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MINUTES

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

MARCH 8, 2005

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on March 8, 2005 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman VanMeter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Montalbano gave the Invocation and Mr. Griffin led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to call the roll. There were 27 Present – 2 Absent. Mr. Bunch and Mrs. VanHoos were excused.

PROCLAMATION

Mr. Montalbano and Mr. Cahnman presented a Proclamation to the members of the National and Air Guard who recently returned from Iraq. Those present to accept the Proclamation were: Sergeant Dennis Whitehead, from the 3637th Maintenance Company; Major Deborah Hamrick, from the IL Air Guard 183rd Fighter Wing; Commander Sergeant. Major Lester Edwards, from the 232nd Corps Support Battalion; Sergeant David Hall and Captain Angela Bowman, from the 139th Mobile Public Affairs Detachment; and Sergeant Joel Mauney, from the 233rd Military Police Unit who is also a Sangamon County Correctional Officer.

They thanked the County on behalf of all the soldiers who served in Iraq including those who have come home, those who have not, and those who never will.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

MOTION CARRIED
MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

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

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

MOTION CARRIED
CORRESPONDENCE FILED

RESOLUTION 1

1. Resolution approving the engineering agreement for evaluation of the Union Pacific Railroad grade separations at Woodside and Iron Bridge Roads.

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, for the adoption of Resolution 1. Upon a roll call vote, there were 26 Yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2

2. 2005-06 – Thomas Everhart, 3061 & 3065 Winch Road, Springfield – Granting a Rezoning and Variances. County Board Member – Harry “Tom” Fraase, Jr., District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Vaughn, for the adoption of Resolution 2. 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 2.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 3

3. 2005-08 – Vera O'Donnell and David W. Mies, in the 10,500-10,750 blocks of Waverly Road, Waverly – Granting Variances. County Board Member – Craig Hall, District #7.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Vaughn, 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

RESOLUTIONS 4 – 6

4. Resolution authorizing the County Board Office to pay a monthly fee to the Law Office of Cavanagh, Madonia, and Leahy for services rendered as Hearing Officers.

A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Ms. Cimarossa, for the adoption of Resolution 4. A motion was made by Mr. Pace, seconded by Mr. Stephens, to consolidate Resolutions 4 – 6. Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 5 and 6.

5. Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with Menard County.
6. Resolution approving the Sangamon County Travel Expense Reimbursement and Approval Guidelines.

A voice vote carried on the consolidation. Mr. Cahnman voted nay.

A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Ms. Cimarossa, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 4 – 6, as consolidated.

Mr. Cahnman asked if Resolution 4 is correct in stating that Madonia and Cavanagh have been conducting these hearings since October 2003, but have not been paid. Mr. Goleman confirmed that it is correct. Mr. Cahnman asked if they would receive retro pay. Chairman VanMeter stated that they will be paid for the work they have done. Mr. Cahnman asked how many hearings they conducted on an average per month. Ryan McCrady explained that it depends on how the citations are written. Jim Stone, Director of Public Health, explained that they are mostly for animal control citations at this point, although they will be able to hear other cases at some point in time in the future. Mr. Cahnman asked if there are some months when there are no hearings and if it would be more prudent to pay on a per hearing basis. Mr. Stone explained that

there is typically something every month and it depends on how many people happen to contest it.

Mr. Cahnman asked if someone could explain Paragraph 5 of the Intergovernmental Agreement mentioned in Resolution 5, which says Menard County will pay \$0 for the first 90 days for each prisoner housed in our facility.

Ryan McCrady explained that Menard County is a neighboring County and Sangamon County does a lot of different intergovernmental agreements with them including law enforcement services. Both counties serve on task forces of different types where they utilize each others services. This was done in a manner of good gesture to them. Menard County also does not have a medical facility inside their jail.

A voice vote carried on the motion to adopt Resolutions 4 – 6, as consolidated. Mr. Cahnman voted nay on Resolution 5.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS 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 7

7. Resolution establishing an altered speed zone in the Springfield Road District.

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mrs. Scaife, for the adoption of Resolution 7. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 8

8. Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the City of Springfield and County of Sangamon for the provision of public health services.

A motion was made by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mr. Moore, for the adoption of Resolution 8.

Ms. Cimarossa commended Mrs. Turner and Mr. Moore for co-chairing this panel that did such a fine job.

Mr. Cahnman asked if this would still have to come back before the Board if the City accepts the agreement. Jim Grohne, Assistant State's Attorney, explained that it would not if there are no changes.

Mr. Stumpf stated that this is one of the finest committees he has sat on during his term on the County Board and Mrs. Turner and Mr. Moore did a great job. If this is passed, then it will be proven that the County can fully run both health departments combined. Without a shadow of a doubt, this is the right thing to do and the committee along with Mrs. Turner and Mr. Moore should be commended.

