

MINUTES

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

DECEMBER 12, 2006

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on December 12, 2006. Chairman VanMeter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Montalbano gave the Invocation and Taylor Smith led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINTMENT AND REPORT OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

Mr. Buecker, Mrs. Turner, Mr. Griffin, Mr. Tjelmeland and Mr. Bunch were appointed as the Credentials Committee to review the credentials of the newly elected County Board members with the County Clerk. Mr. Buecker was appointed as Chairman of the Committee. The Committee reviewed the credentials and reported to the Board that everything was in order.

SWEARING IN OF NEWLY ELECTED BOARD MEMBERS

The County Clerk swore in the newly elected members of the Sangamon County Board. Those members were: Todd Smith, David Mendenhall, Andy Goleman, Don Stephens, Jr., Dennis Wieland, Mike Sullivan, Sam Montalbano, Greg Stumpf, Dave Kamper, Tyrone Pace, Clyde Bunch, Tim Moore, Debbie Cimarossa, Abe Forsyth, and William "Bill" Moss.

ROLL CALL

Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to call the roll. There were 29 Present – 0 Absent.

APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Turner, to nominate Andy VanMeter as Temporary Chairman. A voice vote was unanimous. A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mr. Fulgenzi, to appoint Andy VanMeter as Chairman of the Sangamon County Board. A voice vote was unanimous. Mrs. Long stated that it is a distinct pleasure to nominate Mr. VanMeter as Chairman.

Since even before he began to serve as Chairman he was deeply involved in the well-being of the citizens of Sangamon County through his service to the community. In his years serving as Chairman he has been instrumental in the building of the Sangamon County Juvenile Center; Animal Shelter and 911 Facility; consolidation of the Public Health Department and the newly Integrated Criminal Justice System. These are all projects this Board can be proud of with Andy as their leader. Additionally this County remains fiscally sound through the efforts of this Board with Andy VanMeter as the Chairman. He has committed to this Board and the citizens of Sangamon County. It is an honor to nominate Andy VanMeter to another term as the Chairman of the Sangamon County Board.

Mr. Bunch stated that on behalf of the Democrats on the Board he would like to make the nomination by acclamation.

Chairman VanMeter stated that it has been a pleasure serving with this Board. He stated that they have a good tradition here at the County of rolling up their sleeves and getting the job done. There is no republican way to fill a pothole or no democratic way to zone farmland and he stated that he is really proud of the way they have worked together on various projects.

NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

A motion was made by Ms. Cimarossa, seconded by Mrs. Scaife and Mr. Buecker, to nominate and appoint Rosemarie Long as Vice-Chairman of the Sangamon County Board. A voice vote was unanimous.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Turner, that the Board sit as a committee of the whole to review the progress of the Integrated Criminal Justice System. A voice vote was unanimous.

Don Kupferschmid, Project Manager, Paula Tolbert, Information Systems Manager for the Sheriff's Office, and Dennis Karhliker with the Sheriff's Office were all present and have worked long hours to implement this system.

Chairman VanMeter explained that it has been an amazingly smooth transition from planning to training due to the whole team.

Mrs. Long asked if it is really a serious situation with the City not being on line with the County on this system.

Mr. Kupferschmid stated that he believes it is serious. Many of the deputy's cars have the mobile data computers in them. They have had the opportunity for many of the local agencies such as Leland Grove and Chatham to have the mobile implementation.

The City of Springfield computers have been disabled. Their modems have been turned off because it was causing congestion with the networks. The County and surrounding communities all have their mobile data computers on board and are able to run silent dispatch and inquiries through their cars. There is also state of the art mapping from G.I.S. The deputies were really impressed with what they are getting. There will also be photo mug shots appearing in the cars so the officers can identify someone to make sure it is the right individuals they have exposed themselves to. It is extremely beneficial to the officers on the street. New World Systems, who is the vendor they have selected, have indicated this is the largest historical conversion they have ever done. He stated that he believes this conversion is extremely critical to the safety of the citizens of Sangamon County.

Chairman VanMeter asked Mr. Kupferschmid what his job has been with the County. Mr. Kupferschmid explained that he started working with an initial phase of doing requirement gatherings in the Sheriff's Department in 2001. At that time they identified there were many isolated systems operating individually and as a result of that they expanded to the Records Department and then into the 911 system. They ended up with approximately 6,000 individual requirements put together in a proposal and they have contracted with New World Systems who provided them with a fully integrated solution. This system is extremely integrated so that if a person is arrested their record will be there and available to all officers no matter if it is Leland Grove, Chatham, or Springfield. Mr. Kupferschmid stated that he has been on the project for about five years and is a full-time consultant with Levi Ray & Shoup. He stated that this has been a great team to work with and is a great organization to be a part of.

Mr. Fraase asked if they would be able to send a photo out to all the officers in the field if there is a missing person. Mr. Kupferschmid stated that they cannot at this time but the feature will be available down the road once the system is tweaked.

Mr. Goleman asked the Chairman if the County made any type of promise to the Mayor of Springfield that they could go ahead and get on line and worry about the financial dealings later. Chairman VanMeter stated that they did not. He stated he has not had any conversations with the Mayor or anyone at the City about the program. The County does want the City as an integrated part of this proposal and have wanted them to be involved from the beginning. It would be the most cost effective thing to do. Mr. Goleman stated that he is glad to hear that because they are really just one community. It is critical that they all work together on this. What would happen if there is another ice storm or tornado? It is to everyone's benefit for the City and County to work together. Mr. Goleman asked Mr. Kupferschmid what would happen if there was another ice storm.

Mr. Kupferschmid stated that the dispatchers would be overwhelmed because the officers in Sangamon County and the outlying communities would be able to use their mobile computers and address incidents as they occur. It would definitely be a high activity period for the dispatchers working with the City.

Ryan McCrady, County Administrator, stated that he spoke with Mallorie Teubner from 911 Dispatch and she said they were seeing a very high volume of radio traffic along with phone traffic into the dispatch center from officers who could not get their information back fast enough over the radio. It was a stressful situation for the dispatchers. They are going to increase the staffing on the second shift for the City radio frequencies to try and handle all of the extra radio traffic coming through the system because the City officers no longer have mobile data computers in their cars. Mr. Goleman asked if there would be more dispatchers hired or if there would be call backs. Mr. McCrady explained that there would be call backs for overtime to increase the staffing during that shift if there are not enough people working. Mr. Goleman asked if there would be an impact on the budget. Mr. McCrady stated that there would be an impact on the SCCDS budget.

Mr. Buecker asked if the City is contracting with New World Systems to use the same mapping system as the County. Mr. Kupferschmid stated that he understands the contract the City is working on with New World Systems does not have all the features that the County contracted with. One of the pieces missing is the mapping module for the mobile computers, which is a vital piece of the mobile computing environment. Several other key features missing are that there would not be as complete a set of modules as the County would be providing for the records department and mobile computing departments as well as some of the dispatch functions. Mr. Buecker asked if this would cause glitches with the Counties system when the City finally gets on line. Mr. Kupferschmid stated that it is in his opinion that their system either will not work or may even cause the Counties to fail. It could not be brought on line without substantial investigation of the technical aspects of their proposal.

Mr. Mendenhall asked how long it would take the City to obtain the hardware and software, have it installed, and get on line. Mr. Kupferschmid stated that it would take months. This system is complex which is what makes it so functionally rich. The County has spent months and months preparing for this. It is a very large effort to put all the pieces together. The County has compressed what is normally a 12 to 18 month implementation into a six month window because the old system is exhausted and this needed to be completed by the end of the year.

Mr. Mendenhall asked if it could cause glitches if the City does not match up with the County and he asked if this would put some of the rural areas in jeopardy by not using the system that is in place. Mr. Kupferschmid stated that is his opinion and he feels very confident in saying this could also have the potential to cause failures in the Counties system.

Mr. VanMeter asked if the City system must be exactly the same as the Counties. Mr. Kupferschmid stated that it's not that it must be, but they must consider any differences between the way the systems are configured and determine any changes they might want to do. It's a fully integrated system so all of the pieces have to fit together.

Mr. VanMeter asked what the consequence would be if their system is different than the counties. Mr. Kupferschmid stated that the County could accommodate if their system is different providing they are compatible. They must be able to merge them together. It was the intent from the beginning to combine these.

Ryan McCrady, County Administrator, explained that the integrated system works best when there is a standard set up for most things they can possibly have and that is why they did ask the City to sit at the table with them. An integrated system is like a giant rope and you can't tug on one part of it without affecting the other end. When information is generated into the dispatch system it all has to be built together. When dispatchers are gathering information and sending it to a law enforcement agency and their system is not set to catch all the information it would tie up the entire system. The County does not know exactly what the City is buying and it needs to be studied carefully. The only way the County can answer any questions is to have a detailed technical analysis done. It will take months before this is all done.

Mr. VanMeter asked what the procedure would be to get the City integrated. Mr. McCrady explained that the City has a contract to purchase software and the next item on the table is some cost recovery to the County for additional costs they incurred. This system was designed with the community in mind. The idea was that they would share the base cost for the system and each party would pay for any additional licenses they needed on the software. The County was in the situation where they had to move ahead because the current system was dying. The County was able to pick up the additional costs and move ahead because public safety was an issue. The next detail would be to figure out exactly what the City is purchasing and is not purchasing and what is different than the Counties system and figure out how they can be integrated together and what challenges they pose for the County. If something is changed now they would have to physically go out and touch all 80 of those computers and change whatever needs to be changed in the software. They don't want to do that more than once if they don't have to. This is as complicated a thing as you will see probably anywhere in the State of Illinois and probably not too many places in the country. The City will want to convert their old criminal records and incident data and they will have to be trained on how to use this system before they go live. It takes about 1 ½ days to convert and install a mobile data computer in a squad car. For the cities conversion there would be about 100 cars that do not have computers in them.

Mr. Moss asked if the City is looking at the automatic reporting where the officer completes his report in the car and it goes to the dispatch and then to the State's Attorney's Office. Ryan McCrady stated that the documents he saw do show they are purchasing the module for automated filed reporting.

Mr. Moss asked if it would make it harder for the State's Attorney's Office to read cases because they would be looking at two different documents. Mr. Kupferschmid stated that they have not pursued centralizing the reports but they do need to go back and re-visit that.

Mr. Fulgenzi asked if the City has given any kind of reason why they bailed on the system originally and why they are not intending to fully integrate with the Counties system now. Mr. VanMeter explained that the City pulled out back in June because they believed they could get a grant or believed at that point they could join the State's system at no cost. Mr. McCrady explained that the County also looked at what the State system had to offer and found it was not a complete system. It did not have the functionality needed to gather the records management data to make the appropriate reports to agencies. Mr. VanMeter explained that the County was set to go back in May but the City asked that they wait until June to act on this. The technical staff stressed to them that June would be the absolute latest they could go. Mr. McCrady explained that the State hired a consultant to review the situation with the City and came to the conclusion it would not be an appropriate means either. Mr. VanMeter clarified that even when the City decided they wanted to try for the State system the Counties view of it was okay and good luck but the County really wanted to have them back. It was not an angry split at all at that point. The County realized they would have to pay the total cost of the infrastructure for the system, but always hoped the City would come back and join the integrated system.

Mr. Kupferschmid explained there was a meeting with the State Police and they said they are extremely anxious for the County to begin feeding data from the new system to theirs.

Mr. Fulgenzi asked if the County has received any kind of statement in writing from the City stating the reasons why they decided to back track on their initial agreement and why they don't think it is imperative to protect all of the citizens of Sangamon County especially those who live in the City. Mr. VanMeter stated they have never received any reasons in writing nor have they asked for them because the County has continued hope they will be able to get back together on the system.

Mr. Bunch asked if the County Board is here tonight to vote whether to let the City on. Mr. VanMeter explained that the purpose of the meeting of the committee as a whole was to give the members an opportunity to ask the professional staff questions they have been asked by their constituents.

Ms. Cimarossa stated that the question she is getting about this is if it is going to impact response time by the City.

Mr. McCrady explained that they have not been predicting anything because they want to see what happens. Most urgent calls for service or high priority calls are dispatched over the radio frequency anyway, however, those radio frequencies will be busier. It will change how people will respond to a call for service because they won't have all the data the dispatcher currently sends to the mobile data computer. It is going to change how people respond, but they will have to wait and see what happens regarding response time.

Neil Williamson, Sheriff, stated that it will depend on the situation. He explained that he is concerned about the over-burden of work on the dispatchers with the police officers having to use cell phones to call in all the time.

Mr. VanMeter stated that this is one of the reasons why everyone feels compelled to get the City integrated into the system as quickly as possible. This is really complicated programming with some 6,400 protocols that have to be sequenced. It will take time to get this integrated. In the mean time the professional law enforcement people will all pull together and make the system work.

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Turner, to re-instate the rules and return to the regular order of business. A voice vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Long, for approval of the Minutes of November 14, 2006. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

- A. Illinois Department of Transportation Motor Fuel Tax Allotment and Transactions for October, 2006.

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

MOTION CARRIED
CORRESPONDENCE FILED

RESOLUTION 1

1. Resolution approving low bids for the County's annual aggregate needs.

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Snell, for the adoption of Resolution 1. Upon a roll call vote, there were 28 yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS 2 – 8

2. Resolution appropriating motor fuel tax funds for 2007 IMRF expenses.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Kamper, for the adoption of Resolution 2. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Pace, to consolidate Resolutions 2 – 8. Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 3 – 7.

3. Resolution appropriating additional motor fuel tax funds for 2006 IMRF expenses.
4. Resolution appropriating motor fuel tax funds for the County Engineer's salary and expenses.
5. Resolution approving an agreement between Sangamon County and the Illinois Department of Transportation to transfer surface transportation program funds for State funds.
6. Resolution deleting a portion of County Highway 33 (Dye Road).
7. Resolution approving the low bid for the East Lake Shore Bike Trail.
8. Resolution approving an agreement between the Village of Rochester and the County for the Cardinal Hill Road Project.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Ms. VanHoos and Mrs. Scaife that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 2 – 8, as consolidated. A voice vote carried. Mr. Hall vote nay on Resolution 7.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 9

9. 2006-57 – Steven C. & Mary L. Thomas, 11635 Maurer Road, Buffalo – Granting a Variance. County Board Member – David Mendenhall, District #3.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Stephens, for the adoption of Resolution 9. 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 9.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 10

10. 2006-59 – Samantha J. O’Dell, 300 Block of East Clinton St., Springfield – Granting a Rezoning. County Board Member – Sarah Musgrave, District #9.

A motion was made by Mrs. Musgrave, seconded by Mr. Tjelmeland, for the adoption of Resolution 10. 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 10.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 11

11. 2006-60 – Selvaggio Ornamental and Structural Steel, Inc., 1100 Block of Calhoun Street, Springfield – Granting a Use Variance and Yard Variances. County Board Member – Dick Bond, District #11.

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Stephens, for the adoption of Resolution 11. Chairman VanMeter asked the professional staff to give the procedural history of the case.

Susan Poludniak, professional staff, stated that the petitioner is requesting a use variance to allow outside storage of steel with variances to allow evergreen trees in place of a solid 8’ fence on the north and east sides of the property; a variance to allow a 6’ security fence on the north and west sides; to allow a 6’ transitional side yard on the east side instead of 10’; a front yard of 6’ instead of 15’; and a 0’ side yard on the west instead of 7 1/2’.

Cyndi Tomlin, professional staff, stated that the property is on the southeast corner of Lincoln and Calhoun. The petitioner wants to expand the current storage area north onto the subject property. There are homes to the north and east of the property and there are industrial uses to the west and south. Ms. Poludniak stated that the staff recommends denial of the use variance because industrial uses are not appropriate in a residential area. The staff also recommends denial of all five variances. By decreasing yard requirements the variances serve to increase the impact on the neighborhood. It would also cause safety concerns by decreasing the visibility along Lincoln and at the intersection of Lincoln and Calhoun. Use of evergreens instead of a fence and a 6’ fence instead of the required 8’ fence reduces safety of the sight by allowing easier access. Ms. Tomlin stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals recommends approval because they felt the use variance would have less traffic than many of the uses in the existing B-1 district and they felt two sides of the property are zoned I-1 and are being used for industrial purposes and it does support the change.

Michael Meyer, Attorney representing the petitioner, addressed the Board. He stated that as an attorney he believes the primary issue in zoning decisions relates to the present use of the property as well as the surrounding uses. The property has been zoned B-1 with a conditional permitted use for a mini-warehouse and has been this way since 1993. There are many uses that could go with a B-1 such as banquet halls, cafes, daycare centers, dog kennels, restaurants, etc. The zoning being proposed tonight is far less intrusive onto the neighborhood than what could go into the subject property as it is now zoned. Basically, if you compare what could go in there now, there would be only intermittent use of this property for the pick up of steel products. There is no fabrication or employees permanently situated on the property. There would be only storage and access only to Lincoln Street and not Calhoun. The property will be screened with evergreens at a substantial expense to Selvaggio. There will also be security fences on the west, north, and east sides with the gates onto Lincoln. The Zoning Board's decision was based on what the present commercial property is now zoned as well as the surrounding industrial uses and their decision was appropriate and correct.

Mark Selvaggio, petitioner, addressed the Board. He stated that they started this out with the understanding to improve the use of the property and also to try not imposing on the neighborhood too much. This process has been a learning experience which has been sometimes good and sometimes rough. He expressed that he appreciates the Board's consideration and time and hope the neighbors will accept this if approved.

Mr. Fraase asked if they would be open on the weekends. Mr. Selvaggio stated that they would sometimes, but typically it is a Monday through Friday operation. Mr. Fraase asked how often they would use it during the week. Mr. Selvaggio stated that there would be days when they are there and days when they are not. It all depends on when the steel gets there and when it needs to be moved to the yard.

Mr. Moore asked why they can't re-locate the office and do the outdoor storage with the fabrication plant. Mr. Selvaggio explained that steel is very large, very long, and has volume. Unfortunately the current office is only 40x40 and some steel beams are 60 and 65 feet long.

Mr. Montalbano stated that there is concern with debris on the lot. Mr. Selvaggio explained they cannot guarantee there won't be something on the ground. It will be kept as clean as possible.

Mrs. Long asked if the trees will be planted and the fences put up before they bring in the beams. Mr. Selvaggio stated that they would make a commitment to not move any steel to the yard prior to getting the trees and fence up.

Mr. Fulgenzi stated that the opponents have said they don't want to look out their front door and see the steel stacked up there. Adding a berm would be an added benefit so that when they look out they won't see the steel. Also the ground itself is not level and if it was cut down at least one or two feet there would be six feet of visibility.

Mr. Selvaggio stated that they would create a three to four foot berm although there would be a limited amount of space for it. He proposed putting a three or four foot berm up and try to cut as much as possible off the ground below it. He stated that they would not have a problem asking for an amendment to this. He stated that they would put up the berm on the north side and preferably not at the corner because of visibility.

Mr. Fulgenzi stated that he would like to see that because of the impact of seeing the steel yard. Mr. Selvaggio stated that he would accept responsibility for putting up the berm whether this is amended or not.

Mr. Moss asked why the north side of the existing building is not painted. Mr. Selvaggio explained that they only painted a small part because they want to put new siding on at some point. The trees on that side are extremely dense and protect that. Mr. Moss stated that he looked at it and it is something that definitely needs addressed.

Dwayne Gab, Assistant State's Attorney, recommended they amend Resolution 11. On the first page, fourth paragraph and fifth line add the language four foot earthen berm to be constructed on the north side of the property in question. Mr. Selvaggio asked if they could have it on the east so that the berm does not have a problem with the corner. Chairman VanMeter asked that the petitioner and professional staff to get together briefly and go over the amendment.

Ann Scott, residing at 1151 W. Calhoun in Springfield, addressed the Board. She stated that she does not think the berm will work. Mr. Selvaggio brought on any financial hardship he will have by purchasing the property. There are rules about increasing traffic, noise, and safety issues. This steel yard will decrease the property values and any work done to clean up the neighborhood will not matter once that is there.

Rick Reynolds, residing at 1149 W. Calhoun in Springfield, addressed the Board. He stated that there will be more noise and dust from the rock they will be putting down. He stated that he has lived there since he was in fourth grade and it just keeps getting worse. The road is not even wide enough for two cars. There are also children jogging down Lincoln Street from Sacred Heart Griffin. There will just be even more congestion.

Jennifer Rhodes, residing at 1105 W. Calhoun in Springfield, addressed the Board. She stated that safety is an issue and people will be looking at a steel yard. Another issue is how long it would take for these evergreens to grow. Once this is put there the property values will not stay the same.

Ms. Cimarossa asked how long Sangamon Diesel has been in the neighborhood. Mr. Reynolds stated that it has been there for a while and they really get a lot of business there.

Mr. Moore asked the professional staff to indicate what the current property is zoned as and what kind of businesses go into a B-1. Ms. Poludniak stated that B-1 contains general business type uses. The property right now is zoned B-1 and has a use variance to put in a mini storage.

Mr. Moore asked Ms. Scott what would be acceptable besides a vacant lot. Ms. Scott stated that they were hoping for a nice office building or a day care so they could build a house on it if they got it rezoned.

Mrs. Turner stated that every time something comes up to be rezoned, there is always people who live in the neighborhood and don't want things where they live. She stated that this property is zoned B-1 commercial and there is commercial all around it and she does not understand why they would only want a day care there. Ms. Scott stated that the only reason the zoning went through is because they were led to believe they would pave the lot, put up storage buildings, and have a nice bait shop over there. Instead he just threw up a wood shack and that is as far as it went. Mrs. Turner stated that this was a long time ago and they need to deal with what is there now.

Mr. Bunch asked if they would accept mini-storages there with lights on all around it all night long. Mr. Reynolds stated that it would be better than looking at a steel yard across from your house.

Mr. Montalbano asked how long the outhouses have been there. Ms. Scott stated that there have been outhouses there for about 50 years and most of that property is grass and was kept mowed. Mr. Montalbano stated that he finds it difficult to believe that the berm and trees would not make it any better than it is now. Ms. Scott stated that the buildings which have been condemned are going to be torn down.

Mr. Bunch asked if it would be the Counties expense when the buildings are torn down. Jim Stone, Director of Public Health, stated that it would be the Counties expense. They would be putting a lien on the property and would usually not be the first lien holder and would not recover the money.

Mr. Moss asked why they have not knocked those buildings down in the last ten years. Mr. Stone stated that they have just recently received information on this and are waiting to see what happens with this zoning case.

Mr. Moss asked the professional staff if the standards have been met on this use variance. Ms. Poludniak stated that the staff did not feel the standards were met and they recommended denial.

Mr. Kamper asked how this is different than a rezoning if the property changes hands. Ms. Poludniak stated that the zoning will stay with the property and does not go with the land owner. However, with a zoning district there are a whole bunch of uses that can go with that property so a use variance limits it to just that specific use.

