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**MINUTES**

**SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD**

**OCTOBER 13, 2009**

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on October 13, 2009 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman VanMeter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Montalbano gave the Invocation and Mr. Hall 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. Davsko, Ms. Dillman, and Mrs. Fulgenzi were excused.

**PROCLAMATIONS**

Mr. Smith presented a Proclamation in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Mr. Preckwinkle presented a Proclamation to the Sangamon County Sheriff's K-9 Unit. Those present were: Sheriff Neil Williamson, Sgt. Dan Parrish, Deputy Jeff VanHoos and "Jaro", Deputy Brian Stapleton and "Zaso", and Deputy Drew Dickason and "Dino". Sheriff Williamson stated that 50 years ago they did not have the K-9 program and today they have one of the finest teams in the Midwest. Sheriff Williamson thanked the County for their support, and thanked the men and their K-9 partners for their hard work and dedication. He recognized Sgt. Dan Parrish for his hard work and dedication, for which they would not be here tonight.

Mr. Smith and Mr. Hall presented a Proclamation in recognition of all the responders and emergency personnel who gave their time to help the Villages of Loami and Williamsville to recover from the tornados on August 19, 2009.

Those being recognized are: Tom Yokley and the Village of Williamsville; Alan Mann and the Village of Loami; Colleen Stone and the American Red Cross; Brad Schaive and the Emergency Response Coalition; Captain Jim Wolfe and the IL State Police; Chatham Police and Fire Departments; New Berlin Police and Fire Departments; Sheriff Neil Williamson and the Sangamon County Sheriff's Department; John Kulek and the Springfield Fire Department; Ralph Caldwell and the Springfield Police Department; David Butt and Bill Russell and the Office of Emergency Management; Tim Zahn and the County Highway Department; and Jim Stone and the Sangamon County Department of Public Health.

### **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Turner, for approval of the Minutes of September 8, 2009 and September 16, 2009. 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. A voice vote was unanimous. There was no correspondence to file.

### **RESOLUTION 1**

1. Resolution approving a Federal Aid Agreement for ARRA projects on Williamsville Road and Cardinal Hill Road.

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Stephens, to place Resolution 1 on the floor. Upon a roll call vote, there were 25 yeas – 0 Nays for the adoption of Resolution 1.

MOTION CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

### **RESOLUTIONS 2 – 5**

2. Resolution approving a Federal Aid Agreement for a bridge replacement on Vigal Road.

A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to place Resolution 2 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, to consolidate Resolutions 2 – 5. Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 3 – 5.

3. Resolution approving a Federal Aid Agreement for a bridge deck replacement on Pawnee Road.
4. Resolution approving the purchase of a used Caterpillar track loader.
5. Resolution appropriating motor fuel tax funds for the annual maintenance of County highways.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation of Resolutions 2 – 5. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mrs. Douglas Williams, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 2 – 5, as consolidated.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 6**

6. 2009-44 – Michael Campbell, 5988 Sagle Road, Williamsville – Granting Variances. County Board Member – Todd Smith, District #2.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Krell, to place Resolution 6 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 6.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 7**

7. 2009-45 – Daniel Rice, 2233 Britz Road, New Berlin, Granting a Variance. County Board Member – Craig Hall, District #7.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Snell, to place Resolution 7 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 7.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 8**

8. 2009-46 – Dane Atwood, 2700 S. Spring, Springfield – Granting a Conditional Permitted Use and a Variance. County Board Member – Clyde Bunch, District #21.

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mrs. Long, to place Resolution 8 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mrs. Long, to table Resolution 8 and continue it until next month because Mr. Atwood is ill. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION TABLED

**RESOLUTION 9**

9. Resolution approving a contract for medical services in the County Jail in the amount of \$364,500.

A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle to withdraw Resolution 9. There were no objections.

MOTION CARRIED  
RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

**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 10 - 13**

10. Resolution approving a contract for medical services in the County Jail in the amount of \$326,900.

A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle, seconded by Mr. Goleman, to place Resolution 10 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Moss, to consolidate Resolutions 10 – 13. Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 11 – 13.

