

STEPHENSON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday May 14, 2008
6:30 PM
Stephenson County Board Room

The Stephenson County Board met in the Courthouse on Wednesday May 14, 2008. Chairman Blum called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mr. A. Kuhlemeier gave the Invocation and Mr. Koch led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Clerk called the roll. Members present; Samuel Newton, Bennie Brown, Charles Hilton, Jeffrey Mikkelsen, Debra Devine, Sheila Hooper, Todd McKenna, William Hadley, Donald Parker, Vicki Hooper, James Graham, Alvin Wire, Linda Dotson, Jim Kuhlmeier, Sandra Kubatzke, Andrew Kuhlemeier, Lynn Koch, Russell Cashmore, Salvatore Détente, Forrest Senn and John Blum. Member absent; Brenda Boynton. Twenty-one members present. One member absent.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Ms. Dotson made a motion to approve the agenda as received. Second by Mr. Newton. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the agenda as received carried unanimously.*

APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 9, 2008 MEETING MINUTES: It was noted the April meeting minutes should reflect the Highway Report followed the Zoning Report. Mr. Koch made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2008 meeting as amended. Second by Mr. Hilton. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2008 meeting as amended carried unanimously.*

CLAIMS ON THE CLERK'S DESK: Ms. V. Hooper made a motion that all claims on the Clerk's desk be referred to the proper committees without reading. Second by Mr. Senn. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion that all claims on the Clerk's desk be referred to the proper committees without reading carried unanimously.*

COMMUNICATIONS: The Clerk reported the following communications had been received;

- Public Defender Monthly Report for April, 2008; 341 New Cases, 307 Cases Closed and Income to Public Defender Fund \$2,939.07
- Violent Crime Victims Compensation Act Monthly Report for April

Ms. V. Hooper made a motion to approve all communications and place on file. Second by Mr. Senn. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve all communications and place on file carried unanimously.*

OLD BUSINESS

Public Hearing: Last month a Public Hearing was held regarding the issuance of tax-exempt revenue bonds for construction projects by the Freeport Regional Health Care Foundation. The Public Notice for last month's Public Hearing gave the new building site as "Fairview Drive" rather than "Fairway Drive". The FHN attorneys requested the County hold another Public Hearing and adoption of the various documents. Chairman Blum opened the Public Hearing for discussion on the Resolution to authorize the issuance of not to exceed \$10,000,000 Health Care Facilities Revenue Bonds for the Freeport Regional Health Care Foundation Project, Series 2008 and authorizing the execution of documents in connection therewith. With no public comments or testimony, Chairman Blum closed the Public Hearing.

Resolution #08-04-1543 authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$10,000,000 Health Care Facilities Revenue Bonds (Freeport Regional Health Care Foundation Project) Series 2008 and authorizing the execution of documents in connection therewith to include; Trust Indenture, Loan Agreement, Tax Letter of Instructions and Purchase Contract: Mr. Graham made a motion to approve Resolution #08-04-1543 and the execution of the Trust Indenture, Loan Agreement, Tax Letter of Instructions and Purchase Contract. Second by Ms. S. Hooper. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Hadley, Parker, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Kubatzke, A. Kuhlemeier, Koch, Cashmore, Détente, Senn and Blum. Twenty-one ayes. *Motion to approve Resolution #08-04-1543 authorizing the issuance of Revenue Bonds for Freeport Regional Health Care Foundation Project and execution of the Trust Indenture, Loan Agreement, Tax Letter of Instructions and Purchase Contract carried unanimously.*

NIDA Funding: Mr. Graham reported the Planning & Development/Finance Committee recommends approval of \$15,000 in additional funding for NIDA. This new proposal contributes the funds from the Mill Race Crossing Consulting line item and any future funding would be reviewed at budget time. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve an additional \$15,000 to NIDA, with funding from the Mill Race Crossing Account. Second by Mr. Koch. Much discussion followed on funding NIDA and protecting the County's investment. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: Newton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Parker, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Kubatzke, Koch, Cashmore, Senn and Blum. Members voting nay: Brown, Hilton, Hadley, A. Kuhlemeier and Détente. Sixteen ayes. Five nays. *Motion to approve an additional \$15,000 for NIDA with funding from the Mill Race Crossing Consulting budget carried.*

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Snyders reported the Sally-port floor repairs are about completed; he is pleased with the outcome of the project. The Sheriff's Reserve Trailer should be complete by the end of May. The Trailer has the capability to be a back-up 9-1-1 Center.

HIGHWAY REPORT:

#08-05-1551 HD 08-15 Awarding low bidder for Section 08-00173-00-BR, Pearl City Road, Miche Bridge; Mr. Isbell noted the bid was considerably higher than the estimate because of unexpected traffic control costs. He will work with IDOT to see if the costs can possibly be reduced. Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve HD 08-15. Second by Mr. Koch. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Hadley, Parker, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Kubatzke, A. Kuhlemeier, Koch, Cashmore, Détente, Senn and Blum. Twenty-one ayes. *Motion to approve Resolution #08-05-1551 HD 08-15 awarding low bid to Moring Construction carried unanimously.*

#08-05-1552 HD 08-16 Approving new Entrance Permit Fees; Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve HD 08-16. Second by Mr. Cashmore. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Resolution #08-05-1552 HD 08-16 changing the cost of entrance permits carried with nay vote noted.*

#08-15-1553 Budget Amendment – Highway & Motor Fuel; Mr. Isbell explained the Budget Amendment was necessary because of overtime and materials due to the winter conditions. This budget amendment consists of in-house funds only with no additional funds from the General Fund. Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve Resolution #08-15-1553. Second by Mr. Koch. It was noted that the Federal Government has granted \$23,000 for the February 5th and 6th storm. Mr. Isbell is still hoping for a “Seasonal Declaration”. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Hadley, Parker, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Kubatzke, A. Kuhlemeier, Koch, Cashmore, Détente, Senn and Blum. Twenty-one ayes. *Motion to approve Resolution #08-05-1553 amending the 2008-2008 Fiscal Year Budget for the Highway Department carried unanimously.*

Mr. Isbell reported on the Federal tax holiday being talked about. This would be approximately a \$26 savings to the consumer while costing the Federal Highway Fund \$9 billion. The Committee recommends the Board write a letter to our Federal Legislators on behalf of Stephenson County stating the County opposes this concept. Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion authorizing Chairman Blum to write the letter. Second by Mr. Brown. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to write a letter to our Federal Legislators on behalf of Stephenson County stating the County opposes the Federal Gas Tax Holiday carried unanimously.*

Mr. Isbell reported one of the Engineering Tech’s has taken a job with another company, he is considering hiring an intern for the summer.

Discussion was held on the Cedarville Bridge project. Mr. Isbell is currently working with a wetland appraiser and hopes for a June letting.

ONING REPORT

Variance – 38’ Setback Variance for Garage; request by Kenneth Hillmer

The Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously recommended the Variance be granted. No County Board action was required.

Zoning District Map Amendment – A-1 to E-1; request by Jason Bardell

The Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously recommended the Zoning District Map Amendment be granted. Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve the map amendment. Second by Mr. Cashmore. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the Zoning District Map Amendment from A-1 to E-1 requested by Jason Bardell carried unanimously.*

Zoning District Map Amendment – A-1 to E-1; request by Aaron Wolfe

The Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously recommended the Zoning District Map Amendment be granted. Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve the map amendment. Second by Mr. Parker. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the Zoning District Map Amendment from A-1 to E-1 requested by Aaron Wolfe carried unanimously.*

Resolution #08-05-1564 Supporting a Collaborative Countywide Housing Needs Assessment

Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve the Resolution. Second by Mr. McKenna. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Resolution #08-05-1564 supporting a collaborative Countywide Housing needs assessment carried unanimously.*

PECATONICA PRAIRIE PATH/JANE ADDAMS TRAIL: No Report

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT: Mr. Scott Allshouse was presented the Volunteer of the Year award. Chairman Blum read into record the nomination letter written by Mr. Groves.

9-1-1 REPORT: Mr. Groves reported on the May 12, 2008 meeting.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mr. Beintema reported food scores for the month of April. The County Need Assessment, “21st Century Health Communities” will begin June 10th. The Health Department has submitted a proposal for a federally qualified Health Center planning grant to provide medical services for the non-insured. Freeport Mosquito Abatement District and the Health Department are starting to test, they will begin with a fly-over looking for “danger” sites. A workshop on “Event on Stephenson County Awareness of Poverty Effects” will be held May 29th. Animal Control has updated their computer program and added internet access. There is a Radon program scheduled for May 30th.

NURSING CENTER REPORT: Mr. Fortney reported on events planned at the Nursing Center honoring Nursing Home Week. The Committee has approved fixing the potholes in the front parking lot. Mr. Snavely is working on proposals for roof repairs. The census is currently at 114 with 8 Veterans.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mr. Pauley reported the monthly statistics. He noted that a minor has been placed in Sleezer Home so costs will be going up accordingly.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman Blum attended a USEPA Brownfields conference in Detroit with representatives from Fehr-Graham and the City of Freeport. Attendance at this conference is a requirement of our Brownfield grants and the cost of attending is paid by the grant. During the conference Chairman Blum attended a number of seminars on the use of Brownfield and other investment tools to enhance local economic development activity. The Chair will be attending a meeting tomorrow morning with Fehr-Graham to compare notes on our conference experience and determine what programs we can implement locally. In addition to the technical information presented it was a benefit to meet the various project managers in our EPA Region 5 and to hear of the challenges being addressed by other communities and counties in our size range. The contacts made at this conference should benefit us when we make our next grant application to USEPA in the fall.

We are in the final stages of closing out the projects covered in our first Brownfield grants. We should have a project summary and a newsletter available for you by the June County Board meeting.

GVA-Williams continue to market the Mill Race Industrial Park and is pursuing various leads in that regard. We are working with a renewable fuels company, a logistics company, a couple manufacturers, and a spec-building developer. All of these projects are sizeable and require customized development agreements that account for the level of investment and jobs created. We hope to have a Letter of Intent ready for your consideration on the renewable fuels company by next month.

As we are preparing for the next infrastructure improvement phase in Mill Race Industrial Park, we are undergoing an FAA review of the proposed water tower due to its height and proximity to Albertus Airport. We are coordinating with the Freeport Airport Commission in this process.

We have been contacted by a representative from HUD advising us that we will be able to begin the process of receiving the \$150,000 grant for Mill Race secured by Congressman Manzullo.

The EcoGrove wind project is gaining momentum. Efforts are now underway to develop the project management site located NW of Lena that will include about a 12-acre lay down area to stage equipment and components. EcoEnergy is also working on finalizing plans for Phase II of the project which has the potential of tripling the investment. We are assisting in the coordination of road permits and utility relocation to allow the large trucks and cranes to access the work sites.

The Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) update is due to the RC&D the end of this month. This update is required to continue our County's access to EDA funding and technical assistance. NIDA is assisting with this update as they have in years past.

The Local Workforce Investment Board (LWIB) is dealing with a funding rescission from the federal government that will reduce dollars available for job training programs by more than \$300,000. We are working through a revised budget for the State due by the end of this month that reflects this reduction.

We have begun the process to request an extension of our Enterprise Zone for additional 10-years. This extension must be approved by the legislature before the current e-zone expires in February 2010.

The Lena Park District is planning their second annual Peddle-Paddle Event for Saturday June 14, 2008 beginning at 10:30 a.m. The event sponsors are requesting access to Cedarville Road between the Jane Addams Trail and the McNeil's Damascus Landing. The County Engineer will work to safely coordinate this activity.

Preparations for the Lincoln-Douglas Debate celebrations continue in earnest. Keep your calendar open for events scheduled around the August 30, 2008 weekend.

As you know, Illinois is in dire need of a progressive capital plan to fund needed roads, bridges, and schools. In order to facilitate this plan an organization called the Illinois Works Coalition was formed and is co-chaired by Dennis Hastert, former Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives and Glenn Poshard, President of Southern Illinois University. It is no secret that 75% of our State highways are more than 40 years old and reaching the end of their design life and that we desperately need an expanded US 20 in our region to enhance safety and economic development. It is also a fact that our passenger and freight trains crawl along at a fraction of their possible speed because of needed track repairs. Chairman Blum received a letter from the coalition asking that he serve on their Executive Committee. He has accepted this invitation and will work to push a properly prioritized and funded capital plan for our region.

On Wednesday, May 28, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. there will be an official ground breaking of the new United States Courthouse in Rockford. This groundbreaking is hosted by Senator Durbin and Congressman Manzullo. All of you are invited to attend and if you do so, please let Chairman Blum know so he can RSVP your attendance.

On May 12, 2008 Chairman Blum received a letter from State Senator Bill Brady concerning the recent Bill presented in the Illinois Senate to amend the State Constitution to establish a recall procedure for recalling incompetent public officials. This Bill failed in the Senate by three votes short of the required 3/5ths majority. Senator Brady is asking each County Board to consider placing an advisory, nonbinding question on the November 2008 ballot to give the voters an opportunity to be heard on this matter. A question of this

type can be placed on the ballot by resolution of this board passed no later than 65 days before the election. In order to meet this deadline we would have to approve this resolution no later than our August 2008 County Board meeting. This question was referred to the Administration Committee for review and recommendation at their June Meeting.

As you know, this is National Nursing Home Week. We are celebrating with our residents at the Stephenson Nursing Center all this week. Chairman Blum attended the kickoff ceremony on Monday along with Mayor Gaulrapp and Chairman Kubatzke. We have invested in the care of our senior citizens for more than 150 years and he stated he is very thankful for the care and compassion displayed by this Board, our Staff and Administration, the caregivers, the volunteers, and the community.

APPOINTMENTS:

Reappoint Ronald J. Weis for the Otter Creek Lake Utility District
Appoint Russell Cashmore III for the University of Illinois Extension
Appoint Peter Willging for Enterprise Zone – Alternate Member

Ms. S. Hooper made a motion to concur with the appointments as read. Second by Ms. V. Hooper. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to concur with the appointments as read carried unanimously.*

STATE'S ATTORNEY REPORT: State's Attorney Vogt reported the Peer Jury was holding their first Teen Court this evening. They have adult volunteers that screen the juveniles with interviews. Freeport, Aquin and Dakota High Schools have volunteers serving as jurors. Ms. Cooley has done a lot of preparation in starting this Peer Jury.

Action Items from Standing Committee

Finance: Mr. Graham presented the following action items;

IP Phone System

The Finance Committee recommends acceptance of the proposal submitted by the Aero Group. Mr. Kane reviewed the proposal from Aero Group for an IP based telephone system. Tom Rutter and Adam Schulz from Aero Group were also present. The system would cover the Courthouse, Health Department and Public Safety Building. Telephone service and billing at the Jail will continue as at the present. The Highway Department and Nursing Center both have stand alone telephone systems and are not yet involved with this conversion. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve developing a contract with Aero. Second by Mr. J. Kuhlmeier. Mr. Newton asked to abstain from voting on this item, as he is employed by the Aero Group. Ms. S. Hooper made a motion to allow Mr. Newton to abstain from voting on this motion. Second by Mr. Parker. The Chair called for a voice vote. *Motion to allow Mr. Newton to abstain from voting on this issue carried unanimously.* The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion to approve developing a contract with Aero. *Motion to develop a contract with Aero Group for an IP based telephone system carried unanimously.*

Nursing Center Tax Anticipation Warrants

The Nursing Center needs Tax Anticipation Warrant to cover their cash flow shortage. Treasurer Becker reported she could secure a \$500,000 tax anticipation warrant through Citizens State Bank at a rate of 2.95%. The full \$500,000 will be deposited into a money market account earning a rate of 3.00%. The payback date on the note is November 30, 2008. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the Tax Anticipation Warrant. Second by Mr. Détente. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Hadley, Parker, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Kubatzke, A. Kuhlmeier, Koch, Cashmore, Détente, Senn and Blum. Twenty-one ayes. *Motion to approve the \$500,000 Tax Anticipation Warrant for the Nursing Center carried unanimously.*

Public Property & Safety: Mr. Senn presented the following action items;

Budget Amendment – EMA Grants

Mr. Senn made a motion to approve Resolution # 08-05-1555. Second by Mr. McKenna. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Hadley, Parker, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Kubatzke, A. Kuhlmeier, Koch, Cashmore, Détente, Senn and Blum. Twenty-one ayes. *Motion to approve Resolution #08-05-1555 amending the 2008-2008 Fiscal Year Budget for the Emergency Management carried unanimously.*

Budget Amendment – Sheriff Automotive

Mr. Senn made a motion to approve Resolution # 08-05-1556. Second by Mr. McKenna. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Hadley, Parker, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Kubatzke, A. Kuhlmeier, Koch, Cashmore, Détente, Senn and Blum. Twenty-one ayes. *Motion to approve Resolution #08-05-1556 amending the 2008-2008 Fiscal Year Budget for the Sheriff's Department carried unanimously.*

Administration: Ms. S. Hooper presented the following action items;

Budget Amendment – Treasurer

Ms. S. Hooper made a motion to approve Resolution # 08-05-1557. Second by Mr. Mikkelsen. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Hadley, Parker, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Kubatzke, A.

Kuhlemeier, Koch, Cashmore, Détente, Senn and Blum. Twenty-one ayes. *Motion to approve Resolution #08-05-1557 amending the 2008-2008 Fiscal Year Budget for the Treasurer's Office carried unanimously.*

Budget Amendment – EZ Administrator

Ms. S. Hooper made a motion to approve Resolution # 08-05-1558. Second by Mr. Parker. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Hadley, Parker, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Kubatzke, A. Kuhlemeier, Koch, Cashmore, Détente, Senn and Blum. Twenty-one ayes. *Motion to approve Resolution #08-05-1558 amending the 2008-2008 Fiscal Year Budget for the Enterprise Zone carried unanimously.*

Raffles (all fees and bonding in order)

1452 Lena Golf Club, Manager Jim Larsh

1453 Lena American Legion – Home Town Heroes, Manager Steve Neuschwander

1454 German Valley Lions Club, Manager Donald Plock

Ms. S. Hooper made a motion to approve the Raffles. Second by Ms. V. Hooper. *The Chair called for a voice vote. Motion to approve the Raffles carried unanimously.*

Nursing Center: Ms. Kubatzke presented the following action items:

Budget Amendment – Nursing Center

Ms. Kubatzke made a motion to approve Resolution # 08-05-1559. Second by Ms. Dotson. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Hadley, Parker, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Kubatzke, A. Kuhlemeier, Koch, Cashmore, Détente, Senn and Blum. Twenty-one ayes. *Motion to approve Resolution #08-05-1559 amending the 2008-2008 Fiscal Year Budget for the Nursing Center carried unanimously.*

Planning & Development: Mr. Mikkelsen presented the following action items;

RSAD Agreement

The Committee has revised the proposed contract from last month's County Board Meeting and recommends approval of the revised contract for R. Skurla Associates Development. Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve the proposed contract. Second by Mr. Graham. Discussion followed on the responsibilities of the position and relationship to NIDA. Mr. Détente voiced concern with the County's liability. Further discussion was held on insurance and the language of the contract. Mr. Détente made a motion to layover the contract until proof of insurance is provided by RSAD. Second by Mr. A. Kuhlemeier. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion to layover. Members voting aye: Brown, Hadley, Wire, A. Kuhlemeier and Détente. Members voting nay: Newton, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Parker, V. Hooper, Graham, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Kubatzke, Koch, Cashmore, Senn and Blum. Five ayes. Sixteen nays. *Motion to layover the contract until proof of insurance is provided by RSAD failed.* The Chair called for a roll call vote on the original motion to approve the proposed contract. Members voting aye: Newton, Mikkelsen, S. Hooper, McKenna, Parker, V. Hooper, Graham, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Kubatzke, Koch, Cashmore and Blum. Members voting nay: Brown, Hilton, Devine, Hadley, Wire, A. Kuhlemeier, Détente and Senn. Thirteen ayes. Eight nays. *Motion to approve the contract for R. Skurla Associates Development carried.*

Ordinance Amending the Boundaries of the Joint City of Freeport-County of Stephenson Certified Enterprise Zone – EcoGrove “Lancaster Substation”

Resolution to Authorize an Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement for the Operation of an Enterprise Zone – EcoGrove “Lancaster Substation”

Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve Ordinance #O08-05-1560 and Resolution #08-05-1561. Second by Mr. Koch. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Ordinance #O08-05-1560 Amending the Boundaries of the Joint City of Freeport-County of Stephenson Certified Enterprise Zone – EcoGrove “Lancaster Substation” and Resolution #08-05-1561 Resolution to Authorize an Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement for the Operation of an Enterprise Zone – EcoGrove “Lancaster Substation” carried unanimously.*

Ordinance Amending the Boundaries of the Joint City of Freeport-County of Stephenson Certified Enterprise Zone – HB Plastics

Resolution to Authorize an Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement for the Operation of an Enterprise Zone – HB Plastics

Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve Ordinance #O08-05-1562 and Resolution #08-05-1563. Second by Mr. Graham. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Ordinance #O08-05-1560 Amending the Boundaries of the Joint City of Freeport-County of Stephenson Certified Enterprise Zone – HB Plastics and Resolution #08-05-1561 Resolution to Authorize an Amendment to Intergovernmental Agreement for the Operation of an Enterprise Zone – HB Plastics carried unanimously.*

2008 Enterprise Zone Budget

Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve the 2008 Enterprise Zone Budget as presented. Second by Mr. Cashmore. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the 2008 Enterprise Zone Budget as presented carried unanimously.*

Information Items from Standing Committees

Public Property & Safety: The Committee has approved ordering County flags and banners for the sesquicentennial celebration of the Lincoln-Douglas debate.

Administration: The Committee has asked Chairman Blum to appoint two people to work with the City council representative to organize a joint meeting.

Court Services: The Committee has approved a request of \$2,000 to the Millionaire's Club from the Youth Diversion Fees.

Nursing Center: The Annual Nursing Home Week is May 12-17.

CLAIMS

Finance & Procurement	\$	929,460.64
Administration	\$	29,316.32
Public Works	\$	141,347.67
Nursing Center	\$	259,594.87
Public Property	\$	67,418.50
Court Services	\$	25,222.49
Public Safety	\$	70,598.80
Planning & Development	\$	9,658.06
9-1-1	\$	24,754.39

Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the Claims as presented. Second by Ms. Kubatzke. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Hadley, Parker, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Kubatzke, A. Kuhlmeier, Koch, Cashmore, Détente, Senn and Blum. Twenty-one ayes. *Motion to approve the Claims as presented carried unanimously.*

Mileage & Per Diems – Subject to review by Finance Chairman

Blum 11 days, 0 miles-Boynton 0 days, 0 miles-Brown 6 days, 14 miles-Cashmore 4 days, 80 miles-Detente 6 days, 81 miles-Devine 5 days, 14 miles-Dotson 5 days, 214 miles-Graham 10 days, 33 miles-Hadley 3 days, 14 miles- Hilton 8 days, 28 miles-S Hooper 5 days, 16 miles-V Hooper 5 days, 10 miles- Koch 3 days, 96 miles, Kubatzke 8 days, 112 miles-A Kuhlmeier 3 days, 95 miles-J Kuhlmeier 7 days, 158 miles-McKenna 3 days, 12 miles-Mikkelsen 8 days, 16 miles-Newton 5 days, 10 miles- Parker 6 days, 24 miles-Senn 7 days, 98 miles-Wire 3 days, 118 miles. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the mileage and per diems. Second by Mr. Détente. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the mileage and per diems carried unanimously.*

OTHER BUSINESS: Mr. Cashmore reported that Freeport resident Mark Hollis will be competing in the 2008 Summer Olympics.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE: None

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Blum announced the Board would need to move into executive session to discuss Union Negotiations, Legal Matters and Real Estate. Mr. Graham made a motion to move into executive session. Second by Mr. Détente. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, McKenna, Hadley, Parker, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Kubatzke, A. Kuhlmeier, Koch, Cashmore, Détente, Senn and Blum. Twenty ayes. Not available: S. Hooper. *Motion to move into executive session carried.*

REGULAR SESSION: Chairman Blum called the regular session of the County Board back to order. He announced that Union Negotiations, Legal Matters and Real Estate had been discussed during executive session with no action taken.

Law Enforcement Contract

Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion to ratify the 4-year agreement with the PPLC. Second by Mr. Koch. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the 4-year agreement with the PPLC for Law Enforcement Officials carried unanimously.*

Mill Race Crossing Industrial Park – Land Agreement

Mr. Graham made a motion to accept the proposed agreement with Blackhawk Bio-Fuels and authorize the Chairman to finalize the necessary paperwork. Second by Mr. Parker. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to accept the proposed agreement with Blackhawk Bio-Fuels and authorize the Chairman to finalize the necessary paperwork carried unanimously.*

ADJOURN UNTIL 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY JUNE 11, 2008: Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to adjourn until 6:30 p.m. Wednesday June 11, 2008. Second by Mr. Koch. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to adjourn carried at 9:28 p.m.*

Ms. Boynton will lead the Pledge and Mr. Cashmore will be responsible for the Invocation at the June 11th Meeting

John J. Blum, Stephenson County Board Chairman

ATTEST:

Vici R. Otte, Stephenson County Clerk