

STEPHENSON COUNTY BOARD MEETING
Wednesday January 10, 2007

The Stephenson County Board met in the Courthouse on Wednesday January 10, 2007. Chairman Blum called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Senn gave the Invocation and Mr. Detente 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, Robert Kaderly, John Blum, Vicki Hooper, James Graham, Linda Dotson, Jim Kuhlmeier, Sandra Kubatzke, Andrew Kuhlemeier, Lowell Bicker, Brenda Boynton, Michael Boomgarden, Salvatore Detente, and Forrest Senn. Member absent: Alvin Wire. Twenty-one members present. One member absent.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Chairman Blum requested the agenda be amended by moving the Service Awards immediately before the Highway Report. Mr. McKenna made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Second by Ms. Dotson. The Chair called for a voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF THE DECEMBER 13, 2006 MINUTES: Mr. McKenna made a motion to approve the minutes of the December 13, 2006 meetings as received. Second by Mr. Mikkelsen. The Chair called for a voice vote. Motion 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. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Public Defender Report for December 2006; 245 New Cases, 225 Cases Closed and Income of \$1,589
- Public Defender Report for January-December 2006; 3339 Total New Cases, 3,063 Total Cases Closed and Total Income of \$33,825.85
- FY 2005 Fiscal Responsibility Report Card from State Comptroller detailed financial information for each unit of government is available on the Comptroller's web site @ www.ioc.state.il.us

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. Motion carried unanimously.

SERVICE AWARDS: Chairman Blum presented awards to the following Department Heads acknowledging their years of service with the County.

- Sherry Gravenstein 20 years
- Terry Groves 15 years
- Chris Isbell 15 years

HIGHWAY REPORT: Mr. Isbell presented the following Resolutions:

Resolution #07-01-1417, HD 07-01; Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Stephenson and the Village of Lena for the reconstruction of Galena Road (Lena Street). Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve Resolution #07-01-1417, HD07-01. Second by Ms. Dotson. The Chair called for a voice vote. Motion carried unanimously. (*Noted arrival of Mr. Wire*)

Resolution #07-01-1418, HD07-02; Awarding low bid \$5,800.00 to Jerry's Welding for two new landscape trailers. Mr. Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve Resolution # 07-01-1418, HD07-42. Second by Mr. Graham. The Chair called for a voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #07-01-1419, HD07-03; Awarding low bid \$78,270.70 to Moring Construction for Section 04-17124-00-BR, West Point Road District. Mr. Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve Resolution #07-01-1419, HD07-03. Second by Mr. Bicker. Mr. Isbell explained there has been an objection filed regarding training and apprenticeship issues with Moring Construction. It was noted this approval would be contingent on a satisfactory outcome of the IDOT investigation. The Chair called for a roll call vote. Members voting aye: Newton, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Kaderly, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Kubatzke, A. Kuhlemeier, Bicker, Boynton, Boomgarden, D tente, Senn and Blum. Members voting nay: Brown and Hadley. Twenty aye. Two nay. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #07-01-1420, HD07-04; Awarding low bid \$34,377.40 to Illowa Culvert & Supply for Section 07-00000-00-PC Pipe Culverts. Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve Resolution #07-01-1420, HD07-04. Second Mr. A. Kuhlmeier. The Chair called for a roll call vote. Members voting aye: Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Hadley, Kaderly, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Kubatzke, A. Kuhlmeier, Bicker, Boynton, Boomgarden, Détente, Senn and Blum. Twenty-two aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #07-01-1421, HD07-05; Awarding bids for Section 07-00000-00-SG, (NON-MFT) Signs and Posts.

