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MINUTES

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

AUGUST 14, 2007

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned June Session on August 14, 2007 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman VanMeter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Montalbano gave the Invocation and Mr. O'Neill led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to call the roll. There were 26 Present – 3 Absent. Mr. Bunch, Mr. Fraase, and Mr. Moss were all excused.

PUBLIC SPEAKER – GARY PLUMMER

Gary Plummer with the Chamber of Commerce addressed the Board to update them on the progress of the Q5 Partnership. He introduced his colleagues Tim Rogers, Vice-President of Business Attraction, and Josh Collins, Manager of Government Affairs, and Sarah Woolen, Director of Communications. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to comment on the Quantum Growth Partnership that was initiated in January of this year and for their support of this effort.

He explained that the Board has received some handouts including a Quarter Two Report, which comes out four times a year and will be made available to them. Also there is a summary piece which tells about the major Q5 initiatives. The Q5 Program is a five-year \$5.2 million economic development initiative with its primary goal being to attract, retain, and expand 4,500 new jobs in Sangamon County over that five-year period. This would cause a \$2.6 billion economic impact on this County if successful. They have gone out and raised both private and public sector dollars for this campaign

and it has become apparent they need to set these types of goals and hold themselves to a new standard of accountability. Part of the reason they are here tonight is to live up to those new standards. They are engaging top leadership in both the private and public sector. The goal is to keep the entire County engaged in this economic development initiative and break down any barriers that may exist out there. Different communities in this County should not view themselves as competitors.

It is a historic time for economic development in Sangamon County. A lot of that credit goes to the Board Chairman for his leadership early on as this campaign was pulled together. One thing he helped do was to focus on the opportunity for air service between Springfield, Illinois and Washington D.C.

Through the efforts of the County Board Chairman, the Strategic Leadership Council, Airport Board, Senator Dick Durbin, and Mayor Davlin, they have pulled together a \$1.2 million revenue guaranteed package to convince United to provide that direct service to Washington D.C. This is the only community in Central Illinois that can get the most direct non-stop service to Washington. It has been very successful so far.

Mr. Plummer also thanked Andy Goleman and Todd Smith, who are members of the Q5 Advisory Board, and Ryan McCrady, County Administrator, for their work with the partnership between the Chamber and the County.

He pointed out some of the bright spots in the County. Most notably is that H.D. Smith Wholesale Drug has decided to add about 600 new jobs and will make a \$50 million investment in their campus and will also add about 200,000 square feet of new office space. Over the next five years that project will have an economic impact exceeding \$300 million.

Another important project they were involved in was the retention of the American General Insurance operation. That amounted to 450 jobs staying in Sangamon County. They are making a \$25 million investment on Hollis Drive.

Psychiatric Solutions has taken occupancy at the old Doctor's Hospital with a \$17 million expansion. Other projects the Chamber is a part of is the Korean War Museum, the National Museum of Surveying, the Illinois Primary Health Care Association, and the Association of Realtors.

The Chamber and Q5 do not take credit for all of these projects because economic development is a team sport. They need to have good partnerships with organizations like this County and City and others to get the job done. All of these projects have more work ahead of them to help them grow. Marketing is the bread and butter of the economic development initiative. One of the first steps was to add a key position in January which attracted Tim Rogers as the new Vice-President of Business Attraction. One of the things he did early on was to commission a study identifying what they think the Sangamon County economy could attract as far as job growth in the future. The results of that study were really not surprising. They came back to say the targeted

industries should be logistics or distribution centers, customer care operations similar to Wells Fargo, and medical excellence. Because of that analysis, they are updating their message and devoting more time and resources to their web site to try and be more effective in their marketing efforts. They are also actively looking at future development sites.

Other major initiatives in the first quarter include the Military Affairs Council which is still working with the 183rd Air Wing on a new entrance to that base.

The Chamber also has a new partnership with labor organizations that is historic, and one of the outcomes of that is an apprenticeship program through Lincoln Land Community College which will have an emphasis on minority recruitment as well. There is also a new MacArthur Boulevard Business Association. New Board Member Jennifer Dillman has been actively working with that organization.

They also have a partnership with a group call PTAC, which stands for Procurement and Technical Assistance Center. They primarily help women, minorities, and disadvantaged businesses gain contracts with State and Federal government.

There is also a very successful workforce development program called Springfield Works that is funded through a grant from the Grand Victoria Foundation. Two of the partners from the County on that are Sharmin Doering and Ann Schneider. The business education partnership with Sangamon County was started in 2006 and is really a cornerstone of the workforce development and education efforts. Helen Tolan was one of the key supporters in getting this program started.

There is also a new partnership with the Diversity Development Council. Through that venture they intend to address the minority participation and the minority development initiatives that are part of the Q5 initiative. They intend to make a difference with this development and on neighborhood revitalization. They will also be working with the Urban League, NAACP, and others. Mr. Plummer thanked Doris Turner and Linda Douglas Williams for their leadership and involvement in this program.

One of the areas that may have an interest in local government is the Development Policy Council. The two priorities coming out of that effort are to create some long-term solutions to the infrastructure needs and to approach some short-term enhancement to the building and development process in Sangamon County. This is a business friendly community and the public and private dialogue that has taken place since the beginning of the Q5 initiative has been very rewarding and promising. The County has several staff members who have given a lot of their time and expertise to this project. Mr. Plummer thanked Tim Zahn, Joe Zeibert, Susan Poludniak, Randy Armstrong, and Norm Sims for their help.

Mr. Plummer stated that they are very excited about what the future holds for this County and they appreciate the support the County has shown because it will take a public and private partnership to really be effective in economic development.

Mr. Moore thanked Mr. Plummer for coming and stated that he thinks this is an exciting program and is looking forward to joining the MacArthur Boulevard Association. He asked Mr. Plummer to give a quick update on the medical district funding from the State because he is concerned about that. Mr. Plummer explained that there is hope.

Mike Moore is still very involved in this as well as Brad Warren, who is on his staff, as well as others who have done work behind the scenes. They are now starting to see some light at the end of the tunnel.

They may not see a ten-year appropriation as Representative Poe introduced, but it does look like there will be short-term funding for operations from the Legislature if the budget is passed. One of the issues they took on was some local discussions about the potential for broadening the medical districts impact. The medical district will still be defined geographically the way it is now, but a training program that would assist health care providers in about a 15 county area was added to the mission of the district and the name was changed to the Mid-Illinois Medical District.

Mr. Moore stated that he is concerned that other medical districts do get funding and they do not. Mr. Plummer explained that the other medical districts between Chicago and East St. Louis do have State appropriations right now so this would be the first step towards that in Mid Illinois.

Chairman VanMeter asked if Q5 is focused just on economic development inside the City of Springfield. Mr. Plummer stated that they are not just focused on the City. In fact, some of the site development work they are doing right now requires them to go outside the City limits to find the kind of land parcels they need for some major projects. They see Q5 as having a County-wide mission and will work with any villages they represent that may prosper from this.

Chairman VanMeter asked what the acreage needs are in order to pitch some of these business opportunities. Mr. Plummer stated that a couple hundred acres would be needed to get them into the game for most of the major distribution projects. Also, another major component of site development is available buildings. There are some sites now they represent which approach the hundred acre size and they would like to expand that and have more choices and options.

Mrs. Turner commended Mr. Plummer on the projects she is involved with which are the East Side Development and Minority Business, because he has gone above and beyond to engage individuals that have a lot of potential and talent who have not been involved before. She explained that when he first came to the Finance Meeting to talk about Q5 he had a list of people he was reaching out to and she recommended talking to other people about this. Since then that list has expanded and he has done a very good job of engaging individuals who would really be able to show some results.

Chairman VanMeter stated that one of the initial findings of the study was to look for the major criteria that businesses use to decide where to re-locate. One of those major

criteria was that the minority community was supportive of attracting new business development.

Mr. Smith stated that one of the great things about this initiative is the community involvement and support. He asked Mr. Plummer to go back to the beginning of the initiative and tell the initial goal, how many people are now involved, and how they stand with that initial goal.

Mr. Plummer explained that they started out with a goal of \$4.3 million and when they launched it initially in October 2006 they had already received commitments for \$3 million from about 60 leadership contributors and investors primarily from the private sector. This gave them momentum to bring the public sector in as well. About two out of every three dollars raised has come from the private sector, whereas before about two out of every three dollars was coming from the City and County. They did exceed their goal and hit \$5.2 million and have about 125 total investors from both private and public sectors. There are about 60 investors who are making a \$10,000 annual investment and earning a seat on the Strategic Leadership Council. About \$1 million has been set aside for that group to look for opportunities and make an investment to make a difference. The County is included as one of those 60 investors. For the first time they have ten labor organizations included among those 60 investors also. That gives them a partnership they have never had before and a lot of great things could come out of that.

Mr. Smith commended them for bringing in the private community along with the union and governmental bodies.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Long, for approval of the Minutes of July 10, 2007. A motion was made by Mrs. Fulgenzi to amend Page 3 of the Minutes. She stated that in the third paragraph her name should be changed from "Lind" to "Linda". A voice vote was unanimous on the amendment. A voice vote was unanimous on the motion to adopt the Minutes as amended.

MOTIONS CARRIED
MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Illinois Department of Transportation Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for June, 2007.

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 establishing Class III truck routes for the harvest season.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Montalbano, for the adoption of Resolution 1. Upon a roll call vote, there were 25 Yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2

2. Resolution approving an engineering agreement for a culvert replacement in Williams Township.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Montalbano, for the adoption of Resolution 2. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mrs. Long, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolution 2. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 3

3. 2007-41 – Diane Frederick, 8083 Mechanicsburg Road, Springfield – Granting Variances. County Board Member – Sarah Musgrave, District #9.

A motion was made by Mrs. Musgrave, seconded by Mr. Moore, for the adoption of Resolution 3. 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 3.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 4

4. 2007-43 – Linda Bee, 11251 Sulphur Springs Road, Loami – Granting a Variance. County Board Member – Craig Hall, District #7.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Wieland, for the adoption of Resolution 4. 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 4.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 5

5. Resolution recognizing workforce development and Workforce Development Week in the State of Illinois.

A motion was made by Mrs. Musgrave, seconded by Mr. Stephens, for the adoption of Resolution 5. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Mendenhall, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolution 5. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD

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

MOTION CARRIED
TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

RESOLUTION 6

6. Resolution approving an agreement between Community Resources and the Office of Planning and Economic Development with the City of Springfield.

A motion was made by Mr. Tjelmeland, seconded by Mrs. Fulgenzi, for the adoption of Resolution 6. A motion was made by Mrs. Musgrave, seconded by Mrs. Long, to amend Resolution 6. In the second paragraph and in the last line, the word “older” should be changed to “under”. A voice vote was unanimous on the amendment. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Tjelmeland, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolution 6, as amended. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 2 - Tabled 5/8/07
Resolution transferring plans and documents for a project on Meadowbrook Road to the City of Springfield.

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Goleman, to take Resolution 2 off the Table and send back to Committee. A voice vote was unanimous.

**MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION SENT BACK TO COMMITTEE**

- B. Resolution 20 – Tabled 6/4/07
Resolution approving the realignment of precincts.

A motion was made by Mr. Snell, seconded by Mr. Preckwinkle, to take Resolution 20 off the Table. A motion was made by Mr. Snell, seconded by Mr. Preckwinkle, to amend Resolution 20. The following paragraph should be added: “WHEREAS, the County Board finds it necessary to adjust the precinct lines of 11 precincts, as detailed in the attached summary and detail listing of precinct boundary changes, in order to reduce the number of registered voters. The precincts include: Chatham 6, Chatham 1, Chatham 3, Chatham 2, Fancy Creek 2, Fancy Creek 4, Fancy Creek 5, Capital 108, Capital 92, Capital 14 and Capital 108 (details of changes attached).”

A voice vote was unanimous on the amendment. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Forsyth, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolution 20, as amended. A voice vote was unanimous.

**MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

- B. Appointments

Appointment of Kris Theilen to the Sangamon County Board of Health, replacing Irv Smith for a term ending February, 2008.

Appointment of Gail Simpson to the Sangamon County Board of Health, replacing Frank McNeil for a term ending February, 2008.

Appointment of Karen Hasara to the Mass Transit Board, replacing Mike Aiello for a term expiring February, 2012.

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

Chairman VanMeter stated that the Board extends its sincere thanks to Mike Aiello for ten years of dedicated service with nine of them as Chair of the Mass Transit Board after reluctantly accepting his resignation.

MOTION CARRIED
APPOINTMENTS 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

RECESS

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Turner, to recess the meeting to September 11, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED