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MINUTES

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

FEBRUARY 13, 2008

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on February 13, 2008 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman VanMeter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bunch 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. Buecker, Mr. Montalbano and Mr. Moore were all excused.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mrs. Turner presented a Proclamation to Mrs. Dorothy Nixon recognizing her as the first black woman hired as a Meter Maid by the City of Springfield and for her many years of dedicated service. Mrs. Nixon was present with her husband to accept the honor.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Turner, for approval of the Minutes of January 8, 2008. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Long, to place the Correspondence on file with the County Clerk. There was no Correspondence to file.

RESOLUTION 1

1. Resolution awarding low bids for the County miscellaneous materials contracts.

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

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS 2 – 5

2. Resolution awarding the low bids for the Township general maintenance materials contracts.

A motion was made by Mrs. Fulgenzi, seconded by Mrs. Long, for the adoption of Resolution 2. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Kamper, to consolidate Resolutions 2 – 5. Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 3 – 5.

3. Resolution approving the low bid for a bridge replacement on Mansion Road in New Berlin Township.
4. Resolution approving an engineering agreement with Hampton, Lenzini & Renwick, Inc. for the Vigal Road bridge replacement.
5. Resolution approving an improvement on East Lake Shore Drive and authorizing the negotiation of a jurisdictional transfer of East Lake Shore Drive and Rochester Road.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. Mr. Goleman asked Mr. Tjelmeland if it is accurate to say that the Park District is interested in taking over the Bike Trail and that they have communicated with some people who are strongly interested. Mr. Tjelmeland stated that is correct. Mr. Goleman asked if it is also accurate to say this project is something they have looked at doing for quite some time and have been waiting for the funds. He also asked if it is correct that since they have had some people talk to them about this they are going to go ahead with this project. Mr. Tjelmeland stated that is correct.

Mr. Tjelmeland explained that this is a project they have been working on for about six months and basically it is to do an improvement from Spaulding Dam to Rochester Road by widening and re-surfacing the road. Along with that, they are hoping to do a transfer to the City, which is something they are currently working on. Chairman VanMeter asked if this project is conditioned on the transfer to the City. Mr. Tjelmeland stated that it is. Mr. VanMeter asked if he has talked with the Aldermen about this.

Mr. Tjelmeland stated that he has had a few conversations with Alderman Frank Edwards, who thinks it will go through. Mr. VanMeter asked if the neighbors are in support of this. Mr. Tjelmeland stated that he would say they are because most of the area around the Lake is in the City, so it really would make sense to have the transfer after the road is improved.

Mr. Moss asked if there are any savings to the County by transferring this. Mr. Tjelmeland stated that instead of paying them for the maintenance they would go ahead and take care of the improvements and the transfer.

Mr. Goleman stated that it was his understanding there is Federal money which has been allocated for roads like this which are close to jurisdictional areas with the City and the County. He asked if they have used very much of that money in the past. Ryan McCrady, County Administrator, explained that there is \$600,000 funded through the County Highway funds and the other \$2.4 million is through Surface Transportation Urban funds that are overseen by the Local Metropolitan Planning Organization. The Springfield Area Transportation Study reviews the use of an annual allocation of this money, which is around \$1.5 million per year. The City of Springfield, Sangamon County, Village of Chatham, Springfield Mass Transit District, the Regional Planning Commission, and the Illinois Department of Transportation all have a seat on the Committee that oversees the use of this money. The County has done multiple projects in the past without utilizing the use of any of this money, but they feel this would be a good use of funds for this project. This will be the first time in ten years they have utilized that pool of funds to complete a road project.

Mr. Preckwinkle asked if they are also going to do some improvements at the busy intersection of Rochester Road and East Lake Shore Drive. Mr. Tjelmeland stated that there will be traffic signals installed and the road will also be widened.

Mr. Hall asked if they are sure the City of Springfield is going to do everything they are trying to agree to. Mr. Fulgenzi explained that they will be widening the road from 24 feet to 48 feet and the Park District definitely wants to take the Bike Trail. The lights and traffic signals will be put up at the Old Rochester Road intersection. The traffic is going to do nothing but increase in the next few years so this would pretty much be a matter of a safety issue. They are going to improve this road and it is up to the City of Springfield to make this transfer because it just seems like a good deal all the way around.

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 Resolutions 2 – 5, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

**MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

RESOLUTION 6

6. 2008-01 – Kaye & Marvin Barrett, 12001 Ackerman Road, Virden – Granting a Conditional Permitted Use. County Board Member – Craig Hall, District #7.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Stephens, for the adoption of Resolution 6. Chairman VanMeter asked the professional staff to give the procedural history of the case.

Norm Sims stated that the petitioner is requesting a conditional permitted use to allow a dog kennel. Randy Armstrong stated that the case is on Ackerman Road about 1 mile northwest of Lowder. The petitioners live adjacent to the site and the surrounding land is being farmed. Mr. Sims stated that the staff recommends approval with proof of adequate waste disposal on site. A dog kennel at this location seems appropriate given the nearest residential structure is approximately 1900 feet away. Mr. Armstrong stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals concurs with the staff report and recommends approval.

Kaye Barrett, residing at 12001 Ackerman Road in Virden, addressed the Board. She explained that she wants to build this kennel because it is a dream they have had for a long time. It would be efficient and state-of-the-art. There would be inside and outside rooms with everything being completely fenced off. The neighbors are not too close that this should bother them. There will be a septic system for the bathroom that is in it and they will have a sanitation company from Virden taking all the excess waste from the facility.

Mr. Hall explained that he spoke to a few people and they had concerns with the hours. He asked her what her hours of operation would be. Ms. Barrett stated the hours would be 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday mornings. Any other hours would be by appointment only. Mr. Hall asked if the animals would be outside or inside. Ms. Barrett explained that most of the time they would be inside. There are attached runs on the outside of the building for them. They will also be rotating the animals that get along together to the yards outside. She stated that they would usually be letting them out about 9:00 p.m. and would probably be finished around 10:00 p.m. to get them ready to go to bed. They would start this again around 6:00 a.m. the next morning. The dogs do need to get out and get some sort of exercise.

Mr. Hall asked if she is going through the Department of Agriculture for a license. Ms. Barrett stated that she already has an application for that. Mr. Hall asked if she is

trying to hook up with Apple Creek for public water. Ms. Barrett stated that she is. Mr. Hall explained that Apple Creek is their source for water out in this area.

Mr. Mendenhall asked if she is going to have a sanitation service pick up the animal waste on a regular basis. Ms. Barrett stated that she would do this at least once a week.

Mr. Stumpf asked if she would have to run this through the Department of Public Health for other permits. Jim Stone, Director of Public Health, explained that the septic system would come through them.

Mr. Moss asked if the kennel would be a boarding kennel or a breeding kennel. Ms. Barrett stated it would just be a boarding kennel.

Mrs. Fulgenzi asked how many pens there would be. Ms. Barrett stated that there would be 20 large pens and 20 small stacked crates. Mrs. Fulgenzi asked if the large animals would have access to the outside runs. Ms. Barrett stated that they would, and the small animals would be taken out individually.

Mr. Hall stated that there is an issue with the number of dogs. At first there were going to be 20 dogs and now there are 40. He stated that he would not want to live next to 40 dogs. He asked if the Resolution states the hours of operation, the hours when the dogs would be out, and how many there are going to be.

Randy Armstrong stated that it is not in there now so it would have to be added.

Mr. Hall stated that he would like to make an amendment to add the hours of operation, hours dogs will be out, and that they will not have more dogs than they have pens, which would be 40.

Ms. Barrett explained that at the Zoning Hearing she said there would be 20 large pens and 20 small pens, which is 40 total.

Chairman VanMeter explained that they are trying to craft legislation on the floor and they really have tried to adopt a policy not to do that. Normally when an issue comes to this Board the controversies are supposed to be so well defined by the previous work the other Committees have done that the Board can dispose of the issues and not craft solutions on the floor. He entertained a motion to Table this so they can work on these issues and the proposed amendment and bring it back up when they have had an opportunity to work these issues out.

Mr. Hall agreed to this, but his only concern would be if they are backed up on construction. Ms. Barrett stated that they are already three months behind and she would prefer not to wait. Mr. Hall explained that he would prefer to hold off on this until March to make sure everything is worked out. Ms. Barrett agreed.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mrs. Long and Mrs. Turner, to Table Resolution 6. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION TABLED

RESOLUTION 7

7. 2008-02 – Mary Beard, 20 Starnes Addition, Springfield – Denying a Variance. County Board Member – Rosemarie Long, District #10.