Mr. Goleman stated that the point of this committee was in the event there is a positive vote by the citizens of the City of Springfield and the City Council decides to go ahead and transfer their health department to the County, the statutory obligation will have been met. That obligation is that the County will have to serve all of the citizens of Sangamon County. There is absolutely a benefit to this because all the citizens of Sangamon County will be served. There could be some improvements and additional services made. One of the largest groups that represent the rural community, the Sangamon County Farm Bureau and their Board of Directors has voted in the affirmative to support this in the event it would happen. Some of the questions that have been out there in the rural areas have been answered.

Mr. Cahnman explained that the perception out there, in terms of the intergovernmental agreement, is how this merger is going to go down. This is just an opening offer by the County and the City does not necessarily have to accept these terms. He stated that he has reviewed the agreement and it looks reasonable as an opening offer, and has not had the opportunity to review it carefully enough to vote yes on all the terms and will abstain from voting on it tonight. He explained that he would like to see what the City decides to do and if they will make any changes.

Mrs. Turner thanked all of the members who served on the panel. There was a lot of work done in a short time frame. This was a panel that was very representative of the entire community. It was a bi-partisan panel with representation from entities such as the Springfield Minister Alliance, the educational community, agencies that provide social services, county and city residents, as well as users of these services. What the Board has before them is a very comprehensive draft proposal for how the County would operate a combined health department if in fact the City decides they want to go that way. It may not be everything that the City wants. The County has invited the City to enter into discussions on several different occasions and they have declined each time. In the resolution it does say the agreement must be reviewed, discussed, and approved by the appropriate officials with the City of Springfield. The County Board has a responsibility to make sure Sangamon County is prepared if they agree on it. What is on the ballot on April 5th is a non-binding resolution. No matter which way that goes, the County would still have to wait for the City of Springfield to decide what they want to do. She clarified

that she has never personally said whether there should or should not be a merger and her participation on this panel should in no way be taken that she is in favor of a merger. She stated that she does have a responsibility to those in her district and other residents of Sangamon County to ensure they are provided for, and their health care needs will be met if a merger does take place. Every provision that could be thought of is in the agreement along with every provision that came from the constituents. There were three community forums in each area of the County.

There was one on the East Side of Springfield; a second one in the County in Grandview; the third was held on the West Side at Butler School. Any appropriate concerns were incorporated into the agreement. Mrs. Turner encouraged a yes vote.

Mr. Moore also encouraged a yes vote. He explained that this agreement shows prior planning. It stated the intent clearly and does bind the County if they choose to proceed further. Employees have been told they will be protected by guaranteeing their benefits and their pay. The idea behind this is that if a citizen walks into the Public Health Facility on Jefferson Street or on Dirksen Parkway they will not know either way if it is under County leadership. Nothing has been left undone in this document, including what would happen with the Jefferson Street Facility. Mr. Moore encouraged Mr. Cahnman to vote yes on this document because this shows that the County is ready. Panel members from all areas of the community have endorsed this document. He encouraged Mr. Cahnman to point out if there is something lacking in the document.

Mr. Cahnman explained that there may not be a second vote if the City accepts all of these terms as they are. He clarified that he simply did not have sufficient time to review everything in detail and does not want to cast his vote to bind the County to these terms right now, but probably would vote for this if it comes back before the Board.

Mrs. Scaife thanked the members on the panel and Mrs. Turner and Mr. Moore for the work they have done.

Chairman VanMeter stated that if the voters of the City of Springfield who live in Sangamon County are asked the question “should they close the City Health Department?” in voting on that they may reasonably ask “then what happens?” Under state statute, Sangamon County would have the responsibility to provide public health services to all the citizens of Sangamon County, whether they live in the city or outside the city. The committee’s task was to answer the questions of the voters of the City of Springfield and that is what this document does and it does a splendid job. He stated that he is enormously proud of the work that this committee did, and gave a heartfelt thanks to the public citizens who put their name and hard work to the document.

A voice vote carried on the motion to adopt Resolution 8. Mr. Cahnman abstained from voting.

**MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

RESOLUTION 9

9. Resolution approving a bid and contract with KLS & Son Construction, Inc. for demolishing and removing structures on Bakutis Road.

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mrs. Musgrave, for the adoption of Resolution 9. A voice vote carried. Mr. Moore voted Present.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

B. Appointments

There were no appointments.

C. Labor Contracts

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Bond, for approval of the Steamfitters Local 137 and IBEW Local 193 labor contracts. A voice vote carried. Mr. Cahnman abstained from voting.

MOTION CARRIED
CONTRACTS APPROVED

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 April 11, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED