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MINUTES

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

NOVEMBER 12, 2008

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on November 12, 2008. Chairman VanMeter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Montalbano gave the Invocation and Mr. O'Neill led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to call the roll. There were 28 Present – 1 Absent. Mr. Buecker was excused.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

Chairman VanMeter stated that it is his privilege to offer to the Board his selection for County Administrator for Sangamon County. Selecting one is really a difficult task, having done it twice. This is a large and complex organization with a budget of over \$100 million and over 700 employees, which makes it the 7th or 8th largest employer in the community. He stated that as important as they all are, the truth is, all of us are part timers and depend very heavily on the County Administrator to be the Chief Operating Officer for the County. We are fortunate this time, as last time, to have a lot of really fine applicants. One applicant really stood out because of his experience and knowledge of government at the Local and State level, knowledge of budgeting, knowledge of government finance, and because of his knowledge of this community. Most importantly was his ability to communicate with the public and explain, in an understandable way, the issues of County Government. Mr. VanMeter stated that it is his privilege and pleasure to introduce Brian McFadden as the new County Administrator.

Mr. Goleman stated that down in his part of the County they have a recommendation for an individual who is an outstanding candidate, is qualified, and has the right persona for the job.

A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mrs. Long, to move by acclamation to unanimously approve the recommendation. A voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Bunch explained that Mr. McFadden was his immediate Supervisor at the Department of Public Health, and he was an outstanding person to work with. He would always get your problems worked out.

Mr. McFadden thanked the Board for the show of support and for the amazing opportunity. He stated that he knows he has some very big shoes to fill. Ryan and Diana before him have done an excellent job, laid out the template, and have set the bar real high. The County Board has a reputation for doing more with less and the taxpayers are always priority number one. He stated that he is thrilled to be in an environment where that is the case. This is a diverse County, and to succeed you do need to have some diplomatic skills, which Ryan did an excellent job with. He stated that his agenda is their agenda and he knows he works for them and serves for the County Board. He stated that he would reach out to everyone here and to areas of the County to let them know that he does work for the County Board. He explained that his approach is he will be accessible and will have an open door policy and he is very sincere about what he is doing. There is an old Irish Proverb that says “the good Lord gave us two ears and one mouth and we should use those in that same proportion” and that is what he tries to live by. He again thanked the Board and stated that it is truly an honor to work for Sangamon County and he hopes he can live up to their reputation.

Chairman VanMeter stated that Mr. McFadden would be starting the first week of December.

PROCLAMATION

Mrs. Dillman presented a Proclamation in honor of “America Recycles Day”. Angela Harris, County Recycling Coordinator, accepted the Proclamation.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Turner, for approval of the Minutes of October 14, 2008. 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 appropriating motor fuel tax funds for the annual maintenance of County highways.

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Stephens, for the adoption of Resolution 1. Upon a roll call vote, there were 27 Yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2

2. Resolution approving the low bid for a bridge replacement on Central Point Road.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Preckwinkle, for the adoption of Resolution 2. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 3

3. Resolution approving a sign inventory contract.

A motion was made by Mrs. Musgrave, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, for the adoption of Resolution 3. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 4

4. 2008-60 – Chester W. Ping, Jr., 10,100 Block of Gilreath Road, Chatham-Granting a Variance. County Board Member – Don Stephens, District #5.

A motion was made by Mr. Stephens, seconded by Mr. Good, 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. 2008-61 – Robert Komnick, 5500 So. Farmingdale Rd., New Berlin – Granting Variances. County Board Member – Tom Fraase, District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Mendenhall, 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. 2008-62 – Parkway Motors/Mark Mayerle, 221 No. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield – Granting a Variance. County Board Member – Sarah Musgrave, District #9.

A motion was made by Mrs. Musgrave, seconded by Mr. Davsko, 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. 2008-63 – Sue Leonard, J. lee Leonard, III, Kay Jorgensen & Chris Miller, 22,300 Block of Weber Road, Illiopolis and the 600 Block of Leonard Road, Buffalo – Granting Variances. County Board Member – David Mendenhall, District #3.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. O’Neill, 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. 2008-64 – Christopher & Stacy Manion, 9596 Clarksville Road, Rochester (Berry) – Granting a Rezoning. County Board Member – David Mendenhall, District #3.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. Fraase, for the adoption of Resolution 8. Chairman VanMeter asked the professional staff to give the procedural history of the case.

Norm Sims, professional staff, stated that the petitioners are requesting a rezoning from R-1 single family residence district to RM-4 manufactured home district to allow for a manufactured home on the property. Randy Armstrong, professional staff, stated that the property is in the town of Berry, Southeast of Rochester. A grandfathered manufactured home was removed from the property, but was not replaced within the six month limit.

Mr. Sims stated that the staff recommends approval because circumstances unique to the property make this rezoning appropriate. The petitioner purchased this property with the intentions of replacing the mobile home that was on the parcel at the time of purchase with another mobile home and was not aware of the sixth month time frame to do so. Mr. Armstrong stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals concurs with the staff report and recommends approval.

Charles Strode, residing at 5986 Pine Street in Rochester, addressed the Board. He stated that his biggest complaint is that the petitioner has owned the property for close to two years and has failed to keep the property kept up. There are numerous brush piles on it. For the last two summers a neighbor who lives behind him has paid to have the lot mowed, but yet they will not mow where the old manufactured home was. There are still blocks and foundation and vines coming up through the ground, and they have never cleaned it up. There are pictures of the property that show he has left the lot a mess. Mr. Strode explained that he has two young daughters and the vacant property would just be another thing to worry about because of wild animals. He stated that he does not think this will ever be rented out because it is more of a commercial area. This will probably just stay vacant and not be taken care of any more than it already is.

Chairman VanMeter asked for a voice vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 8. A voice vote was unanimous to deny Resolution 8 and deny the rezoning.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION DENIED

RESOLUTION 9

9. 2008-65- Michael T. Ivy, 1420 N. 29th Street, Springfield – Denying a Rezoning. County Board Member – Rosemarie Long, District #10.

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

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION WITHDRAWN

RESOLUTION 10

10. 2008-67 – John T. Knepler and David A. Knepler, Appx. 12300 Tebbe Road, New Berlin – Granting a Variance. County Board Member – Craig Hall, District #7.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Forsyth, 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. Resolution approving an agreement to participate in the service program of the Office of the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor for FY 2009.

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Turner, for the adoption of Resolution 11. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 12

12. Resolution approving the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the Fiscal Year December 1, 2008 through November 30, 2009.

A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mrs. Turner, for the adoption of Resolution 12.

Mr. Goleman addressed the Board regarding the budget. He thanked everyone for their cooperation including the department heads, elected officials, and oversight committees for their hard work. About 1/3 of the budget is made up of property taxes, 1/3 from fees and fines, and 1/3 from grants, state, sales, inheritance and income tax components. The overall budget has an increase of about \$746,000. Last year's budget was about \$95.1 million, and this next fiscal year it is going to be about \$95.9 million.

There is going to be a headcount reduction of about 12 ½ positions mainly through attrition, and those positions will not be filled. The General Fund amount is roughly \$45 million, and of that, about 70% is made up of personnel and fringe costs.

The Sheriff's budget is about \$17 million, which is an increase of about \$1.1 million over the last fiscal year. Community Resources had a decrease of about \$1.8 million.

There is an increase in the General Fund expenditures of about \$1.9 million, primarily being offset by \$1.3 from the County Complex Fund. There is also about \$600,000 being shifted between levied funds in which they are reducing their FY 2009 programs. With this budget, if everyone works together, they are anticipating to add around \$200,000 to their reserve, because with any budget there are always variables they need to be prepared for.

The Public Health Department had an increase, which puts their budget at about \$8.9 million.

The Finance Committee looked at the program for the Contractual Child Abuse Prevention Education and said there is a real need there. There was some additional money in carry over and their Director asked to use some money to reach out to all the schools in Sangamon County to have some kind of program. This was a very good program that necessitated some additional funding.

It is estimated that the tax rate for 2008 payable in 2009 will have an increase roughly about \$.01 per \$100 of the assessed valuation. They are trying to hold the line as best as they can. Re-assessments and additional housing can cause an increase in assessed valuation. There will be a hearing on the Tax Levy in a couple weeks.

Mr. Goleman thanked everyone for their cooperation.

Mr. Bunch stated there is a lot of hard work that has been done and they tried to balance a decent budget they can live with and one the people in this County can live with. He personally thanked this County for their confidence in this Board to keep it the way it is.

Mr. Goleman stated that this budget is within the tax cap limitations and they are living within their means. They try to have adequate resources to cover programs and departments they have, but at the same time work closely to try and control the spending. He stated that he believes they have done this with a balanced budget.

Mr. Moore asked Mr. Goleman to explain how the Voluntary Severance Plan and the Efficiency Studies would affect this budget. Mr. Goleman explained that the money to fund that program is in this year's fiscal budget, but they will not see the overall affect of that until the next fiscal year.

With the Efficiency Studies, they see where they can become more efficient by having the company come in, do the study, and make some recommendations. There has not been a time where they haven't seen something positive out of this.

Mr. Kamper asked for an explanation on the change in the Community Resources budget. Mr. Moss explained that the State stepped in and put more restrictions on funding. This caused a need to restructure, and with that they had to cut some personnel. This is a five-County Consortium they are talking about. It was re-structured so that all of the employees would work out of Sangamon County at the Consortium Office. By cutting back on the overhead for the facilities, they were able to save by putting them all under one roof.

Chairman VanMeter stated that he believes Mr. Kamper's concern is if money will be going to the people that really need the help. This concern is strongly shared by all the members of the Board and Mr. Moss in particular. They are still working on this precisely because of that concern. Mr. Moss explained that money they were re-allocated has been cut for the last three years from the State and Federal level so they need to juggle to make ends meet.

Mr. Goleman stated that they are elected to do the people's work and to work together for the betterment of all, and this is what they are doing. He especially thanked Mrs. Turner and Mr. Bunch for their cooperation in helping with the budgeting process.

Mrs. Turner explained that the economy was a major factor in determining this past Election's outcome. She stated that we should all be extremely proud of where we are, and she believes the Sangamon County Board has done a very good job with governing.

Mr. Moss clarified why the Child Advocacy appropriated additional money. Some duties were shifted because of some mandates by the State so they had to hire additional people to perform the duties they were performing. They were going to be required to put more hours in so that is why they had to come up with some additional funding towards the outreach for that program.

Mr. Fulgenzi explained how important this program is to the County. He noticed the Director mentioned that with \$10,000 they could reach 5,000 kids in the schools in Sangamon County. It specifically dealt with abuse cases and according to the statistics they got 250 kids out of dangerous situations through this program. With the \$10,000 they were able to reach half the kids. The Finance Committee listened to his recommendations and put \$10,000 more into it so they could reach all of the kids. They will continue to look at that. After the new fiscal year, they want to contact a lot of the school districts in the County and City to make sure everyone has a program like this in place. Maybe they can come up with additional money, or maybe the County can form a program with them to make sure all of these kids are reached.

Mr. Hall encouraged everyone to take a look at the charts in the Supervisor of Assessment's Office. They show the acreage of the schools, libraries and areas in this County. He stated that he is amazed at how small the budget is for the areas they have to cover.

A voice vote carried on the motion to adopt Resolution 12. Mr. Kamper voted Present.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION 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 13

13. Resolution approving a roof repair contract for the County Highway Garage.

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Tjelmeland, for the adoption of Resolution 13. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

B. Appointments

Building Code Board of Appeals

Mike Keafer (reappointment)	Term to expire November 2009
Pam Deppe (reappointment)	Term to expire November 2009
R. David Burns (reappointment)	Term to expire November 2009
John Haines (reappointment)	Term to expire November 2009
Brooke Harmony (reappointment)	Term to expire November 2009
Keith Moore (reappointment)	Term to expire November 2009

Citizens Advisory Committee

Clyde Bunch (appointment)	Term to expire November 2009
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Land Use Advisory Committee:

Charles Lockhart (reappointment)	Term to expire November 2009
Tony Smarjesse (reappointment)	Term to expire November 2009
Sam Saladino (appointment)	Term to expire November 2009

Hearing Officer

Mo Madonia (reappointment)	Term to expire November 2010
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Historic Preservation

Barry Wood (appointment)	Term to expire November 2010
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Interim Acting Sangamon County Liquor Commissioner

John O'Neill	Term to expire December 2008
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Auburn Fire Protection District

J. David Lawler (appointment)	Term to expire May 2010
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Viriden Fire Protection District

Tom Jenkins (appointment)	Term to expire May 2010
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A motion was made by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Long, for approval of the appointments. A voice vote was unanimous.

Chairman VanMeter stated that the new list of appointments for next month will be posted for the public this week.

MOTION CARRIED
APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

COMMITTEE REPORT ON CLAIMS

A motion was made Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Turner, 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. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Long, to recess the meeting to December 9, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED