

MINUTES

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

MARCH 14, 2006

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on March 14, 2006 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman VanMeter called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 25 Present – 4 Absent. Mr. Fraase, Mrs. Scaife, Mrs. Turner, and Mr. Vaughn were all excused.

PROCLAMATIONS

Ms. Cimarossa and Mr. Bunch presented a Proclamation to John Vargas, Director of Juvenile Probation, who is retiring after 32 years of service in Sangamon County. Mr. Vargas addressed the Board. He thanked everyone for the honor and for the chance to work with young people and do what he believes was his life's calling.

Mrs. Long presented a Proclamation to Elaine Funk, who worked for the Superintendent of Schools Office for 18 years and has worked in the County Board Office for the past four years and is retiring after 22 years of service with Sangamon County. Ms. Funk thanked the Board and expressed how much she would miss them.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the Minutes of February 1, 2006 and February 7, 2006. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

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

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, 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 approving a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation on the MacArthur extension.

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

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS 2 – 4

2. Resolution approving an engineering agreement with Ozyurt & Stone, Inc. for Spaulding Orchard Road.

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Forsyth, for the adoption of Resolution 2. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Pace, to consolidate Resolutions 2 – 4. Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 3 and 4.

3. Resolution approving an altered speed zone on County Highway 10 on the south side of Pleasant Plains.
4. Resolution approving a Local Agency Agreement for Federal Participation on the Farmingdale Road bridge construction.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Pace, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 2 – 4, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 5

5. 2006-07 – Matthew Herpstreith & Tom McTaggart, the 17,000 block of South Pawnee Road, Pawnee – Granting Variances. County Board Member-Andy Goleman, District #4.

A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Moore, 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. 2006-08 – Karen Stephens, 600 Block of Riddle Hill Road, Springfield – Granting a Rezoning. County Board Member – Tom Fraase, District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Moore, 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 was unanimous on the motion to adopt Resolution 6.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 7

7. 2006-09 – James H. Watts, Jr. – 6631 Ryan Ct., Cantrall – Granting a Variance – County Board Member – Dick Bond, District #11.

A motion was made by Mr. Bond, seconded by Ms. VanHoos, 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. 2006-10 – Kantilal & Usha K. Chintamanibhai, 304 N. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield – Granting a Rezoning. County Board Member – Sarah Musgrave, District #9.

A motion was made by Mrs. Musgrave, seconded by Ms. Cimarossa, for the adoption of Resolution 8. 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 8.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 9

9. Resolution approving an addendum to the professional service agreement with Joseph E. Meyer.

A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Wieland, for the adoption of Resolution 9. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD

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

MOTION CARRIED
TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

RESOLUTIONS 10 – 14

10. Resolution amending Section 2.44.240 of the Sangamon County Code regarding Sangamon County Employee Policies.

A motion was made by Mr. Cahnman, seconded by Mr. Stephens, for the adoption of Resolution 10. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Pace, to consolidate Resolutions 10 – 14. Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 11 – 14.

11. Resolution approving the purchase of a new server and license for the Sheriff's Office.
12. Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the City of Springfield and the Sangamon County Board of Health for the Provision of Public Health Services.
13. Resolution allowing the Board of Review to be held in session until the 2005 complaints and subsequent administrative duties are completed.

14. Resolution allowing all departments within Sangamon County government to participate in the State of Illinois Federal Surplus Property Program.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. Mr. Cahnman explained it is fitting that Resolution 10, allowing unpaid leave to volunteer during natural disasters and other reasons introduced, comes in the wake of Hurricane Katrina and just days after this community was hit by tornadoes. After favorable testimony from the Red Cross, the Employee Services Committee unanimously approved this Resolution. Mr. Cahnman asked for a yes vote from the Board on Resolution 10.

Mr. Stephens thanked the Committee for putting Resolution 10 together and praised Attorney Bruce Stratton and the Committee for their hard work on this.

Jim Stone, Director of Public Health, reported on Resolution 12. He thanked the County Team including the Chairman; the Board of Health; Ryan McCrady, County Administrator; State's Attorney's Office including DeWayne Gab, Assistant State's Attorney; and the County Public Health Department for their work on this. This is a good agreement for everybody. The only ratifications on this are confirming the issue of holding fees until March 2008 and the other is that the County would assume some of the sub-contracts or leases for the facility that are utilized after hours.

Mr. Goleman asked about the concern with some City employees being fired when they came over to the County. Mr. Stone explained the day after the City voted to approve this 51 of the 54 employees decided to come over. Three employees retired, one resigned, and one changed his mind the morning of March 1st and was allowed to come back. All of the employees were signed up in three days.

Mr. Stone thanked the Auditor's Office and Ryan McCrady for facilitating all of the number crunches that had to happen in a matter of a few days. No one was let go and 50 of the 51 employees are experiencing less costs for their benefits than they did at the City. The net balance for the salary expense is \$30,000 before the salaries were adjusted. There was \$12,000 saved by eliminating an internal grant for STD services. Duplicate subscriptions and memberships are also being eliminated. There was also some transition teams established. There are teams by sections with equal number of old City employees and County employees on each team. They will select their own co-chair and will trade off running the meetings. He explained they will get to know each other, make some recommendations, and then invite him in to make some final decisions. There will also be individual meetings with each former City employee to get their inputs.

Chairman VanMeter asked if the current senior management team would be telling the old City employees what to do. Mr. Stone explained that the management team will be a mix of both County and previous City management personnel.

