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## **MINUTES**

### **SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD**

**NOVEMBER 8, 2005**

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on November 8, 2005 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman VanMeter called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Mr. Montalbano gave the Invocation and Mr. Cahnman led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to call the roll. There were 25 Present – 4 Absent. Mr. Buecker, Mr. Bunch, Mr. O’Neill, and Mr. Vaughn were all excused.

### **PROCLAMATIONS**

Mr. Mendenhall presented a Proclamation to the US Army 1644<sup>th</sup> Transportation Detachment from Camp Lincoln to welcome them back from duty in Iraq.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Turner, for approval of the Minutes of October 11, 2005. A voice vote was unanimous.

**MOTION CARRIED**  
**MINUTES ADOPTED**

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A. Illinois Department of Transportation Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and

Transactions for September, 2005.

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 appropriating Motor Fuel Tax funds for the annual maintenance of County Highways, Section 06-00000-00-GM.

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mrs. Scaife, for the adoption of Resolution 1. Upon a roll call vote, there were 24 Yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 2**

2. 2005-67 – Janet Easterday, 9885 Boyd Farm Road, Rochester – Granting a Variance. County Board Member – David Mendenhall, District #3.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mrs. VanHoos, 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. 2005-68 – Sandra Black, 14486 Walbaum Road, Pleasant Plains – Granting Variances. County Board Member – Craig Hall, District #7.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Stephens, 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. 2005-70 – Kenny Morris, 3201 Sherman Street, Springfield – Granting a Variance. County Board Member – Joel Tjelmeland, District #14.

A motion was made by Mr. Tjelmeland, seconded by Ms. Cimarossa, 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. 2005-71 – Jeff Grismer, 22485 Weber Road, Illiopolis – Granting a Variance. County Board Member – David Mendenhall, District #3.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. Goleman, for the adoption of Resolution 5. 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 5.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 6**

6. 2005-72 – 1<sup>st</sup> General Baptist Church, 2450 Taylor Avenue, Springfield – Granting a Variance. County Board Member – Joel Tjelmeland, District #14.

A motion was made by Mr. Tjelmeland, seconded by Ms. Cimarossa, for the adoption of Resolution 6. A motion was made by Mr. Moore to waive the reading of the professional staff's report. There were no objections. A voice vote carried on the motion to adopt Resolution 6. Mr. Bond voted Nay.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 7**

7. 2005-74 – Gary & Lori Walker, 2817 St. James Road, Springfield – Granting a Conditional Permitted Use. County Board Member – Dennis Wieland, District #8.

A motion was made by Mr. Wieland, seconded by Mr. Moss, for the adoption of Resolution 7. 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 7.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

### **RESOLUTION 8**

8. 2005-76 – Central Illinois Sports, Inc., 1200 N. Bradfordton Road, Springfield – Denying a Use Variance. County Board Member – Tom Fraase, District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore to withdraw Resolution 8 by request of the Petitioner. There were no objections.

MOTION CARRIED  
RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

### **RESOLUTIONS 9 – 14**

9. Resolution approving the adjustment of the Sheriff's Office budget to reflect the purchase of electronic fingerprint devices and related equipment and supplies.

A motion was made by Mrs. Musgrave, seconded by Mr. Goleman, for the adoption of Resolution 9. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Pace, to consolidate Resolutions 9 – 14. Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 10 – 14.

10. Resolution approving the location and sketch map of Cantrall Creek Estates and Variances of Sections 16.14.030(J) and 16.04.040(A)(4).
11. Resolution approving the final plat of Waldmire Minor Subdivision and Variance of 16.04.040(A)(2).
12. Resolution approving an agreement between Friends of the Sangamon Valley Land Trust and Sangamon County.
13. Resolution authorizing the attorneys of the Office of the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor to act as Assistance State's Attorneys on behalf of the State's Attorney's of Sangamon County when requested to do so.

14. Resolution approving budget transfers and amendments for the fiscal year 2005 budget.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation of Resolutions 9 – 14. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mrs. Scaife and Mr. Pace, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 9 – 14, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

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 15**

15. Resolution approving a contract between Populex Corporation and Sangamon County for the purchase of new voting systems.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Snell, for the adoption of Resolution 15.

Mr. Moore commended Joe Aiello, County Clerk and Stacey Kern, Director of Elections and her staff for all of their work. He reminded the Board that back in September a resolution was passed to permit Joe Aiello's Office to enter into contractual negotiations with a selected vendor and that vendor is Populex Corporation. He recommended that the Board Members take a look at and try out the machines after the meeting.

Chairman VanMeter asked if there is an extensive voter education plan in place for the voters in the future as this new voting system is introduced. Mr. Moore explained that there is a plan in place. Step one is getting the education and step 2 is the voter education. The plan is to educate the judges as well as the general population on how to use the equipment. This has been an ongoing process. He asked Stacey Kern to address the Board on this issue.

Stacey Kern explained they know this will only be successful if the voters in Sangamon County are educated on how to use the system. There is a preliminary plan in place to implement the system. This includes all different types of media such as print media, newspaper ads, and public service announcements. The most beneficial part of

the plan will be to hold demonstrations throughout the County. This will give the voters a first hand chance to use the system before Election Day.

Mr. Moore explained that this could happen anywhere from a City basketball tournament to local libraries and malls. He commended Stacey Kern and her staff for the tremendous work they have done to get this in place.

Ms. Cimarossa asked when this system would be in place. Mrs. Kern explained that it will first be used at the next Election on March 21, 2006. Ms. Cimarossa asked what the County's share of the cost would be for this. Mrs. Kern explained that it will be less than what was originally anticipated. With an additional grant the amount will be between \$100,000 and \$150,000. Without that grant the cost would be \$600,000.

Mr. Cahnman asked for clarification if the County taxpayers would only be paying \$100,000 to \$150,000 if the grant goes through. Mrs. Kern agreed and stated that it would be for the initial purchase of the equipment. Mr. Cahnman asked if there would still be ongoing costs. Mrs. Kern stated that there would be election costs. Mr. Cahnman asked if the grant money is coming from the Federal Government. Mrs. Stacey stated that it is and has already been disbursed to the State Board of Elections. The County will apply to them and they would disburse it to the County. Mr. Cahnman explained that he has a difference of opinion with the system. He stated that he feels the other system with the optical scan system they looked at would accommodate numerous voters at the same time by marking the optical scan ballot and would accommodate the disabled.

Mrs. Turner stated that although everyone does not agree with the system, the process was very open and community friendly, which was a real plus for the County Board. All of the people that would be using the system were included to help identify the system to be purchased. It was very inclusive and the individual who put the Committee together should be commended. It is also a real plus that the cost will only be a maximum of \$150,000. This money was coming from the Help America Vote Act and stipulations were put in place that the system purchased had to meet certain qualifications. This system best fits all of those qualifications. If they had gone with another system, the money would have been lost and the County would have to be prepared to spend \$3,000,000 to purchase that system which would not have been a very fiscally responsible thing to do. The Board reached out community wide and put together the most diverse Committee to look at both the systems and they came forward to say this was the best system and it specifically fit with the County's fiscal needs. She stated that she feels they would be doing the County a disservice if they did not vote to enter into an agreement for this equipment. It comes at a wonderful time when the Board is getting ready to vote to pass a budget that is coming in at a significant decrease from the budgets of previous years. This shows how the planning and prudent responsibility in terms of fiscal matters has put them in this position.

Mrs. Long explained that there were members on the Committee who were disabled and they too felt it was the friendliest system for their concerns.

Mr. Cahnman stated that he understands both systems were eligible to get the full amount of the grants, but he just has a difference of opinion.

Mr. Moore stated that the President of Populex is present and has set up the voting machines and he encouraged everyone to come and take a look at them.

There was a roll call vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 15. There were 23 Yeas – 1 Nay. Mr. Cahnman voted Nay.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

### **RESOLUTION 16**

16. Resolution approving the expansion of the Springfield Mass Transit District Board of Trustees from five to seven trustees.

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Turner, for the adoption of Resolution 16.

Mr. Cahnman asked what the reason was for increasing the number of trustees. Ryan McCrady, County Administrator, explained that they ran into problems when just a few members were present. They were concerned about being in violation of the Open Meetings Act. The law allows them to expand to seven members. Mr. Cahnman asked if the Mass Transit Board is in favor of this. Mr. McCrady explained that the Mass Transit Board is in favor and they approached the County Board Chairman about this.

A voice vote was unanimous on the motion to adopt Resolution 16.

MOTION CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

### **OLD BUSINESS**

A motion was made by Mr. Cahnman, seconded by Mrs. Long, to amend the Voluntary Severance Plan adopted by the Board on September 29, 2005. Mr. Cahnman stated that the plan should be amended to extend the deadline to file to November 16, 2005 at the close of business that day. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED  
VOLUNTARY SEVERANCE PLAN AMENDED

### **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Resolutions

There were no new Resolutions.

## B. Appointments

Appointment of Gene Ross to the Mechanicsburg/Buffalo Water Commission for a term expiring November, 2011.

Appointment of Dick Austin as Treasurer to the Springfield Airport Authority for a term expiring July, 2010.

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 2005-2006 Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance.

A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mrs. Long, for approval of the 2005-2006 Budget.