Group 1 - Mesh Signs, Flags & Traffic Cones: Awarded to TAPCO \$860.10

Group 2 - Reflectors and Hardware: Awarded to Allied Municipal \$126.00

Group 3 - Complete Signs (Hi Intensity): Awarded to Osburn \$7,948.78

Group 4 - Steel U-Channel Posts: Awarded to TAPCO \$419.93

Group 5 - Barricades: Awarded to Allied Municipal \$1,037.76

Group 6 - Aluminum Blanks: Awarded to Osburn \$161.76

Group 7 - Flexible Posts: Awarded to TAPCO \$1,695.00

Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve Resolution #07-01-1421, HD07-05. Second by Mr. Wire. The Chair called for a voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution #07-01-1422, HD07-06; Spring Postings, restricting weight of various axled vehicles on County Roads and Highways. Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve Resolution #07-01-1422, HD07-06. Second by Ms. Boynton. The Chair called for a voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval to Order 1-ton Trucks; Approving State Purchasing Contract for (2) 1-ton trucks not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$40,000. Mr. Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve the purchase. Second by Ms. Kubatzke. The Chair called for a roll call vote. Members voting aye: Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Hadley, Kaderly, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Kubatzke, A. Kuhlmeier, Bicker, Boynton, Boomgarden, Détente, Senn and Blum. Twenty-two aye. Motion carried unanimously.

SHERIFF'S REPORT: Sheriff Snyders reported the Phase 2 of the Image Grant has been completed. The part-time clerk, covered under the TLEP grant has been hired. He has also hired another part-time telecommunicator. Two Squad Cars will be purchased from the State Bid List. Sheriff Snyders presented a Resolution to amend the number of Deputies authorized for the Sheriff. Before he can hire another deputy for the new courtroom, the County Board must approve a resolution authorizing the Sheriff to increase the number of Deputies by one. Mr. Boomgarden made a motion to approve increasing the number of Deputies by one. Second by Mr. Hilton. Discussion followed on the current number of Deputies. It was uncertain if the current number was 26 or 27. Following further discussion, Mr. Hadley made a motion to layover the Resolution in order to first verify the correct number of Deputies. Second by Ms. Dotson. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion to layover the Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

ZONING REPORT: Mr. Groves presented the following requests;

Special Use Permit #SU 06-15 – Private Air Strip for Gary Mahon. The Stephenson County Zoning Board of Appeals has recommended approval by a vote of 5-0. Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve #SU 06-15. Second by Mr. Kaderly. Discussion followed on the new FAA regulations and insurance requirements. Following much discussion Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to layover the request for further investigation. Second by Mr. Kaderly. The Chair called for a roll call vote. Members voting aye: Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, McKenna, Kaderly, J. Kuhlmeier, Bicker, Senn and Blum. Members voting nay: S. Hooper, Hadley, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, Dotson, Kubatzke, A. Kuhlmeier, Boynton, Boomgarden and Détente. Eleven Aye. Eleven Nay. Motion failed. Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve #SU 06-15. Second by Ms. Dotson. The Chair called for a voice vote. Motion carried with nay votes noted.

Map Amendment #MA 06-05 – A-2 to B-3 for Mike Stingley. The Stephenson County Zoning Board of Appeals has recommended approval by a vote of 5-0. Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve Map Amendment #MA 06-05. Second by Mr. A. Kuhlmeier. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Variance – Frontage Setback Variance of 48’ for Aaron Kleckler. The Stephenson County Zoning Board of Appeals approved the Variance by a vote of 5-0 with no County action needed.

Special Use Permit #SU 06-16 – Private Air Strip for Ron Moring. The Stephenson County Zoning Board of Appeals has recommended approval by a vote of 5-0. Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve #SU 06-16. Second by Ms. Kubatzke. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. Motion carried with nay votes noted.

Special Use Permit #SU 06-17 – Residential for Jim Leifheit. The Stephenson County Zoning Board of Appeals has recommended approval by a vote of 5-0. Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve #SU 06-17. Second by Ms. Kubatzke. The Chair called for a voice vote on the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Map Amendment – A-1 to A-2 for Sacred Heart Society. By a vote of 5-0, the Stephenson County Zoning Board of Appeals has recommended the Zoning District Map Amendment be continued to the next ZBA Meeting on February 8, 2007.

PECATONICA PRAIRIE PATH/JANE ADDAMS TRAIL REPORT: No Report

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REPORT: Mr. Groves reported the County has been awarded a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Planning Grant for \$28,000. He is working with the City of Freeport on the grant. The local share of the grant will be met by in-kind services from the City and County. Completion of this grant is necessary to qualify for future Federal Mitigation Funding. He presented the following Agreement:

A07-01-1424; Flood Mitigation Agreement between Stephenson County and Vandewalle & Associates, a professional planning and design firm. The “Project” is defined as development of a Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the County, which meets the planning requirements established by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000. He noted this agreement, would not be signed, until an official agreement has been received from the City of Freeport. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve Flood Mitigation Agreement #A07-01-1424 with the noted stipulation. Second by Mikkelsen. The Chair called for a voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

9-1-1 REPORT: Mr. Groves distributed Monthly Statistics and Minutes from the December 11, 2006 Meeting. He noted the claims, had been forwarded to Finance due to lack of quorum.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mr. Beintema reported February 11th is a National Car Seat Safety Check day. The Family Case management staff will be doing car seat checks from noon until 3:00 pm at the Health Department. The Health Department will continue providing Flu shots every Monday and Tuesday through January. As a result of a CDC and IDPH recommendation, they are providing a low cost clinic. Adults are charged \$15 and children under three years of age are free while supplies last. They are also providing clinics at the schools in Dakota and Lena. The Department is planning an exercise to test their medication-dispensing site in Dakota on March 27, 2007. Mr. Beintema distributed Food Service Scores for December, Flu Surveillance Report, Pandemic Influenza Newsletter and the Animal Control Report for November and December.

Designation of Animal Control Department Head: When the County Board transferred oversight, for Animal Control to the Board of Health, no reference was made designating the Department Head. The Health Department Administrator has initiated managerial control and the Finance Committee recommends the Administrator of the Health Department, be designated as the Animal Control Department Head, charging the County DVM with those responsibilities as specified in the State Statutes. Mr. Graham made a motion to designate the Administrator of the Health Department as Department Head for Animal Control. Second by Ms. Boynton. The Chair called for a voice vote. Motion carried, noting nay vote by Mr. Hadley.

NURSING CENTER REPORT: Ms. Gravenstein reported on energy efficient lighting project in the center dining room and the corridors. The Occupational Therapist position will be offered to the applicant not to exceed \$87,000. Results from the recent Staff Satisfaction Survey were very satisfactory.

PROBATION DEPARTMENT REPORT: Mr. Pauley presented caseload totals and statistical information.

STATE’S ATTORNEY REPORT: State’s Attorney Vogt reported a new Assistant State’s Attorney has been hired. His office has received \$8,750 from a Special Project grant. He would like to use the grant for a victim’s witness coordinator.

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT:

- Chairman Blum received a letter dated December 21, 2006 from Component Systems-Illinois that contained the following information: “Please inform the Stephenson County Board that effective November 6, 2006 there was a change in ownership of Component Systems Inc., located at 209 N. Bridge St., Eleroy, IL. With the change of ownership the company name has changed also. Our new name is Component Systems-Illinois, LLC. We find this change exciting as the new owners, William and Sirene Martin, already own a carpentry business (Cedar Creek Carpentry) and a wall panel business (Michigan Wall Panels), both located in New Baltimore, MI. Their commitment is already obvious with new equipment purchases and additional orders already making improved changes to the business. Their expansion and growth of this business will be a very positive and permanent part of Stephenson County’s economic future. Signed John Tempel, Controller, Component Systems-Illinois”.
- Blackhawk Biofuels, LLC has begun the equity drive for their planned Stephenson County bio-diesel project. A series of meetings began in Freeport on January 8 and will continue across Illinois, Iowa, Wisconsin, and Indiana until January 25. Response has been impressive, especially from the agribusiness community. It is anticipated that the funding goals will be reached by the end of this month.
- We continue to work with Blackhawk Biofuels on a number of business components such as the renewable energy grant from DCEO, the Project Labor Agreement, and the final redevelopment agreement. It is planned to have the redevelopment agreement to our Planning and Development Committee at their February meeting. After the redevelopment agreement is approved by this Board and the City of Freeport, building permits will be requested, we will close on the land sale, and the enterprise zone fee will be paid. This needs to be accomplished in a timely fashion to allow construction to begin next spring.
- As directed by this Board, the contract agreements between the County, Economic Development Foundation, Weitz Construction, and Fischer Excavating have been completed to begin work preparing the Mill Race Industrial Park. Equipment is on-site, however the warmer than normal fall has prevented the pre-charging of engineered fill. Cold weather should return early next week and give a suitable footing for the heavy equipment to get this soil moved. The pre-charge needs to be in place for at least 60-days in order to provide adequate compaction.
- We received a letter yesterday from Canadian National Railroad approving our track design for Mill Race Industrial Park. This was the last piece needed to finish the grant application process with IDOT. Our application should be with IDOT yet this week. Meetings will then be scheduled to review and score our application. We are very confident that we will receive significant grant funding to pay for the non-private rail access.
- We are finishing the final documentation for our EDA grant in the amount of \$1.5 million. This package is due tomorrow in Chicago. One of the last requests made by EDA was to add Silver Creek Township as a co-applicant in the grant process. This was requested because a portion of the federal money will be used to improve township roads. The township Board is meeting as we speak here tonight and Mr. Isbell and Mr. Holder are getting the necessary approvals in time to make the deadline tomorrow. We also received a letter of support in this application from Congressman Manzullo.
- We continue to work with Congressman Manzullo to determine how we can still receive the \$250,000 funding from USDA that was promised to us late last year. The new Congress was just sworn in and it will take some time to see how these funding issues play out. We have received the support of Senator Durbin and Obama in this effort.
- We continue to work on a number of issues in support of the wind generation projects. The Planning and Development Committee is working through a proposal to provide property value assurance and I will defer to Mr. Mikkelsen in his report for an update. We are also working through the development of a PILOT agreement, (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) which will define the tax base generated by new wind generator installations. These funds will be distributed to the underlying taxing districts in proportion with their tax levies. These payments are outside of tax caps and could mean significant revenue for our school districts.

- We continue to have an open dialogue with Freeport Farms concerning their proposed project in Stephenson County. The owner is currently out of the country for an extended period. Our last substantial communication with him included a proposed Memorandum of Understanding that contained all of the economic incentives and investment obligations from both sides of the table. Our offer, as you are aware, is very progressive and includes the site, rail, roads, and utilities to the site, a CDAP grant of \$750,000, and Enterprise Zone benefits. We also included a centralized pretreatment option to treat his effluent to the standards required by the City of Freeport. His cost to utilize this system would be less than the industry standard and it would allow him to save the investment of a full pretreatment system for his sole use. This point needs to be worked on further. Another point involves property taxes. After the County Assessor reviewed plans for the proposed facility, we estimated that the annual property taxes would be approximately \$250,000. His response was that he has only budgeted \$150,000 per year for property taxes. Since our investment is tied to tax increment, this is another point that needs more work. We will wait for a written response to our proposal before making any counter offers. Again, any agreement will have to come to this Board for ratification.
- We have (20) individuals willing to serve on our committee to review the Blackhawk War Monument. Since the word got out that we were considering this effort, I have received calls from across the country. Chairman Blum has had contact with relatives of the soldiers that died in the battle as well as relatives of the officers that lead the soldiers. He learned that one of the soldier's grave markers has his name misspelled. The proper last name should be Bond and it is etched in the stone and the monument as Band. The family recently received permission from the federal government to make a correction, now we have to find out how we can do it.
- This summer marks the 175th anniversary of the battle. Some of the soldiers' families are planning a reunion at the park to commemorate those fateful days in 1832. Our committee hopes to learn more of the history and perspectives for developing this memorial site. In addition, Chairman Blum has had contact with Mr. Sherm Virtue of Lena. He organized the commemoration at the site during the 150th anniversary. His family donated the land on which the monument sits. He is willing to talk about helping to expand the park and share all of his knowledge as to the history and heritage. We need to document his knowledge before it is lost forever. This project will prove to be interesting and will allow us the opportunity to learn about the cultural, political, and social perspectives that were present as America developed to the west.
- We are proceeding with updating our Enterprise Zone ordinance and the partner intergovernmental agreements. The next meeting of the (4) units of government will be next week and we plan to have the final documents to the Planning and Development Committee next month and hopefully to the full Board. The new ordinance will allow for the collection of a ¼% fee on projects in the Enterprise Zone. The fee will be collected by the Enterprise Zone Committee. After costs are paid, one half of the fee will be distributed to the government unit in which the project resides and the other half will remain with the Zone Committee to pay for their operations as well as fund economic development efforts such as the Freeport Area Economic Development Foundation. This funding stream is intended to replace direct government subsidy of the Foundation in years that have sufficient fees generated or on account.
- Stephenson County continues to work in partnership with NICAA on a number of grant initiatives. We were recently awarded a \$265,000 grant in the Small Rental Properties Program from IHDA. This program will provide a cash supplement to owners of investment property to improve the health and safety of rental units. The grant should be finalized in March. Earlier this week we were notified that \$960,000 will be awarded for implementation of the Homebuyer Assistance Program. This program provides funding for new homeowners to cover down payments, closing costs, and funds to insure the property meets all codes and safety concerns. This program is an excellent complement to the First Time Homebuyer Program. In March of 2006, \$620,000 was awarded in the Single Family Owner Occupied Rehabilitation Program. This was a 2-year award and to date eight homes have been rehabilitated under this program. We plan to work with NICAA and RAMP to secure a grant under the Mobility and

Accessibility Services program. These funds will be used to make modifications to homes occupied by people with mobility impairments. Up to \$100,000 is available in each grant cycle.

- Chairman Blum attended a meeting with the City of Freeport, Freeport Township, and the Senior Center to discuss transportation issues. They hope to put together a program to begin the improvement of available transportation in our region. The issues are complex and funding sources thin, but we feel that without an effort and an investment in this area we will continue to have negative effects on individuals, families, and the economy. The next meeting is planned for the end of the month.
- The Freeport Area Economic Development Foundation met yesterday. The new Chairman for 2007 is Brian Stewart and the Vice Chairman is Mike Clark.
- Chairman Blum is working on a committee formed by the City of Freeport to begin the process of updating the airport master plan. This is a requirement every 10-years by the State and FAA and will take a number of months to complete
- A number of projects are starting at the committee level. One of these is a process leading to a professional rewrite and digitalizing of our County Code book. More of this will be covered under Mrs. Hooper's report, but this is a project all of you will need to provide input. Another project is a reorganization of how we maintain appointments on all the various Boards and committees across the county. I am working with the County Clerk to allocate a number of these appointment duties to oversight committees. We hope to have our first draft of this available for the Administration Committee next month.

UCCI: Mr. McLeRoy reported on pending legislation. The UCCI legislative reception is scheduled for March 27th. UCCI is trying to increase attendance at the seminars. The next seminar is scheduled at Rock Valley College, on April 14th. UCCI is looking for ways to help Counties being hurt by "tax caps" and the lack of funding for the State Capital Plan.

APPOINTMENTS: Chairman Blum recommended the following appointments,

- Zoning Board of Appeals: Reappoint Jim Yeoman
- County Extension Board: Appoint Jim Kuhlmeier

Mr. Mikkelsen made a motion to approve the appointments. Second by Mr. Kaderly. The Chair called for a voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Action Items from Standing Committees

Administration

- Raffles (all fees paid and bonding in order)
 - 1385 Relay for Life – Dakota School District Team, Manager Keri Nitzel
 - 1386 Freeport Women's Bowling Association, Manager Barbara Wing
 - 1387 Public Health Foundation of Northwest Illinois, Manager John Kowalke

Motion by Ms. S. Hooper to approve the raffles. Second by Mr. McKenna. The Chair called for a voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

Information Items from Standing Committee

Finance: Mr. Graham reported on the Employee Health Insurance Fund. In the first month of the current fiscal year, expenses exceeded revenues by \$123,444.64

Administration: Ms. S. Hooper reported the Committee has started the County Code Book review process. They have created a list assigning chapters to the various oversight committees. This review process is for exceptions to current procedure, policy and operation methods. This is not a legal or statutory compliance review.

CLAIMS: The Clerk read the following claims:

Finance & Procurement	\$ 1,347,990.71
Administration	\$ 158,964.09
Public Works	\$ 454,638.78
Nursing Center	\$ 209,978.77
Public Property	\$ 29,378.24

Court Services	\$	59,605.17
Public Safety	\$	67,934.57
Animal Control	\$	1,704.67
Planning & Development	\$	532.46
9-1-1	\$	12,960.00

Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the Claims. Second by Ms. Kubatzke. The Chair called for a roll call vote. Members voting aye: Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Hadley, Kaderly, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Kubatzke, A. Kuhlemeier, Boynton, Boomgarden, Detente, Senn and Blum. Twenty-one ayes. *(Noted absence of Mr. Bicker)* Motion carried unanimously.

Mileage & Per Diems – Subject to review by Finance Chairman

Bicker 5 days, 98 miles-Blum 8 days, 0 miles-Boomgarden 4 days, 64 miles-Boynton 3 days, 44 miles-Brown 3 days, 8 miles-Detente 3 days, 39 miles-Devine 3 days, 10 miles-Dotson 2 days, 74 miles-J Graham 6 days, 18 miles-Hadley 3 days, 14 miles-S Hooper 4 days, 8 miles-V Hooper 3 days, 6 miles-Kaderly 2 days, 12 miles-Kubatzke 4 days, 92 miles-A Kuhlemeier 3 days, 95 miles-J Kuhlmeier 6 days, 140 miles-McKenna 3 days, 12 miles-Mikkelsen 4 days, 6 miles-Newton 4 days, 8 miles-Senn 5 days, 70 miles-Wire 3 days, 118 miles-Hilton 3 days, 6 miles. Mr. Graham made a motion to approve the mileage and per diems. Second by Ms. Kubatzke. The Chair called for a voice vote. Motion carried unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Chairman Blum announced the Board would need to move to Executive Session in order to discuss Union Negotiations. Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion to move to Executive Session. Second by Mr. Senn. The Chair called for a roll call vote. Members voting aye: Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Hadley, Kaderly, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Kubatzke, A. Kuhlemeier, Boynton, Boomgarden, Détente, Senn and Blum. Twenty-one ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

REGULAR SESSION: Chairman Blum called the regular session back to order and announced that Union Negotiations had been discussed in Executive Session with no action taken.

CONSIDERATION OF UNION NEGOTIATIONS:

Nursing Center – three-year agreement; 2% first year (retroactive to first payroll of the current fiscal year), 3% second year and 3% third year. Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve the proposed Union Contract with the Nursing Center. Second by Ms. Kubatzke. The Chair called for a roll call vote. Members voting aye: Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Hadley, Kaderly, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Kubatzke, A. Kuhlemeier, Boynton, Boomgarden, Détente, Senn and Blum. Twenty-one aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Highway Department – three-year agreement; 2% first year (retroactive to first payroll of the current fiscal year), 3% second year and 3% third year. Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve the proposed Union Contract with the Highway Department. Second by Ms. Boynton. The Chair called for a roll call vote. Members voting aye: Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Hadley, Kaderly, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Kubatzke, A. Kuhlemeier, Boynton, Boomgarden, Détente, Senn and Blum. Twenty-one aye. Motion carried unanimously.

Non-Union Employees – *(Non-Department Heads and Employees who didn't receive special consideration during the budget process)* – Fiscal Year 2007; 2% retroactive to first payroll of the current fiscal year. Mr. J. Kuhlmeier made a motion to approve the 2% increase for non-union employees. Second by Mr. Kaderly. The Chair called for a roll call vote. Members voting aye: Newton, Brown, Hilton, Mikkelsen, Devine, S. Hooper, McKenna, Hadley, Kaderly, V. Hooper, Graham, Wire, Dotson, J. Kuhlmeier, Kubatzke, Boynton, Boomgarden, Détente, Senn and Blum. Member voting nay: A. Kuhlemeier. Twenty aye. One nay. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Mr. Senn made a motion to adjourn until 6:30 p.m. Wednesday February 14, 2007. Second by Ms. V. Hooper. The Chair called for a voice vote. Motion carried unanimously at 9:14 p.m.

Mr. Newton will lead the Pledge and Mr. Brown will be responsible for the Invocation at the February Meeting

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