

STEPHENSON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
6:30 PM Wednesday August 13, 2008
Stephenson County Board Room

The Stephenson County Board met in the Courthouse on Wednesday August 13, 2008. Chairman Blum called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Brown gave the Invocation and Mr. Newton 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, John Blum, Vicki Hooper, James Graham, Alvin Wire, Linda Dotson, Jim Kuhlmeier, Sandra Kubatzke, Andrew Kuhlemeier, Lynn Koch, Brenda Boynton, Russell Cashmore, Salvatore Détente and Forrest Senn. Twenty-two members present.

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

APPROVAL OF THE JULY 9, 2008 MEETING MINUTES: Mr. McKenna made a motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2008 meeting as received. Second by Mr. Koch. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2008 meeting as received 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 July, 2008; 368 New Cases, 302 Cases Closed and Income to Public Defender Fund \$1,838.40
- Violent Crime Victims Compensation Act Monthly Report
- Additions and changes to the ComCast Channel Line-up
- Financial Report from Village of Orangeville TIF District I & 2
- Copy of the 2008 Stephenson County Jail Inspection Report.
- 2nd quarter ComCast Franchise Fee; \$5,137.64

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: None

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Snyders reported that Health Professionals is now providing mental health services to Jail inmates. This will reflect a cost savings from FHN. Director Schroeder has officially assumed his responsibilities as Jail Administrator. The 2008 Jail Inspection was conducted on July 31. The four non-compliances noted during the 2007 Inspection have been corrected and no new non-compliances were noted for 2008.

HIGHWAY REPORT: Mr. Isbell reported on the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network which is a new organization that will be able to help different agencies in emergency situations. The Organization is open to all Public Work entities. Mr. Isbell would like the County to officially join, noting there is no charge to participate. Final agreements for the organization are near completion. Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion to refer this matter back to Committee. Second by Mr. Cashmore. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to refer joining the ILPWMAN back to Committee carried unanimously.* Mr. Isbell updated the Board on the status of current construction projects.

ZONING REPORT: Mr. Groves presented the following items;

Special Use #08-06/Residential-Single Family Dwelling request by Robert Lowe

The Zoning Board of Appeals opposes the Special Use Request by a vote of 3-1. Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve Special Use #08-06. Second by Mr. A. Kuhlemeier. Discussion followed on why the Zoning Board would deny this request. Board Members stated they could not support the ZBA's decision. Mr. Détente made a motion to refer the Special Use Request back to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Second by Mr. Hadley. Mr. Détente expressed his concern with the ZBA's inconsistent reasoning. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion to refer the Special Use back to the ZBA. *Motion to refer the Special Use back to the Zoning Board failed.* The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion to approve Special Use #08-06. *Motion to approve Special Use #08-06 carried unanimously.*

Zoning Map Amendment #MA2008-05 A-1 to B-3 request by Gerald Runte

The Zoning Board of Appeals recommends approval of #MA2008-05 by a vote of 3-1. Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve #MA2008-05. Second by Mr. Détente. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion to approve #MA2008-05. *Motion to approve Map Amendment #MA2008-05 carried unanimously.*

Variance/Residential Special Use #SU 08-07 request by Dale McIntyre

The Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously recommends approval of the Variance and Special Use #SU 08-07. With no Board action needed on the Variance, Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve the Special Use request #SU 08-07. Second by Mr. Brown. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion to approve Special Use #08-07. *Motion to approve Special Use #08-07 carried unanimously.*

Special Use #08-08/Residential-Single Family Dwelling request by James Raders

The Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously recommends approval of Special Use #SU 08-08. Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve #SU 08-08. Second by Mr. Cashmore. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion to approve Special Use #08-08. *Motion to approve Special Use #08-08 carried unanimously.*

Special Use #SU08-09/Residential-Single Family Dwelling request by Johanna Mrozek

The Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously recommends approval of Special Use #SU 08-09. Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve #SU 08-09. Second by Mr. Detente. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion to approve Special Use #08-09. *Motion to approve Special Use #08-09 carried unanimously.*

PECATONICA PRAIRIE PATH/JANE ADDAMS TRAIL: Mr. Groves reported on the status of the ComEd lease agreement.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT: No Report

9-1-1 REPORT: Mr. Groves reported the 10-digit lines at the PSB are not being recorded, so Aero is keeping the recordings. This is not an acceptable method and they are working to get it corrected. 911 Coordinator June Senn has submitted her resignation. She has accepted a position at Bureau County 911 as full time Director/Coordinator. When they hire a 9-1-1 Coordinator, the ETSB would like the person to be a County employee. The ETSB would reimburse the County for all the normal employer costs associated with the employee.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mr. Beintema reported Food Scores for the month of July. The county Need Assessment, "21st Century Health Communities" is in full swing. The 4 assessment groups have been formed and will be working on their assignments during the next 6-8 weeks. The first human case of WNV was reported in Kane County where onset of symptoms began in late July with a female in her 20's. The last two weeks of mosquito testing has been above the nuisance level. FMAD will begin applications. The Department has tested 88 mosquito batches and 10 birds. All have been negative. The Health Department will begin flu shot season in October. They will also be participating in a Pandemic Flu exercise with four other counties.

The Board of Health recommends the appointment of Andrea Moring to the Stephenson County Board of Health. Ms. V. Hooper made a motion to approve the appointment. Second by Mr. Parker. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the appointment of Andrea Moring to the Stephenson County board of Health carried unanimously.*

Mr. Beintema will be meeting with Dr. Condie to review the budget and possibilities of a special County "spay and neuter" program.

NURSING CENTER REPORT: Mr. Fortney reported the entire facility will be converted to qualify for Medicare skilled nursing beds. He updated the Board on prospective maintenance projects.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mr. Eilders reported caseload totals.

STATE'S ATTORNEY REPORT: No report

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT: Chairman Blum presented the following report;

On July 28 and 29, 2008 the UCCI held their summer board meeting and seminar at Eagle Ridge in Galena. We had five representatives from Stephenson County in attendance. The opportunity to network with other county officials is very valuable as we try to stay progressive in our leadership efforts here in our own county. The topics covered in the seminar included a discussion on the benefits and risks of holding a statewide constitutional convention, a work session on dealing with ethical decisions, and a presentation on the design of the State's budget and revenue system. It was noted that a constitutional convention would open up our entire constitution to revision, not just the parts some of us feel need fixing. This could have a negative effect on various revenue streams, such as home-rule, relied upon by many cities. It could have a positive effect by adding such things as term limits and a recall procedure. Some of the highlights in the budget presentation showed that property taxes are still the number one revenue source for the State followed by income taxes. The residential sector pays almost two-thirds of all property taxes. Stephenson County ranks 32nd out of 102 counties in Illinois in the amount of property taxes per person at \$1015. The number one county is Grundy at \$2186 per person and the lowest ranked county is Hardin at \$224 per person.

We have worked with the UCCI to organize a Fall seminar to be held on September 29, 2008 at Sauk Valley College in Dixon. The session will last from 530 p.m. until 830 p.m. The topics to be covered will be; 1. Controlling a county's exposure to liability 2. Addressing the Open Meetings and Freedom of Information Act, and 3. The county board's oversight of the budgets of other public officers. There is no registration fee or charges for this seminar. We are inviting all members of this Board as well as all of our department heads to join us for this session. I am hoping for a sizeable representation from our county. We will need a count from our county no later than September 10, 2008 to plan for the dinner as well as organizing group transportation to Sauk Valley College. Your attendance is strongly requested.

The County Liquor Commission is completing a complete rewrite of the liquor code. We are awaiting the final draft from the States Attorney and will then submit the document to the Administration Committee for recommendation at their September 3, 2008 meeting. Hopefully, this item will be in front of you at our September 10, 2008 County Board meeting.