By giving it a use variance to allow the outside storage of steel instead of the industrial zoning it will be the only use that can go on the property.

Mr. Gab stated that his understanding of the amendment is that there would be a variance to put up an eight foot fence instead of a six foot fence and then placing an earthen berm in that same area. Mr. Meyers stated that would be correct, but the only exception would be not to put up any obstruction at the visibility corner of Calhoun and Lincoln because the County Engineer felt it would be a visibility issue.

A motion was made by Mr. Fulgenzi, seconded by Mr. Griffin, to amend Resolution 11 to read "to require the construction of an 8 foot security fence on the north and west sides of the property and to require the construction of a 4 foot earthen berm on the north side of the property adjacent to Calhoun Street, except that no such berm shall be constructed at the corner of Lincoln and Calhoun as it may be a visibility corner pursuant to any approval of the Traffic Engineer. A voice vote carried. The amendment was approved.

Mr. Selvaggio gave his rebuttal. He stated that the only major concern addressed here is with the traffic going up and down the road. He stated they would like to see a stop sign going south on that road. The amount of traffic on that road has dropped substantially because of the move of Roberts Fish to Lincoln, Illinois. They were bringing in about 60 trucks a week up and down that road and they will not be anywhere close to that.

Ms. Scott stated that they just do not want a steel yard across from their homes because it will lower the property value of all three pieces of her property. That hill is already a blind corner and someone is going to get hurt.

Mr. Reynolds stated that you do not know the urgency of this unless you are living there seeing the amount of traffic day after day.

Chairman VanMeter asked for a roll call vote on the adoption of Resolution 11, as amended.

Upon a roll call vote, there were 19 Yeas – 8 Nays. Mr. Goleman, Mr. Mendenhall, Mr. Moore, Mr. Moss, Mrs. Musgrave, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Stephens, and Mr. Sullivan all voted nay. Mr. Pace was not present to vote.

**MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

RESOLUTION 12

12. 2006-62 – John Homeier, South Fork Land Trust, 2860 Young Road, Mechanicsburg – Granting a Rezoning and Variance. County Board Member – David Mendenhall, District #3.

A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mrs. Scaife, for the adoption of Resolution 12. 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 12. Mr. Mendenhall abstained from voting on this.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS 13 – 16

13. Resolution approving access for one unit per agency for access to the Integrated Criminal Justice System.

A motion was made by Mr. Buecker, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, for the adoption of Resolution 13. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Wieland, to consolidate Resolutions 13 – 16. Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 14 – 16.

14. Resolution approving the purchase of mobile data computers and additional equipment to be expended from the new equipment account and reimbursed by the Department of Justice grant funds.
15. Resolution approving the Tax Levies for Fiscal Year from December 1, 2006 through November 30, 2007.
16. Resolution approving a contract with Maximus, Inc. for completion of the Fiscal Year 2006 Cost Allocation Plan.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 13 – 16, as consolidated. A voice vote carried. Mr. Kamper voted nay on Resolution 16.

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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 17 – 19

- 17. Resolution approving the location map of Benanti and Benanti Minor Subdivision.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Smith, for the adoption of Resolution 17. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Moss, to consolidate Resolutions 17 – 19. Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 18 and 19.

- 18. Resolution approving contracts for employee benefits for 2007.
- 19. Resolution approving a jurisdictional transfer of a portion of Cardinal Hill Road (County Highway 33) to Rochester Township.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. 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 17 – 19, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

Ms. Cimarossa commended the Board of Insurance Managers on the excellent job they did with Resolution 18.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

- B. Appointments

Appointment of Andy Goleman to the Sangamon County Board of Health to replace Dan Vaughn.

Appointment of Dr. Olysav to the Sherman Fire Protection District to replace Glenn Allison as Trustee.

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**

Mrs. Long and Mrs. Turner presented Christmas gifts from the County Board members to the County Board Office staff.

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 January 9, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

**MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED**