mathy, County Board members Dennis Johnson, Jean Hiles, Bret Schmid, Dale Schultz, Jim McCray, Donna Wasmer, Kyle Anderson, Ernest Curtis, First Trust & Savings President Kerry Bell, Don Deany, Mike Moran and Kermit Wasmer.

The special Finance Committee meeting was called to order at 2:30 P.M.

First issue on the agenda for discussion was the financial situation of the County General Fund. Treasurer Mindy Kuntz Hagan reported the County received over the weekend a wire from the State in the amount of \$25,000, other State vouchers are on the Comptroller's desk but checks not released, there are \$74,000 of unpaid claims and the County has borrowed \$395,562 from the bank. The committee was concerned half of the claims are paid before going through committee for approval: utilities and health insurance claims etc, this had been mentioned in Clifton Gunderson LLP auditor's finding summary.

County Board Chairman Ron Schroeder said:

*County Board Chairman, Vice-Chairman and County Board members salaries by State Statutes is required to be set 180 days before taking office on December 6, 2010. This recommendation should come from this committee.

*Chairman Schroeder will asked County Coroner Bill Cheatum and Circuit Clerk Lisa Hines to voluntarily freeze their salary.

*Chief Judge Bradshaw said the County can establish furlough days for County employees, need to negotiate with the Union and notify them within 30 days. Judge Bradshaw also said County buildings could close on Fridays, except the Courthouse.

*Public would have to understand financially the County may no longer be able to provide some essential services five (5) days a week.

Sheriff Eldon Sprau said he had distributed handouts with information on financial and personnel issues facing the Sheriff's Office in April for the County Board to study and make a recommendation to close the jail. Kankakee County, who is in the same Judicial District, could house the prisoners for Iroquois County. This action would net a cost savings of \$200,000 annually. The maintenance and repairs to the building alone is 30% of the Sheriff's budget. Future expenses to consider if the jail remains open are: new locking system, replacement roof. The first appearance of an offender can be done by video from the Kankakee jail to the Iroquois County Courtroom saving on the transportation of prisoners. Sheriff Sprau asked for the committee's support and a recommendation to close the jail. One committee member suggested merging the Zoning & Planning Office into the Supervisor of Assessments Office and the Data Processing into the County Clerk's Office thus losing two employees rather than 9 employees and keeping the jail open.

Pros and cons of furlough days of County employees which could be an alternative to lay-offs was discussed. The pros and cons were discussed. It was moved by John Dowling and seconded by Russell Bills to have furlough days established for AFSCME and Probation employees taking off one (1) day a week for the remainder of the fiscal year, June 1st through November 30, 2010 with a proviso to send lay-off notices to all union employees. This would be a \$117,000 savings to the County. Roll call vote. Bills, aye; Hansen, aye; Alt, aye, Mowrey, aye; Dowling, aye; Wynn Bence, aye; Copas, aye; Meyer, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by John Dowling and seconded by Harriett Mowrey to set May 18th, 2010 as the deadline for the Union to respond to the County's furlough day request. Motion carried.

The following paragraph was removed for separate consideration per action taken by the full County Board on May 11, 2010.

[It was moved by Kevin Hansen and seconded by Harriett Mowrey to recommend a vote from the County Board on the closing of the jail. Motion carried.]

The committee discussed setting the salaries of the County Board Chairman, Vice-Chairman and County Board members. It was moved by Russell Bills and seconded by Kevin Hansen to set the salary of County Board Chairman at \$400 per month, Vice-Chairman \$80 per month and County Board members per diem at \$25.00. Roll call vote. Bills, aye; Hansen, aye; Alt, aye; Mowrey, aye; Dowling, abstained; Wynn Bence, aye; Copas, nay; Meyer, aye. Motion carried.

Coroner Bill Cheatum and Circuit Clerk Lisa Hines graciously volunteered to freeze their salary. They will send a letter to the County Board confirming their decision.

The committee continued discussion of finances. President Kerry Bell told the committee First Trust & Savings Bank has signed a letter of commitment to the County to borrow up to \$1.5 million and will honor that commitment. Treasurer Mindy Kuntz Hagan reported the County will have funds for the May 21st \$200,000 payroll but not the June 4th before the next County Board meeting. It was moved by John Dowling to authorize Treasurer Mindy Kuntz Hagan to borrow up to \$400,000. Motion died for lack of a second.

The County Health Insurance will be negotiated during the Union contracts.

The remainder of the meeting was the discussion of a County long term financial plan to repay loans.

The following paragraph was removed for separate consideration per action taken by the full County Board on May 11, 2010.

[It was moved by John Dowling and seconded by Harriett Mowrey to pay the bills subject to County Board approval. Roll call vote. Bills, nay; Hansen, nay; Alt, nay; Mowrey, aye; Dowling, aye; Wynn Bence, absent; Copas, nay; Meyer, aye. Motion was defeated.]

It was the consensus of the committee to pay no claims prior to committee approval.

It was moved by Kevin Hansen and seconded by Charles Alt to adjourn at 5:15 P.M. Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Jim Meyer
s/Russell Bills
s/Kevin Hansen
s/Charles Alt
s/Harriett Mowrey
s/John Dowling

s/Susan Wynn Bence
s/Rod Copas

FINANCE-May 6th, 2010

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

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY**

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Recessed Session, May 11, 2010

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve the May 6th Finance Committee report

Aye: Alt, Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, Curtis, Dowling, Hansen, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Wasmer, Wynn Bence

Nay: Anderson, McCray

Absent: Lemenager, Zumwalt

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
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County Board, Recessed Session
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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 May 6, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. Members present Jim Meyer, Russell Bills, Kevin Hansen, Charles Alt, Harriett Mowrey, John Dowling, Susan Wynn Bence and Rod Copas. Also present County Board Chairman Ron Schroeder, Treasurer Mindy Kuntz Hagan, Sheriff Eldon Sprau, Supervisor of Assessments Bob Yergler, Circuit Clerk Lisa Hines, ESDA Director Carl Gerdovich, County Clerk Lisa Fancher, Probation Supervisor Barb King, Planning & Zoning Administrator Gloria Schleeef, State's Attorney Jim Devine, Data Processing Director Cecelia Dixon, County Information Systems Director Tom Tuntland, County Board member Dale Schultz, Hope Wheeler partner, Sandy Cook CPA and Helen Barrick partner from Clifton Gunderson LLP, and Wendy Davis from the Times Republic.

The meeting was called to order.

Randy Schuldt from Schuldt Insurance was present and had no report. The committee discussed the pros and cons of Iroquois County and Ford-Iroquois Health Department having their own Workman's Comp polices. More research will be done.

Wade Bell from Bell Electric had concerns and questions on the \$47,500 original bid specs for the Illinois Clean Energy Foundation lighting grant. The payment of the grant is based on the number of kilowatts of electricity demand reduced as a result of the project. Mr. Bell said

it was his understanding that additional work was done on the project without County Board approval. Iroquois County was awarded an \$86,400 grant based on information submitted.

Chairman Ron Schroeder was recognized by Chairman Jim Meyer and suggested the following points:

- *Each committee has a responsibility to the Departments and Elected Officials that report to them and suggested they make decisions only on issues that pertain to their committee.

- *Agrees with the Management Services Committee recommendation to sell the 37 acres of County owned timber. It is a non-performing asset. A specific project needs to be identified rather than to just put into the General Fund.

- *Health Insurance Committee needs to meet soon to get a plan in place before the Union Negotiations take place in the fall.

- *Finance Committee needs to set dates to begin the 2011 budget process. The County cannot negotiate until they have some solid figures.

The idea of hiring a County Manager was briefly discussed. Helen G. Barrick CPA and partner with Clifton Gunderson LLP said there are pros and cons to this position. It has worked for some Counties.

Hope Wheeler, partner in charge of the Iroquois County audit, introduced her colleagues, Sandy Cook and Helen Barrick, also a partner of Clifton Gunderson LLP. Ms. Wheeler presented the preliminary audit draft, which includes management discussion and analysis, basic financial statements, required supplemental information and other supplemental information. Ms. Wheeler highlighted several pages of the seventy-two (72)-page draft. She continued with a finding summary and answered questions:

- *Financial statement preparation – general findings

- *Adjusting entries –fifty-two (52) County and twenty-two (22) Health Department

 - *Some due to rounding

 - *Some adjust to accrual basis

 - *Some adjust investments to confirmation

 - *Negative cash borrowings

 - *Prior period adjustment in Highway Fund

- *Invoices being paid prior to County Board approval

- *Approval for Election Judge Expenses not properly documented

- *Tracking collateral more closely

- *Interfund loans

- *Deficit fund balances – General Fund \$30,000, Group Insurance \$400,000

- *No formal documentation of sample tax billing

- *Circuit Clerk – lack of approval before checks are written

- *Grant expenses not tracked properly compared to grant income in grant fund

- *Segregation of duties

 - *Sheriff's Office

 - *Recorder

 - *County Clerk

- *Significant cash on hand in Treasurer's Office

- *Economic Interest Stmt not filed – control process is needed to follow up

- *No review of property and equipment listing

- *IT recommendations

A five-minute recess was called at 10:30 A.M.

The meeting reconvened at 10:40 A.M.

The committee continued discussion of the County's financial situation. Suggestions made to solve some of the deficit were:

- *Negotiate with the Union for employees to take furlough days

- *Open 2010 budget

- *Hire County Manager

- *Ask the Union for concessions

The Finance Committee will post a Special Finance Meeting for May 10, 2010 at 2:30 P.M. The agenda will include:

- *Discuss salaries & benefits of all County employees

- *Recommend proposals to Unions

- *Discuss financial situation of General Fund

Data Processing Director Cecelia Dixon reported:

- *The County has received the new IMRF rates. The deadline to notify IMRF of either the ARC or phase- in rate is August 31, 2010

- *Explained how SB1946 will affect new hires after January 1, 2011. The changes included vesting from 8 to 10 years, retirement age 60 to 67, cap on earnings, among other changes. This will eventually impact the County's employer rate.

- *Asked the committee if she should continue monitoring the General Ledger. It was the consensus of the committee to appoint Cecelia Dixon as the liaison to the auditor.

- *Suggested early transfer of revenues from the General Fund to help with cash flow - \$40,000 from Farm Account, \$4,000 Revolving Loan Fund – Administration, \$25,000 from Circuit Clerk Automation, \$11,000 Child Support Fee, \$15,200 Probation Employee, \$5,000 County Highway and \$5,000 from Sale in Error.

County Treasurer Mindy Kuntz Hagan reported the amount borrowed from the bank is \$395,562. Payroll for May 7th is \$168,695, bills to be paid after the Tuesday, May 11th County Board meeting approximately \$200,000, currently have \$100,000 in bank, and the maximum line of credit per County Board action through May 11th is \$500,000. The General Fund still owes a \$100,000 inter-fund loan to the County Bridge Fund. The state owes the County \$600,000 to date.

Treasurer Hagan anticipates printing and mailing tax bills the middle of June with the first distribution in August.

Options to the financial situations resulted in committee members discussing bankruptcy, issuing 25 to 30 pink slips, sell the County Farm, etc.

Coroner Bill Cheatum said SB2559 has passed the House and Senate and is on the desk of the Governor to establish a special account in the County Treasury for the deposit of and an increase in the Coroner's fees. Currently, the fees are deposited into the General Fund of the County. Funds are to be used solely for the purchases of electronic and forensic identification equipment and the operating expenses of the Coroner's Office. Mr. Cheatum was at the Finance Committee meeting to request that a coroner's Automation Fund be created.

Coroner Cheatum also said the Coroner's Autopsy line item in his budget has \$2,000 remaining for the rest of the fiscal year. The County is mandated to fund this.

Sheriff Eldon Sprau said he was going to request a recommendation from this committee to either close the jail or not, but will wait until after the Monday, May 10th Special Finance meeting.

Supervisor of Assessments Bob Yergler reported the tentative Board of Review assessment changes will be mail on Friday, May 7th and they will be in session again on May 17th for the final hearings.

County Clerk Lisa Fancher reported she had informed the Tax Committee about the \$3,800 HAVA grant that hasn't been used. An estimate has been obtained from Modern Glass, Watseka, IL to equip the north entrance doors at the Administrative Center for handicap accessibility due to the increased number of citizens who use the early voting privilege.

County Clerk Fancher said she is willing to transfer more from her two Automation Funds, County Clerk and Recording, each having \$20,000 available to transfer to the General Fund.

Planning and Zoning Administrator Gloria Schleef said the Vision Wind Tower project in Milks Grove Township is moving forward. The road agreements will be finalized in the near future.

IDA Director Ken Barragree explained the issue with the Illinois Clean Energy Foundation lighting grant. He is working with the DOC to subsidize the shortfall from the grant.

State's Attorney Jim Devine reported the County would be getting approximately \$40,000 from a drug fee case.

ESDA Director Carl Gerdovich said the final Mitigation meeting was held Wednesday, May 5th in the County Board room at the Administrative Center. The draft will be submitted to IEMA in Springfield, IL for review before the County Board can approve it.

It was moved by Kevin Hansen and seconded by Russell Bills to adjourn at 12:10 P.M. Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Jim Meyer
s/Russell Bills
s/Kevin Hansen
s/Charles Alt
s/Harriett Mowrey
s/John Dowling
s/Susan Wynn Bence
s/Rod Copas

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

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RESOLUTION NO. R2010-25

Mrs. Mowrey, Chairman of the Management Services Committee, gave the report of her committee and presented Resolution No. R2010-25 for adoption. The Board discussed the broken concrete tile on the County farm ground. The city of Watskea does not believe that it is their tile, and there are no maps that show the area to determine where it runs. The lessee has been contacted and is aware of the situation. There are posts and yellow tape marking off the area as a deterrent to prevent further damage. The motion to approve the Management Services Committee report and Resolution No. R2010-25 was seconded and carried by a roll call vote.

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Roll call and votes in Iroquois County
Recessed Session, May 11, 2010
Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve Management Services Committee report and Resolution No. R2010-25

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Busick, Crow, Dowling, Hansen, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Luecke, McCray, Meyer, Meyer, Mowrey, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Wasmer, Wynn Bence

Nay: Bills, Copas, Curtis, Krumwiede

Absent: Lemenager, Zumwalt

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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 May 3, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. Members present were Harriett Mowrey, Beryle Luecke, Donna Wasmer, Jim McCray, John Dowling, Dennis Johnson, Jean Hiles, Adam Zumwalt and Kyle Anderson. Also present were County Board Chairman Ron Schroeder, Sheriff Eldon Sprau, IDA Director Ken Barragree, Maintenance Supervisor Larry Pankey, Mike Moran and Wendy Davis from the Times Republic.

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

The Illinois Clean Energy Community Foundation lighting upgrade grant paperwork including the required documentation justifying all equipment/installation costs and the resulting savings was submitted for payment on April 19, 2010. The County has achieved the required wattage reduction of 172.80 kilowatts and the entire project an overall wattage reduction of 213.27 kilowatts with the additional lighting upgrades in the foyer of the Courthouse. IDA Director Ken Barragree has been in contact with Bob Romo from the Foundation who had requested a different format than submitted. With the help and cooperation of IDA Director Ken Barragree, Gordon Electric, Kankakee, IL and B & D Electric, Watseka, IL the proper format has been sent. The payment of the grant is based on the number of kilowatts of electricity demand reduced as a result of the project. The question remains whether the grant is based on usage demand or usage reduction. Mr. Barragree will contact Mr. Romo today, May 3, 2010 for verification.

The committee briefly discussed the model airplane flying field located on Courthouse road. Vehicles have been driving on the ground cutting tracks. Sheriff Eldon Sprau will investigate.

Kankakee Community College has given notice they will not automatically renew their rental contract with the County. Dean Dennis Sorensen has been contacted by County Board Vice Chairman Harriett Mowrey to work on an alternative arrangement. Due to severe State funding cuts, KCC will continue to lease Room 117, which has 803 square feet of classroom and terminate rental of Room 115A, which has 519 square feet of office space. KCC also utilizes the

Northeast Conference Room free of charge for college courses. After discussion, it was suggested that the County offer the office space of Room 115A free of charge for one year.

Sheriff Eldon Sprau reported the purchase of new scanner at the entrance of the Courthouse costing \$3,700 taken from the Court Security Fees fund. Sheriff Sprau said the maintenance and repair of the present scanner would cost more than a new scanner.

Maintenance Supervisor Larry Pankey reported:

*There is a broken tile south of the Courthouse on the County Farm ground.

*He will be checking with Schuldt Insurance about the Hartford Insurance fire inspection policy and report back to the committee.

*Bennett & Brousseau has completed repairs on seams and cracks of the roof at the jail and Administrative Center.

*Discussed Superior Elevator Inspections and Consulting fees for hydraulic elevators \$325 and dumbwaiter for \$125. The funds are available in the current budget, under Service Fees for Courthouse, Administrative Center & Jail.

*Suggested the committee recommend to the full County Board to take advantage of a limited time offer to lock in the inspection for elevator and dumbwaiter fee at the current pricing level for the next 3 years. At the end of 3 years, the contract will automatically renew at a new rate based on the rates at the time of expiration. It was moved by Jean Hiles and seconded by Donna Wasmer to recommend to the full County Board to lock in the current inspection fee for the next 3 years. Motion carried.

*Suggested the committee discuss the deteriorating steps on the east side of the Courthouse and what measures should be taken for repairs.

The remainder of the meeting was discussion of selling the 37 acres of County owned timber. Committee members suggested specifying where the money would go after the sale and sale to the highest bidder. Projects suggested were: roof at jail, painting of the Administrative Center, insulation at the Administrative Center, replace the roof at the County Highway Building, etc. It was moved by Jean Hiles and seconded by John Dowling to investigate selling the 37 acres of County owned timber. Any money realized from the sale would be used for specific projects but **not** go into the General Fund. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kyle Anderson and seconded by Adam Zumwalt to adjourn at 10:25 A.M. Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Harriett Mowrey
s/Beryl Luecke
s/Donna Wasmer
s/Jim McCray
s/John Dowling
s/Dennis Johnson
s/Jean Hiles
s/Adam Zumwalt
s/Kyle Anderson

RESOLUTION NO. R2010-25

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF A CERTAIN LEASE FOR SPACE IN THE IROQUOIS COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER

WHEREAS, the County of Iroquois is the owner of the Iroquois County Administrative Center located in Section 4 of Belmont Township; and

WHEREAS, the Kankakee Community College and County Board has made an offer to lease an area within the Iroquois County Administrative Center, and the County Board determines that the acceptance of said offer and execution of a lease with said organization is in the best interest of the County;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BE THE IROQUOIS COUTNY BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

Section One: That the Chairman of the Iroquois County Board is hereby authorized to accept an oral lease with Kankakee Community College for the premises described above, the form of said lease is being attached hereto and marked Exhibit A and made a part hereof, effective July 1, 2010.

Passed and adopted this 11th day of May, 2010.

Ronald Schroeder
RONALD SCHROEDER, Chairman
Iroquois County Board

ATTEST:

Lisa Fancher
LISA FANCHER, County Clerk

18 Ayes 4 Nays

TAX

Mr. Schultz, 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.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY**

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County
Recessed Session, May 11, 2010
Chairman Schroeder
On motion to approve Tax Committee report

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, Curtis, Dowling, Hanses, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Luecke, McCray, Meyer, Mowrey, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Wasmer, Wynn Bence

Absent: Lemenager, Zumwalt

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY

County Board, Recessed Session

May 11, A.D, 2010

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 May 4, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. Members present were Dale Schultz, Troy Krumwiede, Dan Pursley, Betty Busick, Ernest Curtis and Merle Lemenager. Also present were County Board Chairman Ron Schroeder, County Board Vice Chairman Harriett Mowrey, Director of Data Processing Cecelia Dixon, Animal Control Administrator Dr. James Finnell, Treasurer Mindy Kuntz Hagan, County Clerk Lisa Fancher, County Information Systems Director Tom Tuntland, Chief Deputy from the Supervisor of Assessments Office Peggy Shouffler, County Highway Engineer Joel Moore, County Board member Jean Hiles, and Wendy Davis from the Times Republic.

The meeting was called to order.

The committee reviewed the claims. It was moved by Betty Busick and seconded by Ernest Curtis to pay the bills subject to County Board approval. Motion carried.

Animal Control Administrator Dr. James Finnell asked if the committee had any questions about the Animal Control claims.

Dr. Finnell reported:

* A resident in Beaverville has been operating a cat rescue facility and intends to expand into dog rescue and adoption. The State inspector along with Animal Control Warden Dan Garner examined the facility and determined it was not adequate housing. The owner has been operating under a Foster Home License that allows each license holder to have four (4) dogs on the premise. Dr. Finnell said there a misunderstanding of a Kennel License – the sole purpose is to limit the number of dogs.

* At the April full County Board meeting the Poyner's petition to renew the Kennel License was not voted upon and returned to the Planning and Zoning committee for more information.

* Animal Control Warden Dan Garner has located the owner of 17 dogs in Chebanse Township. None were vaccinated. The owner is not financially able to pay the vaccination cost and will relinquish the dogs to adoption.

* Briefly discussed cat issues.

- * Dr. Finnell said he has contacted State's Attorney Jim Devine to determine if Animal Control Warden Dan Garner and he can be declared a "Public Safety Officer" and be eligible for the Federal death benefit.

County Clerk Lisa Fancher reported:

- * Distributed copies of the monthly financial reports for the County Clerk and Recorder's Office.
- * Ms. Fancher has been communicating with State's Attorney Jim Devine about required agendas for the board's monthly meetings. The current agenda fails to outline the specific actions the board expects to take, which is an apparent violation of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. The Paxton Record has filed a request for review, with the Illinois Attorney General's Office asking for a public access counselor to investigate the complaint. A new format designed in the County Clerk's Office was distributed to the committee to review for possible use.
- * The unused \$3,800 grant issued to the County Clerk's Office in 2006 for handicap accessible voting facilities was discussed. An estimate from Modern Glass, Watseka, IL has been obtained to make both doors at the north entrance at the Administrative Center handicap accessible.
- * Briefly discussed combining two or more voting precincts into "voting centers".
- * Asked the committee's opinion on renting a booth at the Iroquois County Fair. The cost is \$175 and is manned by County Clerk personnel. It was the consensus of the committee to continue renting space especially for the public opinion poll.
- * The County Clerk's Office has been visiting county schools registering 18 year olds to vote.
- * The Iroquois County Trustee has completed paperwork to move money, which has been collected through the delinquent tax process, from the County Clerk's account to the County Redemption Fund.

County Treasurer Mindy Kuntz Hagan reported:

- * The deadline to pay Mobile Home Taxes is Friday, May 7, 2010.
- * Real Estate Tax bills will be mailed mid to late June.
- * She will request a copy of the implementation plan for Iroquois County from DEVNET. Joedy Smith from DEVNET was unable to attend today.

Chief Deputy Peggy Shouffler from the Supervisor of Assessments Office reported the tentative assessment changes will be mailed on Friday, May 7, 2010. The Board of Review will be in session May 17 through 21, 2010 to hear final complaints. Complaints are up as taxpayers feel they are over assessed based on the economy.

County Board Chairman Ron Schroeder asked the feeling of the committee to put the Public Safety Tax back on the ballot in the November election. The committee discussed asking for ¼ cent to cover Sheriff's department shortfall. The ¼ cent would result in no excess funding but if the schools were going to ask the taxpayers for a 1 cent tax, the County should back off. A letter to the Superintendents of Schools was discussed. It was suggested a telephone call by Administrative Assistant Barb Witte to each school was appropriate to get a census of what direction they are taking.

It was moved by Merle Lemenager and seconded by Dan Pursley to adjourn at 10:35 A.M. Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Dale Schultz
Troy Krumwiede
Dan Pursley
Betty Busick
Ernest Curtis
Merle Lemenager

JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY

Mrs. Wynn Bence, Chairman of the Judicial & Public Safety Committee, gave the report of her committee and moved for adoption. It was moved by Mr. McCray and seconded to remove the paragraph that references placing the Public Safety Tax Referendum on the November ballot. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

STATE OF ILLINOIS IROQUOIS COUNTY

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Recessed Session, May 11, 2010

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to remove a paragraph for separate consideration

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, Curtis, Dowling, Hansen, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Luecke, McCray, Meyer, Mowrey, Pursley, Schultz, Wasmer, Wynn Bence

Nay: Schmid

Absent: Lemenager, Zumwalt

MOTION

It was moved by Mrs. Crow and seconded to refer placing the Public Safety Tax on the November ballot back to the Judicial & Public Safety Committee for future action. Motion carried.

STATE OF ILLINOIS IROQUOIS COUNTY

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Recessed Session, May 11, 2010

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to send the Public Safety Tax Referendum back to the Judicial & Public Safety Committee

Aye: Anderson, Busick, Crow, Dowling, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, McCray, Meyer, Mowrey, Pursley, Wasmer, Wynn Bence

Nay: Alt, Bills, Copas, Curtis, Hansen, Krumwiede, Luecke, Schmid, Schultz

Absent: Lemenager, Zumwalt

**JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY-
Balance of Report**

It was moved by Mrs. Wynn Bence and seconded to approve the balance of the Judicial & Public Safety Committee report. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY**

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Recessed Session, May 11, 2010

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve the balance of the Judicial & Public Safety Committee report

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Busick, Crow, Dowling, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Luecke, McCray, Meyer, Mowrey, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Wasmer, Wynn Bence

Nay: Copas, Curtis, Hansen

Absent: Lemenager, Zumwalt

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY**

County Board Recessed Session

May 11, A.D., 2010

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 May 5, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. Members present were Susan Wynn Bence, Donna Crow, Rod Copas, Bret Schmid, Kyle Anderson and Betty Busick. Also present County Board Chairman Ron Schroeder, County Board Vice Chairman Harriett Mowrey, Sheriff Eldon Sprau, Coroner Bill Cheatum, State's Attorney Jim Devine, ESDA Director Carl Gerdovich, County Board member Jean Hiles and Wendy Davis from the Times Republic.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M.

According to the agenda under New Business there was discussion of the Public Safety Tax being put back on the November ballot. The committee briefly debated the pros and cons; specifically the County Board needs a plan how to spend the funds.

Committee Chairman Susan Wynn Bence read the report from Probation Supervisor Barb King who was attending a Juvenile Law conference in Bloomington, IL. The report was as follows:

*Ms. King has checked about the insurance on the ankle bracelet units rented from Secure Alert. The original contract did not include insurance, so there has not been insurance on the devices. The cost is still .35 per day per unit (this applies to shelf units as well). Only a few units have been lost or tampered. The committee felt the cost of the insurance would outweigh the County replacing them on their own.

*Verizon has been contacted concerning a late charge on her cell phone. The fee will be waived one time. The billing cycle has been changed so the due date is 5 days later which should cover the time lapse between board meeting and check issue and receipt.

Coroner Bill Cheatum reported he has only \$2,000 left out of the \$17,000 budgeted Autopsy line item due to eleven (11) autopsies already this fiscal year. The County typically pays the Kankakee Pathologist \$250 morgue fee, \$180 toxicology fee and \$925 for the autopsy mandated by the State Statutes.

Coroner Cheatum said there is SB2529, which was passed by both the House and Senate, on the Governor's desk that will change the amount of a cremation fee from \$10 to \$50. This bill establishes a special account in the County Treasury for the deposit of the Coroner's fees which are currently deposited into the general fund of the County. The funds in the special account could be used solely for the purchase of electronic and forensic identification equipment and the operating expenses of the Coroner's Office. Coroner Cheatum will attend the Finance Committee on May 6, 2010 to request that a Coroner Automation Fund be created.

ESDA Director Carl Gerdovich invited the committee members to the Mitigation Plan review today, May 5, 2010, from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the County Board Room at the Administrative Center. Mr. Gerdovich said for future information and consideration Iroquois County ESDA has access to GIS (Geographic Information System) that was acquired through a grant from the Illinois Terrorism Task Force. The equipment is in-hand, needs to be set up and local personnel needs to be trained. The opportunity is there for networking for use by other Iroquois County departments. ESDA is open to all discussions with other County Offices.

Sheriff Eldon Sprau reported a new scanner at the entrance of the Courthouse has been purchased from O'Herron Police Supply, Danville, IL. It was listed for \$4500 and was purchased for \$3700 from the Court Security Fee fund. Sheriff Sprau wanted the Judicial & Public Safety Committee to be aware that more overtime during the summer months for Correction Officers would be submitted. He also noted that the gas line item will be over by August or September of this year.

Sheriff Sprau said he will be going the Finance Committee asking for their recommendation to either close the jail or not.

The following paragraph was removed for separate consideration per action by the full County Board on May 11, 2010.

[The committee continued discussion on the Public Safety Tax. It was the general consensus of the committee that if a Public Safety Tax is back on the November ballot there needs to be long term plan for specific projects and to get a new sales tax projection from the Department of Revenue. It was moved by Donna Crow and seconded by Betty Busick to recommend the Public Safety Tax be put back on the November ballot at 1/4 cent per the statutory wording. Roll call vote. Schmid, aye; Anderson, aye; Busick, aye; Crow, aye; Copas, nay; Wynn Bence, aye. Motion carried.]

Judge Gordon Lustfeldt updated the committee on the bailiff IMRF appeal and discussed other court hearing decisions.

State's Attorney Jim Devine said the current County Board monthly agenda fails to outline the specific actions the County Board expects to take which is an apparent violation of the Illinois Open Meetings Act. He distributed a new format designed in the County Clerk's Office for review.

It was moved by Bret Schmid and seconded by Donna Crow to pay the bills subject to County Board approval. Motion carried. Copas voted nay.

It was moved by Donna Crow and seconded by Kyle Anderson to adjourn at 11:05 A.M.
Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Susan Wynn Bence
s/Donna Crow
s/Rod Copas
s/Bret Schmid
s/Kyle Anderson
s/Betty Busick

PLANNING & ZONING

Mrs. Wasmer, Vice Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee, gave the report of her committee and moved for adoption. It was moved by Mr. McCray and seconded to remove the paragraph that included the Poyner Kennel request. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

STATE OF ILLINOIS IROQUOIS COUNTY

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Recessed Session, May 11, 2010

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to remove a paragraph for separate consideration

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, Curtis, Dowling, Hansen, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Luecke, McCray, Meyer, Mowrey, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Wasmer, Wynn Bence

Absent: Lemenager, Zumwalt

MOTION

The Board heard from Pat Murphy, attorney for Christina Poyner, regarding her Kennel request. Also present was Don Wauthier, from Chebanse Township Regional Planning Commission. He said their board denied the Poyner Kennel request because of conflicting statements. It was moved by Mr. McCray and seconded to approve the Poyner Kennel request. Because Chebanse Township Regional Planning Commission denied the request, a 2/3 majority of the County Board would have to approve the Kennel request. Motion failed by a roll call vote.

STATE OF ILLINOIS IROQUOIS COUNTY

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Recessed Session, May 11, 2010

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve Poyner Kennel request

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Hurt, Krumwiede, McCray, Pursley, Schmid

Nay: Busick, Copas, Crow, Curtis, Dowling, Hansen, Hiles, Johnson, Luecke, Meyer, Mowrey, Schultz, Wasmer, Wynn Bence

Absent: Lemenager, Zumwalt

PLANNING & ZONING

Balance of Report

It was moved by Mrs. Wasmer and seconded to approve the balance of the Planning & Zoning Committee report. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IROQUOIS COUNTY

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Recessed Session, May 11, 2010

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve the balance of the Planning & Zoning Committee report

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, Curtis, Dowling, Hansen, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Luecke, McCray, Meyer, Mowrey, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Wasmer, Wynn Bence

Absent: Lemenager, Zumwalt

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IROQUOIS COUNTY

County Board, Recessed Session

May 11, A.D., 2010

Mr. Chairman and members of the County Board:

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

Your Committee met at the Administrative Center on May 7, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. Members present were Donna Wasmer, Donna Crow, Troy Krumwiede, Beryl Luecke, Jim Meyer, Dale Schultz, and Dan Pursley. Also present were Zoning Administrator Gloria Schleef and Assistant Zoning Administrator Debbie Wright. Don Wauthier, Pat Murphy, Christina Poyner, Derek Poyner, Mike Moran, Gerald Nakaerts, Dr. James Finnell, State's Attorney Jim Devine, and Wendy Davis from the Times Republic were also in attendance.

Ms. Schleef said Regional Planning Commission had been held last Tuesday night. Joe Yobbka had come with a house request on his Planned Unit Development. When he was approved in 2006, any change to the Planned Unit Development would require approval from the County Board. There were several neighbors in attendance and lots of dialogue. Mr. Yobbka also has three travel trailers on his property, which have been on the property for over a year. Mr. Yobbka has been asked to move the travel trailers. The Ordinance states travel trailers must be moved after 180 days. The Ordinance does not state how long they must be removed. There was discussion regarding time limits but no action was taken.

Mr. Pursley made a motion to re-appoint Charles Leitz to the Regional Planning Commission. Donna Crow seconded this motion. This motion was approved by voice vote.

Mr. Schultz was asked to read a letter from Merle Lemenager who was unable to attend the Planning & Zoning Committee meeting due to a hip replacement. This letter states some problem kennels the County has had in the past. This letter is attached.

Mr. Devine passed out the written penalties for offenses, which was approved at County Board in April. These changes will have to go through public hearing.

There was general discussion on the number of dogs allowed with the Kennel Ordinance.

Mr. Schultz made a motion to incorporate in the Kennel Ordinance not more than four dogs were to be in the house. Mr. Devine will write this up. Mr. Meyer seconded this motion. This motion was approved by voice vote.

Mr. Schultz made a motion to approve the claims for future payment by the full County Board. Mr. Pursley seconded this motion. This motion was approved by voice vote.

A public hearing was held for Christina Poyner represented by Pat Murphy. Mr. Murphy said they had been redirected back to this Committee from the County Board last month. He said all the female dogs have been neutered and all dogs have been registered with the County. Ms. Poyner has surrendered her existing Kennel Licenses and Foster License from the State. Ms. Poyner stated Ms. Schleef had written up a letter for her to sign regarding her reapplying for these licenses. Mr. Murphy said Ms. Poyner is requesting a regular Kennel for her pets.

After much discussion, Mr. Pursley made a motion to **approve** this Kennel request. This motion died for lack of a second. This request will be sent to County Board. An approval of two-thirds majority will be required because Chebanse Township Planning has denied this request.

As there was no further business to come before the Committee, Mr. Schultz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Luecke to adjourn the meeting at 10:25 A.M.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Donna Wasmer
s/Donna Crow
s/Jim Meyer
s/Troy Krumwiede
s/Beryl Luecke
s/Dale Schultz
s/Dan Pursley

CORRESPONDENCE

May 4, 2010

To: Planning & Zoning Committee

From: Merle Lemenager

I am not able to attend the Planning and Zoning Committee Meeting because I will have hip surgery May 6th and will be in the hospital. However, I would like to give you some of my thoughts regarding the kennel request. Not all Members of the Committee or the Board have served during some of the previous kennel requests. I would like to remind the Members of some of our previous problem kennels.

Elizabeth Brown sued the County for three million dollars. She did lose but there were several court appearances. She began the conditional use process for a kennel with twenty dogs and the number of dogs had doubled the next year. She trashed the house with cats. She had numerous cats in the house with small children. The taxes have not been paid and if the County ends up with the house, it will cost approximately \$20,000 to tear it down and haul it away.

Jean Fleming obtained a building permit for a shed. The building inspector found many dogs while he was doing the construction inspection. The little dogs were in a 5' x 6' trailer without air conditioning. The larger dogs were to be put into the shed.

An onsite inspection was done of the property. There were approximately one hundred and twenty dogs at the location. Crates with dogs were piled on top of each other. The dogs were used for breeding.

Barbara Hammill started the conditional use process for a kennel. She did not complete the process. She was going to sue the County but needed to finish the conditional process first.

Animal Control obtained a search warrant. An in home inspection revealed dogs, numerous cats, three pot-bellied pigs, twelve parrots, a wolf-dog mix, etc. all living in the house. The house was in deplorable condition. The carpeting was saturated with urine and the tiles and flooring was all torn up.

I mention all the previous problems we have had with kennels to remind the Members the difficulty we have had with some of our kennels. We also have had some very good kennels. But we need to determine the type of kennel and how the dogs will be treated and taken care of.

Sincerely,
Merle Lemenager

**TRANSPORTATION & HIGHWAY
&
RESOLUTION NO. R2010-26**

Mr. Bills, Chairman of the Transportation & Highway Committee, gave the report of his committee and presented Resolution No. R2010-26 for adoption. The motion was seconded and carried by a roll call vote.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY**

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County
Recessed Session, May 11, 2010
Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve Transportation & Highway Committee report and Resolution No. R2010-26

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, Curtis, Dowling, Hansen, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Luecke, McCray, Meyer, Mowrey, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Wasmer, Wynn Bence

Absent: Lemenager, Zumwalt

STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY
County Board, Recessed Session
May 11, A. D., 2010

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, May 7, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. Members present were: Russell Bills, Chairman, Kevin Hansen, Dennis Johnson, Bret Schmid,, Jean Hiles, Charles Alt, Ernest Curtis, Jim Hurt, and Joel Moore, County Engineer. Also present were Debra Baxter from IDOT and Bruce Fuoss of Iroquois Paving.

The Committee opened quotes for sign posts, Section 10-00000-11-GM. It was moved by Jean Hiles and seconded by Bret Schmid to award the bid to the low bidder Allied Municipal Supply in the amount of \$4,322.00 subject to bid tab review. Motion carried.

Bids were opened for the county paint striping contract Section 10-00000-12-GM. It was moved by Charles Alt and seconded by Dennis Johnson to award to the low bidder Varsity Striping and Construction in the amount of \$49,162.75 subject to bid tab review. Motion carried unanimously.

Bids were opened for Lovejoy Bridge, Section 04-15101-01-BR. It was moved by Ernest Curtis and seconded by Jean Hiles to award the contract to the low bidder Iroquois Paving in the amount of \$228,611.44 subject to bid tab review. Motion carried.

Bids were opened for Middleport Bridge, Section 07-17110-00-BR. The lone bidder was Iroquois Paving in the amount of \$307,849.60. It was moved by Dennis Johnson and seconded by Ernest Curtis to reject this bid due to being 18% over the engineer's estimate and having only one bidder.

The Committee examined the claims and financial reports for the month of April 2010. After reviewing all claims, it was moved by Kevin Hansen and seconded by Jean Hiles to pay the following claims, subject to County Board approval.

County Highway	\$54,759.89
County Matching	\$78,817.93
County Bridge	\$4,528.42
County MFT	\$164,274.03
Township MFT	\$204,864.85
TBP	\$0.00

Motion carried.

Joel presented to the Committee a Resolution for Improvement by County Under the Illinois Highway Code. **This resolution is to expend \$143,042.04 out of the County Motor Fuel Tax Funds for Section 05-00205-02-RS, C.H. 4 from old 45 to 45/52 and rescind the Resolution 2007-17 for the mentioned section. Kevin Hansen moved and was seconded by Dennis Johnson to approve this resolution and rescind. Motion carried.**

Joel discussed the Pittwood road progress, Sheldon Wind Farm, Milks Grove Wind Farm, and building repairs.

As there was no further business to come before the Committee, Charles Alt moved and it was seconded by Jim Hurt to adjourn the meeting at 10:10 A.M. Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Russell Bills
s/Kevin Hansen
s/Dennis Johnson
s/Bret Schmid
s/Jean Hiles
s/Charles Alt
s/Ernest Curtis
s/Jim Hurt

RESOLUTION NO. R2010-26

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) 4, beginning at a point near Old US 45 and extending along said route(s) in a(n) Eastern direction to a point near Route 45/52, a distance of approximately 3.7 miles; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the type of improvement shall be Lapp Resurfacing and shall be designated as Section 05-00205-02-RS 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 \$143,042.04 dollars, one hundred forty-three thousand forty-two and 04/100 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, Lisa L. Fancher 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 Recessed meeting held at Watseka, IL on May 11, 2010.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said County at my office in Watseka, IL in said County, this 11th day of May A.D. 2010.

(SEAL)

s/Lisa L. Fancher

County Clerk

APPOINTMENTS

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

Allen Lee Johnson of 209 S. Locust St, Loda, IL to Trustee Loda Sanitary District, approve bond only.

Douglas A. Clark of 2020 N. 2960 East Rd, Sheldon, IL to Trustee of Sheldon District Fire Department for a term to expire on the 1st Monday of May, 2013.

Royce Foley of P. O. Box 205, Milford, IL to Trustee of Milford Fire Protection District for a term to expire on the 1st Monday of May, 2013.

Rodney Lareau of 2799 E. 2400 North Rd, Donovan, IL to Trustee of Concord Fire Protection District for a term to expire on the 1st Monday of May, 2013.

Robert Kissack of 867 N. 2850 East Rd, P.O. Box 155, Stockland, IL to Trustee of Stockland Fire Protection District to fulfill the unexpired term of Anita Holiday who resigned. Term to expire on the 1st Monday of May, 2011.

Merle Jehle of 32921 E 1600 North Rd, Cullom, IL to Trustee of Cullom Fire Protection District for a term to expire on the 1st Monday of May, 2013.