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mr. Stephens, for the adoption of Resolution 7. A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mr. Preckwinkle, to Table Resolution 7. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION TABLED

RESOLUTION 8

8. 2008-03 – Connie Buecker, 25 Country Lake Road, Springfield – Granting a Conditional Permitted Use. County Board Member – Tom Fraase, District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Smith, for the adoption of Resolution 8. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman 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. 2008-04 – Roy Scott Rakes, 8375 West State Route 104, Auburn – Granting a Variance. County Board Member – Sam Snell, District #6.

A motion was made by Mr. Snell, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, for the adoption of Resolution 9. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman 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 9.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 10

10. 2008-05 – Ramiro Maldonado, the 10,000 Block of Palm Road, Glenarm-Granting an Amendment and Variance. County Board Member – Don Stephens, District #5.

A motion was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. O’Neill, for the adoption of Resolution 10. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman to waive the reading of the professional staff’s report. There were no objections.

Mr. Stephens stated that he has some concerns with this. There are several area antique car storage facilities that are very poor in appearance and he does not think they should get into a case of another one of those. He explained that he also could not get clarification from anyone to tell him what shape these vehicles would be in and he is very concerned to have another facility like this. He stated that he will not be able to support this and urged the Board to deny.

Chairman VanMeter asked for a roll call vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 10. Upon the roll call vote, there were 5 Yeas – 20 Nays. Those voting yea were: Mr. Goleman, Mr. Hall, Mr. Kamper, Mr. Mendenhall, and Mr. Smith. Resolution 10 written “to grant an amendment and variance” was denied.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION DENIED

RESOLUTION 11

11. 2008-06 – Homefield Builders, Inc., 781 Gabriel Rd., Springfield – Granting an Amendment and Variance. County Board Member – Sarah Musgrave, District #9.

A motion was made by Mrs. Musgrave, seconded by Mr. Davsko, for the adoption of Resolution 11. A motion was made by Mrs. Musgrave, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to Table Resolution 11. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION TABLED

RESOLUTION 12

12. 2008-08 – Margaret Scott, 1019 N. Lincoln, Springfield – Granting a Use Variance. County Board Member – Mike Sullivan, District #11.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Forsyth, for the adoption of Resolution 12. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman to waive the reading of the

professional staff's report. There were no objections. A voice vote carried on the motion to adopt Resolution 12. Mr. Moss voted Present.

**MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

Chairman VanMeter asked Ryan McCrady to meet with the professional staff of the Regional Planning Office and the Zoning Office to prepare something to give to members of the audience to explain procedures during the Board meetings.

Mr. McCrady stated that it would be a good idea because they get a lot of calls on what to expect when they get here. He also suggested they put it on the web site and also give something to the petitioners and objectors on what they should expect.

RESOLUTIONS 13 – 15

13. Resolution approving a budget amendment for the Jury Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Preckwinkle, for the adoption of Resolution 13. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith, to consolidate Resolutions 13 – 15. Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 14 and 15.

14. Resolution approving an amendment to the Alcoholic Beverages Ordinance, Section 5.04.040 of the Sangamon County Code.

15. Resolution approving the purchase of a new domestic hot water heat exchanger by the Building and Grounds Department.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. Mr. Fraase explained that with Resolution 14 they reduced the number of 3:00 a.m. liquor licenses from six to five.

A motion was made by Mr. Goleman that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 13 – 15, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

**MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED**

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

B. Appointments

Appointment of Ernie Ball, replacing Lowell Fraim, to the East Side Fire Protection District for a term expiring February, 2011.

Appointment of Andy Goleman, Jennifer Dillman, and Jim Good to the Sangamo Scripts Committee.

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

**MOTION CARRIED
APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED**

C. Health Department/Municipal Division Collective Bargaining Agreement Ratification.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to ratify the Health Department Agreement contingent upon the Union ratification in order to give them time to discuss this. Chairman VanMeter asked if it is correct that they normally allow the Union to go first, but to assist them and to avoid delay the County has agreed to go first. Mr. Sullivan stated this is correct.

A voice vote was unanimous on the motion to ratify the contract.

**MOTION CARRIED
CONTRACT RATIFIED**

COMMITTEE REPORT ON CLAIMS

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Turner, 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. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Long, to recess the meeting to March 11, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

**MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED**