

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

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County of Boone)

Boone County Board
10th day December Session
July 20, 2016

The County Board of Boone County in the State of Illinois convened in session at the County Board Room at the Boone County Administration Campus in the City of Belvidere in Boone County on Wednesday, July 20, 2016 at 6:30 pm pursuant to adjournment of the Special County Board Meeting, June 29, 2016.

1.1 The Board was called to order by the Chairman and he proceeded to the dispatch of business. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an invocation was given by Karl Johnson.

2.1 ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Bob Walberg, Chairman

Karl Johnson, Vice Chairman

Sherry Branson

Jeffrey Carlisle

Denny Ellingson

Kenneth Freeman

Sherry Giesecke

Karl Johnson

Raymond Larson

Cory Lind

Brad Stark

Cathy Ward

AGENDA

3.1 Chairman Walberg requested to add Agenda Item 7.6, Veterans Assistance Commission of Boone County. Motion by Cathy Ward and second by Karl Johnson to approve the agenda which will include this addition. Motion carried.

Chairman Walberg announced that Matt Fuesting will be taking the place of State's Attorney Michelle Courier this evening.

MINUTES

4.1 Motion by Jeff Carlisle and second by Karl Johnson to approve the minutes of the County Board meetings of June 15 and June 29, 2016. Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS AND RECOGNITION

5.1 Motion by Karl Johnson and second by Denny Ellingson to consent to the following appointments. Sherry Branson requested for each position to be voted on separately:

Dr. Dennis Corcoran to the Boone County Board of Health for a 3 year term to expire July 1, 2019. Motion carried.

Dr. Pacita Pumilia to the Boone County Board of Health for a 3 year term to expire July 1, 2019. Motion carried.

Stacy Mickelson to the Commissioners of the Housing Authority of Boone County to fill the remainder of a term to expire January, 2019. Motion carried.

Steve Schabacker to the Boone County Zoning Board of Appeals for a 5 year term to expire June 1, 2021. Motion carried.

Motion by Ken Freeman and second by Cathy Ward to reconsider the appointment of Kathryn Rudy to the Conservation District. Cathy Ward read a statement concerning the denial of George Thomas's request to be reinstated. She stated that she strongly objects to the way the appointments are made. Jeff Carlisle discussed the policy that is set and will attempt to make a change. Chairman Walberg said this is not policy it is state statute. Discussion continued. Sherry Branson said she will be voting no on all appointments until she receives information to be able to give her advice and consent. Ken Freeman requested a Roll Call: 4-ayes (Branson, Freeman, Muellner, Ward); 8-nays Motion failed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

6.1 Chairman Walberg said due to criticism public comment will be limited to 2 minutes and will be at the beginning of the meeting.

Cherie R. Bartelt, 2200 Sunrise Dr., Belvidere commented that she feels the board is not representing the people of Boone County. She also commented on the use of the Public Sales Tax money.

April Perry, 15917 Capron Rd., Capron commented on the special use permit she is applying for be tied to the property, not to a name.

Pamela Gustafson, 9637 Poplar Grove Rd., Belvidere commented on her disappointment of rumble strips not being installed at the intersection of Squaw Prairie & Poplar Grove Roads.

Marion Thornberry, 528 E 8th St., Belvidere commented on the use of the Public Safety Sales Tax.

Dan Snow, 409 W Jackson St., Belvidere encouraged the board to increase the amount allocated for the mass transit in next year's budget. He also cautioned on a referendum to increase the Public Safety Tax at this time.

COMMUNITY AGENCIES REPORTS

GROWTH DIMENSIONS

7.1 Jarid Funderburg put on each board member's desk a folder from Growth Dimensions with information and a flash drive about the economic development that they have been working on. He continued with his report saying they are working on 11 serious projects and explained the progress.

COUNCIL ON AGING

7.2 Denny Ellingson said basically their year-end numbers were a balanced budget. They still have \$234,200 due from the State. Cathy Ward mentioned the November 5th fundraiser.

CASA

7.3 Charlotte Meier said they are working on the fundraiser roast of Dan Holmes. She said there was a Culver's night and there will be a 50/50 raffle. She continued with her report.

BOARD OF HEALTH

7.4 Sherry Branson gave the report in the absence of Cindy Frank. She said the fee for nonprofits is still being discussed. Cindy Frank will be retiring September 1st and Bill Hatfield will be retiring in December so they are looking to restructure to eliminate a position to save money. Mrs. Branson said that Dr. Hess has retired from the Board of Health and Jim Cox was appointed as President to replace him.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT OF NORTHERN ILLINOIS

7.5 No report.

VETERANS ASSISTANCE COMMISSION OF BOONE COUNTY

7.6 Bob Ryder commented on the remarkable support from Boone County citizens with donations. He said that he is now a Veteran's Service Officer and can process disability claims. He continued with his report focusing on March, April and May. They will also have a booth at the Boone County Fair.

GENERAL CONSENT ITEMS

8. Motion by Karl Johnson and second by Sherry Giesecke to approve the General Consent Agenda. Roll Call on items 8.1, 8.3 and 8.4: 12-ayes. Motion carried. Roll Call on item 8.2: 11-ayes; 1-abstain (Johnson). Motion carried.

PLANNING, ZONING AND BUILDING

ORDINANCE 16-14

9.1 Motion by Denny Ellingson and second by Brad Stark to approve Ordinance 16-14 (Case #11-2016) requesting a special use permit to add relative living quarters with a separate primary entrance and substantially separate living quarters under Sub-Section 4.11.3 (permitted districts) of Section 4.11 (accessory relative living quarters) of the Boone County Zoning Ordinance. The subject property is located at 15917 Capron Road, Capron, Illinois 61062, in unincorporated Boone Township on 7.57 acres. Approved ZBA (4-0); PZB (5-0). Relatives will be living in the residence and a separate entrance

is needed. Shelly Dunham, who represents the county in the absence of a planner, explained that the special use permit will stay with the land. Discussion continued. Motion carried.

FINANCE, TAXATION & SALARIES

10.1 Motion by Karl Johnson and second by Jeff Carlisle to approve claims with the understanding that Kenny Freeman and Karl Johnson abstain from voting on all claims presented by William Charles and Associates, Karl Johnson abstains from voting on all claims presented by HD Supply and Denny Ellingson abstains from voting on all claims presented by Conserv FS. (Approved 5-0). Roll Call: 12-ayes. Motion carried.

10.2 Motion by Karl Johnson and second by Sherry Giesecke to approve letter to Rockford Mass Transit District fixed route bus service. Roll Call: 10-ayes; 2-nays (Walberg, Stark). Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 16-17

10.3 Motion by Karl Johnson and second by Cory Lind to approve Resolution 16-17 delinquent taxes. Motion carried.

10.4 Motion by Karl Johnson and second by Sherry Giesecke to approve exempting the following positions from the hiring freeze: Language Access Facilitator; Deputy Clerk, County Clerk's Office; County Planner; Transcriber, ZBA Hearings. (Approved 5-0) Motion carried.

10.5 Karl Johnson brought up the Public Safety Sales Tax as a discussion item. He made it clear that no decision has been made by the Finance Committee or any other committee to go for a referendum in November. In committee it was discussed the possibility of increasing the Public Safety Sales Tax up to one cent. It is now at one half cent. He said the majority of the county budget goes to public safety matters and this would help ease that burden. He said he is not interested in making promises that it'll end a certain day or that it'll do this or do that. He does not want to saddle a future board in a decision that this board makes. He then opened the floor to anyone who would like to speak. Jeff Carlisle invited the public to attend the Finance Committee meetings. Sherry Branson and Cathy Ward said they think the public should decide. Cathy Ward suggested 2 referendums-one to end the current tax in 2018 and the other to increase the amount. Chairman Walberg wanted to make sure the public is correctly informed by stating there was never a sunset date on the referendum but a promise made by a group of citizens and states that everything is being followed as it was proposed on the ballot. Brad Stark read the original question that was on the ballot in 1999 per Denny Ellingson's request. Ken Freeman said the public needs to be informed how much is in that account. Mrs. Giesecke said she agrees with that but we also need to focus on what the expenses are to provide public safety to this county. Discussion continued on what caused loss of revenue. Being understaffed, paying overtime and workman's comp in the PSB has contributed to the problem. Mr. Johnson continued with more discussion. Mrs. Giesecke stressed that this is a user tax, a little less painful than a higher property tax. Chairman Walberg said you can't keep voting for expenses and increases and not try to find additional revenue. He said that the sales tax is paid by a lot of people outside of the

county. Winnebago County has this tax and anyone who shops there is already paying the 1% now but the money goes to Winnebago County. Discussion ended.

A 5 min break was taken at 8:15 pm.

ROADS & CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

11.1 Motion by Brad Stark and second by Cory Lind to approve change order in the amount of \$6,428.40 (net amount) for electrical service line to the new Animal Services Building. (Budgeted) (Approved 5-0). Roll Call: 12-ayes. Motion carried.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

12.1 No motions.

ADMINISTRATIVE & LEGISLATIVE

13.1 Motion by Sherry Giesecke and second by Jeff Carlisle to approve Boone County membership in NACo. (Approved 5-0). There was discussion. Roll Call: 9-ayes; 3-nays; (Walberg, Giesecke, Stark). Motion carried.

13.2 Motion by Sherry Giesecke and second by Denny Ellingson to approve Health Insurance Plan amendment for uniform wait period for all new hires. (Approved 5-0). Motion carried.

13.3 Motion by Sherry Giesecke and second by Ray Larson to approve Health Insurance Plan renewal with Blue Cross/Blue Shield. (Approved 5-0). Ken Terrinoni said this is the best overall proposal. The increase is staggering due to the claims history. Mr. Tim Knauf from Williams Manny commented. Roll Call: 12-ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 16-15

13.4 Motion by Sherry Giesecke and second by Sherry Branson to approve Resolution 16-15 Precinct Election Judges. (Approved 5-0). Motion carried.

13.5 Mrs. Giesecke said the process is in place for the hiring of the Planner position. People have submitted their resumes and she asked Ken to schedule interviews. Mr. Walberg thought it a good idea that the PZB be involved. There was discussion on which committee would be handling this process. Brad Stark says he thinks it best not to bring any more people into this. We just need to move forward. Mrs. Giesecke said this was originally given to Administrative & Legislative and they have been doing a lot of work on this and that the people applying think they will be answering to the County Administrator. Sherry Branson feels the Administrative Committee has representatives from all of the other committees and they should continue to be the one in charge of this.

CITY-COUNTY COORDINATING.

14.1 No motions.

PUBLIC SAFETY

15.1 No motions.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

16.1 COMMUNITY BUILDING

Ken Freeman said they discussed the budget and tomorrow night will be the election of officers.

16.2 UCCI

Ken Terrinoni said the summer event is next Monday and Tuesday in Galena.

16.3 CAA (Community Action Agency)

Sherry Branson had no report.

16.4 911 BOARD

Karl Johnson had no report.

16.5 OTHER COMMITTEES

None

16.6 SCHEDULING OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

August	01, 2016	Administrative & Legislative	6:00 PM
August	02, 2016	Roads & Capital Improvements	6:00 PM
August	03, 2016	Planning, Zoning & Building	6:00 PM
August	03, 2016	City-County Coordinating	7:00 PM
August	04, 2016	Health & Human Services	6:00 PM
August	04, 2016	Finance	6:45 PM
August	08, 2016	Public Safety	6:00 PM
August	17, 2016	County Board	6:30 PM

17. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

18. NEW BUSINESS

None

19. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None

20. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

21. ANTICIPATED MOTIONS FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION

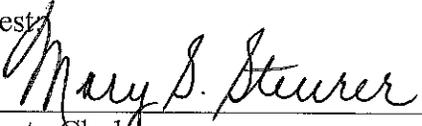
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22. ADJOURNMENT

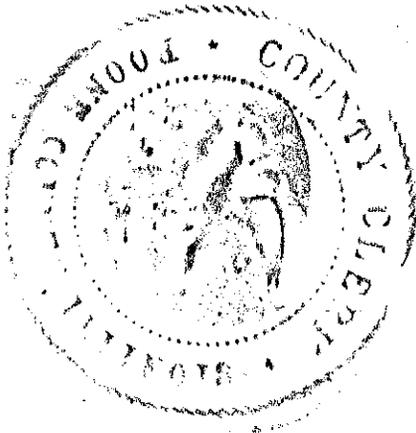
22.1 Motion by Brad Stark and second by Sherry Giesecke to adjourn until August 17, 2016. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.



County Board Chairman

Attest:


County Clerk



**CONSENT AGENDA SUMMARY
July 20, 2016 County Board Meeting**

Fund Transfers

FROM	TO	AMOUNT OF TRANSFER	COUNTY BOARD (April 20, 2016)
General Fund	Employee Health Fund	\$500,000	Budgeted
General Fund	Landfill Closure	\$22,500	Budgeted

Road Projects

1. The committee recommends awarding Section 16-06000-00-GM in LeRoy Township to the low bidder Civil Constructors of Freeport, Illinois in the amount of \$36,512.71 which will be paid for with LeRoy Township Motor Fuel Tax Funds. This project is to place a double seal coat on LeRoy Center Road south of Hunter Road. This is a budgeted project.

Raffle Permits

The following Applications for License to Conduct a Raffle have been approved by the Raffle Administrators:

1. Raffle: Boone County Fair (Class A License)
2. Raffle: Friends Helping Friends Busche Benefit (Class A License)
3. Raffle: Belvidere Rotary Club (Class A License)
4. Raffle: River City Sound Chapter, Sweet Adeline's Intl. (Class A License)
5. Raffle: River City Sound Chapter, Sweet Adeline's Intl. (Class A License)
6. Raffle: Rockford University (Class A License)

Donations

The following donations have been approved by standing committees:

1. Marjorie Carlson: Cash Donation to Animal Services in the amount of \$100.00
2. David Kietzman: Cash Donation to Animal Services in the amount of \$100.00
3. Flag Pole to new Animal Services building