At the August Public Property and Safety Committee meeting I presented a copy of a resolution from Winnebago County requesting that the State of Illinois adopt legislation to allow a conceal-carry permit. In light of the recent Supreme Court decision on the right to bear arms, a number of Illinois counties are asking the State to consider this change. This topic will be discussed at the September 2, 2008 Public Property Committee meeting.

In addition, the Public Property Committee will take up a discussion of rules governing the use of cell phones in the courthouse as well as a smoking ban covering the entire court house block. Sheriff Snyders will provide some sample rules or orders from other counties for comparison.

The development team overseeing Mill Race Crossing continues to meet on a regular basis. The team includes me, Jim Graham representing Finance, Jeff Mikkelsen representing Planning and Development, Cheryl Kneubuehl representing NIDA, Bob Skurla advisor to the County, Adam Holder of Fehr-Graham, and Sandra Griggs representing GVA-Williams. NIDA coordinates information that needs to be shared between the City of Freeport and Stephenson County on respective projects.

We are awaiting formal approval from FAA on the elevated tower location and height. As soon as we receive this; the water system, sanitary sewer system, and road plans and specifications will be submitted to EDA for review and approval.

We are finalizing the Construction Plans and Specifications for the HUD Grant Project which will include the installation of aggregate base on Hiveley Road, the entrance and construction pad for the Well and

Tower site, and the turn-around on the access drive to the wet detention pond. We are planning to advertise for bids in mid-September with contract award taking place in early October. This project will be paid for (100%) with the grant funds and will satisfy the EDA Grant requirements of starting construction.

We now have letters of intent covering two renewable energy projects in the Mill Race Industrial Park. Together these projects total approximately \$70 million in new investment. The first, Project Cat, is a biodiesel plant that will occupy the site vacated by Blackhawk Biofuels. We have now submitted a letter of terms to management that will lead to the formalized redevelopment agreement. The second, Project Green, is a plant that will produce CNG (compressed natural gas). We are currently working with this firm to determine plant layout and infrastructure requirements in order to produce a letter of terms.

As a general process, we go through a number of stages in reaching an agreement for construction in Mill Race Crossing. The first is a general letter of intent, the second is a term letter indicating the financial and incentive structure, and the final is a redevelopment agreement, which is the contract. Under terms of confidentiality we cannot divulge names, numbers, or terms until agreed to in principle by both parties. The first time you will see these projects is when we have a formal redevelopment agreement submitted to the Planning and Development Committee, then to this Board as well as the City of Freeport for concurrence.

We have a proposal to build a "spec" building in Mill Race Crossing. The developer is already close to securing an anchor tenant for this building and is gaining confidence in the possibility of beginning construction yet this year.

We have received three large inquiries in the last two weeks from DCEO. We only know descriptive specifications of each of these projects. They require a great deal of detailed information to be submitted including water, sewer, power, road, rail capabilities as well as airport, educational, and workforce data. We will know within a few weeks if we made the cut in any of these proposals. Landing one of these large projects might seem like a long-shot, but we need to be in the game to win. We now have some capabilities to bring to the table to compete on a national level.

GVA Worldwide will be here next month to provide you with an update on the marketing and development progress at Mill Race Industrial Park.

The construction on EcoGrove I is progressing on schedule. There are a number of foundations being dug and formed. Turbines, blades, and towers are on the way to Stephenson County.

The NIDA Executive Committee will meet next week to discuss a number of revisions to the bylaws that will modify representation and funding formats as well as set measurement goals for determining operational success. I will insure that the request for the Soil and Water Conservation District be represented on the NIDA Board is included in the new plans.

NIDA continues to quickly move forward since Cheryl Kneubuehl accepted the full-time position of Executive Director in July. She has carried on the collaboration with the County, City of Freeport, GVA-Williams, DCEO, the Ezone Committee, and the promotion of regionalism. Two committees have been formed: Governance Structure Committee and the Personnel and Policies Committee. NIDA has been actively involved with all leads regarding the Mill Race Industrial Park and has responded to two Letters of Intent. Additionally, NIDA efficiently organized meetings with various public and private institutions on behalf of one of the prospective clients. NIDA is playing a part in maintaining a positive relationship with CN Railroad in order to keep the rail line focused on a quick response to new projects in Mill Race. NIDA has joined the I39 Logistics Corridor Association to provide another venue for advertising Mill Race. NIDA will participate in the September Association of Real Estate Brokers trade show.

We are beginning to reorganize our County CEDS Committee (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy). On July 21, 2008 I held a meeting of all county mayors to discuss the need for and the objectives of a CEDS organization and what type of people they would like to serve on such a committee. Every mayor came to the meeting except Cedarville and Davis. We discussed the value of reaching a county consensus on economic development and infrastructure needs in order to secure the needed support and funding from the State and Federal governments. The mayors will be submitting recommendations for members of the CEDS

Committee to NIDA and then I will submit a list of appointments to this Board for confirmation by October 2008. Our local CEDS will coordinate with the 6-county regional CEDS managed by the Blackhawk Hills RC&D. The NIDA Executive Director will handle this coordination.

The Board of our Local Workforce Investment Board met this morning in Lanark. We will be ending this operating year by meeting or exceeding all (12) of our performance measures. We will be ending the year by investing a total of \$3.1 million into training and retention programs geared to enhance the regions workforce.

The Illinois Department of Employment Security along with representatives from our WIB and the AFL-CIO will be visiting with CSI management in Eleroy tomorrow, August 14 to begin working on a strategy to take care of displaced workers. The company had recently announced plans to cease operations by the end of this month. This is a tremendous blow to the owners of the company, the employees, and the region. A serious downturn in the housing and credit markets coupled with high fuel prices seem to have provided a knock-out punch for this long-time county employer. We will work to find any and all options to help with this serious situation.

We have submitted letters to the USEPA requesting an extension on our current Brownfield grants set to expire September 30, 2008. The extra time is needed to finish the reports and submittals to close out our various projects with both IEPA and USEPA. We expect approval in short order. Our applications for the 2009 grant cycle will be submitted by next month with grant awards to be announced in the Spring of 2009.

Our First-Time Homebuyer Program has ground to a halt due to the credit market crunch. Lenders have greatly tightened the credit rules and are making our current program uncompetitive. We are working with the State and the Illinois Development Finance Authority to come up with a replacement program that will again promote first-time home ownership in Stephenson County.

Pressure continues to build to provide an Illinois Works program. The Governor has called the legislature back to Springfield on August 12th and 13th to pass a modified \$25 billion capital plan. This modified plan does not include all of the priorities, but it does address many of our most pressing needs. The reason the plan has been reduced in size is because the legislature has rejected the expansion of gambling as a means to pay for the capital plan. The legislature can and should pass a plan during this session.

The events celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Lincoln-Douglas Debate in Freeport will begin on Wednesday, August 27 and continue thru September 1. You can get a specific calendar of events from the Convention and Visitors Bureau or from the Lincoln-Douglas Society website.

The First Annual Pec River Fest will be held on August 16 from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m. on the grounds of the Rafters Restaurant in Lena. This festival is a family event with many activities and competitions for the whole family. The proceeds from the event will be used to make the Pecatonica River a more important, accessible, and beautiful piece of our community. I have placed a letter at your desk outlining all of the activities in this regard.

APPOINTMENTS: Chairman Blum recommended the appointment of Martin Beierwaltes to the Otter Creek Lake Utility District. Mr. McKenna made a motion to approve the appointment. Second by Ms. V. Hooper. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to appoint Martin Beierwaltes to the Otter Creek Lake Utility District carried unanimously.*

Action Items from Standing Committee

Finance: Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the 2008-2009 Budget Calendar. Second by Mr. Koch. Mr. A. Kuhlemeier requested the budget presentations be moved up next year. Mr. Mulnix explained that at ¾ of the way through the budget year the Department Heads have better projection of the year's final expenses. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the 2008-2009 Budget Calendar carried unanimously.*

Mr. Graham made a motion to approve renewing the GVA Williams Contract. Second by Mr. Mikkelsen. It was noted GVA Williams is working on commission only. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve renewing the GVA William Contract carried unanimously.*

Public Property: Mr. Senn made a motion to remove the Public Safety Sales Tax Referendum from the November ballot. Second by Ms. V. Hooper. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve removing the Public Safety Sales Tax Referendum carried with one nay noted.*

Administration: Ms. S. Hooper made a motion to approve Resolution #08-08-1580 authorizing the 2009 Holiday Schedule for County Offices. Second by Mr. Senn. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Resolution #08-08-1580 authorizing the 2009 Holiday Schedule for County Offices carried unanimously.*

Ms. S. Hooper made a motion to approve the selection of Election Judges for 2008-2010. Second by Mr. A. Kuhlemeier. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the selection of Election Judges for 2008-2010 carried unanimously.*

Ms. S. Hooper made a motion to approve changing polling locations for Freeport 18 and Rock Run 1 & 2. Second by Mr. Wire. Freeport 18 will be moved to Community Reformed Church and Rock Run 1 & 2 to the Rock City Fire Station. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve change in polling locations for Freeport 18 and Rock Run 1 & 2 carried unanimously.*

Ms. S. Hooper made a motion approve Resolution #08-08-1581 to recess the Board of Review. Second by Ms. Kubatzke. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Resolution #08-08-1581 to recess the Board of Review carried unanimously.*

Ms. S. Hooper made a motion to approve the Code Revitalization Services proposal from General Code. Second by Ms. Dotson. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the Code Revitalization Services proposal from General Code carried unanimously.*

- Raffles (all fees and bonding in order)
 - 1467 Cedarville Lions Club, Manager Arthur E Leverington
 - 1468 St Mary's Church/Gym Committee, Manager Jean Trimble
 - 1469 PASS (Parents Assisting Soccer Success), Manager Sandy Kutzke
 - 1470 Stephenson County Crime Stop, Manager RL Dommel
 - 1471 Lena Community Park District, Manager Roger Schamberger
 - 1472 Lena Blackhawk Trailblazers, Manager Kirk Polhill
 - 1473 CONTACT; Stephenson County, *Manager Robert (Robbie) Rood*
 - 1474 Freeport Area Chamber of Commerce, Manager Kim Grimes

Ms. S. Hooper made a motion to approve the raffles as presented. Second by Mr. Parker. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the raffles carried unanimously.*

Court Services: Ms. V. Hooper made a motion to approve Resolution #08-08-1582 amending the State's Attorneys Budget by appropriating \$1,000 from Travel Expense into Court Reporting. 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, Boynton, Cashmore, Détente, Senn and Blum. Twenty-two ayes. *Motion to approve Resolution #08-08-1582 amending the State's Attorneys Budget by appropriating \$1,000 from Travel Expense into Court Reporting carried unanimously.*

Nursing Center: Ms. Kubatzke made a motion to increase the Private Pay Room Rate \$5 per day. Second by Mr. Brown. It was noted that marketing efforts have increased and we remain competitive. The last increase was in May 2007. The Committee will review this on an annual basis. The Chair called for a roll call vote. Members voting aye: Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Hadley, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, J. Kuhlmeier, Kubatzke, Koch, Boynton, Cashmore, Détente, Senn and Blum. Members voting nay: Parker, Dotson and A. Kuhlemeier. Nineteen ayes. Three nays. *Motion to approve increasing the Private Pay Rom Rate \$5 per day carried.*

Planning & Development: Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to proclaim the week of August 24, 2008 as Workforce Development Week. Second by Mr. Koch. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to proclaim the week of August 24, 2008 as Workforce Development Week carried unanimously.*

Information Items from Standing Committees

Public Property: Mr. Senn thanked the Maintenance Staff for putting up banners around the Courthouse.

Court Services: Ms. V. Hooper praised her Committee and Department Heads for their work on the project with the Public Defender’s Office.

Nursing Center: Ms. Kubatzke reported the Center will be holding a garage sale to raise funds for activities at the Nursing Center. The Cookbooks are now available for sale.

CLAIMS

Finance & Procurement	\$	819,861.24
Administration	\$	28,320.40
Public Works	\$	1,073,290.78
Nursing Center	\$	195,078.22
Public Property	\$	37,969.78
Court Services	\$	42,103.32
Public Safety	\$	57,294.16
Planning & Development	\$	24,887.30
9-1-1	\$	27,834.19

Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the Claims as presented. Second by Mr. Cashmore. 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, Boynton, Cashmore, Détente, Senn and Blum. Twenty-two ayes. *Motion to approve the Claims as presented carried unanimously.*

Mileage & Per Diems – Subject to review by Finance Chairman

Blum 9 days, 0 miles-Boynton 2 days, 19 miles-Brown 3 days, 8 miles-Cashmore 3 days, 60 miles-Detente 3 days, 39 miles-Devine 3 days, 10 miles-Dotson 4 days, 185 miles-Graham 7 days, 54 miles-Hadley 3 days, 14 miles- Hilton 4 days, 10 miles-S Hooper 4 days, 14 miles-V Hooper 4 days, 8 miles- Koch 3 days, 72 miles, Kubatzke 5 days, 161 miles-A Kuhlemeier 3 days, 95 miles-J Kuhlmeier 6 days, 140 miles-McKenna 4 days, 16 miles-Mikkelsen 5 days, 98 miles-Newton 5 days, 8 miles- Parker 6 days, 24 miles-Senn 4 days, 142 miles-Wire 4 days, 150 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: Congratulations to County Board Member Brenda Boynton. She is one of the top contenders in the Baby Ruth Ultimate 7th Inning Stretch Competition.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE: Mike King of 5003 N Dakota Road, Dakota addressed the Board with his concerns on the removal of the Public Safety Sales Tax Referendum.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Mr. Graham made a motion to move into executive session to discuss Union Negotiation, Employment and Appointment Matters. Second by Mr. A. Kuhlemeier. 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, Boynton, Cashmore, Détente, Senn and Blum. Twenty-two ayes. *Motion to approve moving into executive session carried unanimously.*

REGULAR SESSION: Chairman Blum called the meeting back to order. He announced that Union Negotiation, Employment and Appointment Matters had been discussed in Executive Session with no action taken.

Correction Officers Union Contract: Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve the tentative agreement for the Correction Officers. Second by Ms. Kubatzke. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the tentative agreement for the Correction Officers carried unanimously.*

Telecommunicators Union Contract: Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve the tentative agreement for the Telecommunicators. Second by Mr. Mikkelsen. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the tentative agreement for the Telecommunicators carried unanimously.*

Non-Union Employee Wage Rate Change: Mr. Graham made a motion to approve that the Departments, which have not awarded salary increases for 2008, be given an amount equal to 3% of the department wages for distribution to the individual employees at the discretion of the department head. Second by Mr. Détente. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the salary increases for non union employees as stated carried unanimously.*

Mr. Graham made a motion to approve that all salary increases for 2009, be given an amount equal to 3% of the department wages for distribution to the individual employees at the discretion of the department head. Second by Mr. Brown. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the salary increases for non union employees as stated carried unanimously.*

ADJOURN UNTIL 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10, 2008: Mr. Cashmore made a motion to adjourn until 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday August 13, 2008. Second by Mr. Hilton. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to adjourn carried unanimously at 9:10 p.m.*

Mr. Mikkelsen will lead the Pledge and Mr. Hilton will be responsible for the Invocation at the September 10th Meeting