

**STEPHENSON COUNTY BOARD MEETING**  
**Stephenson County Board Room**  
**9:00 a.m. Monday December 1, 2008**

The organizational meeting was called to order by Stephenson County Clerk Vici Otte. The Pledge of Allegiance led by County Treasurer, Adrienne Becker.

**Oath of Office:** The following County Board Members, having received their Certificates of Election, were administered their Oath of Office by the Honorable Judge Ursin; Bennie L. Brown, Charles Hilton, Jeffrey B. Mikkelsen, Sheila Hooper, Peter Willging, Donald E. Parker, John J. Blum, James C. Graham, Linda L. Dotson, Thomas R. Gilmour, Lynn Koch, George Kinney and Forrest J. Senn.

**Roll Call:** The Clerk called the roll. Members present; Bennie Brown, Charles Hilton, Jeffrey Mikkelsen, Sheila Hooper, Todd McKenna, Peter Willging, Donald Parker, John Blum, Vicki Hooper, James Graham, Alvin Wire, Linda Dotson, Jim Kuhlmeier, Thomas Gilmour, Lynn Koch, Brenda Boynton, George Kinney, Salvatore Detente, and Forrest Senn. Members absent: Samuel Newton, Debra Devine and Andrew Kuhlemeier. Nineteen members present. Three members absent.

**Approval of the Agenda:** Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve the agenda as received. Second by Mr. Detente. *Motion to approve the Agenda carried unanimously by voice vote.*

Arrival of Mr. A. Kuhlemeier was noted.

**Nominations and Election for County Board Chairman:** Mr. Graham made a motion to nominate Mr. Blum for Chairman. Second by Mr. Mikkelsen. Mr. Kinney made a motion to nominate Mr. Détente for Chairman. Second by Ms. Boynton. Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion the nominations be closed. Second by Ms. S. Hooper. Mr. Kinney spoke to his motion stating he feels the Board needs a change in leadership. *Motion to close the nominations for Chairman carried unanimously by voice vote.* The Clerk called a roll call vote on the nominations for Chairman. Members voting for Mr. Blum: Brown, Mikkelsen, S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker, Blum, V. Hooper, Graham, J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, Koch, Detente and Senn. Members voting for Mr. Détente: Hilton, Wire, Dotson, A. Kuhlemeier, Boynton and Kinney. 14 votes for Mr. Blum. 6 votes for Mr. Détente. Mr. Blum was elected Chairman.

**Nominations and Election for County Board Vice Chairman:** Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion to nominate Mr. Graham for Vice Chairman. Second by Mr. Brown. Ms. Boynton made a motion to nominate Mr. Détente for Vice Chairman. Second by Mr. A. Kuhlemeier. Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion the nominations be closed. Second by Mr. J. Kuhlmeier. *Motion to close the nomination for Vice Chairman carried unanimously by voice vote.* The Clerk called a roll call vote on the nominations for Vice Chairman. Members voting for Mr. Graham: Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker, Blum, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, Koch, Detente and Senn. Members voting for Mr. Détente: Dotson, A. Kuhlemeier, Boynton and Kinney. 16 votes for Mr. Blum. 4 votes for Mr. Détente. Mr. Graham was elected Vice Chairman.

**Committee Appointments:** (\*denotes Chair \*\*denotes Vice-Chair)

**Finance;** \*James Graham, \*\*Jim Kuhlmeier, Forrest Senn, Sheila Hooper, Vicki Hooper, Sol Detente and Jeffrey Mikkelsen.

**Public Property and Safety;** \*Forrest Senn, \*\*Todd McKenna, Peter Willging, Vicki Hooper, James Graham, Brenda Boynton and Sol Detente.

**Administration;** \*Sheila Hooper, \*\*Jim Kuhlmeier, Jeffrey Mikkelsen, Donald Parker, Linda Dotson, Alvin Wire and Andrew Kuhlemeier.

**Court Services;** \*Vicki Hooper, \*\*Charles Hilton, Bennie Brown, Peter Willging, Thomas Gilmour and Forrest Senn.

**Nursing Center;** \*Sol Detente, \*\*Charles Hilton, Bennie Brown, Debra Devine, Todd McKenna, Linda Dotson, George Kinney, James Graham and Thomas Gilmour.

**Planning and Development;** \*Jeffrey Mikkelsen, \*\*Donald Parker, Samuel Newton, Sheila Hooper, Debra Devine, James Graham, and Lynn Koch.

**Public Works;** \*Jim Kuhlmeier, \*\*Lynn Koch, George Kinney, Alvin Wire, Thomas Gilmour, Andrew Kuhlmeier, and Brenda Boynton.

**Other Business:** Chairman Blum announced UCCI is planning to hold Workshops for County Board Members sometime in January or February.

**Members of the Audience:** No comments

**Adjourn:** Mr. Koch made a motion to adjourn until 6:30 p.m. Wednesday December 10, 2008. Second by Mr. Detente. Motion carried at 9:25 a.m.

*Ms. Dotson will be responsible for the Invocation & Mr. Wire will be responsible for the Pledge at the December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting*

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