11. Resolution approving contracts for employee benefits for 2010.

12. Resolution authorizing the County Board Chairman to file a lawsuit or take other appropriate action regarding the 3<sup>th</sup> Street Rail Corridor and for consideration of the 10<sup>th</sup> Street Corridor.

13. Resolution amending Section 15.05.160 of the Sangamon County Code regarding the Department of Building Safety.

A voice vote carried on the consolidation. Mrs. Douglas Williams voted nay. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mrs. Turner, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 10 -13, as consolidated. A voice vote carried. Mrs. Douglas Williams 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 Sharon Brown to the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board for a term expiring September 2011.

Appointment of Carolyn Otten to the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board for a term expiring September 2012.

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

MOTION CARRIED  
APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

C. Approval of the 2010 Holiday Schedule

A motion was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mrs. Turner, for approval of the 2010 Holiday Schedule. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED  
HOLIDAY SCHEDULE ADOPTED

### **PRESENTATION FROM THE F.O.P.**

Becky Dragoo, residing at 974 Clocktower Drive in Springfield, addressed the Board. She stated that she is present and is speaking on behalf of the Sheriff's Deputies. The K-9 Unit is the last specialty unit left standing in the Sheriff's Department. Earlier this year the County asked them to fill an over \$850,000 gap in the Sheriff's Department's budget. This came with a personal and economic sacrifice to the deputies. They agreed to work 12 hour schedules. They have done an admirable job, and they have done more than their part with the overtime savings. The specialty units that were abolished were the Drug Investigation Response Team, Crime Prevention Program, Warrants Team, and the Traffic Unit.

They also understand there is a chance they will be cutting the budget even further. There is just nothing else to give. Personnel would be the only thing left to cut, but with that they will not be able to provide the services they do now. When someone calls for service from other communities in the County, the Sheriff's Deputies will not be able to respond like they do now. This would be truly unfortunate. She stated that she believes if they ask the citizens of this community what the most important service they could provide is, it would safety. They would be cutting services in communities such as Loami, Williamsville, Buffalo, Cantrall, Divernon, Grandview, and Illiopolis. These are communities in the County they have an obligation to represent and offer these valuable services to. If this budget is cut and they eliminate personnel, they will not have the manpower to staff 12-hour shifts. Sheriff's Deputies that came on duty tonight at 6:30 p.m. will get off tomorrow morning at 6:00 a.m., and if they have to work overtime they will be working 18 hours.

The Sheriff has spoken to the County Board about the Public Safety Tax. There have been comments made about it being dead on arrival, but the County has not even tried this with the citizens of this County. She stated that she feels the County Board has an obligation to do so when they are talking about public safety. They could not just take another 5% cut. There are men and women here in the room tonight that would be laid off as a result of cutting the budget. She asked that they go back and prioritize what services they provide to the citizens of this community. Law enforcement and protection of citizens, property, and children should be at the top of that list.

Chairman VanMeter stated that he and his colleagues here tonight do express their appreciation to these deputies.

### **REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, STANDING COMMITTEES, AND SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Mr. Goleman gave a report from the Finance Committee. He reminded everyone that they are in the process of meeting with all the department heads to look at their budgets, comments, and suggestions.

He stated that two years ago he said to everyone "the perfect storm is upon them". He stated that he thinks they are correct. They have done a lot to prepare for this. The Finance Committee will be meeting on October 27, 2009 and October 28, 2009 to make some recommendations and formulate a budget to present at the next County Board meeting in November. He clarified to everyone that they take this job very serious as they represent everyone in Sangamon County. He also reminded them their obligation is to also look at the big picture, and see where they have to allocate the funds necessary to run County government. They are going to be making some tough choices and they are elected to do that. They are in unprecedented times, and they have never seen an economy as poor as it is now, other than the Great Depression. They understand it is not good out there, but this County is in a lot better financial shape than other governmental bodies because they continue to plan and prepare for the future. They are pro-active rather than re-active. They will continue to do this and will take their shots. They work at this very hard and listen to all the input. In the final analysis, they will come up with a budget that is in the best interest of all the residents of Sangamon County. He asked for help from everyone to work with the Finance Committee because they have some tough decisions to make.

#### **RECESS**

A motion was made by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Long, to recess the meeting to November 10, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED  
MEETING RECESSED