

**MEMBERS OF THE ROCK ISLAND COUNTY BOARD  
ORGANIZATIONAL SPECIAL MEETING  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020 -- 5:30 P.M.**

1. Karen Kinney, County Clerk, read the list of the Members of the County Board who were given the Oath of Office earlier in the day due to Covid, all elected in the General Election held on November 3, 2020.

Rich Morthland, District 1  
Luis S. Moreno, District 6  
Carla Enburg, District 7  
Brian D. Vyncke, District 8  
Jeff D. Deppe, District 9  
Pat O'Brien, District 10  
Richard Brunk, District 13  
Kai Swanson, District 16  
Edwin Langdon Jr., District 17  
Johnnie M. Woods, District 20  
Drue Mielke, District 22  
Drew Clevenger, District 24

Ms. Kinney stated, "Congratulations to all newly elected County Board Members."

2. County Clerk, Karen Kinney, called the Reorganizational Meeting of the County Board to order at 5:33 PM.
3. County Clerk, Karen Kinney, called the roll: (Record)

D. Adams, D. Beck, L. Boswell-Loffin, R. Brunk, L. Burns, D. Clevenger, D. Cremeens, J. Deppe, C. Enburg, D. Johnston, E. Langdon, K. Maranda, D. Mielke, L. Moreno, M. Moreno, R. Morthland, A. Normoyle, S. Noyd, P. O'Brien, R. Simmer, E. Sowards, K. Swanson, B. Vyncke, J.R. Westpfahl, J. Woods

**TOTAL PRESENT 25**

**TOTAL ABSENT 0**

Ms. Kinney stated, "We have a quorum."

Board Member Simmer is now logged on.

4. Ms. Kinney requested a Moment of Silence for the Invocation.
5. Pledge of Allegiance led by County Clerk, Karen Kinney.
6. **PUBLIC COMMENTS: (NONE)** Three calls were made to the public for comment.

7. Ms. Kinney stated, "The first order of business is to elect a Temporary County Board Chairperson. I will make three calls for nominations for a Temporary County Board Chairperson.

Ms. Kinney made a first call...

County Board Member L. Burns moved to nominate Dave Adams as Temporary County Board Chairperson. Board Member Swanson seconded. Board Member Adams accepted the nomination.

Board Member Westpfahl stated, "I move the nominations be closed."

Madam Clerk Kinney stated, "I must ask three times, Mr. Westpfahl."

Ms. Kinney made a second call...

Ms. Kinney made a third and final call...

Madam Clerk Kinney stated, "If not, then I will close the nominations for Temporary Board Chairperson."

Madam Clerk Kinney stated, "Mr. Adams, will you please come forward."

Ms. Winstead asked, "Are you going to ask for a vote by acclamation?"

Madam Clerk Kinney stated, "A motion made and seconded to close nominations and approve by acclamation." Board Member Noyd moved and Swanson seconded.

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

Board Member Adams took the Podium as Temporary Board Chairperson.

8. Temporary County Board Chairperson D. Adams stated, "Good evening everyone. I am going to do three calls for County Board Chairperson. I open up the floor for nominations for County Board Chair."

Mr. Adams made the first call for any nominations for County Board Chair...

Board Member L. Moreno nominated Richard Brunk. Board Member Noyd seconded. Board Member Brunk accepted the nomination.

Mr. Adams made a second call for any nominations for County Board Chair...

Mr. Adams made a third and final call for nominations for County Board Chair...

Mr. Adams stated, "Hearing none, I will declare nominations for County Board Chair closed. I make a motion to approve by acclamation. Board Member L. Moreno seconded."

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

Mr. Adams and others on the Board stated, "Congratulations, Richard."

(Group Applause)

Chairman Brunk stated, "First of all, I would like to thank everyone for your confidence in me, um, I greatly appreciate it. We've faced a lot of tough issues and a lot of challenges in recent times. And, we still have a lot more work to do with the Board reapportionment and reduction as well as continue to stabilize the county finances so that we can get the county in a much better position moving forward. With that, again, I thank you very much."

9. Chairman Brunk stated, "At this time, I will open the floor for nominations for Vice Chairperson.

Chairman Brunk made a first call for nominations for Vice Chair...

Board Member J. Deppe nominated Brian Vyncke for Vice Chair. Board Member D. Beck seconded.

Chairman Brunk made a second call for nominations for Vice Chair...

Chairman Brunk made a third and final call for nominations for Vice Chair...

Chairman Brunk stated, "With that, I will close the nominations and make a motion to vote by acclamation to approve Mr. Brian Vyncke as Board Vice-Chair. We have a motion by Mr. Adams."

Mr. Noyd stated, "That is a second. You made the motion."

Chairman Brunk stated, "Oh, I am sorry. Mr. Adams seconded."

A voice vote was taken.

Motion carried.

Chairman Brunk stated, "Congratulations, Mr. Vyncke. If you would like to say a little something."

Vice-Chair Vyncke stated, "Ms. Kinney, if you will turn my mic on."

Ms. Kinney stated, "I can't hear him."

Chairman Brunk stated, "He needs his mic on."

Ms. Kinney stated, "Okay, sorry."

Vice-Chair Vyncke stated, "Okay. Thanks, everybody. I appreciate your support for Vice-Chair and as Chairman Brunk stated, we have a lot of work to do going forward. Um, we've done a lot of good things over the last couple of years. I am hoping to keep that momentum moving forward. And, again, I am glad to be of service to you as your Vice-Chair. Thank you."

(Group Applause)

10. Chairman Brunk stated, "Okay. Moving on with the agenda. We do actually have one more action item this evening, Item 8 consideration of a global settlement agreement and an impact with AFSCME related to Hope Creek Care Center. First, I would ask for a motion to accept." (Inc. by Ref.)

Board Member Noyd moved and Mr. Vyncke and Mr. Adams seconded.

Chairman Brunk asked, "Do we have any discussion? Mr. Johnston. Hang on, Mr. Maranda."

Board Member Johnston was recognized.

Ms. Kinney stated, "Okay, Mr. Johnston."

Chairman Brunk added, "Go ahead, Mr. Johnston."

Mr. Johnston stated, "Frankly, I was wondering why we were doing this this way and what it was all about without an explanation. Normally, I would have thought that we would go to a Committee of the Whole and then the regular meeting. I did talk with Mr. Adams earlier and he explained that the negotiations committee was involved in this and they did put it together. So, that's another story, but that doesn't give an explanation for those who don't

even know what this is. Is there a way that legal or maybe Mr. Snider can give some type of..."

Chairman Brunk stated, "Yeah, well I can tell you in a nutshell that some of the newer members who have been in in recent days for an orientation, um, were briefed on it. Um, the full Board did get an email on it from Mr. Snider. Uh, the reason we chose to do it in this manner is coming from the grievance and negotiations committee, was in order to get the matter settled. Um, AFSCME was actually interested in getting it all tied up and settled. Um, we were both in agreement that we felt it would be good to get the money to the former employees prior to the Christmas holiday rather than waiting to the end of December. Mr. Maranda did you have a question?"

Board Member Maranda was recognized.

Mr. Maranda stated, "Yes, I did. Thank you, Mr. Chairman. Uh, the unemployment area first in letter a there, calls for an extra \$500.00 by the employer. Would that have been in the tuition reimbursement among other things? I mean that's pretty broad. That's \$300 bucks I believe we covered, but uh, there again...and then uh, the other question is uh where is this \$40,000.00 coming from? Is that coming out of the General Fund or is that coming out of Liability? Was that through the negotiating committee or...?"

Chairman Brunk answered, "Your first question, the \$500.00 is related to educational opportunities. Um, and your second question is...these funds are to come out of the General Fund and not Liability."

Mr. Maranda stated, "Okay. There, again, you know we are committee driven and uh, you know...and I guess I am not happy with bouncing this a week from committee. And so, especially...but well still do... (inaudible). Thanks for all you do."

Board Member Boswell-Loffin stated, "I have a question."

Chairman Brunk stated, "Hang on Ms. Loffin. Um, just to reiterate again that we were in agreement with union leadership that we wanted to get the funds to the former employees prior to the holiday. So, go ahead, Lauren."

Board Member Boswell-Loffin was recognized.

Ms. Boswell-Loffin stated, "Thank you. Just in the language...it was kind of broad and a little vague. And right before where you say 'Therefore, in exchange for and in consideration of...you put (inaudible) 'herein' ...then you say, 'along with other good and valuable consideration' ...um, is that something that's not out-lying? Is that something that should be um, kind of articulated more or is that

something that is already approved when you say, 'other good and valuable consideration'?"

Chairman Brunk stated, "Mr. (inaudible)...are you on the line?"

Ms. Patty Castro stated, "This is Patty Castro. I am on the line and I can answer that for you."

Chairman Brunk stated, "Okay...go ahead Ms. Castro."

Ms. Castro stated, "It's a legal term, Lauren. And all it says is it's an exchange. It's a bargain. So, no...all of the terms are laid out in this global settlement agreement. These are all the terms here. There is no separate agreement. Um, the other thing I have to um share with you are the terms why this is being brought to the Board um, tonight rather than a later date in time is so that we have a number of Unfair Labor Practices that are filed and are pending. Two of those have hearing deadlines by the end of December. By agreement of both the union and the employer, we have agreed to inform the arbitrator that we were close to making a deal and would cover all four ULP charges. So, that being said, if having a hearing later this week would cling to the arbitrator whether or not we are going to proceed with the hearing um, or whether or not we have come to an agreement."

Ms. Boswell-Loftin stated, "I understand that's been negotiated...but am not understanding...you can't put them all in just one document that's coming to the Board, but there are things that you have explained."

Ms. Castro added, "Well, this takes care of all, everything..."

Ms. Boswell-Loftin interrupted, "Okay...pending?"

Ms. Castro added, "...everything that is pending."

Ms. Boswell-Loftin stated, "Okay, okay...thank you."

Ms. Castro stated, "You are welcome."

Chairman Brunk stated, "Thank you, Ms. Castro. Thank you, Lauren. Mr. Adams, did you have anything?"

Mr. Adams stated, "Patty answered it."

Ms. Palmer stated, "Mr. Chairman, may I please make a comment?"

Chairman Brunk stated, "Uh, is it related to this matter?"

Ms. Palmer stated, "Yes."

Chairman Brunk stated, "Okay...sure, go ahead."

Ms. Palmer stated, "I just wanted to clarify that the funds that are paying the \$40,000 are coming from extra revenue that was still coming into the nursing home when business related to county services from September 30<sup>th</sup> before turning it over to the new buyer. Uh, so...they will be coming out of Hope Creek's um, unbudgeted...oh, I am sorry...reallocated budget that was not spent due to the fact that we sold it two months before this budget ends. And this also...the payment being made by the 18<sup>th</sup> of December allows us to back date the payroll to the proper fiscal year for proper accounting purposes."

Chairman Brunk stated, "Okay, thank you. Alright, we have a motion and a second...can we get a roll call vote, please?"

An oral roll call vote was taken.

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**TOTAL YES            24**

**TOTAL NO            0**

Motion carried.

Chairman Brunk stated, "With that...that concludes the agenda for the meeting this evening. I would like to welcome the new Members: Ms. Moreno, District 4, Ms. Enburg, District 7, Johnnie Woods, District 20 and Mr. Drew Clevenger, District 24. Welcome aboard! Um, brace yourselves...it's not always a fun ride, but uh, we've got some business ahead of us. So...welcome aboard! With that...the time is 5:55pm and we are in recess."

County Board Chairman Brunk declared the County Board Organizational Meeting recessed. Time is 5:55 PM.

The next meeting of the Rock Island County Board will be Tuesday, December 22, 2020, at 5:30pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Karen Kinney", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

KAREN KINNEY  
COUNTY CLERK OF THE  
ROCK ISLAND COUNTY BOARD

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