Mr. Moore asked what has been the public perception of the public health services since the change. Mr. Stone stated that the biggest change was how they answered the phone on Jefferson Street. They are now answering it Sangamon County Department of Public Health. People have still been able to get services as they did previously. The team knows what the clients need and how to best serve them.

Mrs. Long asked if the financial situation has changed. Mr. Stone explained that there may be some added expenses up front such as leasing the building and some I.T. expenses for the fiber network. The Board of Health is already discussing a schedule for holding public hearings to get as much input as possible to see where the new facility will be located. Mrs. Long commended Mr. Stone on doing a fabulous job.

Ms. Cimarossa asked if the equipment and tools transferred over from the City are in good enough shape to be used without much expense. Mr. Stone explained that they have not had to replace or repair anything in the first two weeks. They are trying to analyze and determine which equipment they may want to purchase. The department will be coming to the Finance Committee at least on a monthly basis to keep the Board up to date on expenses and revenues. There is a lot of opportunity for revenue without raising fees simply by making sure services are offered extensively throughout the community.

Mr. Stumpf stated that he has spoke with at least three employees who moved over from the City and they seem extremely happy and 90% of their fears have been eliminated. The employees firmly believe the services in the City will be enhanced dramatically. They were relieved and pleased with the move, the benefits, and the whole package.

Mr. Cahnman commended the team of negotiators for persevering until a final agreement was reached. He asked if they would be paying out the money previously paid to the City when the STD grant was eliminated. Mr. Stone explained that it was not a grant but was a contract and it is not being paid out anymore.

Mr. Goleman asked how the services in the rural areas would be affected. Mr. Stone explained there will be some mobile units used. They will be getting some input from local officials.

A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Cahnman, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 10 – 14, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous. Mr. Cahnman stated that he concurs with Mr. Stephens comments on Resolution 10.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

There was no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

RESOLUTION 15

15. Resolution approving the purchase of an Environmental Control System by the Public Building Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Buecker, seconded by Mrs. Long, for the adoption of Resolution 15. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 16

16. Resolution approving the purchase of a Chiller Control System by the Public Building Commission.

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mr. Buecker, for the adoption of Resolution 16. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

B. Appointments

Appointment of Wayne Cross to the Bulletin 810 Advisory Committee.

Appointment of Steve Dudley to the Bulletin 810 Advisory Committee.

Appointment of Ron Schemmer to the Bulletin 810 Advisory Committee.

Appointment of Larry Lions to the Bulletin 810 Advisory Committee.

Appointment of Allen Entwistle to the Bulletin 810 Advisory Committee.

Appointment of Janice M. Gower to the Riverton Fire District for a term expiring May 2009.

Appointment of James C. Good to the Riverton Fire District for a term expiring May 2009.

Appointment of Walt Funsch to the Pawnee Fire District for a term expiring May 2009.

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mrs. Long, for approval of the appointments. A voice vote carried. Mr. Stephens voted Present. Mr. Hall asked for an explanation of the duties of the 810 Advisory Committee.

Mr. Goleman explained that this is a state law. It comes up with a new way to re-assess ground as far as the type of soil it is. The individuals on the committee represent various areas of the County. It will also help the Supervisor of Assessments Office.

Ms. Cimarossa asked if this would help with the LESA system at all. Mr. Goleman explained it could have some impact. It is kind of a re-assessment of how the ground is classified. Ms. Cimarossa stated that she feels this is excellent and they should use it to their advantage.

**MOTION CARRIED
APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED**

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

Ryan McCrady reported on the tornado response situation. Mr. McCrady updated the Board on how the County handled the situations from the storm. He explained that people were very well prepared and David Butt from the Office of Emergency Management did a great job of calling everyone and contacting the radio stations to keep them informed. Mr. McCrady explained that he called Jim Stone from the Department of Public Health to get his crew going and called the Highway Department to get them out to start blocking off roads where needed. The Sangamon County Rescue Squad had a number of volunteers working and putting in a lot of hours. The County Building and Grounds Department had to make sure all power was going in the building and in the jail. The inmates were all locked down. There were also people that came in to make sure there was no damage to the building. CWLP did a fine job to make sure the power was going on Monday morning. The Sheriff's Office has also been actively involved throughout the County. There were a lot of people working a lot of hours that night.

Mr. McCrady asked if the Board knows of anyone who has any questions or needs help to contact him or David Butt and they will get them to the right place. Parts of Sangamon County were declared a disaster area. That does not release county funding but will allow the State of Illinois to come in and start determining whether they want to declare this a state disaster area. It was declared a state disaster area later that day. They will now wait to see if a federal disaster area is warranted. To receive a federal declaration there must be \$13 to \$14 million in un-insured damage.

FEMA is coming in tomorrow to assess the damage and will be touring all of the counties which have been declared state disaster areas. Chairman VanMeter explained that a declaration also includes not only the rural areas but also the City of Springfield.

Mr. Wieland stated that if he had to go through another storm like this he would want it to be in Sangamon County because all of the people were really helpful.

Ms. Cimarossa asked Mr. McCrady if he would keep them informed so they can talk to some of their constituents. Mr. McCrady stated that he would keep everyone informed. With so many people out of power it is hard to get messages out to them, but there will be other county services that will start to kick in. Right now they are worried about getting power, food, and heat. They will soon start getting information out to people on other types of services that are available.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON CLAIMS

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mr. Bunch, 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 Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mrs. Long, to recess the meeting to the re-scheduled date of April 4, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. to avoid a conflict with the scheduled annual Capital Township Meeting on April 11th. A voice vote was unanimous.

**MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED**