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MINUTES

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

DECEMBER 13, 2005

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on December 13, 2005 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman VanMeter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Montalbano gave the Invocation and Maria Palazzolo, daughter of Paul Palazzolo, County Auditor, led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to call the roll. There were 28 Present – 1 Absent. Mr. Stephens was excused.

Mrs. Long and Mrs. Turner presented Christmas gifts to the County Board Office Staff who include Ryan McCrady, Lou Robisch, Elaine Funk, and Charlie Stratton. They thanked the staff for all of their hard work.

PROCLAMATIONS

Ms. Cimarossa presented a Proclamation to the Sacred Heart-Griffin High School Football Team, the SHG Cyclones, for winning the Illinois High School Association 5A State Football Championship. The Sacred Heart Griffin President, Sister Katharine O'Connor; Principal, Sister Margaret Joanne Grueter; team coaches and team members were all present to accept the Proclamation. Each member of the team introduced themselves and stated their positions on the team. Sister Katharine thanked the Board

and stated that they are very proud of the team and are thankful the Board recognized that too.

Chairman VanMeter acknowledged that there were supposed to be two other Proclamations presented tonight but some of those people were unable to attend, therefore, they would be presented next month. He introduced Dr. Bierman, AnnMarie Israel, and Deborah Grant, Members of the Board of Health, who were in attendance during this meeting to witness the presentation of those Proclamations.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Turner, for approval of the Minutes of November 8, 2005. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Illinois Department of Transportation Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for October, 2005.

A motion was made by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Long, to place the Correspondence on file with the County Clerk. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
CORRESPONDENCE FILED

RESOLUTION 1

1. Resolution approving low bids for the County's annual aggregate needs, Section 06-00000-00-GM.

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Forsyth, for the adoption of Resolution 1. Upon a roll call vote, there were 26 Yeas – 1 Nay. Mr. Hall voted nay.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2

2. Resolution appropriating Motor Fuel Tax funds for IMRF expenses, Section 06-00000-00-RF.

A motion was made by Mrs. VanHoos, seconded by Mr. Tjelmeland, for the adoption of Resolution 2. Upon a roll call vote, there were 27 Yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 3

3. Resolution appropriating Motor Fuel Tax funds for the County Engineer's salary and expenses, Section 06-00000-00-CS.

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano to withdraw Resolution 3. There were no objections.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

RESOLUTION 4

4. Resolution approving an agreement between Sangamon County and the Illinois Department of Transportation to transfer Surface Transportation Program Funds for State Funds.

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano to withdraw Resolution 4. There were no objections.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

RESOLUTION 5

5. Resolution approving an agreement for consultant engineering services with Hanson Professional Services on the MacArthur Boulevard Project.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Buecker, for the adoption of Resolution 5. A motion was made by Mr. Pace, seconded by Mr. Goleman, that the roll call vote for Resolution 2 stand as the roll call vote for Resolution 5. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 6

6. 2005-73 – Kevin & Linda Cox, 211 Gabriel Road, Springfield – Granting Variances. County Board Member – Sarah Musgrave, District #9.

A motion was made by Mrs. Musgrave, seconded by Mr. Vaughn, for the adoption of Resolution 6. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to waive the reading of the professional staff's report. There were no objections. A voice vote was unanimous on the motion to adopt Resolution 6.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 7

7. 2005-79 – Scott Sponsler, 6138 Main Street, Pleasant Plains – Granting a Rezoning. County Board Member – Tom Fraase, District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Wieland, for the adoption of Resolution 7. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to waive the reading of the professional staff's report. There were no objections. A voice vote was unanimous on the motion to adopt Resolution 7.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 8

8. 2005-80 – John & Mary Dawson, 1 Holland Street, Cantrall – Granting a Use Variance. County Board Member – Dick Bond, District #11.

A motion was made by Mr. Bond, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, for the adoption of Resolution 8. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to waive the reading of the professional staff's report. There were no objections. A voice vote was unanimous on the motion to adopt Resolution 8.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 9

9. 2005-84 – Cheryl Sexton-Young, 1550 Recreation Drive, Springfield – Granting a Conditional Permitted Use. County Board Member – Sam Montalbano, District #13.

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Goleman, for the adoption of Resolution 9. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to waive the reading of the professional staff's report. There were no objections. Mr. Fraase asked how many parking spaces there would be. Randy Armstrong, professional staff, explained there would be 117 provided and only 90 are required. They actually have more spaces available they can use. They have an agreement with businesses to the west and to the south for parking. Mr. Fraase asked what would happen if the businesses would sell their property and the new owners don't allow them to use the parking. Mr. Armstrong explained that their occupancy permit would be revoked.

Mr. Fraase stated that he does not feel they should be borrowing parking spots from neighbors if they don't have enough spots to comply with the zoning requirements. Mr. Armstrong explained that the County Code does allow for that. Chairman VanMeter explained the property owner is taking a risk if their agreement is nullified for some reason. Chairman VanMeter asked for a roll call vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 9. Upon a roll call vote, there were 24 Yeas – 3 Nays. Those voting nay were: Mr. Fraase, Mr. Griffin, and Mr. Wieland.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 10

10. 2005-85 – Sangamon County, 2062 Old River Road, Springfield – Granting a Conditional Permitted Use. County Board Member – Dennis Wieland, District #8.

A motion was made by Mr. Wieland, seconded by Mrs. Scaife, for the adoption of Resolution 10. Chairman VanMeter asked for the professional staff's report.

Dave Kiliman, professional staff, stated that the petitioner is requesting a conditional permitted use to allow use as a public park. Mr. Armstrong stated that this case is directly across the road and east of Camp Butler Cemetery and Sangamon County acquired this property in the floodplain buyout program. Mr. Kiliman stated the Friends of Sangamon Valley are going to plant native plants and develop a hiking trail. The park will be used for passive nature activities and will be open only during daylight hours. No negative impacts are anticipated and the staff recommends approval. Mr. Armstrong stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals concurs with the staff report and recommends approval.

Scott Bergman, residing at 2515 Old River Road in Springfield, addressed the Board. He explained that he is not really an opponent but just wants to know how big the parking lot would be and if it would be gated. There is already a problem there now with people dumping things. He stated that every month he is cleaning stuff up down there.

Dave Kiliman explained that the gating would be planned only if it becomes a real issue. The park will be posted that they are only open during daylight hours. It is like any other vacant piece of property. By posting it as a park and making it clear that it cannot be accessed after dark then the Sheriff's Office would certainly be able to take action against anyone who would violate those terms. Chairman VanMeter asked Sheriff Neil Williamson if he could speak on this. Mr. Williamson clarified that they could make a special note and put that in the deputies' routine patrols to create a special premises check in that area for fly dumping and littering.

Mr. Wieland explained that the Township has decided to light that parking lot also. There probably will not be gates, but it will be lighted and kept neat. He asked Mr. Bergman to contact the Township Office if he has any problems with dumping.

A voice vote was unanimous on the motion to adopt Resolution 10.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 11

11. Resolution approving Tax Levies for Fiscal Year from December 1, 2005 through November 30, 2006.

A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mrs. Turner, for the adoption of Resolution 11. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mrs. Long, that the roll call vote for Resolution 2 stand as the roll call vote for Resolution 11. A voice vote carried. Mr. Cahnman voted nay.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Turner, to waive the ten-day filing period. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

RESOLUTIONS 12 – 16

12. Resolution adopting the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund alternative benefit program; approving the salaries of the Sheriff, County Clerk, and Treasurer; and approving the combination of the annual County Board salary and annual computer allowance.

A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mrs. Turner, for the adoption of Resolution 12. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Pace, to consolidate Resolutions 12 – 16. Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 13 – 16.

13. Resolution approving budget transfers for the Public Health Department.
14. Resolution approving an agreement between Sangamon County and the Illinois Department of Transportation to transfer Surface Transportation Program Funds for State Funds.
15. Resolution appropriating Motor Fuel Tax funds for the County Engineer's salary and expenses, Section 06-00000-00-CS.
16. Resolution approving an engineering agreement with Cummins Engineering Corporation.

A voice vote carried on the consolidation. Mr. Cahnman voted nay. Mr. Cahnman asked why the Elected Officials' salaries in Resolution 12 did not include the State's Attorney, Auditor, Recorder, and Circuit Clerk. Mr. Goleman explained that this reflects only on those who are up for election next year. The others were already set two years ago.

A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mrs. Long, that the roll call vote for Resolution 2 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 12 – 16, as consolidated. A voice vote carried. Mr. Vaughn, Mr. Stumpf, Mr. Moore, Mr. Moss, Ms. Cimarossa, Mr. Wieland, and Mr. Cahnman all voted nay on Resolution 12.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

B. Appointments

Appointment of Jim Grohne as Ethics Officer for Sangamon County.

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Turner, for approval of the appointment. A voice vote was unanimous.

**MOTION CARRIED
APPOINTMENT ADOPTED**

COMMITTEE REPORT ON CLAIMS

A motion was made by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Long, to place the Committee Report on Claims on file with the County Clerk. A voice vote was unanimous.

**MOTION CARRIED
REPORT FILED**

Mrs. Scaife recognized the staff of the County Clerk's Office for doing a great job, attending the meetings each month, and for being an asset to the group.

Mr. Montalbano recognized the Highway Department Maintenance Crew who were attending their Christmas party this past Saturday and were called away to take care of the roads.

RECESS

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Turner, to recess the meeting to January 10, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

**MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED**