

**STEPHENSON COUNTY BOARD MEETING**  
**6:30 PM November 12, 2009**  
**Stephenson County Board Room**

The Stephenson County Board met in the County Boardroom on Thursday November 12, 2009. Chairman Blum called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Newton gave the Invocation and Mr. Willging 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, Peter Willging, Donald Parker, John Blum, James Graham, Alvin Wire, Linda Dotson, Jim Kuhlmeier, Thomas Gilmour, Andrew Kuhlemeier, Lynn Koch, Brenda Boynton, George Kinney, Salvatore Detente, and Forrest Senn. Absent: Vicki Hooper. Twenty-one members present. One member absent.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2009 MEETING MINUTES:** Mr. McKenna made a motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2009 meeting as received. Second by Mr. Brown. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the minutes of the October 14, 2009 meeting as received carried unanimously.*

**CLAIMS ON THE CLERK'S DESK:** Mr. Senn made a motion that all claims on the Clerk's desk be referred to the proper committees without reading. Second by Mr. Mikkelsen. 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 presented the following communications;

- Public Defender Monthly Report for October; 240 new cases, 264 cases closed and income to Public Defender Fund \$1,286.70
- Com-Cast Franchise Fee of \$5,325.01 for quarter ended September 30, 2009

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** No old business noted

**SHERIFF'S REPORT:** The Sheriff reported on the recent inspection of the Jail by the Illinois Department of Corrections. Lay-off notices have been sent out per agreement with Union for a 30 day notice. Sheriff Snyder stated he will send the monthly report out upon its completion.

**HIGHWAY REPORT:** Mr. Isbell presented the following resolution;

**HD 09-32, Resolution #09-11-1686** appropriating Matching Funds and approving Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for Section 09-00175-00-RS, Winneshiek Road. Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. Second by Mr. Koch. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. Motion carried with nay vote noted. *Motion to approve HD09-32, Resolution #09-11-1686 appropriating Matching Funds and approving Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation for Section 09-00175-00-RS, Winneshiek Road carried.* Mr. Isbell updated the Board on current road projects and reported the underground tanks have been removed at the old highway building.

**ZONING REPORT:** Mr. Groves presented the following Special Use request;

**Special Zoning Ordinance # S.U. 09-06;** Special Use/Home Occupations for repairing small engines and farm machinery as requested by Todd Wise. The Zoning Board of Appeals unanimously recommends the Special Use be granted. Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve the Special Used request. Second by Mr. Détente. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve **Special Zoning Ordinance # S.U. 09-06;** Special Use/Home Occupations for repairing small engines and farm machinery as requested by Todd Wise carried unanimously.*

**PECATONICA PRAIRIE PATH/JANE ADDAMS TRAIL:** Mr. Groves reported the low bid was accepted from Moring Construction to finish phase 1 of the Pecatonica Prairie Path project. Planning and Development had agreed to honor \$250,000 over the next five years of construction although did not approve the line item in the budget. Construction may need to be delayed due to shortage of available funding from the local and state levels.

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT:** No report

**9-1-1 REPORT:** Mr. Groves reviewed minutes of the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Alternate options were discussed in the event the Sheriff's department could no longer reliably staff the 911 PSAP. Options were discussed including outsourcing the answering of Stephenson County 911 calls to Stewart Security as well as maintaining one PSAP in Stephenson County and utilizing another county as a backup PSAP. Minutes, financial reports and monthly statistics were distributed.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Mr. Beintema reported there have been 26 positive hospitalized H1N1 cases and several 100 positive "A" influenza cases in Stephenson County since Spring. The Health Department has completed 4 school based clinics in the Freeport area and have 4 rural schools scheduled for this week. So far about 3,000 people have been vaccinated targeting the 4 priority groups. The Food Scores, Animal Control Report and West Nile Virus Report were distributed.

**NURSING CENTER REPORT:** Mr. Fortney reported \$290,000 has been paid back to the County this year for loan repayment and he expects to make further payment this fiscal year.

**PROBATION DEPARTMENT REPORT:** Mr. Pauley reported on the monthly statistics. He noted the Dependent Children's Fund came in under budget. There are currently (3) 17 year-olds in jail; under the new law a total of 58 could be added to the juvenile expenses in another year.

**STATE'S ATTORNEY REPORT:** No report

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

- Tomorrow afternoon the U.S. Secretary of Transportation, Ray LaHoud, will be in Rockford to discuss transportation needs in NW Illinois. Congressman Manzullo asked that I attend and express our concerns for transportation infrastructure including US 20 4-lane, high-speed rail, airport development, and others. I am unable to attend, but Mr. Graham will attend on our behalf and represent our priorities at this meeting.
- The Lincoln statue project is moving forward. The new name for this effort is the Captain Lincoln Project. We have finalized the appropriate arrangement to allow tax deductible donations to the project. Last week we raised about \$2000 in donations and used some of those funds to begin the laser copying process followed by the production of the necessary mold pieces. We should have a small hardcopy of the statue in a few weeks that should be available to complement the fund raising efforts to begin shortly. If anyone would like to donate to the project please make a check out to the Captain Lincoln Project and get it to the Stephenson County Treasurer.
- This has been a busy month. On behalf of this Board I attended the NIDA Board meeting, the NIDA Quarterly membership meeting, a Vision 2020 planning meeting, chaired the Township Appeal Board meeting, made a presentation to the Highland Leadership Institute followed by a presentation to the Highland Employees the next day, attended the bimonthly County Chairs meeting, attended the Local Workforce Investment Board meeting as well as the CEO meeting, attended the UCCI Conference in Springfield where Mr. Wire and I graduated from the Leadership Academy, attended the Veterans' Job Fair with Rep. Sacia, Senator Bivins, and Mayor Gaulrapp, attended a meeting of the Freeport Midsized Manufacturers Council, and attended a presentation on the State of our Schools hosted by the Chamber of Commerce with presentations by (5) of our school systems.
- I was also able to attend the first annual meeting of the Illinois Public Works Mutual Aid Network in Springfield. I was able to see our Mr. Isbell formally become President of this growing state-wide organization. I was impressed with the quality and range of members already in the organization as well as the strength and depth of the networking between the various units of government. I can say that we

have a very strong relationship with IDOT because of the efforts at collaboration promoted by our County Engineer and his involvement at the State level.

- I received communication from Project Cat yesterday that indicated the output from the new pilot plant in Insanti, MN is producing better biodiesel than anticipated. The first feedstock they used was rancid waste vegetable oil that was nearly 100% free fatty acid. This is the worst possible feedstock and one that would choke the standard technology. Without preprocessing they made biodiesel that an independent lab said surpassed Canola biodiesel, which is considered the premium grade biodiesel. This is good news and should further enhance investment and financing so our production plant can get underway.
- I mentioned earlier that Mr. Wire and I graduated from the UCCI/U of I Leadership Academy during the UCCI Fall banquet in Springfield. I was also honored to speak to the gathered representatives on behalf of the members of the class. I feel that it was a very rewarding experience and I thank Mr. Wire for giving of his time to participate. I think we learned a great deal about ourselves and each other. I highly recommend that members of this board and elected officials consider enrolling in this program in the future.
- Next week I will be attending the USEPA conference with representatives from the City of Freeport and Fehr-Graham. This conference is a requirement of the Brownfield grants and is paid for by the grants. I will be exposed to better methods of applying Brownfield funding to issues in our county as well as becoming more familiar with the technical and grant requirements of the program.
- I would like to thank Nelson Snavelly and his department for the work done on the Poor Farm Cemetery. They have worked to straighten all of the markers under the procedures set by the State of Illinois. Further work on stabilizing the site will now wait until the research on the number and names of graves is completed. Mary Boeke-Hill of our Stephenson County Health Department has been generating a great deal of information on the grave identifications and it appears there are many more graves than initially thought.
- The Extreme Makeover edition featuring the Stephenson County project will air this Sunday on ABC.

**APPOINTMENTS:** No appointments

***Action Items from Standing Committee***

**Finance:** Mr. Graham explained the General Fund revenues for 2010 are estimated at \$7.5 million. It was necessary to go back to 2005, in order to find a year when General Fund expenditures were less than \$7.5 million. The County Treasurer provided the Finance Committee with a chart assigning an amount to the General Fund departments, based on several different variables. The General Fund allocations totaled \$7.7 million. The budget that the County Board lays over tonight will not be the final budget. For the General Fund departments, it will have department totals, but not the individual lines within each budget. The General Fund revenue is shared by all departments, without specific allocations to certain departments. Mr. Graham reported the Finance Committee had accepted the County Treasurer's prorated General Fund projection, subject to an adjustment for the Health Department's General Fund allocation, within the Transfer Account. It was noted the adjustment for the Health Department's General Fund allocation, within the Transfer Account has been addressed but is not yet reflected in the budget as presented for layover. Ms. S. Hooper made a motion to include \$100,000 for the allocation. Second by Mr. Mikkelsen. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to include the \$100,000 for the Health Department's allocation, within the Transfer Account carried unanimously.* Much discussion was held on why the revenue figures vary from month to month and how "target" revenues are derived. It was stated revenues vary due to monthly revenue expected and monthly revenue actually received. "Target" revenue is estimated based on historic figures. Based on estimated revenue we can anticipate 2005 revenue. Mr. Détente addressed his concern with revenue and expenses in the Nursing Center budget. He made a motion to amend the Nursing Centers budget to reduce the revenue and expense lines. Second by Mr. Kinney. Mr. Graham stated he understood the budget was based on the Infinity contract and questioned why it would now be changed. Several Board members stated Mr. Détente has worked hard and

has gotten the Nursing Center finances in order so the Board should go with his recommendation. All other Departments have reduced their budgets and so should the Nursing Center. Mr. Graham noted that if any other Department had come up with a way to increase their revenues that would have been considered in their budget figures. Further discussion was held on the Committees work on this budget and the consideration of changing it now. Discussion continued on Nursing Center projects and communication with the Committee on this change. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the amendment to the Nursing Center's budget. Members voting aye: Détente, Wire, Dotson, A. Kuhlemeier, Boynton and Kinney. Members voting nay: Senn, Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker, Graham, J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, Koch and Blum. Six aye. Fifteen nay. *Motion to amend the Nursing Center budget to reduce revenues and expenses failed.* Mr. Graham made a motion to layover the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budget to the November 30, 2009 meeting. Second by Mr. Wire. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to layover the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budget to the November 30, 2009 meeting carried unanimously.*

**Public Safety Sales Tax:** Mr. Graham reported the committee had discussed the need for more money to support public safety and the Sheriff's Office. A ½ penny increase in the Public Safety Sales Tax would generate approximately \$1.2 - \$1.5 million and could go toward jail bond, health insurance etc. bringing dollars back to the Sheriff's budget. Mr. Graham made a motion to place a Public Safety Sales Tax referendum on the February 2<sup>nd</sup> primary ballot to raise the Public Safety Sales Tax by \$.005. Second by Mr. Gilmour. Ms. S. Hooper requested that discussion be limited to placing the referendum on the ballot. Mr. Wire made a motion to amend the motion to include in the referendum "for the 2010 levy only". His opinion was that if this increase was needed because of a shortfall in next year's estimated revenues it should be for that time only. Second by Mr. A. Kuhlemeier. Much discussion was held on the possibility of a 1-year sunset clause and the impact on the current and future budgets. Mr. Graham stated we have a deficit budget; he reminded Board Members that in all 5 Finance committee meetings not one board member made any attempt to come up with 1.2 million dollars in cuts, so where do they expect the additional dollars to come from. Mr. Graham called for the question. Second by Mr. Senn. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion to call the question. *Motion to call the question carried.* The Chair called for a roll call vote on the amendment. Members voting aye: Wire, A. Kuhlemeier, Boynton and Détente. Members voting nay: Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, Koch, Kinney, Senn, Newton, Brown, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker, Graham and Blum. Four aye. Sixteen nay. Noted absence of Mr. Hilton. *Motion to amend the motion to include in the referendum "for the 2010 levy only" failed.* Mr. Kinney stated he had voted no on the one year sunset and will be voting no on this as he feels this is the easy way out. Ms. Boynton noted that she supports putting the referendum on the ballot but not gouging the taxpayers every time there is a problem, Ms. Dotson stated the need for the referendum to be actively supported by the Sheriff and Public Safety if it is to pass, and Mr. Senn said although he does not like the idea of a tax increase for public safety, we need to support law enforcement. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion to place a Public Safety Sales Tax referendum on the February 2<sup>nd</sup> primary ballot to raise the Public Safety Sales Tax by \$.005. Members voting aye: Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, Koch, Boynton, Senn, Newton, Brown, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker and Blum. Members voting nay: A. Kuhlemeier, Kinney and Détente. Seventeen ayes. Three nays. *Motion to approve Resolution #09-11-1687 placing a Public Safety Sales Tax referendum on the February 2<sup>nd</sup> primary ballot to raise the Public Safety Sales Tax by \$.005 carried.*

**Tax Anticipation Warrants; General/Liability Fund \$1,500,000/NC \$500,000/Highway**

**\$450,000/Matching \$150,000 and County Bridge \$100,000:** The County Treasurer explained the need for additional funds, from Tax Anticipation Warrants, on December 1<sup>st</sup> to conduct business. Because of limited time between the Finance meeting and tonight's County Board meeting she has not been able to receive paperwork from all the banks that are interested in working with us. Ms. S. Hooper made a motion to authorize the Treasurer to extend the process to allow more banks to participate and proceed with the best option. Second by Ms. Boynton. Mr. Kinney asked if this matter could be brought back to the November 30<sup>th</sup> meeting and Mr. A. Kuhlemeier stated he would like to see the finished documents before approving. Mr. Wire voiced his

concern the amounts seemed out of line. It was noted that warrants were issued for the same amounts, for the same funds, at the same time last year. Treasurer Becker noted because of cash flow issues she will need to have additional funds available by December 1. Mr. Détente asked if it would be feasible to go ahead with the warrant for the General/Liability Fund now and bring the other warrants to the November 30<sup>th</sup> meeting. Ms. Becker expressed she had no problem with that, as her immediate concern is with the cash flow issues in the General/Liability Fund. Mr. Koch called for the Question. Second by Ms. S. Hooper. Mr. Kinney made a motion to divide the question. With the motion to call the question on the floor, the motion to divide the question was ruled out of order. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion to call the question. *Motion to call the question carried.* It was noted the motion on the floor was the original motion by Ms. S. Hooper. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the original motion to authorize the Treasurer to extend the process of securing tax anticipation warrants and proceeding with the best option. Members voting aye: S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, Koch, Boynton, Détente, Senn, Newton, Brown, Mikkelsen Devine and Blum. Members voting nay: A. Kuhlemeier and Kinney. Eighteen aye. 2 nay. *Motion to authorize the Treasurer to extend the process of securing tax anticipation warrants to allow more banks the opportunity to participate, and to proceed with the best option carried.*

**Public Property:** Mr. Senn reported that the *ad hoc* committee met with most of the department heads, regarding reallocating the vacant space on the first floor of the Courthouse. The Public Defender would like to use Mr. Kane's old server room for his filing cabinets. Mr. Kane still has some file cabinets in the room; these will be moved temporarily into the conference room. The Public Property Committee recommends the Public Defender use Mr. Kane's old server room for his filing cabinets. Mr. Senn made a motion to allow the Public Defender use of the space. Second by Mr. Détente. The Chair called for a voice vote. *Motion to approve the Public Defenders use Mr. Kane's old server room for his filing cabinets carried.*

**Administration:** Ms. Hooper made a motion to approve the 2010 Holiday Resolution #09-11-1688 as received. Second by Mr. J. Kuhlmeier. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the 2010 Holiday Resolution #09-11-1688 carried with nay vote noted.*

Ms. S. Hooper presented the following raffles noting all fees have been paid and bonding is in order;

1537 Freeport Downtown Development Foundation (FDDF), Manager Marg Blum

1538 Retired and Senior Volunteer Program, (RSVP) Manager Cynthia Mielke

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

**Court Services:** Ms. S. Hooper made a motion to approve Resolution #09-11-1689; for participation in the service program of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor for Fiscal Year 2010. Second by Mr. Newton. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Resolution #09-11-1689 to participate in the service program of the Office of the State's Attorneys Appellate Prosecutor for Fiscal Year 2010 carried unanimously.*

Ms. S. Hooper made a motion to approve Resolution #09-11-1690 amending the State's Attorneys budget by transferring \$660 within his budget. Second by Ms. Boynton. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, A. Kuhlemeier, Koch, Boynton, Kinney, Détente, Senn, Newton, Brown, Mikkelsen, Devine, and Blum. Noted the absence of Mr. Hilton. Twenty ayes. *Motion to approve Resolution #09-11-1690 amending the State's Attorneys budget by transferring \$660 within his budget carried unanimously.*

**Nursing Center:** Mr. Détente reported the final details have been worked out with the veteran groups for the land transfer for the All-Veterans Memorial Park. Mr. Détente made a motion to approve the title transfer with condition that if ever the property is no longer used for a Veteran's Park it is to be transferred back to the County. Second by Mr. Gilmour. Mr. Kinney noted concern with lack of documentation. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve title transfer for the All-Veterans Memorial Park with condition carried unanimously.*

The Nursing Center Committee recommends approval of A'Viands proposed contract renewal. Mr. Détente made a motion to approve the contract noting an increase of .08 cents per meal. Second by Ms. Dotson. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: Détente, Senn, Newton, Brown, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, A. Kuhlemeier, Koch, Boynton, Kinney, and Blum. Twenty ayes. *Motion to approve renewal of the A'Viands contract carried unanimously.*

Mr. Détente reported the need for a budget amendment to transfer \$111,440 within the Nursing Center budget. Mr. Détente made a motion to approve Resolution #09-11-1691 transferring monies within the Nursing Center budget. Second by Mr. McKenna. Concerns were voiced on the large number of line items requiring adjustments. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: Détente, Senn, Newton, Brown, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, A. Kuhlemeier, Koch, Boynton, and Blum. Member voting nay: Kinney. Nineteen ayes. One nay. *Motion to approve Resolution #09-11-1691 amending the Nursing Center budget carried.*

**Planning & Development:** The County has received two new Brownfield grants: \$200,000 for Petroleum Assessment and \$200,000 for Hazardous Substance Assessment. Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion that the County retain its relationship with Fehr-Graham for management and implementation of the grants. Second by Mr. Parker. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Fehr-Graham for management and implementation of the \$200,000 grant for Petroleum Assessment and the \$200,000 grant for Hazardous Substance Assessment carried unanimously.*

**Public Works:** Mr. J. Kuhlmeier presented Resolution 09-11-1692, HD 09-28 for consent of the Illinois Department of Transportation to the reappointment of the incumbent as County Engineer and reappointment of the County Engineer. Second by Mr. Mikkelsen. Discussion was held on the terms of the contract and current financial crisis at the state and local levels. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, Koch, Senn, Newton, Brown, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker, Graham, Wire, Dotson and Blum. Members voting nay: A. Kuhlemeier, Boynton, Kinney and Détente. Sixteen ayes. Four nays. *Motion to approve Resolution 09-11-1692, HD 09-28 for consent of the Illinois Department of Transportation to the reappointment of the incumbent as County Engineer and reappointment of the County Engineer carried.*

#### **Information Items from Standing Committees**

Members of the Planning and Development Committee were reminded the December Committee meeting will be held at 5:00 p.m. on November 30<sup>th</sup> in the County Boardroom.

#### **CLAIMS**

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| Finance & Procurement  | \$ | 649,600.03  |
| Administration         | \$ | 36,392.46   |
| Public Works           | \$ | 451,415.04  |
| Nursing Center         | \$ | 188,676.03  |
| Public Property        | \$ | 58,647.26   |
| Court Services         | \$ | 22,122.41 corrected as read <i>should be</i> \$ 16,411.70 |
| Public Safety          | \$ | 43,371.05   |
| Planning & Development | \$ | 22,122.41   |
| 9-1-1                  | \$ | 22,761.60   |

Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the claims as received with noted correction to Court Services. Second by Mr. Parker. Mr. Détente made a motion to amend approving all claims except claim #158985 to NIDA in the amount of \$21,397. Second by Mr. Kinney. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the amendment. Members voting aye; Détente, Wire, Dotson, A. Kuhlemeier, Boynton and Kinney. Members voting nay: Senn, Newton, Brown, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker, Graham, J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, Koch and Blum. Six aye. Fourteen nay. *Motion to amend approval of the claims to exclude claim #158985 to NIDA in the amount of \$21,397 failed.* The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion to

approve the claims as received with noted correction to Court Services. Members voting aye: Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Koch, Senn, Newton, Brown, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker, and Blum. Members voting nay: A. Kuhlemeier, Boynton, Kinney and Detente. Sixteen ayes. Four nays. *Motion to approve the claims as received with noted correction to Court Services carried.*

**Mileage & Per Diems** – *Subject to review by Finance Chairman*

Blum 12 days, 0 miles-Boynton 3 days, 104 miles-Brown 4 days, 10 miles-Detente 10 days, 148 miles-Devine 3 days, 18 miles-Dotson 3 days, 109 miles-Gilmour 7 days, 244 miles-Graham 10 days, 37 miles-Hilton 4 days, 10 miles-S Hooper 8 days, 0 miles-V Hooper 5 days, 0 miles-Kinney 4 days, 52 miles-Koch 3 days, 72 miles-A Kuhlemeier 3 days, 95 miles-J Kuhlmeier 9 days, 224 miles-McKenna 3 days, 12 miles-Mikkelsen 7 days, 14 miles-Newton 4 days, 78 miles-Parker 5 days, 20 miles-Senn 8 days, 56 miles- Willging 3 days, 12 miles-Wire 3 days, 168 miles. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the mileage & per diems as received. Second by Mr. Brown. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the mileage & per diems as received carried unanimously.*

**OTHER BUSINESS:** County Administrator Mulnix noted the Finance Committee has discussed decreasing mileage reimbursement and asked for clarification of their intent. This matter will need to be considered on the 30<sup>th</sup> in order to finalize budget figures.

**MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE:** Carroll Smith of 7200 W. Fisher Road, McConnell addressed the Board with his concerns in decreasing the number of deputies. He asked the Board to consider the budget reductions seriously and reduce in areas other than public safety.

Mike King of 5003 N. Dakota Road, Dakota addressed the Board stating he felt that some recent ‘blogs’ in the Journal Standard were unwarranted. He suggested the Board consider reducing Board Members and mileage reimbursement. He still feels Acciona should offer the County some concession to help offset the current financial burdens and he questioned the effectiveness of NIDA. He noted he has been attending Committee and County Board Meetings the past months and feels not only the County Board and County Departments but all residents need to work together to deal with the current financial strains and support the Public Safety Sales Tax increase.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Legal Matters 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11); Mr. Détente made a motion to move into executive session. Second by Mr. McKenna. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: Détente, Senn, Newton, Brown, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, A. Kuhlemeier, Koch, Boynton, Kinney, and Blum. Twenty aye. *Motion to move into executive session carried unanimously.*

**REGULAR SESSION:** The Chairman called the regular session back to order and announced that legal matters had been discussed in executive session with no action taken. Mr. Détente made a motion to concur with the Special Assistant State’s Attorneys’ recommendation to approve final order to settle a claim with the Department of Public Health. Second by Mr. A. Kuhlemeier. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to concur with the Special Assistant State’s Attorneys’ recommendation to approve final order to settle a claim with the Department of Public Health carried unanimously.*

**ADJOURN UNTIL 7:00 P.M. MONDAY NOVEMBER 30, 2009:** Mr. Newton made a motion to adjourn until 7:00 p.m. on Monday November 30, 2009. Second by Mr. Senn. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to adjourn carried unanimously.*

*Mr. Newton will be responsible for the Invocation at the November 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
Ms. Dotson will lead the Pledge*