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

CLAIMS

The following claims were presented for payment. It was moved by Mrs. Hiles and seconded to pay the claims. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

STATE OF ILLINOIS

IROQUOIS COUNTY

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Recessed Session, May 11, 2010

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve claims

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Busick, Crow, Curtis, Dowling, Hansen, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Luecke, McCray, Meyer, Mowrey, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Wasmer, Wynn Bence

Nay: Copas, Krumwiede

Absent: Lemenager, Zumwalt

COUNTY HIGHWAY - ASST TO COUNTY ENGINEER

MINDY KUNTZ HAGAN CO TREASURER3,944.00

COUNTY HIGHWAY - LABOR & SALARIES

MINDY KUNTZ HAGAN CO TREASURER31,493.99

COUNTY HIGHWAY - GAS & OIL

HERITAGE FS, INC.	4,960.98
PENCE OIL COMPANY	135.06
SCOTCHMONS STORES	784.10

COUNTY HIGHWAY - OFFICE EXP PRINT & PUBLISHING

A T & T MOBILITY	224.69
CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC	557.48
MINDY KUNTZ HAGAN CO TREASURER	140.87

COUNTY HIGHWAY - ROAD SUPPLIES CONSTRUCTION CST

CONTECH CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS	2,162.00
FORESTRY SUPPLIERS INC	68.05
LYLE SIGNS INC	140.34
NEWMAN TRAFFIC SIGNS	630.00
PRAIRIE MATERIAL	203.87

COUNTY HIGHWAY - REPAIRS & SHOP SUPPLIES

ALTORFER INC	107.49
BIG R STORES	103.17
C & C TIRE AND AUTO SERVICE.....	3,280.66
FARM PLAN.....	5.79
THE FASTENAL COMPANY	9.99
GEM CITY TIRE	336.95
GILMAN AUTO PARTS	425.96
HICKSGAS WATSEKA, INC.	161.81
K & H TRUCK PLAZA, INC.	33.96
KAPER'S HARDWARE & BUILDING.....	107.26
MIDWAY TRUCK PARTS INC	619.76
NAPA AUTO PARTS	922.94
RAHN EQUIPMENT COMPANY	654.00
WATSEKA FORD LINCOLN MERCURY	72.63

COUNTY HIGHWAY - BUILDING MAINTENANCE

EASTERN ILLINI ELECTRIC COOP	606.21
MINDY KUNTZ HAGAN CO TREASURER	905.05
NICOR GAS	210.83

COUNTY HIGHWAY - PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY TREASURER	750.00
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COUNTY BRIDGE - CONST OF BRIDGES & ROADS & ETC

FEHR-GRAHAM & ASSOCIATES LLC	4,528.42
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MATCHING TAX - CONST OF BRIDGES & ROADS & ETC

FEHR-GRAHAM & ASSOCIATES LLC1,980.00
HUTCHISON ENGINEERING INC758.38
TREASURER,ST OF ILLINOIS %IDOT.....76,079.55

COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX - SALARY - COUNTY ENGINEER

MINDY KUNTZ HAGAN CO TREASURER6,867.00

COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX - PAYROLL

MINDY KUNTZ HAGAN CO TREASURER8,742.60

COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX - EQUIPMENT RENTAL & MILEAGE

IROUOIS CO HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT21,437.31

COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX - CONTRACTORS & SUPPLIES

CONRAD TRUCKING, INC.120,999.52
MORRISON & BENOIT CONSTRUCTION.....6,227.60

TOWNSHIP MOTOR FUEL TAX - CONTRACTORS & SUPPLIES

B & K TRUCKING14,246.49
CONCORD TOWNSHIP TREASURER.....11,574.82
CONRAD TRUCKING, INC.8,533.43
CONTECH CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS.....879.60
DANIEL RIBBE TRUCKING15,741.68
FEHR-GRAHAM & ASSOCIATES LLC1,890.00
GENERAL MATERIALS CORP.....21,349.51
IROUOIS TRUCKING CO., INC.31,748.76
LANGLEY TRUCKING8,338.98
LOVEJOY TOWNSHIP TREASURER.....9,402.61
MILFORD TOWNSHIP TREASURER.....4,002.93
MORRISON & BENOIT CONSTRUCTION.....34,512.07
WEBER TRUCKING, INC.42,643.97

SHERIFF - LEADS

COMMUNICATIONS REVOLVING FUND1,215.55
WALMART COMMUNITY BRC.....47.91

SHERIFF - GPS HOME CONFINEMENT

CAM SYSTEMS208.00

SHERIFF - DIET OF PRISONERS

ARAMARK SERVICES INC5,419.32

SHERIFF - EXPENSE OF OFFICE

BAIER PUBLISHING CO.	514.00
CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC	78.43
ILEAS	50.00
WEST GROUP PAYMENT CENTER	73.50

SHERIFF - GAS & OIL

PENCE OIL COMPANY	4,192.65
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SHERIFF - MEDICINE

CVS PHARMACY	888.71
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SHERIFF - PRISONER SUPPLIES

BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC.	109.80
MEDIACOM LLC	93.54

SHERIFF - INVESTIGATION EXPENSE

CVS PHARMACY	13.52
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SHERIFF - UNIFORM & WEAPON ALLOWANCE

RAY O'HERRON CO., INC.....	57.95
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SHERIFF - MAINTENANCE OF AUTOS

C & C TIRE AND AUTO SERVICE.....	375.87
JONCO PRODUCTS INC.....	74.90
NAPA AUTO PARTS	9.28
PAUL A KELNHOFER DBA	30.25
PENCE OIL COMPANY	434.51
RUST CHEVROLET, INC.....	39.95

SHERIFF - TRAINING

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES CENTER	54.00
RAY O'HERRON CO., INC.....	396.05
TRI-RIVER POLICE TRAINING REG	910.00

SHERIFF - DOCTOR FEES

JOHN C TRICOU MD LLC.....	10.75
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CORONER - AUTOPSIES & X-RAYS & ETC

JOHN SCOTT DENTON MD.....	2,775.00
KANKAKEE COUNTY CORONERS	500.00

STATES ATTORNEY - CRIMINAL PROSECUTION

JAMES A DEVINE	200.00
IL TRAFFIC COURT CONFERENCE.....	100.00
JENNIFER L SCHUNKE.....	273.00
WEST GROUP PAYMENT CENTER	383.75

STATES ATTORNEY - EXPENSE OF OFFICE

CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC	52.50
MARTIN WHALEN OFFICE SOLUTIONS	175.00

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

MINDY KUNTZ HAGAN CO TREASURER	64.77
NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS.....	49.03

E.S.D.A. - HAZARD MITIGATION PLNG MTGS

STANTEC CONSULTING SERVICES	4,626.70
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COURTS - BAILIFF SALARY

DONALD R KING	658.00
ROSCOE MASON	1,128.00
DAN SAWYER	1,128.00
FRANCIS H THOMPSEN	940.00

COURTS - SPECIAL ATTORNEY HIRE

JOSEPH P ANTHONY	1,200.00
JENNIFER SIMUTIS, ATTY AT LAW	300.00

COURTS - JUDGES OFFICE EXPENSE

CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC	202.12
MARTIN WHALEN OFFICE SOLUTIONS	85.65

COURTS - LIBRARY

WEST GROUP PAYMENT CENTER	2,042.50
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COURTS - COURT SERVICES

JOSE G DAMIA.....	210.00
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PROBATION - MILEAGE & TRAVEL

VINCENT W FOX	16.72
MINDY KUNTZ HAGAN CO TREASURER	120.95
BARBARA KING	134.50
CRISSY SABOL	12.79

PROBATION - JUVENILE BOARDING

CAM SYSTEMS	256.00
VERMILION COUNTY TREASURER	170.00
PROBATION - EXPENSE OF OFFICE	
VERIZON WIRELESS	93.24
WEST GROUP PAYMENT CENTER	73.50
PROBATION - VEHICLE OPERATING EXPENSES	
C & C TIRE AND AUTO SERVICE.....	116.46
NAPA AUTO PARTS	9.28
ZONING AND PLANNING - INSPECTIONS	
MELVIN ALCORN.....	700.00
BATES BROWN	1,600.00
MYRL MARSHALL	450.00
ZONING AND PLANNING - ADMINISTRATION TRAVEL & EDUCATION	
GLORIA SCHLEEF	17.64
SCOTCHMONS STORES	61.60
ZONING AND PLANNING - EXPENSE OF OFFICE	
CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC	13.49
QUILL CORPORATION	73.87
ZONING AND PLANNING - PUBLICATIONS	
KANKAKEE VALLEY PUBLISHING.....	120.00
COUNTY CLERK - TRAVEL & CONVENTION EXPENSE	
LISA FANCHER	50.00
COUNTY CLERK - EXPENSE OF OFFICE	
CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC	88.80
SCHEIWE'S PRINT SHOP &	440.44
TIGER DIRECT	166.97
COUNTY CLERK - YEARBOOK/TAX RATE BOOK EXPENSE	
MARTIN WHALEN OFFICE SOLUTIONS	34.95
BOARD OF REVIEW - EXPENSE OF OFFICE	
THE ADVOCATE.....	134.40
COUNTY TREASURER - EXPENSE OF OFFICE	
AJAX DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS	1,366.34

QUILL CORPORATION126.17
 SECRETARY OF STATE.....10.00

POSTAGE FOR COUNTY OFFICES - POSTAGE

MINDY KUNTZ HAGAN CO TREASURER4,000.00
 POSTMASTER.....217.76

ASSESSMENT OFFICE - TRAVEL & CONVENTION EXPENSE

ROBERT A YERGLER304.00

ASSESSMENT OFFICE - EXPENSE OF OFFICE

CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC38.94

ASSESSMENT OFFICE - PUBLICATIONS

THE ADVOCATE.....344.70
 THE GILMAN STAR, INC.....19.80
 THE NEWS-GAZETTE17.60

ASSESSMENT OFFICE - TAX MAPS SERVICE

THE SIDWELL COMPANY1,852.00

COURTHOUSE, JAIL, & ADMIN CTR - TELEPHONE

A T & T LONG DISTANCE.....374.68
 A T & T MOBILITY532.66
 A T & T.....2,481.62

COURTHOUSE, JAIL, & ADMIN CTR - ELECTRICITY

AMEREN CIPS3,852.33

COURTHOUSE, JAIL, & ADMIN CTR - WATER

CITY OF WATSEKA.....597.38

COURTHOUSE, JAIL, & ADMIN CTR - HEATING

NICOR GAS606.85
 VANGUARD ENERGY SERVICES LLC4,568.63

COURTHOUSE, JAIL, & ADMIN CTR - MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS

BIG R STORES654.15
 GILMAN PLUMBING & HEATING INC220.28
 TIM GOODMAN DBA560.00
 KAPER'S HARDWARE & BUILDING352.59
 PEOPLES COMPLETE BLDG CENTER378.68
 PLUMB MART384.84

PRECISION PIPING676.79
WALMART COMMUNITY BRC89.76
WATSEKA B & D ENTERPRISES443.01

COURTHOUSE, JAIL, & ADMIN CTR - SERVICE CONTRACTS

ALLIED WASTE SERVICES #726692.83
ANGEL PEST CONTROL LLC120.00
HILTZ PORTABLE SANITATION INC165.00
OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY.....423.08

COURTHOUSE, JAIL, & ADMIN CTR - HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES

CANADY BUILDING MAINTENANCE.....2,197.95

COUNTY BOARD - AUDITOR FEES

CLIFTON GUNDERSON LLP1,677.00
TIMOTHY W SHARPE, ACTUARY2,500.00

COUNTY BOARD - SUPPLIES & EXPENSES

CREATIVE OFFICE SYSTEMS, INC16.50
JOHN DOWLING50.00

ELECTIONS - VOTER CANVASSING EXPENSE

IROQ CO AGRIC. & 4-H CLUB FAIR.....175.00

DATA PROCESSING - MAINTENANCE & REPAIRS

PROVANTAGE67.64
SHARON VANHOVELN5.00

DATA PROCESSING - E-MAIL SERVER MAINTENANCE

INTEGRITY NETWORKING SOLUTIONS97.50

ANIMAL CONTROL - SALARIES - WARDENS

DAN GARNER735.00

ANIMAL CONTROL - MILEAGE

DAN GARNER290.50

ANIMAL CONTROL - ANIMAL CARE

WILLIAM A GARNER DBA450.00

ANIMAL CONTROL - OFFICE SUPPLY/VACCINATION TAGS

HASCO TAG COMPANY.....425.60

SHERIFF'S PUBLIC SAFETY FUND - EXPENDITURES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

VERIZON NORTH	150.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	525.46
JESSE WHITE, SECRETARY	99.00

COURT DOCUMENT STORAGE FUND - TRANS TO HIST DOCUMENT FUND

MINDY KUNTZ HAGAN CO TREASURER	7,500.00
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PROBATION SERVICES FEE - CONTINGENT

SOLUTION SPECIALTIES INC	417.60
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PROBATION SERVICES FEE - DRUG TESTING

RIVERSIDE REFERENCE LABORATORY	162.00
WITHAM TOXICOLOGY	138.00

COURT SECURITY FEE - COURT SECURITY CONTINGENT

RAY O'HERRON CO., INC.....	3,700.00
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COURT SECURITY FEE - COURT SECURITY - DUI EXPENSES

APPLIED CONCEPTS INC.....	460.27
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GROUP INSURANCE TRUST FUND - MONTHLY FIXED COSTS - HEALTH

BENEFIT ADMINISTRATIVE SYSTEMS	76,268.39
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OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Schroeder addressed the Board regarding decisions made during the May 10th Finance Committee meeting concerning union employees. It was the opinion of the State's Attorney that since the action taken in that meeting was not posted on the agenda 48 hours in advance of the County Board meeting, it could not be acted upon at the present time. Chairman Schroeder also said David Hibben, the County Board's Negotiations Attorney, said that the Board has to meet with the unions and negotiate. Failing to do so would be a violation of fair labor relations. Chairman Schroeder said he will not be sending out lay-off notices until the Negotiation Committee meets with the unions.

Concerns were voiced about the payment of claims. Treasurer Mindy Kuntz Hagan wanted to make sure that she could purchase postage whenever necessary, especially since there is no telling exactly how much postage is warranted for a given month. It was moved by Mr. Alt and seconded to authorize postage to be purchased whenever necessary. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY**

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County
Recessed Session, May 11, 2010
Chairman Schroeder

On motion to authorize postage to be purchased whenever necessary

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Busick, Copas, Crow, Curtis, Dowling, Hansen, Hiles, Hurt, Johnson, Krumwiede, Luecke, McCray, Meyer, Mowrey, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Wasmer, Wynn Bence

Absent: Lemenager, Zumwalt

ADJOURMENT

It was moved by Mr. Anderson and seconded to adjourn at 12:18 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, June 8, 2010 at 9:00 A.M.