Ryan McCrady addressed the Board to show a slide presentation of the budget. Mr. McCrady explained highlights from the budget. The budget starts December 1, 2005 and runs through November 30, 2006. He explained that he would discuss some of the changes within the budget and some tax levy data. The County budget has decreased \$7.6 million from Fiscal Year 2004-2005. It was \$106 million and the Fiscal Year 2005-2006 budget is about \$98.4 million. The majority of the decreases were because of major projects that have been completed and they no longer need that spending authority in the next fiscal year.

The first of the major changes involves the Office of Emergency Management. Their budget decreased about \$514,000 due to completion of a \$550,000 grant program which was a grant received from the State of Illinois funded over to City Water Light & Power for homeland security upgrades to the power plant. There were upgrades to lighting, fencing, cameras, and some other upgrades to City Water Light & Power's facilities. There was also some money in that grant program for First Responder Training on weapons of mass destruction for some of the outlying agencies. The bulk of the grant went to City Water Light & Power.

There was also a decrease in expenses of just over \$2 million because of the Juvenile Center. The County's obligation on the design bill ends in January 2006. The final debt service payment will be made then. There was no tax increase to fund the Juvenile Center. It was funded out of the General Fund Budgets every year by planning ahead and saving up money. This is part of the multi-year plan the County has for financing major capital improvements.

The next major change involves the 911 Center and Emergency Telephone Systems Office. There is also a decrease in their budget of about \$5.5 million. That involves the construction of their new building on Shale Road located between the Juvenile and Animal Control Centers. It's nearing completion and the administrative offices have already moved in. They are still working to get the dispatch operations open and re-located to the new facility. This also was not funded through a tax increase. It was funded through the surcharge on telephone bills. Because of the multi-year plan they were able to reserve funds back to help pay for this construction. This building will be paid for free and clear and there will be no mortgage, bond payments, or debt service.

The next change involves the Help America Vote Act. There will be a decrease in the budget of \$1.1 million. This involves the change of the voting equipment and over \$2 million in grants. There will be some expenses for this during this budget year. Two years ago the Help America Vote Act Fund was set up to prepare for the purchase of this equipment. There may be enough in that fund now to pay the County's obligation. If not, there will not be much additional money spent.

Other highlights include some enhanced funding in the Sheriff's Office which is a total budget increase of about \$509,000. About \$300,000 to \$350,000 is salary and overtime. Contract pay increases are funded through that. The increases are very close to the consumer price index of 3.3%. It does not include any additional staffing. About \$11,000 needs to be funded for jail food. The population of the jail and cost increases from the food suppliers contributes to that cost. The Sheriff does what he can to mitigate these costs by buying in bulk and cutting down the number of trucks that deliver. There is also some additional money in the budget for training and travel.

There is some additional funding in the Circuit Clerk's General Fund Budget. They are having some cash flow difficulties in their Special Revenue Funds. Tony Libri came to the Finance Committee last year with a two-year plan to phase some employees from the Special Revenue Fund into the County General Fund. This is the second year of that move. The cost this year is about \$85,000. He will use that cash flow to help buy some equipment to enhance the court operations and continue to make things more efficient.

There is also some minor additional funding in the Auditor's Office, Public Defender's Office, Coroner's Office, and Information Systems.

The Tax Levy for 2005 taxes payable in 2006 will increase by about \$1.1 million from last year or about 5%. This increase is how tax caps work. The County cannot go any higher than what is allowed based on the consumer price index and tax cap laws. One exemption to tax caps is for new construction. Money is allowed to be levied for new construction outside of tax caps. This is allowed for all government agencies in the County. With this increase it will not be increased all the way to the peak of what the law allows. A Truth in Taxation Hearing will be held at the November 22<sup>nd</sup> Finance

Committee Meeting. All the proper notices will be published in the newspaper. The County Board will be considering the Tax Levy at the December Board meeting.

The Tax Rate for next year is about .8133, which is a relatively conservative estimate. That rate usually will come down after the Tax Levy is filed and real estate assessment data is in.

Mr. McCrady thanked the elected officials, department heads, David Connor from the Auditor's Office, Mark Crawford from the Treasurer's Office, and the Finance Committee for all of their efforts and support.

Ms. Cimarossa explained that all of these budgets go through all of the Committee processes as well before the Finance Committee. They are looked at with a fine tooth comb. She asked if the new voting system will reduce some of the annual expenses during the elections. Mr. Moore explained that they chose Populex because the fixed long term cost was much less than some of the other vendors. Mr. McCrady stated that they do anticipate some savings, but during the first year there will be some costs. Mr. Moore explained that there will also be less consulting costs. Although they will continue to use LRS, they will be able to do everything from this building.

Mr. Goleman commended the elected officials and department heads for their cooperation.

Chairman VanMeter commended the committee members. He stated that discipline has kept the County in good financial shape.

A voice vote carried on the motion to adopt the 2005-2006 Budget. Mr. Cahnman voted Nay.

### **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 December 13, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

**MOTION CARRIED  
MEETING RECESSED**