

**STEPHENSON COUNTY BOARD MEETING**  
**7:00 PM November 30, 2009**  
**Stephenson County Board Room**

The Stephenson County Board met in the County Boardroom on Monday November 30, 2009. Chairman Blum called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Newton gave the Invocation and Ms. Dotson 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, Vicki Hooper, James Graham, Alvin Wire, Linda Dotson, Jim Kuhlmeier, Thomas Gilmour, Andrew Kuhlemeier, Lynn Koch, Brenda Boynton, George Kinney, Salvatore Detente, 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 NOVEMBER 12, 2009 MEETING MINUTES:** Mr. McKenna made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2009 meeting as received. Second by Mr. Hilton. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2009 meeting as received carried unanimously.*

**CLAIMS ON THE CLERK'S DESK:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**RESOLUTIONS FOR TAX ANTICIPATION WARRANTS**

- Resolution #09-11-1692; General Fund \$1,000,000
- Resolution #09-11-1693; Liability Fund \$500,000
- Resolution #09-11-1694; Nursing Center \$500,000
- Resolution #09-11-1695; Highway \$450,000
- Resolution #09-11-1696; Matching \$150,000
- Resolution #09-11-1697; County Bridge \$100,000

At the November 12, 2009 County Board Meeting the Treasurer was authorized to extend the process of securing tax anticipation warrants in order to allow more banks the opportunity to participate, and to proceed with the best option. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the Resolutions for Tax Anticipation Warrants as received. Second by Mr. Gilmour. Mr. Détente made a motion to divide the question to segregate the Resolution for the Nursing Center. Second by Mr. A. Kuhlemeier. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to divide the question carried with nay votes noted.* Mr. Détente asked for clarification of the necessity of warrants for the Highway/Matching & County Bridge funds. Mr. Isbell explained that several years ago due to extreme weather conditions they were over budget and drew on their reserves. They are working on growing the reserve account and due to cash flow issues prior to tax extension they may need to depend on the tax warrant to provide the necessary funds. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, A. Kuhlemeier, Koch, Boynton, Kinney, Détente, Senn, Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker, V. Hooper, and Blum. Twenty two ayes. *Motion to approve Resolution #09-11-1692; General Fund \$1,000,000, Resolution #09-11-1693; Liability Fund \$500,000, Resolution #09-11-1695; Highway \$450,000, Resolution #09-11-1696; Matching \$150,000, Resolution #09-11-1697; County Bridge \$100,000 carried unanimously.* Mr. Graham made a motion to approve Resolution #09-11-1694 for up to \$500,000 in Tax Anticipation Warrants for the Nursing Center. Second by Mr. Brown. Mr. Détente explained that he does not feel additional dollars are needed for the Nursing Center at this time. There is cash available so the Nursing Center should not have cash flow issues for several months. He would like to wait and address the issue when needed. Following discussion the Treasurer stated that Citizens Bank will lock in the rates for us and she would only need to take out the warrants when cash flow issues arise. Mr. Détente stated that he does not want the Nursing Center Warrant in effect until the dollars are actually needed and wants the Committee to have control over when they

are issued. It was stated that the decision would be made between the Treasurer and the Nursing Center Committee. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, A. Kuhlemeier, Koch, Boynton, Kinney, Détente, Senn, Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker, V. Hooper, and Blum. Twenty two ayes. *Motion to approve Resolution #09-11-1694; Nursing Center \$500,000 carried unanimously.*

**2008-2009 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET RESOLUTIONS:** Mr. Mulnix presented the following Resolutions amending various 2008-2009 Fiscal Year Budgets;

Resolution #09-11-1698 transferring \$46,230 within Circuit Clerk budgets

Resolution #09-11-1699 transferring \$50 within Facilities Management budget

Resolution #09-11-1700 transferring \$2,650 within Supervisor of Assessment budget

Resolution #09-11-1701 transferring \$2,100 within GIS budget

Resolution #09-11-1702 transferring \$4,230 within Animal Control budget

Resolution #09-11-1703 transferring \$60 within Public Defender budget

Resolution #09-11-1704 transferring \$1,510 within Zoning budget

Resolution #09-11-1705 transferring \$5,310 within Emergency Management budget

Resolution #09-11-1706 transferring \$133,500 within various budgets for County Board

Resolution #09-11-1707 transferring \$1,150 within Treasurer budget

Resolution #09-11-1708 transferring \$28,095 within Clerk and Recorder budgets

Resolution #09-11-1709 transferring \$2,605 within Judicial, Court Order Expense & Jury Commission budgets

Resolution #09-11-1710 transferring \$12,750 within Probation Service Fee budget

Resolution #09-11-1711 transferring \$49,125 within Administrative Services & Contingency budgets

Ms. S. Hooper made a motion to take action on all Resolutions as presented. Second by Ms. V. Hooper. Mr.

Kinney made a motion to amend and review Resolutions which transfer amounts over \$10,000. Second by Mr.

A. Kuhlemeier. The Chair called for a voice vote on the amendment. *Motion to amend and review Resolution*

*transferring amounts over \$10,000 failed.* The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting

aye: S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, A.

Kuhlemeier, Koch, Boynton, Détente, Senn, Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, and Blum. Member

voting nay: Kinney. Twenty one ayes. One nay. *Motion to approve Budget Resolutions #09-11-1698 through #09-11-1711 carried.*

**MILEAGE & PER DIEM ORDINANCE:** Mr. Mulnix referred to discussion held in Finance Committee regarding the reduction of mileage reimbursement to 25 cents as opposed to the Internal Revenue rate. Clarification is needed as to whether this reduction is for County Board members only or if this reduction is for all mileage reimbursements paid by the County. Ms. S. Hooper made a motion the issue be referred back to Finance Committee. Second by Mr. Mikkelsen. Ms. S. Hooper and Mr. Mikkelsen withdrew their motions. Ms. S. Hooper made a motion to proceed with an amendment to our current Ordinance to reduce County Board Mileage reimbursement to 25 cents. Second by Mr. Willging. Following much discussion Ms. S. Hooper and Mr. Willging withdrew their motions. Ms. S. Hooper made a motion to refer the issue back to Finance. Second by Mr. Détente. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to refer back to Finance Committee carried unanimously.*

**PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF THE 2009-2010 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET:** Mr. Mulnix reviewed General Fund revenues and new revenue lines. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the General Fund 001 proposed budget of \$8,298,585. Second by Mr. Mikkelsen. Mr. Graham noted this budget reflects a \$479,745 deficit. The Committees will need to work diligently to work on increasing our revenues and keeping expenses in line. Much discussion was held on economic development. Board members expressed different views on the County's commitment to NIDA. Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to call the question. Second by Ms. V. Hooper. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker, V. Hooper, Graham, J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, Koch, Senn, Newton, Brown, Hilton, and Blum. Member voting nay: Wire, Dotson, A. Kuhlemeier, Boynton, Kinney and Détente. Sixteen ayes. Six nays. *Motion to call the question carried.* The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: Graham, J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, Koch, Senn, Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen,

Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker, V. Hooper, and Blum. Member voting nay: Wire, Dotson, A. Kuhlemeier, Boynton, Kinney and Détente. Sixteen ayes. Six nays. *Motion to approve the General Fund 001 proposed 2009-2010 budget carried.*

**Fund 002 Public Safety:** Discussion was held on front door Security. It was noted that the funds for the front door security remain in this budget. The Board has funded the positions and the Sheriff will need to fill the positions accordingly. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve creating a transfer line for the \$72,000 in order to move dollars from Public Safety to the General Fund. Second by Mr. Gilmour. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to create transfer line carried with nay vote noted.* Mr. Graham made a motion to approve Fund 002. Second by Mr. Koch. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Public Safety Fund 002 carried with nay vote noted.*

**Fund 003 Nursing Center:** Mr. Graham made a motion to approve Fund 003. Second by Mr. Brown. Mr. Détente made a motion to amend the expense line down to \$7,600,000. Second by Mr. Kinney. Mr. Détente expressed his concerns with the bottom line numbers indicating revenues to expenses are going backwards. Mr. McKenna made a motion to call the question. Second by Mr. Brown. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion to call the question. Members voting aye: McKenna, Willging, Parker, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, Koch, Détente, Senn, Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, and Blum. Members voting nay: A. Kuhlemeier, Boynton, and Kinney. Nineteen ayes. Three nay. *Motion to call the question to amend carried.* The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion to amend. Members voting aye: Détente, Mikkelsen, V. Hooper, Wire, Dotson, A. Kuhlemeier, Koch, Boynton and Kinney. Members voting nay: Senn, Newton, Brown, Hilton, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker, Graham, J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, and Blum. Nine ayes. Thirteen nay. *Motion to approve the amendment failed.* The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion to approve the Nursing Center Fund 003. Members voting aye: Graham, J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, Senn, Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, Parker, V. Hooper, and Blum. Members voting nay: Wire, Dotson, A. Kuhlemeier, Koch, Boynton, Kinney and Détente. Fifteen ayes. Seven nay. *Motion to approve the Nursing Center Fund 003 carried.*

**Fund 005 through Fund 013; Highway Department Funds:** Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve the Highway Department Funds 005 through 013. Second by Mr. Mikkelsen. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Highway Department Funds 005 through 013 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 014 Capital:** Mr. Graham made a motion to approve Fund 014. Second by Mr. Gilmour. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Capital Fund 014 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 015 Health Department:** Ms. V. Hooper made a motion to approve Fund 015. Second by Mr. Senn. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Health Department Fund 015 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 016 Animal Control:** Ms. V. Hooper made a motion to approve Fund 016. Second by Mr. McKenna. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Animal Control Fund 016 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 018 Environmental Remediation:** Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve Fund 018. Second by Ms. S. Hooper. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Environmental Remediation Fund 018 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 019 Veterans Assistance:** Ms. S. Hooper made a motion to approve Fund 019. Second by Mr. A. Kuhlemeier. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Veterans Assistance Fund 019 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 020 Probation:** Ms. V. Hooper made a motion to approve Fund 020. Second by Mr. Willging. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Probation Fund 020 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 021 Emergency Management:** Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve Fund 0021. Second by Ms. S. Hooper. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Emergency Management Fund 021 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 022 through Fund 025 Automation:** Ms. V. Hooper made a motion to approve Funds 022 through 025. Second by Mr. Gilmour. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Automation Funds 022 through 025 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 026 Public Defender:** Ms. V. Hooper made a motion to approve Fund 026. Second by Mr. Willging. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Public Defender Fund 026 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 029 Social Security:** Mr. Graham made a motion to approve Fund 029. Second by Mr. Koch. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to Social Security Fund 029 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 030 Dependent Children:** Ms. V. Hooper made a motion to approve Fund 030. Second by Mr. Willging. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Dependent Children Fund 030 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 031 Employee Health Insurance:** Mr. Graham made a motion to approve Fund 031. Second by Mr. Koch. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Employee Health Insurance Fund 031 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 032 Liability Insurance:** Mr. Graham made a motion to approve Fund 032. Second by Ms. V. Hooper. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Liability Insurance Fund 032 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 033 IMRF:** Mr. Graham made a motion to approve Fund 033. Second by Mr. McKenna. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve IMRF Fund 033 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 034 Law Library:** Ms. V. Hooper made a motion to approve Fund 034. Second by Mr. Willging. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Law Library Fund 034 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 035 Internal Service:** Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve Fund 035. Second by Mr. Graham. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Internal Service Fund 035 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 036 Extension Education:** Ms. S. Hooper made a motion to approve Fund 036. Second by Mr. Wire. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Extension Education Fund 036 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 037 NCAA-Small Rental & RAMP (Grants):** Ms. S. Hooper made a motion to approve Fund 037. Second by Mr. Mikkelsen. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve NCAA-Small Rental & RAMP (Grant) Fund 037 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 038 Mental Health (708 Board):** Ms. Boynton made a motion to approve Fund 038. Second by Mr. A. Kuhlemeier. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Mental Health (708 Board) Fund 038 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 039 Tuberculosis:** Ms. V. Hooper made a motion to approve Fund 039. Second by Ms. S. Hooper. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Tuberculosis Fund 039 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 040 ETSB/911:** Mr. Senn made a motion to approve Fund 040. Second by Mr. Gilmour. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve ETSB/911 Fund 040 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 041 Waste Management:** Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve Fund 041. Second by Ms. V. Hooper. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Waste Management Fund 041 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 042 GIS:** Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve Fund 042. Second by Mr. A. Kuhlemeier. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve GIS Fund 042 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 043 through 045 Treasurers Trust, Working Cash and Inheritance Tax:** Ms. V. Hooper made a motion to approve Fund 043 through 045. Second by Mr. Senn. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Treasurers Trust, Working Cash and Inheritance Tax Fund 043 through 045 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 046 Treasurers Automation:** Ms. S. Hooper made a motion to approve Fund 046. Second by Mr. Koch. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Treasurers Automation Fund 046 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 047 Bond Repayment:** Mr. Graham made a motion to approve Fund 047. Second by Mr. Hilton. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Bond Repayment Fund 047 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 048 New Highway Building:** Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve Fund 048. Second by Mr. Mikkelsen. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve New Highway Fund 048 carried unanimously.*

**Fund 049 Mill Race Crossing (EDPA):** Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve Fund 049. Second by Mr. McKenna. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve Mill Race Crossing (EDPA) Fund 049 carried with nays votes noted.*

Mr. Kinney made a motion to reduce Fund Account #049-610-604-00 from \$50,000 to \$5,000. *Motion died due to lack of second.*

**ADOPTION OF THE PROPERTY TAX LEVY AND ANNUAL APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010:**

General Corporate Fund	\$1,665,033
Nursing Center Fund	\$ 512,738
Highway Department Fund	\$ 602,619
County Matching Fund	\$ 301,342
County Bridge Fund	\$ 301,342
Veterans Assistance Commission Fund	\$ 186,836
County Health Department Fund	\$ 40,698
Liability Insurance – Tort Immunity Fund	\$1,103,000
Social Security Contributions Fund	\$ 915,750
Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund	\$1,345,000
Extension Education Fund	\$ 165,000
Community Mental Health Fund	\$ 301,342
Tuberculosis Fund	\$ 58,700

Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the adoption of the Property Tax Levy and the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 as received. Second by Ms. S. Hooper. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. *Motion to approve the adoption of the Property Tax Levy and the Annual Appropriation Ordinance for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 with nay vote noted.*

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Chairman Blum presented Resolution #09-11-1697; supporting the sale, transfer or lease of the Thomson Correctional Center. Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve the Resolution. Second by Mr. Willging. Board members expressed their various opinions. The Chair called for a roll call vote on the motion. Members voting aye: Senn, Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Willging, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, J. Kuhlmeier, Gilmour, Koch, and Blum. Member voting nay: Détente, Parker, Dotson, A. Kuhlemeier, Boynton, and Kinney. Sixteen ayes. Six nay. *Motion to approve Resolution #09-11-1697; supporting the sale, transfer or lease of the Thomson Correctional Center carried.*

**MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE:** None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** No Executive Session

**ADJOURN UNTIL 6:30 P.M. WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 9, 2009:** Mr. Senn made a motion to adjourn. Second by Mr. A. Kuhlemeier. *Motion to adjourn carried by voice vote at 9:57 p.m.*

*Mr. Newton will be responsible for the Invocation at the December 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting  
Mr. Gilmour will lead the Pledge*