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MINUTES

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

JANUARY 24, 2012

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on January 24, 2012 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman Van Meter called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Mr. Moore gave the Invocation and Mr. Smith led the board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Van Meter asked the County Clerk to call the roll. Upon a roll call vote, there were 24 Present – 3 Absent. Mr. Davsko, Mr. Schweska and Mr. Snell were excused.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW MEMBERS

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the appointment of Marc Maslauski as County Board Member for District #25 and Dan Sausaman as County Board Member for District #11. A voice vote was unanimous. County Clerk Aiello administered their oath of office.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the minutes of December 13, 2011. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Montalbano, to place correspondence on file with the County Clerk. A voice vote was unanimous. There was no correspondence to file.

RESOLUTION 1

1. Resolution approving the low bids for the re-bid of aggregate for the annual maintenance of county highways.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Krell, to place Resolution 1 on the floor. Chairman Van Meter asked for a roll call vote on the adoption of Resolution 1. Upon the roll call vote, there were 25 Yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2

2. 2011-56 – Steven Norvell, 3767 Roby Road, Mechanicsburg – Granting a rezoning and variances. County Board Member – David Mendenhall, District #3.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. Montalbano, to place Resolution 2 on the floor. 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 for the adoption of Resolution 2.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 3

3. 2011-58 – Rolla Womack & Marjorie Bernahl, 2 Brookview Road, Dawson – Granting a variance. County Board Member – David Mendenhall, District #3.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. Fulgenzi, to place Resolution 3 on the floor. 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 for the adoption of Resolution 3.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 4

4. 2011-59 – Mindi Smith, 1500 Recreation Drive, Springfield – Granting a conditional permitted use. County Board Member – Sam Montalbano, District #13.

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mrs. Musgrave, to place Resolution 4 on the floor. 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 for the adoption of Resolution 4.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 5

5. 2011-60 – Gerald W. Butler, 6333 Curran Road, New Berlin – Granting a variance. County Board Member – Harry "Tom" Fraase, District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, to place Resolution 5 on the floor. 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 for the adoption of Resolution 5.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 6

6. 2011-61 – Larry & Susan Perko, 5841 Iron Bridge Road, Chatham – Denying a conditional permitted use and variance. County Board Member – Sam Montalbano, District #13.

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, to place Resolution 6 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to withdraw Resolution 6, upon the petitioner's request. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

RESOLUTION 7

7. 2011-62 – An ordinance establishing a moratorium of Chapter 17.49-Wind Energy Conversion Systems.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Montalbano, to place Resolution 7 on the floor.

Mr. Boyster asked the sponsor of the resolution to give a little more input into what this resolution does. Mr. Moore explained that Sangamon County was one of the first counties in the state to adopt a wind energy conversion system ordinance in the early 2000's. At that time, they had the most comprehensive zoning ordinance on wind mills and farms. This proposed moratorium is put together in order to affect certain changes which have taken place over the last ten years in that industry. These might be technical changes, such as the need for change in the standards for any kind of a project going into Sangamon County. It would be so the county roads or county systems that are in place would not be jeopardized by such a project. They have reviewed technical matters, and the staff has researched such things as site plans. They have reviewed costs if, for example, a wind energy system would go bankrupt. They need to make sure all protections are in place to protect the county from liability. The major reason for the moratorium is that there has been a lot of discussion on the setbacks. The original setbacks in the ordinance, at the time, were roughly the standard in the industry. As that industry has developed over the last ten years, there have been a lot of discussions on whether those setbacks should be lengthened from residences and township boundaries. The committee feels it would be very important to have a moratorium in place on any project since there are no projects before them at this time. The moratorium would be up to nine months. It does not mean they will take all nine months. They just want to take the time to have the hearings rather than come back and ask for extensions. They are trying to get this done as quickly as possible with respect to the landowners and people that are in any proposed districts, as well as to companies that may be proposing a wind farm.

Mr. Boyster asked for clarification that it would go no further than the nine months. Mr. Moore stated that they believe so at this time. They would always have the option to extend it if they wanted to. That is why they went for nine months, versus six months or three months.

Mr. Boyster asked if they know what the cost to the county would be. Mr. Moore stated that they have committee hearings every month, and it is not out of the ordinary to have this type of a discussion. Mr. Boyster stated that he was under the impression they would take it out to the community. Mr. Moore stated that they would. This will all be public record.

Mr. Boyster asked why they are doing this now. Mr. Moore stated that there are no projects in front of them right now. It is easier to do it before a project is in front of them rather than after the fact. If there was a project in front of them, they would go by the rules that are in place now. Also, the discussion in the community has been that "maybe we should have a mile setback" or "maybe we should have an 1,800 foot setback" or "maybe we should keep it as it is." This gives them a chance to look at those rules and implement any changes they would like to do at this time.

Mr. Boyster expressed his appreciation to them for making sure the county's interest is there and that, in the long run, it is more cost productive. He hopes they will have some pros and cons discussions in these committee meetings, and discuss things such as the benefits of jobs, and the social implications they might have with the setbacks.

A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolution 7. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS 8 – 14

8. Resolution authorizing the Circuit Court to enter into a contract with Westlaw for patron access legal research.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, to place Resolution 8 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith, to consolidate Resolutions 8 – 14. Chairman Van Meter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 9 – 14.

9. Resolution authorizing the Circuit Court to enter into a contract with Westlaw for legal research.
10. Resolution authorizing an Illinois Emergency Management Mutual Aid System agreement.
11. Resolution approving the renewal of an insurance contract with CHUBB Federal Insurance Company.
12. Resolution amending ordinances which established an enterprise zone encompassing contiguous portions of the City of Lincoln, County of Logan, County of Sangamon, County of DeWitt, Village of Elkhart, Village of Hartsburg, City of Atlanta, and Village of New Holland (and all amendatory ordinances thereto).
13. Resolution amending ordinances which established an enterprise zone encompassing contiguous portions of the City of Lincoln, County of Logan, County of Sangamon, Village of Elkhart, County of DeWitt, Village of Hartsburg, City of Atlanta and Village of New Holland.
14. Resolution approving the execution of a contract between the League of Illinois Bicyclists and Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation of Resolutions 8 – 14.

Mr. Hall commented on Resolution 14. He stated that right now they are working with a budget that is very tight. They are the responsibility of the people and once in a while, on committees and in public, he has heard people say it is not really our money, but is money from IDOT or is from the Feds for the things we do. Every dollar that comes in this building is our responsibility and it doesn't matter what the source is. Their responsibility is to spend the money wisely. There is a time to spend and there is a time not to spend. He knows that this is a time not to spend. There are people in his district who are trying to work a job and a half. There are employees here who have to work odd jobs to make things flow. He knows this is only \$14,000, but he never uses the word "only" in front of any dollar amount. There is no such thing as "only" when it comes to money, and there is no such thing as "only" when it comes to the money that comes into this building. The spending of the bike trail money is just going to continue. They have roads that are more important. Instead of the staff using their time and effort on bike trails and dealing with IDOT and having meetings, they should just go to IDOT and give the money back and ask to use it in a wiser way. The outfit they are going to hire is out of Aurora, Illinois and we are paying them \$60 per hour to meet.

Mr. Hall also commented on the wind farm resolution. He understands why they are giving nine months, and he applauds the chairman of that committee. He has had people in his district ask "what the heck have you guys been doing for the last two years?" They have also asked why this hasn't been addressed. He said he told them "we are government and we move slowly".

Mr. Hall stated that he is voting no on Resolution 14, and he wishes others will join him at this time.

Mr. Stumpf expressed his appreciation for what Mr. Hall is saying. He stated that there are some things he might agree with. He asked Norm Sims to explain to everyone, like he did in caucus, why they might vote for this money and why it would be good to check into this situation for their community.

Norm Sims, Executive Director of Regional Planning, explained that the interest the Planning Commission has in this project, to extend planning for bike and pedestrian trails beyond urban and into the rural areas, comes to them not because he is a bicyclist. It is for economic development reasons. When he first started doing economic development many years ago, quality of life was not even an issue that was brought up by location consultants. Now it is an item placed every time they get a request related to job placement and new industrial and business growth in this area. One of the things they are particularly asking about is whether there are bike and hike trails in place as an amenity for the community. It is not necessarily because it adds to the business bottom line, but is because their young employees are asking for that. His guess is that their health administrators are asking for that too. The other reason why it is particularly important to look at these amenities out into the unincorporated rural areas is because of census numbers, which they have been looking at very closely. In the past ten years this county grew by about 4.5%. In the previous ten years it grew by 7.5%, and in the ten years prior to that it grew by about 11.5%.

They are starting to become concerned that they are seeing the same kind of population trends in the Midwest that they saw in the plain states in the 80's and 90's where they start to de-populate some of the area. Mr. Sims stated he is not going to argue that a bike trail is going to change that, but he is suggesting this board and other bodies start looking at what kind of amenities and job opportunities they can provide to hold the best and brightest in the county and to attract new people to the county. Otherwise, he thinks they are going to see the same problems they have seen in the plain states for many years.

Mr. Goleman asked the professional staff to state again where the money came from. He also asked if it is true that one of the things constantly talked about is quality of life, and bike trails in particular, with most of the surveys taken. Mr. Sims stated that he was just looking today at an analysis they had done in August 2010 by Hanson Professional Services. One of the things they had them look at was what the transportation barriers are with job growth in the area. One of the things they kept identifying was the lack of bicycle and pedestrian passage. They are currently working with the same group, which is the state association, that works with bicyclists and bicycling. They have been very successfully handling the one they are doing in the metro area right now. The funds are comprehensive regional planning funds that come to them from the Illinois Department of Transportation. They are provided to metropolitan planning organizations. The Planning Commission acts as the metropolitan planning organization for this area, through the Springfield Area Transportation Study.

Mr. Goleman asked if it is correct to say the money for this does not come out of county general. Mr. Sims stated that is correct.

Ms. Dillman asked if there is also a huge safety component to this because they currently do not have many marked areas and paths for people to ride. Mr. Sims stated that there are leisure bicyclists that often use the trails, but there are also bicyclists that use them for personal transportation like they would use an automobile. One of the things you start to look at is how you can make it safer. One of the things required under federal law right now is the Complete Streets Policy. It says when a road is built you have to make allocations for other modes of transportation besides automobiles.

Mr. Boyster asked for information on Resolutions 8 & 9 regarding Westlaw? John Milhiser, State's Attorney, explained that Westlaw is a way they research information for legal cases and statutes. These resolutions are allowing access for patrons and the courts to research cases. Chairman Van Meter asked if it is safe to say this is essential to the execution of their responsibilities. Mr. Milhiser stated that it is.

Mr. Hall stated that he thinks it would be fine to use money to create trails or paths or part of the road that people can use to go to and from work. He does not think he would argue with that case, but he does know there are other programs for that. He does think that would be wise money spent.

Mr. Boyster asked for clarification if the grant money can only be used for bike trails. Mr. Sims stated that the money can only be used for the purposes for which they apply through IDOT. The purpose for this money was to extend the bike/pedestrian plan out into the unincorporated rural areas.

A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Montalbano, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 8 – 14, as consolidated. A voice vote carried. Mr. Hall, Mr. Mendenhall and Mrs. Douglas Williams voted no on Resolution 14. Mr. Moore voted present on Resolutions 8 & 9.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to waive the ten-day filing period. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

RESOLUTION 15

15. Resolution approving a proposal from MAM/COMM 1 Services for the Public Health and Community Services facility.

A motion was made by Mr. Fulgenzi, seconded by Mrs. Fulgenzi, to place Resolution 15 on the floor. 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 15. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

B. Appointments

Roger Furkin to the Loami Fire Protection District for a term expiring May, 2012.

Dan Sausaman to the Sangamon County Board, District #11 for a term expiring December, 2012.

Marc R. Maslauski to the Sangamon County Board, District #25 for a term expiring December, 2012.

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the appointments. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

C. Approval of the AFSCME Local 3738 contract for the Public Health Dept.

Mr. Smith offered the contract to the County Board. He stated that their committee has negotiated with the AFSCME Local 3738, Public Health Department unit. This is the unit that came over from the City when they combined the city and county health departments. They have been through two rounds of contract negotiations, and this round went very smoothly and cooperatively. They cleaned up a lot of language this time that came over in that city contract. A lot of it has to do with getting into one combined building. It also allows for management to manage the people all under one building more affectively. It is a four-year contract, and they were able to stay with their CPI increases on wages that has closely mirrored the county pay plan. It also has a cap on those expenses for cost savings and control measures in the future. They do believe this is a very good contract.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to ratify the contract. Mr. Bunch applauded the union for working with them on this.

A motion was made by Mr. Goleman that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for ratification of the contract. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
CONTRACT RATIFIED

**REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES,
REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE REPORT ON CLAIMS**

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Montalbano, to place the reports on file with the County Clerk. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
REPORTS FILED

RECESS

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to recess the meeting to February 14, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED