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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 13, 2011 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

Annual Session, September 13, 2011

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to call the roll

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Copas, Deany, Hansen, Hiles, Hubert, Hurt, Krumwiede, Lemenager, McCray, Meyer, Pursley, Schmid, Schroeder, Schultz, Storm, Wasmer, Whitlow, Wilkening, Wynn Bence, Zumwalt

Absent: Curtis

PRAYER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

County Board member Jean Hiles introduced Reverend Karl Gibbs, Pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Milford, who gave the opening prayer after which the Pledge of Allegiance was recited in unison.

AGENDA

It was moved by Mrs. Wynn Bence and seconded to approve the agenda. Motion carried by a voice vote.

MINUTES

It was moved by Mrs. Hiles and seconded to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2011 Recessed Session County Board meeting. Motion carried by a voice vote.

PAYROLL

It was moved by Mr. Krumwiede and seconded to approve the August payroll of \$303,380.72. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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Annual Session, September 13, 2011

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve the August payroll

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Copas, Deany, Hansen, Hiles, Hubert, Hurt, Krumwiede, Lemenager, McCray, Meyer, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Storm, Wasmer, Whitlow, Wilkening, Wynn Bence, Zumwalt

Absent: Curtis

COUNTY BOARD SERVICES

Jim Meyer	\$230.88
Russell Bills	\$200.00
Jim Hurt	\$188.80
Merle Lemenager	\$129.96
Charles Alt	\$369.25
Troy Krumwiede.....	\$107.77
Dan Pursley.....	\$196.56
Kyle Anderson	\$289.86
Bret Schmid	\$124.95
Jed Whitlow	\$124.95
Rod Copas.....	\$377.60
Donna Wasmer.....	\$100.00
Don Deany	\$150.00
Osborne Storm	\$111.63
Jean Hiles.....	\$102.96
John Wilkening.....	\$140.79
Dale Schultz.....	\$158.25
Ron Schroeder.....	\$219.35
Susan Wynn Bence	\$208.88
Kevin Hansen.....	\$384.79
Adam Zumwalt	-0-
David Hubert.....	\$299.32
Jim McCray.....	\$144.93

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Attorney John Redlingshafer addressed the Board on behalf of Douglas Township concerning a letter they received from State’s Attorney Jim Devine regarding setbacks in Douglas Township. In the letter, Mr. Devine stated that the section in the County’s Wind Ordinance would not be revised because the Township Code was not followed in several ways by the Douglas Plan Commission and the Douglas Township Board. Mr. Redlingshafer said Douglas Township would like to work with the County and State’s Attorney to provide the necessary documentation that proves the township adhered to posting requirements and complied with the Township Code and Open Meetings Act.

Michael Wilmore, AFSCME Representative, told the Board that the AFSCME Union has questions regarding the tentative budget that will be presented. He was invited to attend the next regular Finance Committee meeting where those questions could be addressed.

POLICY & PROCEDURE

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

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IROQUOIS COUNTY**

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Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve the Policy & Procedure Committee report

Aye: Alt, Bills, Deany, Hansen, Hiles, Hubert, Lemenager, McCray, Meyer, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Storm, Wasmer, Wilkening

Nay: Anderson, Copas, Hurt, Krumwiede, Whitlow, Wynn Bence, Zumwalt

Absent: Curtis

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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 6, 2011 at 10:00 A.M. Members present were Ron Schroeder, Russell Bills, Donna Wasmer, Dale Schultz, Jim McCray, Susan Wynn Bence, and Jim Meyer. Also present County Board Vice-Chairman John Wilkening, Chief Deputy Debbie Wright from the Planning & Zoning Office, County Information Systems Director Tom Tuntland, County Clerk Lisa Fancher, Supervisor of Assessment Bob Yergler, Data Processing Director Angela Rutledge, County Board members Jean Hiles and Jim Hurt, and Wendy Davis from the Times Republic.

The meeting was called to order.

The committee continued discussion from last month's meeting on adopting a Policy & Procedure manual for Iroquois County. Committee members voiced pros and cons. The consensus of those present was the County needs something in place, not a law book version but something simplified that would only apply to this County. A majority of the revised copy from Kankakee County is covered by union contracts. It was moved by Russell Bills and seconded by Dale Schultz to table adopting a Policy & Procedure manual until January 2012 for further research. Roll call vote. Bills, aye; Wasmer, aye; Schultz, aye; McCray, aye; Wynn Bence, aye; Meyer, aye; Schroeder, aye. Motion carried.

Discussion of revising the outdated internet procedure policy followed. It was moved by Susan Wynn Bence and seconded by Jim Meyer to direct County Information Systems Director Tom Tuntland create an updated policy for employee electronic communication usage. Roll call vote. Bills, aye; Wasmer, aye; Schultz, aye; McCray, aye; Wynn Bence, aye; Meyer, aye; Schroeder, aye. Motion unanimously carried.

The County adopted An Ordinance Regarding Ethics in May of 2004. It was moved by Jim Meyer and seconded by Jim McCray since it concurs with the State's law to move on without establishing an Ethics Committee. Roll Call vote. Bills, aye; Wasmer, aye; Schultz, aye; Wynn Bence, aye; McCray, aye; Meyer, aye; Schroeder, aye. Motion carried.

Planning & Zoning Chairman Donna Wasmer asked to address the committee. Ms. Wasmer said she would like to express her concern of the recommended replacement of the County Board member in District IV and possible committee member of the Planning & Zoning Committee. The County Board Chairman recommends a candidate to the full County Board for approval.

The committee discussed holding night County Board meetings to attract County Board members who have regular daytime jobs to petition. It was moved by Jim McCray and seconded by Susan Wynn Bence to hold County Board meetings at night beginning December 2011 thru December 2012. Roll Call vote. Bills, nay; Wasmer, nay; Schultz, nay; McCray, aye; Wynn Bence, aye; Meyer, nay; Schroeder, nay. Motion failed. 5 nays. 2 ayes.

There was no old business.

There was no new business.

It was moved by Russell Bills and seconded by Donna Wasmer to adjourn at 11:10 A.M. Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Ron Schroeder
s/Russell Bills
s/Donna Wasmer
s/Dale Schultz
s/Jim McCray
s/Susan Wynn Bence
s/Jim Meyer

NEGOTIATIONS

Mr. Copas, Chairman of the Negotiations Committee, read the report of his committee. There was no action taken regarding this report, it was read for informational purposes only.

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Mr. Chairman and members of the County Board:

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

Your Committee met at the Administrative Center on August 22, 2011 at 2:00 P.M. Members present were Rod Copas, Troy Krumwiede, and Kyle Anderson. Also present were County Engineer Joel Moore, Director of Data Processing Angela Rutledge, Treasurer Mindy Kuntz Hagan, County Negotiations Attorney David Hibben, AFSCME representative Michael Wilmore, and AFSCME union members John Smith, Rona Smith, Louise Bruens, and Jackie Burkiewicz.

The committee met with the union for negotiations.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Rod Copas
s/Troy Krumwiede
s/Kyle Anderson

FINANCE-August 15, 2011

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

Annual Session, September 13, 2011

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve the August 15, 2011 Finance Committee report

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Copas, Deany, Hansen, Hiles, Hubert, Hurt, Krumwiede, Lemenager, Meyer, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Storm, Wasmer, Wilkening, Wynn Bence, Zumwalt

Nay: McCray, Whitlow

Absent: Curtis

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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 August 15, 2011 at 8:00 A.M. Members present were Jim Meyer, Rod Copas, Russell Bills, Charles Alt, Kevin Hansen, Susan Wynn Bence, Kyle Anderson, Don Deany, and Dave Hubert. Also present were County Board Vice-Chairman John Wilkening, Director of Data Processing Angela Rutledge, County Information Systems Director Tom Tuntland, County Engineer Joel Moore, ESDA Coordinator Carl Gerdovich, Sheriff Derek Hagen, County Clerk/Recorder Lisa Fancher, Supervisor of Assessments Bob Yergler, Circuit Clerk Lisa Hines, and Bob Themer from the Kankakee Journal.

Finance Chairman Jim Meyer proposed that the committee discuss budgetary issues and finalize a goal for the 2012 proposed budget. Revenues entering into the decisive budget:

*Farmland assessments will be up 10% and represents only 25% of the EAV. It is calculated on a five-year average of all information collected by FSA and based on certified index values of individual soil type.

*Number of County forfeitures.

*One time wind farm fees.

*State shortfall reimbursements.

*Negotiations with AFSCME and FOP.

The committee went through the revenue side of the budget line by line, noting the General Fund is better off, through the relentless efforts of this Finance Committee.

County Health Insurance for the employees, retirees, the \$4,000 County covers of the \$5,000 deductible and the carryover from the County's self insured vendor, BAS, was discussed. The monthly premium for employees' health insurance is \$41,000, retirees not included and possibility of an increase 10% to 15% according to statistics.

Supervisor of Assessments Bob Yergler asked the committee to consider establishing a designated fund for GIS. The Geographic Information Systems technology incorporates mapping with a comprehensive database to capture, display, analyze, view and manage all forms of location-based information. The potential uses are endless. Iroquois County is one of two counties in the State not using GIS. The County has not been flown since 1994. The County Clerk's Office and Supervisor of Assessments Office collect fees for GIS but at the end of the year it is turned over to the General Fund. Supervisor of Assessments Yergler said the County should consider being proactive and start banking the GIS funds.

After further discussion of proposals for a tentative 2012 budget, it was moved by Russell Bills and seconded by Rod Copas to recommend \$4,800,000 for the 2012 budget. Roll Call vote. Bills, aye; Hansen, aye; Alt, aye; Anderson, aye; Hubert, aye; Wynn Bence, aye; Deany, aye; Copas, aye; Meyer, aye. Motion carried.

Supervisor of Assessments Bob Yergler presented the proposed budget for the Board of Review with no changes, asked to increase his salary to \$52,000, (has been froze for 3 years) and increase his Chief Deputy, Peggy Shoufler, salary \$1,000. Yergler asked how the committee preferred handling the quadrennial mailing, required by statutes, of 26,000 parcels costing 80 cents or approximately \$22,000. The mailings could be divided into quarters and spread the cost over four (4) years.

Administrative Assistant Barb Witte presented the County Board budget noting no significant changes for the 2012 budget.

County Information Systems Tom Tuntland reviewed his proposed 2012 budget with the committee. During the hearing, battery backups at each workstation costing under \$100 were discussed. Mr. Tuntland noted some department did not have surge protectors and was asked to upgrade them. The software contracts/license/support line item will increase to \$30,260 from \$2,000 for DEVNET, MicroFocus and SAGE-MIP annual support costs (new).

Director of Data Processing Angela Rutledge said her budget would be reduced by \$5,000 because her beginning salary is less than the previous director. Ms. Rutledge said her monitor is not wide enough to support the new accounting software system. The Director was asked to get estimates for two (2) new monitors, one for herself and Mary Ann Molnar who also utilizes the system and present to the Finance Committee. The expense will be taken out of 2011 budget.

It was moved by Rod Copas and seconded by Kyle Anderson to adjourn at 10:40 A.M. Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Jim Meyer
s/Rod Copas
s/Russell Bills
s/Charles Alt
s/Kevin Hansen

s/Susan Wynn Bence
s/Kyle Anderson
s/Don Deany
s/Dave Hubert

FINANCE-August 16, 2011

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

Annual Session, August 16, 2011

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve the August 16, 2011 Finance Committee report

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Copas, Deany, Hansen, Hubert, Hurt, Krumwiede, Lemenager, McCray, Meyer, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Storm, Wasmer, Wilkening, Wynn Bence, Zumwalt

Nay: Hiles, Whitlow

Absent: Curtis

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
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County Board, Annual Session

September 13, A.D., 2011

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 August 16, 2011 at 8:00 A.M. Members present Jim Meyer, Russell Bills, Charles Alt, Kyle Anderson, Don Deany, Dave Hubert, Susan Wynn Bence, Rod Copas, and Kevin Hansen. Also present State's Attorney Jim Devine, Judge Gordon Lustfeldt, Director of Data Processing Angela Rutledge, Public Defender Dale Strough, County Board members Jean Hiles and Donna Wasmer, Sheriff Derek Hagen, County Clerk/Recorder Lisa Fancher, and Bob Themer from the Kankakee Journal.

The meeting was called to order.

The committee will continue with the scheduled budget hearings.

State's Attorney Jim Devine said his office consists of two Assistant States' Attorneys and two secretaries who have three weeks' vacation. He said according to the 2010 U.S. Census his salary is expected to be reduced about \$40,000. The County has not received information from Illinois department of Revenue as to when the cut will be effective. The State pays 92% of the State's Attorneys' \$166,508 salary. Due to 2010 financial issues the line item for one Assistant State's Attorney was cut by \$55,000 and to make the budget whole the bottom line would be increased to \$350,052.

Judge Gordon Lustfeldt reported on the cost of the West Law library that terminates next month. Judge Lustfeldt and Judge Kinzer will be negotiating with the vendor. Judge Lustfeldt

said the Law Library Fee by resolution could automatically increase every year. No recommendation of the resolution has been approved by the full County Board to date.

Public Defender Dale Strough said that 2/3 of his salary is reimbursed by the State. His office is normally carrying 70 to 120 cases.

Sheriff Derek Hagen reminded the committee his office is functioning 24/7. Sheriff Hagen said he is asking for a 50-cent increase for his full time secretary and Court Security employee. Sheriff Hagen said the department has two new and five old squad cars. The Sheriff's Capital purchase line item has \$30,000.

The Veterans Assistance budget was discussed briefly.

Chairman of the Planning and Zoning Committee Donna Wasmer presented the Planning & Zoning proposed budget and answered questions. She suggested to the committee a \$5,000 increase for the Administrator and \$2,000 for the Chief Deputy.

CIBC representative Andy Wheeler who administrates the County's health insurance said the County could anticipate an increase of 12 to 14% increase in premiums.

County Clerk/Recorder Lisa Fancher presented the proposed budget for the office and asked that the committee consider a \$1,000 salary increase for her two Chief Deputies that has been frozen for 3 years.

The committee discussed scheduling August 29, 2011 for a Finance meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 A.M.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Jim Meyer
s/Russell Bills
s/Charles Alt
s/Kyle Anderson
s/Don Deany
s/Dave Hubert
s/Susan Wynn Bence
s/Rod Copas
s/Kevin Hansen

FINANCE-August 17, 2011

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

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Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Annual Session, September 13, 2011

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve the August 17, 2011 Finance Committee report

Aye: Alt, Bills, Copas, Deany, Hansen, Hiles, Hubert, Hurt, Krumwiede, Lemenager, Meyer, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Storm, Wasmer, Whitlow, Wilkening, Wynn Bence, Zumwalt

Nay: Anderson, McCray

Absent: Curtis

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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 August 17, 2011 at 8:00 A.M. Members present were Jim Meyer, Russell Bills, Kevin Hansen, Charles Alt, Kyle Anderson, Dave Hubert, Don Deany, Susan Wynn Bence and Rod Copas. Also present County Engineer Joel Moore, Circuit Clerk Lisa Hines, Maintenance Supervisor Larry Pankey, IDA Director Ken Barragree, Coroner Bill Cheatum, ESDA Director Carl Gerdovich, Animal Control Administrator Dr. James Finnell, Historical Document representatives Jean Hiles and Roland Light, and Treasurer Mindy Kuntz Hagan.

The meeting was called to order.

County Engineer Joel Moore presented the proposed 2012 Iroquois County Highway budget for consideration:

- *County doing construction inspection of 4 Federal and 3 County bridges.
- *Labor & Salaries – some overtime cost due to inspections plus anticipating a 3% salary increase.
- *County group health insurance – 9 employees at \$463.25 monthly premium.
- *Snow plowing by townships contract – increase mileage rate by \$20.
- *Highway building front part – replace roof costing \$100,000.
- *Wind Farm expense.
- *Purchase lowboy trailer, roller and upgrade tiller

Circuit Clerk Lisa Hines had been asked to consider funding Circuit Clerk employees entire payroll of \$239,000 from the Clerk's Automation, Document Storage, and Child Support funds, which generate substantial revenues of approximately \$122,000 and by statutes can fund salaries. Circuit Clerk Hines agreed to funding her employees salaries (a one shot deal) and transfer each month to the General Fund.

County Board member Jean Hiles presented the Historical Document proposed 2012 budget and answered questions. She said the soffit is falling off the Old Courthouse and the roof needs repair. The County lease says it is their responsibility for repairs

Maintenance Supervisor Larry Pankey presented the Courthouse & Jail 2012 proposed budget.

IDA Director Ken Barragree discussed the function of his office with the committee. Mr. Barragree has written several grants for the County.

ESDA Director Carl Gerdovich said his 2012 budget has no changes.

Coroner Bill Cheatum said his automation fund would continue to help defray the costs of the office.

Animal Control Administrator Dr. James Finnell said by his projection the office will finish the 2011 year with income of \$31,649 in excess of expenses and that the expenses will be \$11,298 less than budgeted. The income projection is based on the number of tags. Dr. Finnell

said he has a request from Dan Garner, Iroquois County Animal Control Warden to be included in the County group health insurance program. The Animal Control program is self supporting, generating a surplus of income over expenses, some due to the vigorous enforcement of the canine registration ordinance, and prosecution in court of violations. Mr. Garner's current employment requires him to pay workman's comp, state and federal income tax.

County Treasurer Mindy Kuntz Hagan presented the 2012 proposed budget for her office and answered questions.

The Probation 2012 Budget was presented to the committee.

A brief discussion of CIRMA followed.

The Finance Committee will meet on August 29, 2011 at 8:00 A.M. to continue discussion of the 2012 budget.

Suggestions made by the committee:

- *Designate a GIS fund.
- *Sheriff Capital fund – appropriate \$25,000 (to be used to purchase squads).
- *No Chief Deputy/Department Head increases.
- *Group Health Ins. \$650,000
- *Transfer \$270,000 to General Fund to offset Circuit Clerk salaries
- *Contingency – reduce from \$175,000 to \$50,000
- *Capital Improvement - \$25,000

It was moved by Rod Copas and seconded by Kevin Hansen to adjourn at 11:45 A.M. Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Jim Meyer
s/Russell Bills
s/Kevin Hansen
s/Charles Alt
s/Kyle Anderson
s/Dave Hubert
s/Don Deany
s/Susan Wynn Bence
s/Rod Copas

FINANCE-August 29, 2011

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.

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Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Annual Session, September 13, 2011

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve the August 29, 2011 Finance Committee report

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Copas, Deany, Hansen, Hiles, Hubert, Krumwiede, Lemenager, Meyer, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Storm, Wasmer, Wilkening, Wynn Bence, Zumwalt

Nay: Hurt, McCray, Whitlow

Absent: Curtis

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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 August 29, 2011 at 8:00 A.M. Members present were Jim Meyer, Rod Copas, Russell Bills, Charles Alt, Kevin Hansen, Susan Wynn Bence, Kyle Anderson, Don Deany, and Dave Hubert. Also present County Board Chairman Ron Schroeder, Vice Chairman John Wilkening, Supervisor of Assessment Bob Yergler, Director of Data Processing Angela Rutledge, County Clerk/Recorder Lisa Fancher, Treasurer Mindy Kuntz Hagan, County Engineer Joel Moore, Probation Supervisor Barb King, Circuit Clerk Lisa Hines, Probation Director Carl Brown, Planning & Zoning Administrator Gloria Schleef, County Board member Jean Hiles, Wendy Davis from the Times Republic, and Bob Themer from the Kankakee Journal.

The meeting was called to order.

The committee will continue to fine tune the 2012 proposed budget keeping in mind the goal of the committee is to work towards presenting a balanced 2012 budget. Discussed were the following:

*Circuit Clerk Lisa Hines will transfer monthly funds to the General Fund (this year only) covering the salaries of all employees.

*Reviewed revenues – Increased the Income Tax by \$50,000 based on the 8 month 2011 report from the Treasurers' Office.

*State's Attorneys' salary line was reduced by \$35,000 based on a salary change due to 2010 census numbers. The 2010 population fell below the 30,000 to 29,718. It was suggested a letter from the Finance Chairman be directed to the Department of Revenue asking when and how much the salary would officially be set.

*Probation Director Carl Brown asked the committee to consider approving the hiring of a part-time secretary to reduce the workload of the Probation Officers. Budgeted was \$12,000. The committee suggested splitting the salary to \$6,000. Mr. Brown felt \$9,000 was fair and was not interested in \$6,000.

*The Animal Control Warden asked for County health insurance. CIBC, the County's health insurance vendor, said he does not qualify.

*Remove the proposed 3% salary increase for union employees from the 2012 proposed budget. It is the responsibility of the Finance committee to recommend a balanced budget.

*GIS will be taken from the General Fund. A designated fund is recommended.

*Approve the automatic Law Library fee when prepared.

The committee reviewed three estimates to purchase larger monitors for the Data Processing Department. The present monitors are not compatible to the new accounting software spreadsheet. It was moved by Rod Copas and seconded by Russell Bills to approve the purchase from Precision Data for two monitors costing \$307 and delivered. Roll Call vote. Bills, aye; Hansen, aye; Alt, aye; Deany, aye; Anderson, aye; Hubert, aye; Wynn Bence, aye; Copas, aye; Meyer, aye. Motion unanimously carried.

It was moved by Charles Alt and seconded by Susan Wynn Bence to adjourn at 11:50 A.M. Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Jim Meyer
s/Rod Copas
s/Russell Bills
s/Charles Alt
s/Kevin Hansen
s/Susan Wynn Bence
s/Kyle Anderson
s/Don Deany
s/Dave Hubert

FINANCE-September 8, 2011

Mr. Meyer, Chairman of the Finance Committee, gave the report of his committee and moved for adoption. It was noted that approval of this report will place the 2012 Tentative Budget on file in the County Clerk's Office for public inspection. The motion to approve the report was seconded and carried by a roll call vote.

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Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

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Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve the September 8, 2011 Finance Committee report

Aye: Bills, Deany, Hansen, Hiles, Hubert, Hurt, Lemenager, Meyer, Pursley, Schmid, Storm, Wasmer, Wilkening, Wynn Bence, Zumwalt

Nay: Alt, Anderson, Copas, Krumwiede, McCray, Schultz, Whitlow

Absent: Curtis

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Mr. Chairman and member 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 8, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. Members present were Jim Meyer, Rod Copas, Russell Bills, Kevin Hansen, Don Deany, Kyle Anderson, Dave Hubert, Susan Wynn Bence and Charles Alt. Also present were County Board Chairman Ron Schroeder, County Board Vice-Chairman John Wilkening, County Clerk/Recorder Lisa Fancher, Supervisor of Assessment Bob Yergler, Treasurer Mindy Kuntz Hagan, Planning & Zoning Administrator Gloria Schleef, Probation Director Carl Brown, County Engineer Joel Moore, Probation Supervisor Barb King, Data Processing Director Angela Rutledge, Sheriff Derek Hagen, County Board members Jean Hiles, Jed Whitlow and Dale Schultz, Mike Moran and Wendy Davis from the Times Republic.

The meeting was called to order.

Randy Schuldt from Schuldt Insurance reported the County had no claims for the month. Mr. Schuldt briefly discussed the Old Courthouse Museum claim for wind damage to the soffit. The claim should remain open for the next 30 days.

No public comments.

New 2012 proposed budget numbers were ran as of September 2, 2011 resulting from the last Finance meeting on August 29, 2011. The bottom line indicates a \$70,000 plus deficit.

Sheriff Derek Hagen voiced his concerns on the line item, Merit Deputies Salary that had been reduced since the August 29, 2011 from \$545,000 to \$535,920, (was reduced by 1 1/2% - no salary increases for 2012). Sheriff Hagen also discussed the - Maintenance of autos line. It was the consensus of the committee indicating if the repair line goes over they will pay the claims.

The revenue side of the 2012 proposed budget had been raised up to \$4,898,578 at the August 29, 2011 based on numbers submitted by the Treasurers' Office. A contact with the Department of Revenue indicates, unofficially, the State's Attorneys' salary should be reduced to \$128,959 according to a drop in the 2010 census to below 30,000 in population. Each committee member voiced pros and cons of sending a deficit budget to the full County Board on September 13, 2011. Of the projected \$4.9 million 2012 proposed budget \$80,000 is 1.5% of the total budget. It was moved by Dave Hubert and seconded by Russell Bills to send the 2012 tentative budget with approximately an \$80,000 deficit to the County Board for approval. Roll Call vote. Bills, aye; Hansen, aye; Alt, nay; Deany, aye; Anderson, nay; Hubert, aye; Wynn Bence, aye; Copas, nay; Meyer, aye. Motion carried.

Probation Director Carl Brown presented six applications from Probation employees for tuition reimbursement per union contract. Mr. Brown said he has denied the requests but the County Board makes the final decision. It was moved by Russell Bills and seconded by David Hubert to concur with Mr. Brown and deny the tuition due to lack of funds available. Roll Call vote. Hansen, aye; Alt, aye; Deany, aye; Anderson, aye; Hubert, aye; Wynn Bence, aye; Copas, aye; Meyer, aye; Bills, aye. Motion carried.

During budget hearings it was suggested the GIS special fund fees in the General fund be reduced to zero and a designated GIS Fund be created in the Supervisor of Assessments budget. This would accumulate funds to offset and defray cost for a GIS mapping system. It was moved by Rod Copas and seconded by Kevin Hansen to establish a designated fund. Roll call vote. Alt, aye; Deany, aye; Anderson, aye; Hubert, aye; Wynn Bence, aye; Copas, aye; Meyer, aye; Bills, aye; Hansen, aye. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed the claims. It was moved by Don Deany and seconded by Kyle Anderson to pay the bills subject to County Board approval. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kevin Hansen and seconded by Susan Wynn Bence to adjourn at 10:42 A.M. Motion carried

ADDENDUM TO REPORT

Finance committee members received a letter from 911 Coordinator Nita Dubble who was participating in Camp 911 today. The letter was in reference to the Illinois Terrorism Task Force grant that Iroquois County ESDA has received. Iroquois County ESDA applied for the grant on behalf of all the fire departments, police departments and volunteer ambulance services in Iroquois County to replace \$115,113.10 worth of portable radios, mobile radios and pagers that are not narrowband compliant. Iroquois County ESDA also applied for second grant to replace the \$22,500 worth of tornado sirens that are not narrowband compliant for the municipalities in Iroquois County. ESDA has received confirmation that they have received both grants. These are 50/50 grants. In a conversation with Rod Copas he thought the County would be able to loan ESDA the \$68,806.55 (the grant portion) to Iroquois County ESDA and once the grant money is received would be back into whatever account was used. The grant money should be received in about 6 weeks. The fire department, police department and volunteer ambulance services portion of their grant is due to Iroquois County ESDA by September 16, 2011.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Jim Meyer
s/Rod Copas
s/Russell Bills
s/Kevin Hansen
s/Don Deany
s/Kyle Anderson
s/Dave Hubert
s/Susan Wynn Bence
s/Charles Alt

MOTION

The Board discussed the addendum to the September 13, 2011 Finance Committee report regarding the Illinois Terrorism Task Force grant that was awarded to Iroquois County ESDA. It was moved by Mr. Meyer and seconded to approve a short term loan of funds from the Solid Waste fund to cover the amount needed to fulfill the ESDA grant and replace the borrowed money with the money received from the grant. The motion was seconded and carried by a roll call vote.

STATE OF ILLINOIS IROQUOIS COUNTY

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County
Annual Session, September 13, 2011
Chairman Schroder

On motion to approve a short term loan of funds from the Solid Waste fund to cover the amount needed to fulfill the ESDA grant and replace the borrowed money with the money received from the grant

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Copas, Deany, Hansen, Hiles, Hubert, Hurt, Krumwiede, Lemenager, McCray, Meyer, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Storm, Wasmer, Whitlow, Wilkening, Wynn Bence, Zumwalt

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

Annual Session, September 13, 2011

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve the Tax Committee report

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Copas, Deany, Hiles, Hubert, Hurt, Lemenager, McCray, Meyer, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Storm, Wasmer, Whitlow, Wilkening, Wynn Bence, Zumwalt

Absent: Bills, Curtis, Hansen, Krumwiede

STATE OF ILLINOIS IROQUOIS COUNTY

County Board, Annual Session
September 13, A.D., 2011

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 6, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. Members present were Dale Schultz, Dan Pursley, Troy Krumwiede, Ernest Curtis, Merle Lemenager, Jim Hurt, Bret Schmid and Jed Whitlow. Also present County Board Vice Chairman John Wilkening, Director of Data Processing Angela Rutledge, County Information Systems Director Tom Tuntland, County Clerk/Recorder Lisa Fancher, Supervisor of Assessments Bob Yergler, Treasurer Mindy Kuntz Hagan, County Board member Jim Meyer and Wendy Davis from the Times Republic.

The meeting was called to order.

County Information Systems Director Tom Tuntland told the committee he has asked for a new project plan from McGladrey, the county's software vendor, but has not received the information. Mr. Tuntland said the County would finish this fiscal year before the payroll software is incorporated. All payroll numbers will go in from scratch.

The committee reviewed the claims from the listing generated by the new accounting software. It was moved by Jim Hurt and seconded by Ernest Curtis to pay the bills subject to County Board approval. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Animal Control Administrator Dr. James Finnell reported the dog registration is down 125 from 2010. Dr. Finnell said he asked the Finance Committee during budget hearings to consider including Animal Control Warden Dan Garner in the County's health insurance. CIBC, the county's health insurance vendor was asked but the request was denied. To receive County health insurance the employee must meet the full time requirements, 35 hours a week. Mr. Garner is on call 24/7.

Supervisor of Assessments Bob Yergler said he appeared before the Finance Committee during budget hearings with two major issues.

- *GIS recording fees – County Clerk Lisa Fancher had fee study performed last year, which increased the GIS fee from \$3 to \$7. The GIS revenue went directly in the General fund. Mr. Yergler said if the County would recommend using GIS in the future a designated GIS Fund should be established to accumulate operating money. The County has not been flown since 1994.

- Statues mandate publication of the county parcels every four years. For budgetary purposes Mr. Yergler suggested publishing a quarter of the County's parcels each year,

County Clerk/Recorder Lisa Fancher told the committee they could pick up petition packets as of today, September 6, 2011. The primary election will be held the third Tuesday in March or March 20, 2012. Officers to be nominated at the General Primary and Elected at the General Election include:

- *President

- *Representatives in Congress – all 18 districts

- *State Senators – all 59 districts

- *County Board Members

- *County Circuit Clerks

- *County Coroners

- *States Attorneys

Officers to be elected at the General Primary:

- *Precinct Committeemen

The General Election will be the first Tuesday after first Monday in November or November 6, 2012.

Treasurer Mindy Kuntz Hagan said the second tax installment was due last Friday, September 1, 2011.

It was moved by Jed Whitlow and seconded by Bret Schmid to adjourn at 9:40 A.M. Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Dale Schultz
s/Dan Pursley
s/Troy Krumwiede
s/Ernest Curtis
s/Merle Lemenager
s/Jim Hurt
s/Bret Schmid
s/Jed Whitlow

JUDICIAL & PUBLIC SAFETY

Mrs. Wynn Bence, Chairman of the Judicial & Public Safety Committee, gave the report of her committee and moved for adoption. The motion was seconded and carried by a roll call vote.

STATE OF ILLINOIS IROQUOIS COUNTY

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Annual Session, September 13, 2011

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve the Judicial & Public Safety Committee report

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Copas, Deany, Hansen, Hiles, Hubert, Hurt, Krumwiede, Lemenager, McCray, Meyer, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Storm, Wasmer, Wasmer, Whitlow, Wilkening, Wynn Bence, Zumwalt

Absent: Curtis

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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 7, 2011 at 3:00 P.M. Members present were Susan Wynn Bence, Jed Whitlow, and Jean Hiles. Also present State's Attorney Jim Devine, Coroner Bill Cheatum, Probation Supervisor Barb King, Circuit Clerk Lisa Hines, Sheriff Derek Hagen, and Wendy Davis from the Times Republic.

The meeting was called to order.

No public comments.

Circuit Clerk Lisa Hines distributed copies of the disbursements made in the Circuit Clerk's Office for August 2011. The revenues had increased from the July report.

ESDA Director Carl Gerdovich was at an IEMA training conference.

Sheriff Derek Hagen's monthly report included:

*Patrol had 598 calls for service for the month of August (4,227 year to date)

*2010 year to date calls were 3,555

*Deputy involved in accident is still off resulting in overtime.

*New squad that replaces the one in the accident is on the road.

*Booked in 78 prisoners for the month of August (650 year to date).

*Average daily population 25

*2010 year to date book ins were 629 (+21)

*Overtime in jail on schedule was 219 hours for the month.

Sheriff Hagen said he will attend the Finance Committee meeting tomorrow, September 8, 2010 to discuss his proposed 2012 budget. Sheriff Hagen also said has requested proposals from three food vendors including the current vendor. The current contract terminates the end of this year.

Coroner Bill Cheatum said he had attended a conference last month. The hours will apply towards his continuing education credits.

Probation Supervisor Barb King had no report but presented a claim from the Ford-Iroquois Mental Health for behavior health evaluations for several clients.

State's Attorney Jim Devine answered questions from the committee members. State's Attorney Devine he will prepare and present the Resolution for Law Library Fees at the full County Board meeting on September 13, 2011.

The committee discussed the Ordinance for Administrative Fees on Motor Vehicles with Sheriff Hagen. Implementation of the ordinance without proper personnel would be a nightmare. It is still a work in progress.

It was moved by Jean Hiles and seconded by Jed Whitlow to pay the bills subject to County Board approval. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jed Whitlow and seconded by Jean Hiles to adjourn at 3:45 P.M. Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Susan Wynn Bence
s/Jed Whitlow
s/Jean Hiles

**MOTION &
ORDINANCE NO. 2011-7**

An Ordinance Increasing Law Library Fees

State's Attorney Jim Devine said he has not prepared the Resolution to Increase Law Library Fees because there has been no action regarding the increase of the fees. It was moved by Mrs. Wynn Bence and seconded to institute an increase in the Law Library Fee, setting the fee at \$21. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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IROQUOIS COUNTY**

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Annual Session, September 13, 2011

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to institute an increase in the Law Library Fee, setting the fee at \$21

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Copas, Deany, Hansen, Hiles, Hubert, Hurt, Krumwiede, Lemenager, McCray, Meyer, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Storm, Wasmer, Whitlow, Wilkening, Wynn Bence, Zumwalt

Absent: Curtis

ORDINANCE NO. 2011-7

**AN ORDINANCE INCREASING THE IROQUOIS COUNTY
CIRCUIT CLERK'S FEES**

WHEREAS, Illinois law 705 ILCS 105/27.10, authorizes the Iroquois County Board to increase fees now charged by the Iroquois County Circuit Clerk: and

WHEREAS, the Iroquois County Board has determined it necessary to increase the law library fee to be charged by the Circuit Court to \$21.00 pursuant to 55 ILCS 5/5-39001.

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the statutory authority 55 ILCS 5/5-39001, be it hereby enacted as follows:

1. The Circuit Clerk's fee for the expense and maintenance of the Iroquois County Law Library is increased to \$21.00 for the first pleading, paper, or other appearance by each party in all civil cases.
2. This Ordinance is effective October 1, 2011.

Dated: September 13, 2011

s/Ronald Schroeder
Ronald Schroeder, Chairman
Iroquois County Board

ATTEST:

s/Lisa L. Fancher
Lisa Fancher, County Clerk

Ayes 22 Nays 0

MANAGEMENT SERVICES

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

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Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Annual Session, September 13, 2011

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve the Management Services Committee report

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Deany, Hansen, Hiles, Hubert, Lemenager, McCray, Meyer, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Storm, Wasmer, Whitlow, Wilkening, Wynn Bence, Zumwalt

Nay: Copas, Hurt

Absent: Curtis, Krumwiede

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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 8, 2011 at 4:00 P.M. Members present Jim McCray, Kyle Anderson, Donna Wasmer, Jean Hiles, Adam Zumwalt, Dave Hubert, Ozzie Storm, and John Wilkening. Also present Maintenance Supervisor Larry Pankey, Sheriff Derek Hagen, Nathan Tegtmeier representing Freehill Asphalt of Watseka, IL, and Wendy Davis from the Times Republic.

The meeting was called to order.

Maintenance Supervisor Larry Pankey presented a proposal from Freehill Asphalt, Inc, Watseka, IL to resurface and reseal the parking lots at the Courthouse and Administrative Center. Nathan Tegtmeier, sales manager for Freehill Asphalt, Inc., told the committee if the huge cracks in the parking lot especially at the Courthouse are not repaired water will go straight to the base and cause major problems. The proposal included:

*Courthouse parking lot - Two full coats Coal Tar – emulsified sealer (52) this material complies with Federal Specifications. Also the addition of 2 lbs./gal silica sand (20-30) on both coats covering 71,607 square feet @ .12 or (\$8,592.84). Handicap stencils 2 @\$60 or (\$120) 2000 ln.ft striping @.30 (\$600 and hot rubber crack repair 2380 ln. feet @ .95 or \$2261. totaling **\$11,573.84.**

*Administrative Center Parking lot – Two full coats Coal Tar – emulsified sealer (52%) for 98,400 square feet @.11 or (10,824) handicap stencils 4 at \$60 or (240), striping 3200 ln. ft. at .30 or \$960 and hot rubber crack repair 5125 ln. ft. at .95 or \$4,868.75 totaling **\$16,892.75.**

It was moved by Jean Hiles and seconded by Ozzie Storm to approve the re-sealing and resurfacing of both parking lots Courthouse and Administrative Center totaling **\$28,466,**

contingent upon State's Attorney Jim Devine agreeing to take expenses from the Capital Improvement Fund, with no impact on the 2011 budget. Roll Call vote. Anderson, nay; Wasmer, aye; Storm, aye; Zumwalt, aye; Hubert, nay; Hiles, aye; McCray, aye. Motion carried.

Maintenance Supervisor Larry Pankey reported:

*Painting done at the Administrative Center.

*Sidewalks and curbs concrete work completed at Courthouse.

*Broken tile south of Courthouse, Highway will help repair

*Will distribute copies of the building Evacuation Plan

*Filters will be changed at the Administrative Center.

*Grant for air-conditioner rejected. The plan is to move forward to repair the antiquated expansion value on the chiller at the Courthouse. The parts costing \$7,760 have been ordered from Trane. Glade will assist with the installation. State's Attorney Jim Devine will be asked if expenses can be taken from the Capital Improvement Fund as it will increase the efficiency of the system.

Dave Hubert and Adam Zumwalt had volunteered to research electricity rates for the County buildings. Two proposals have been received, one from Vanguard and one from Twin States Energy. Mr. Hubert has conversed with both, it is extremely confusing to figure out but he suggested the County go with the daily ahead index which is a better than a fixed price. It was moved by Dave Hubert and seconded by Adam Zumwalt to enter into a two-year contract with Twin States Energy for electricity using the daily index product rate. Roll call vote. Wasmer, aye; Storm, aye; Zumwalt, aye; Hubert, aye; Hiles, ayes; McCray, aye; Anderson, aye. Motion carried.

Old Business – Volunteers Ozzie Storm and Kyle Anderson will work with Trent's Lawn Care & Snow Removal, the County's contracted snowplow removal service. A detailed guideline will be prepared to clarify what is expected.

A letter will be sent to Walker Farms, who cash rent the County's 392 acres of farmland, asking for fertilizer invoices for the 2011 crops.

The committee reviewed the claims. It was moved by Jean Hiles and seconded by Adam Zumwalt to pay the bills subject to County Board approval. Roll Call vote. Anderson, aye; Wasmer, aye; Storm, aye; Zumwalt, aye; Hubert, aye; Hiles, aye; McCray, aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Adam Zumwalt and seconded by Kyle Anderson to adjourn at 5:15 P.M. Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Jim McCray
s/Kyle Anderson
s/Donna Wasmer
s/Jean Hiles
s/Adam Zumwalt
s/Dave Hubert
s/Ozzie Storm
s/John Wilkening

PLANNING & ZONING

Mrs. Wasmer, Chairman of the Planning & Zoning Committee, gave the report of her committee. At this time, the Board discussed the decommissioning section of the wind ordinance and questioned whether the moratorium should be lifted before this section was finalized. It was moved by Mr. Copas and seconded to remove for separate consideration, the paragraphs that refer to lifting the moratorium on wind farms. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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IROQUOIS COUNTY**

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Chairman Schroeder

On motion to remove for separate consideration, the paragraphs that refer to lifting the moratorium on wind farms

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Copas, Hansen, Hubert, Hurt, Lemenager, Meyer, Schmid, Schultz, Storm, Wasmer, Whitlow, Wilkening, Wynn Bence, Zumwalt

Nay: Deany, Hiles, McCray, Pursley

Absent: Curtis, Krumwiede

MOTION

It was moved by Mr. Copas and seconded to extend the moratorium on wind farms through October 11, 2011, the next County Board meeting. Motion carried by a roll call vote.

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Annual Session, September 13, 2011

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to extend the moratorium on wind farms through October 11, 2011, the next County Board meeting

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Copas, Deany, Hansen, Hubert, Hurt, Lemenager, Meyer, Schmid, Schultz, Storm, Wasmer, Whitlow, Wilkening, Wynn Bence, Zumwalt

Nay: Hiles, McCray, Pursley

Absent: Curtis, Krumwiede

**PLANNING & ZONING
Balance of Report**

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

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Roll call and votes in Iroquois County

Annual Session, September 13, 2011

Chairman Schroeder

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

Aye: Anderson, Bills, Deany, Hansen, Hubert, Hurt, Lemenager, Meyer, Schmid, Schultz, Storm, Wasmer, Whitlow, Wilkening, Wynn Bence

Nay: Alt, Copas, Hurt, Storm, Zumwalt

Absent: Curtis, Krumwiede

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IROQUOIS COUNTY

County Board, Annual Session
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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 September 9, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. Members present were Donna Wasmer, Don Deany, Dale Schultz, Adam Zumwalt, Troy Krumwiede, Jim Meyer, Merle Lemenager, and Dan Pursley. Also present were Zoning Administrator Gloria Schlee and Assistant Zoning Administrator Debbie Wright. Also in attendance were Jean Hiles, Kermit Wasmer, Marvin Clyden, Marvin Stichnoth, Theta Lee, John Shure, Susan Wynn Bence, Roger Gustafson, Jim Hurt, Kevin Hansen, Delmar Graham, State's Attorney Jim Devine, Ron Schroeder, and Wendy Davis from the Times Republic.

Ms. Wasmer said State's Attorney Mr. Devine is in attendance but cannot attend long. Mr. Devine said he had been questioned on whether the County actually needed a Decommissioning Plan. Mr. Devine felt this was a policy issue. He discussed the decommissioning stating the County does not have to be concerned with a Decommissioning Plan if they would choose not to. There was a lengthy discussion on whether the decommissioning would be included in the landowner's contract. Mr. Devine said the County does have a Decommissioning Plan although it is not the best. When asked what he would like to see, he stated he would like to see an Escrow Account set up for each tower in the event decommissioning is needed.

Mr. Devine said he had written a letter to the Douglas Township Attorney regarding the special meeting held on larger setbacks for Douglas Township for wind farms. After reviewing the Township Statutes, he discovered several legalities that were not followed. A special meeting cannot start before 6 p.m. and all their meetings started before. There have to be fifteen voting members present and there were not. An agenda has to be published in an English speaking newspaper, which wasn't done. He cannot write the Ordinance change to the County's Wind Energy Ordinance regarding setbacks of 2,000' for Douglas Township. A copy of this letter is attached.

There was a very lengthy discussion regarding a Decommissioning Plan for the County with input from several community members. Theta Lee read and submitted a copy of Logan County's Decommissioning Plan which is attached.

After discussion, Mr. Schultz made a motion that there should be at least \$50,000.00 per tower put in an Escrow Account with 20% paid after the first year of operation, 20% paid each year thereafter until the \$50,000.00 minimum has been reached. There needs to be a statement there will be a road agreement in place with the Highway Authorities regarding decommissioning. Included in the plan should be safety mechanics, the removal of the tower,

and site reclamation. This can be pulled from the minutes at County Board if the Committee is not satisfied with the final draft. Mr. Pursley seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken. The motion was approved unanimously.

(The following paragraphs were removed for separate consideration per action taken by the full County Board on September 13, 2011.)

The moratorium on new wind farm applications was discussed.

After discussion, Mr. Meyer made a motion to lift the moratorium if the Planning & Zoning Committee minutes are approved at County Board Tuesday. Mr. Deany seconded this motion.

A roll call vote was taken. Voting "aye" were Don Deany, Merle Lemenager, James Meyer, Dan Pursley, Dale Schultz, and Donna Wasmer. Voting "nay" were Troy Krumwiede and Adam Zumwalt. Motion carried.

Ms. Schleef said Mobile Home Park and Campground fees had been discussed previously. She contacted numerous other counties and most do not even have the fees for this. One County did and they were about the same as Iroquois County's.

Ms. Schleef said complaints are up. Most are small complaints. However, there had been a complaint regarding someone burning shingles outside of Watseka. The EPA had been contacted and he will get this information. The complainer who did not sign the letter had sent a letter also to the EPA. There was also a complaint on a shed built in that area that was below flood plain. An elevation certificate is on record for that shed, showing it above base flood. This complaint is being taken care of but she wanted the Committee to be made aware.

Mr. Schultz said several complaints had been received at the Village of Clifton regarding the Poyner property. Ms. Schleef said Dr. Finnell and Dan Garner are aware. She also stated the State is also watching as there were reports she had sold sick animals.

Mr. Zumwalt said he had been receiving complaints from people around Sheldon regarding the wind farm and wanted to know where these complaints could be directed. Ms. Schleef said they should call E.ON but they could also call the Zoning office.

Mr. Deany made a motion to approve the claims. Mr. Pursley seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken; the motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Lemenager made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Schultz.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 A.M.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

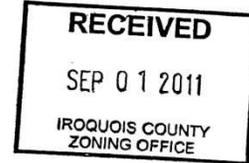
s/Donna Wasmer
s/Don Deany
s/Jim Meyer
s/Merle Lemenager
s/Dan Pursley
s/Dale Schultz
s/Troy Krumwiede
s/Adam Zumwalt



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August 24, 2011



Jim Tungate
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Re: Douglas Township

Dear Jim:

I know that you represent Douglas Township. Recently I was provided with copies of Douglas Township information that pertains to the Douglas Township Plan Commission action of June 24, 2011 and the Douglas Township Board action of June 27, 2011. In particular I have copies of the notices, agenda and minutes of each of those meetings. Of course as you may know, the County Board amended their wind farm zoning ordinance as it pertains to Douglas Township on July 12 as a result of the Douglas Township resolution of June 27, 2011.

In reviewing the Douglas Township Plan Commission and Douglas Township Board records of the above-mentioned dates and comparing those records to the Township statutes, it appears to me that the Plan Commission and the Township Board did not follow all of the necessary requirements of the Township Code.

In particular, 60 ILCS 1/30-10(a) requires notices and agendas be posted at least 10 days before the meeting. Also, the notices and agenda should have been posted in any of the English language newspapers that are published in the Township. Neither of these requirements were done.

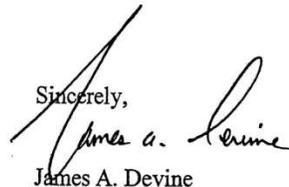
To have a special township meeting pursuant to 60 ILCS 1/35-5 there must be a written statement from the Township Board or voters requesting a special meeting. I am not aware that this procedure was done. Also, special township meetings may not begin before 6p.m. The minutes of the Plan Commission meeting and the Township Board meeting show the meetings commencing before 6p.m.

Pursuant to 60 ILCS 1/35-15 no special meeting shall be convened unless 15 or more electors are present at the meeting. The minutes of the special meeting on June 27 show only 8 people present at a meeting that began at 5p.m.

I have not yet written the ordinance change to the County's Wind Energy Ordinance reflecting the County Board's July 12, 2011 vote recognizing the resolution and request of Douglas Township of June 27, 2011. It is clear to me, at least, that the laws of the Township Code were not followed in several ways by the Douglas Plan Commission and the Douglas Township Board.

I am not prepared to write an ordinance for the County on actions of Douglas Township that were not valid.

Sincerely,



James A. Devine

JAD/cm
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Gloria Schleef

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Alexander O'Brien
Assistant

Logan Co.

interference will occur or that interference has been corrected must be presented at the public hearing before the Board of Appeals.

2. The Applicant shall provide the applicable microwave transmission providers and local emergency service provider(s) (911 operators) copies of the project summary and site plan. To the extent that the above provider(s) demonstrate a likelihood of interference with its communications resulting from the WECS(s), the Applicant shall take reasonable measures to mitigate such anticipated interference. If, after construction of the WECS, the Owner or Operator receives a written complaint related to the above-mentioned, the Owner or Operator shall take reasonable steps to respond to the complaint.
 3. If, after construction of the WECS, the Owner or Operator receives a written complaint related to interference with local broadcast residential television, the Owner or Operator shall take reasonable steps to respond to the complaint.
- C. Materials Handling, Storage and Disposal
1. All solid waste related to the construction, operation and maintenance of the WECS shall be removed from the site promptly and disposed of in accordance with all federal, state, and local laws.
 2. All hazardous materials related to the construction, operation and maintenance of the WECS shall be handled, stored, transported and disposed of in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws.
- D. Coordination with Local Fire Department
1. The Applicant shall submit to the local fire department a copy of the site plan.
 2. Upon request by the local fire department, the Applicant shall cooperate with the local fire department to develop the fire department's emergency response plan.
 3. Nothing in this section shall alleviate the need to comply with all other applicable fire laws and regulations.

VIII. LIABILITY INSURANCE

The WECS project Owner shall maintain a current insurance policy to cover installation and operation of the WECS project. The amount of the policy shall be established as a condition of permit approval.

IX. DECOMMISSIONING PLAN

The WECS project must contain a decommissioning plan to ensure it is properly decommissioned upon the end of the project life or facility abandonment. For the purposes of this section, "facility abandonment" shall mean the ceasing of operations for a period of not less than one (1) year. Decommissioning shall include: removal of all structures (including transmission equipment and fencing) and debris to a depth of four (4) feet, restoration of the soil, and restoration of vegetation within six (6) months of the end of the project life or facility abandonment. The decommissioning plan shall state how the facility will be decommissioned, a professional engineer's estimated cost of decommissioning, the financial resources to be used to accomplish decommissioning, and the escrow agent with which the resources shall be deposited. The decommissioning plan shall also include an agreement between the applicant and the County which states:

1. The financial resources for decommissioning which shall be in the form of a surety bond, or shall be deposited in an escrow account with an escrow agent acceptable to the County.
2. If the Applicant chooses an escrow agreement:
 - a. A written escrow agreement will be prepared, establishing upon what conditions the funds will be disbursed; and
 - b. The County shall have access to the escrow account funds for the express purpose of completing decommissioning if decommissioning is not completed by the applicant within six (6) months of the end of the project life or facility abandonment.
3. The County is granted the right of entry onto the site, pursuant to reasonable notice, to effect or complete decommissioning.
4. The County is granted the right to seek injunctive relief to effect or complete decommissioning, as well as the County's right to seek reimbursement from applicant or applicant's successor for decommissioning costs in excess of the amount deposited in escrow and to file a lien against any real estate owned by the applicant or applicant's successor, or in which they have an interest, for the amount of the excess, and to take all steps allowed to enforce said lien.

~~Financial provisions shall be made available to make WECS project feasible.~~

X. REMEDIES

- A. The Applicant's, Owner's, or Operator's failure to materially comply with any of the above provisions shall constitute a default under this ordinance.
- B. Prior to implementation of the existing County procedures for the resolution of such default(s), the Zoning Officer shall first provide written notice to the Owner and Operator, setting forth the alleged default(s). Such written notice shall provide the Owner and Operator a reasonable time period, not to exceed 60 days, for good faith negotiations to resolve the alleged default(s).
- C. If the County determines in its discretion, that the parties cannot resolve the alleged default(s) within the good faith negotiation period, the existing County ordinance provisions addressing the resolution of such default(s) shall govern.

TRANSPORTATION & HIGHWAY

Mr. Bills, Chairman of the Transportation & Highway Committee, gave the report of his committee and moved for adoption. Motion carried by a roll call.

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY**

Roll call and votes in Iroquois County
Annual Session, September 13, 2011
Chairman Schroeder

On motion to approve the Transportation & Highway Committee report
Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Copas, Deany, Hansen, Hiles, Hubert, Hurt, Lemenager, McCray, Meyer, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Storm, Wasmer, Whitlow, Wilkening, Wynn Bence, Zumwalt
Absent: Curtis, Krumwiede

**STATE OF ILLINOIS
IROQUOIS COUNTY**

County Board, Annual Session
September 13, A.D., 2011

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 9, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. Members present were Russell Bills, Bret Schmid, Ernest Curtis, Charles Alt, Ozzie Storm, Jim Hurt, and Joel Moore, County Engineer.

The meeting was called to order.

After reviewing the claims and financial report for the month of August 2011, it was moved by Jim Hurt and seconded by Kevin Hansen to pay the bills subject to County Board approval. Motion carried.

County Highway	\$72,242.77
County Bridge	5,900.56
County Matching	0
TBP	0
County MFT	93,504.57
Township MFT	112,189.12

County Highway Fund has a balance of \$849,844.37.

County Engineer Joel Moore updated the committee on the County spreader-box section improvement of County CH2 (Pittwood Road). The hauling of stone on the remainder 2.021 miles of the project should be completed today, September 9, 2011.

County Engineer Moore discussed the progress of the wind farms at Settler, Pioneer, and K-4.and answered questions.

County Engineer Moore told the committee he has found a road sign to correct a safety issue of County residents at the 3-way intersection of County Highway 45. The new sign will read "Cross Traffic Does Not Stop".

It was moved by Bret Schmid and seconded by Charles Alt to adjourn at 9:50 A.M. Motion carried.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

s/Russell Bills
s/Bret Schmid
s/Ernest Curtis
s/Charles Alt
s/Ozzie Storm
s/Jim Hurt

APPOINTMENTS

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

Lial L. Zeedyk of 414 North 1st, Chatsworth, IL as Drainage Commissioner of #4 Artesia Ridgeland Drainage District for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September, 2014.

Robert Mapes of 2251 N 1300 East Rd, Ashkum, IL as Drainage Commissioner of #20 Danforth Drainage District #2 for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September, 2014.

Dean Fink 972 E 1400 North Rd, Onarga, IL as Drainage Commissioner of #41 Onarga Drainage District #2 for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September, 2014.

Michael McGehee of 528 E Front, Danforth, IL as Drainage Commissioner of #60 Union Drainage District #3 of Douglas and Danforth for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September, 2014.

Wayne Arseneau of 2408 E 3100 North Rd, Beaverville, IL as Drainage Commissioner of #34 Martinton Drainage District #3 for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September, 2014.

William L. Dirks of 305 South Colfax, Crescent City, IL as Drainage Commissioner of #31 Iroquois Crescent Drainage District #1 for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September, 2014.

Rodney Boone of 2929 N 2200 East Rd, Martinton, IL as Drainage Commissioner of Papineau Drainage District #3 for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September, 2014.

Howard Orcutt 1458 N Township Rd 288, Watseka, IL as Drainage Commissioner of #12 Belmont Drainage District #1 for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September, 2014.

James Anderson of 2929 E 2600 North Rd, Donovan, IL as Drainage Commissioner of #33 Martinton Drainage District #2 for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September, 2014.

Dean Eisenmann of 1619 E 200 North Rd, Cissna Park, IL as Drainage Commissioner of #28 Fountain Creek Drainage District #2 for a term to expire on the 1st day of September, 2014.

Gregory Kuipers 1280 N 1100 East Rd, Onarga, IL as Drainage Commissioner of #44 Onarga Drainage District #4 for a term to expire on the 1st day of September, 2014.

Francis Weber of 201 South Front St, Ashkum, IL as Drainage Commissioner of #22 Danforth Drainage District #5 for a term to expire on the 1st day of September, 2014.

Scott Wilken of 470 W 2400 North Road, Danforth, IL as Drainage Commissioner of #59 Union Drainage District #1 Ashkum-Danforth Townships for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September, 2014.

Marvin Stichnoth of 2836 E 1160 North Rd, Milford, IL as Drainage Commissioner of #16 Coon Creek Drainage District for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September, 2014.

Gerald Johnson of 2865 N 2650 East Rd, Donovan, IL as Drainage Commissioner of #84 Beaver Drainage District #1 for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September, 2014.

Terry Hummel of 1615 E 1600 North Rd, Watseka, IL as Drainage Commissioner of #17 Crescent Drainage District #1 for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September, 2014.

Esther McGehee of 529 E Front, Gilman, IL as Drainage Commissioner of #43 Onarga Drainage District #5 for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September, 2014.

Stephen Ficklin of 109 S Blue Spruce, Onarga, IL as Drainage Commissioner of #42 Onarga Drainage District #3 for a term to expire on the 1st Tuesday of September, 2014.

CLAIMS

The following claims were presented for approval. It was moved by Mr. Hubert 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

Annual Session, September 13, 2011

Chairman Schroeder

On motion to pay the claims

Aye: Alt, Anderson, Bills, Deany, Hansen, Hiles, Hubert, Hurt, Lemenager, McCray, Meyer, Pursley, Schmid, Schultz, Storm, Wasmer, Whitlow, Wilkening, Wynn Bence, Zumwalt

Nay: Copas

Absent: Curtis, Krumwiede

<u>Vendor Name</u>	<u>Check Amount</u>
Benefit Administrative Systems	1,007.77
Mainsource Bank	11,002.47
Applied Concepts Inc	1,075.82
Aramark Services Inc	7,232.22
Big R Stores	11.12
C & C Tire And Auto Service	455.75
Cam Systems	248.00
City Of Watseka	700.00
Communications Revolving Fund	1,089.55
Creative Office Systems, Inc	60.43
Cvs Pharmacy	74.55
Derek Hagen	291.20
Dralle Chev-Cad-Olds & Geo Inc	99.00
Eric Starkey	79.57
Kevin Nordmeyer DbA	400.00
Martin Whalen Office Solutions	250.88
Mediacom LLC	98.03
P. F. Pettibone & Co.	229.85

Paul A Kelnhofer Db	30.75
Pence Oil Company	6,543.93
Philip Zumwalt Md	386.05
Quill Corporation	253.42
Ray O'Herron Co., Inc.	127.90
Secretary Of State	198.00
Verizon Wireless l	184.57
Walmart Community Brc	504.21
Ait Laboratories	180.00
Bill Cheatum	158.20
Hoppe Repair Service	586.62
Midwest Forensic Path Limited	1,000.00
Creative Office Systems, Inc	87.83
Jennifer L Schunke	303.00
Linda S Pieczynski	65.00
Quill Corporation	105.14
Tiger Direct	211.47
West Group Payment Center	505.50
Carl Gerdovich	508.18
Nextel Communications	48.28
Creative Office Systems, Inc	104.63
Iroquois Mental Health Center	500.00
Joseph P Anthony	524.00
Leta Pepper, LCSW	450.00
Pengad	51.90
Ronald E Boyer Pc	5,879.67
Spenn, Johnson & Thompson	105.00
West Group Payment Center	1,907.94
Barbara King	38.08
Kankakee Community College	99.00
Medtox Diagnostics Inc	109.06
Mindy Kuntz Hagan Co Treasurer	80.59
Renae Palmer	46.62
Riverside Reference Laboratory	36.00
Solution Specialties Inc	61.09

Verizon Wireless	88.29
Vermilion County Treasurer	3,570.00
Witham Toxicology Laboratory	26.00
Byers Printing Co.	935.65
Deb Wright	4.44
Gloria Schleef	5.00
Quill Corporation	96.92
The Advocate	17.00
Cdw Government Inc	71.91
Il Assn Of Clerks & Recorders	220.00
Lisa Fancher	29.97
Scheiwe'S Print Shop &	440.00
Tiger Direct	257.97
Creative Office Systems, Inc	208.28
GBS Inc.	8,818.98
Martin Whalen Office Solutions	152.50
Baier Publishing Co.	29.25
C.A.O.A	325.00
Creative Office Systems, Inc	65.65
Iroquois Insurance Agency	60.00
Kankakee Valley Publishing	71.05
Marshall & Swift	476.20
Milford Herald, Inc	43.20
The Gilman Star, Inc.	28.00
The Lone Tree Leader	22.75
The News-Gazette	29.33
The Sidwell Company	3,272.78
Thomas Roselius	12.21
William Kelch	35.52
Ronald Kollman	12.21
Quill Corporation	31.99

Midwest Mailing &	1,062.00
Butler Schein Animal Health	113.67
Dr James Finnell	28.60
VILLAGE OF SHELDON	20.00
William A Garner Db	1,375.00
Precision Data Products	100.43
Cigna Group Insurance	764.20
Ford-Iroq Public Health Dept	12,007.21
Health Alliance Medical Plans	52,815.75
A T & T	2,513.05
Allied Waste Services No. 726	807.43
Angel Pest Control Llc	120.00
Aquality Solutions	31.50
Big R Stores	646.58
C & R Painting	18,000.00
Canady Building Maintenance	1,027.52
City Of Watseka	657.98
CR CONCRETE	16,300.00
D & R Lawn Care	1,278.57
Glade Plumbing & Heating Co	347.82
Hiltz Portable Sanitation Inc	195.00
I-Kan	247.97
Kaper'S Hardware & Building	84.89
M.A.B. PAINTS	2,415.39
Midamerican Energy	10,904.25
Modern Glass Company	833.54
Nicor Gas	314.52
Otis Elevator Company	359.67
Pence Oil Company	88.29
Peoples Complete Bldg Center	358.86
Plumb Mart	133.22
State Fire Marshal	150.00
Tim Goodman Db	520.00
Witseka B & D Enterprises	142.50
Witseka Sign Company	84.00

A T & T Mobility	175.39
Ailey'S 3 Welding	727.30
Allied Waste Services No. 726	378.24
Altorfer Inc	6,523.97
Aquality Solutions	20.00
Ash Grove Township Treasurer	30,433.64
Ashkum Township Treasurer	1,066.12
Atco International	459.00
Bentley Systems Inc	181.25
Big R Stores	116.82
C & C Tire And Auto Service	22.55
C N C Farms & Trucking	29,919.13
Chemco Industries Inc	475.10
Chicago International Trucks	2,606.67
Clauss Specialties Inc	2,399.74
Conrad Trucking, Inc.	19,114.52
Conrad Trucking, Inc.	44,350.73
CONVERGING NETWORKS GROUP	187.50
Coombe-Bloxdorf Pc	1,247.76
Creative Office Systems, Inc	59.60
Dennis Gray DbA	72.00
Doug Butzow	20.29
Eastern Illini Electric Coop	754.08
Fast Distributing Inc	113.93
Fehr-Graham & Associates Llc	2,305.97
Fehr-Graham & Associates Llc	4,652.80
Forestry Suppliers Inc	315.33
General Materials Corp	28,081.48
Gilman Auto Parts	16.76
Gray'S Material Service	2,330.70
Grosso Trucking Inc	6,739.91
Heritage Fs, Inc.	8,255.86
Hicksgas Watseka, Inc.	31.35
Hutchison Engineering Inc	12,322.82
Iroquois Co Highway Department	13,846.91
Iroquois Paving Corp.	2,775.00
John Deere Financial	115.62
Kaper'S Hardware & Building	38.93
Lawson Products	420.44
MARTENSEN & NIEMANN	525.00
MCKINLEY PLUMBING, HEATING & COOLING, INC.	171.83

Milford Township Treasurer	1,295.32
Mindy Kuntz Hagan Co Treasurer	13,886.44
Mindy Kuntz Hagan Co Treasurer	2,013.76
Napa Auto Parts	114.13
Nicor Gas	124.28
Pence Oil Company	46.42
Prairie Material	4,028.86
Price'S Tree Service	1,150.00
Rogers Group Inc.	3,344.50
Scotchmons Stores	189.38
Staples	253.99
T & D Metal Products Co	15.29
The Fastenal Company	331.45
Watseka Ford Lincoln Mercury	95.91
Zee Medical Inc	82.40

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Wynn Bence and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 11:45 A.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 11, 2011 at 9:00 A.M.