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SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

OCTOBER 14, 2008

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on October 14, 2008 in the County Board Chambers. 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. Sullivan was excused.

REPORT FROM COUNTY TREASURER

Tom Cavanagh, County Treasurer, addressed the Board to give a report on the safety and security of County funds in light of recent financial situations throughout the United States. He assured everyone that the County funds and investments are safe and secure. The County currently has \$18,740,946 on deposit in cash and investments. Of that amount, \$9.9 million was invested in ten separate certificates and deposited at two local banks. The banks are Illinois National Bank and Illini Bank. These investments area awarded on a competitive bidding basis and are secured by each bank by placing a sufficient amount of government backed securities, which are pledged to and controlled by Sangamon County, in a safe keeping account. All of the investments are backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government. There are also some funds invested through the Illinois Public Treasurer's Investment Pool (IPTIP) which is operated by the Illinois State Treasurer's Office. Those funds amount to \$7.82 million. IPTIP is secured with pledged US Government Securities. The remaining balances of working cash are on deposit with Illinois National Bank. At the end of each day they are swept into interest bearing accounts.

Mr. Cavanagh assured them they do not do anything risky or unusual nor will they ever under his watch. Everyone can feel safe that the money entrusted to the Sangamon County Treasurer is invested properly and is safe and secure.

There are certain times of the year when they have very few funds available to invest and other times of the year they have significant funds. Right now they are in a period where there are significant funds available to invest. They are able to distribute tax revenue every 30 days to local governments, and are going to be making a distribution next week.

Chairman VanMeter stated that at times like these they are very fortunate to have a very conservative County Treasurer. Mr. Cavanagh encouraged them to give him or Assistant Treasurer Mark Crawford a call to go over any of these details.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mrs. Dillman and Sangamon County Recycling Coordinator Angela Harris presented a Proclamation to the Wal-Mart Super Center at 2760 North Dirksen Parkway for hosting a television collection, and for helping Sangamon County further its recycling efforts; with a special thanks to Greg Lucas, Store Manager, and Shawn Arthur, Assistant Manager for their efforts. Mr. Lucas was present to accept the Proclamation.

Chairman VanMeter stated that there are transitions in our lives that are bittersweet. Bitter because if we had our choice nothing would change, but sweet because, upon reflection, we recognize the changes are in the best interest of those who have been, at some significant level, important to our lives. Tonight marks such a bittersweet transition. Tonight, with mixed emotions, we will choose to celebrate a bittersweet transition of two honest and honorable men who have served this community with honest labor and good judgment. A grateful community could have asked for no more.

Mr. Stumpf presented a Proclamation in honor of Ted Buecker. He explained that he has worked with Mr. Buecker professionally for 25 years.

Mr. Montalbano stated that if the County Board were to be reduced because of Mr. Cahnman's proposal Board Members like Mr. Buecker would have to do twice as much as they do now. Mr. Buecker was one of the first ones to respond when Hurricane Katrina happened. He stated that he and Mr. Buecker go back a long way and he has been like a right arm to all of them and he thanked Mr. Buecker for his service.

Mr. Bunch stated that he had the privilege of meeting Mr. Buecker about 26 years ago. They served endless hours on the Collective Bargaining Unit. Any time you served on a committee with him he never ever discussed politics, and it was an honor to serve with him.

Mrs. Long stated that she will definitely miss Mr. Buecker, and he has been a great friend. She wished him luck, prosperity, and happiness.

Mr. Buecker addressed the Board. He stated that he does appreciate all the comments. They did do a lot of talking and campaigning after the Collective Bargaining meetings. He stated that he was the very first Chairman of this committee. He stated that he would miss everyone and invited them to join him after the meeting.

Jim Stone, Director of Public Health, presented a Proclamation to Ryan McCrady on behalf of the Sangamon County Board of Health. Mr. Stone stated that friends knew Ryan would be successful because of his dedication and his ability to focus and everyone has seen that during his time here at Sangamon County.

Mr. Goleman presented a second Proclamation to Mr. McCrady. He stated that they have known each other all their lives. Back in 1996 there were issues in the Sheriff's Department and they thought a controller was needed down there. He stated that someone asked if he had any ideas, and that is when Ryan came to mind because they needed someone who was smart, tough, and fair. That is when Ryan decided to come to work for Sangamon County. He stated that they are all very proud of Mr. McCrady.

Mrs. Turner stated that she is very happy for Ryan and nobody deserves it more than he does. She explained that she has had the pleasure of working with him when he was in the Sheriff's Office and as County Administrator. She explained that he really helped her understand County Government and how they could serve all of their constituents. She stated that she knows she is a better County Board Member for the influence he has made on her, and she hopes all the work they did together in County Board District 19 will help him when he serves the much more diverse city of Decatur. She told Mr. McCrady that he could call her any time, and she hopes she can be of service to him as he was to her. She wished him well.

Mr. Moore spoke a few words that he felt would honor Mr. McCrady and they were: integrity, leadership, faith, candor, straight talk, and friend. He stated that he feels Mr. McCrady embodied all of those qualities as County Administrator. He told Mr. McCrady that he has been an inspiration in how he has led his office and he admires him for his faith and commitment to his family.

Mr. Moss thanked Mr. McCrady for his friendship and for all the time they have worked together, and he too feels Mr. McCrady has been a real inspiration.

Mrs. Long stated that they will miss Ryan and she thanked him for always being there when she needed him.

Mrs. Musgrave stated that he was an inspiration to her in learning the ropes of County Government, and she appreciates him always being straight forward and honest. He will be very hard to replace here in Sangamon County.

Mr. Mendenhall thanked Ryan and praised him for always giving good advice.

Mr. McCrady stated that sometimes he felt like a professional obstructionist because everyone was coming to him to get things done and he was always saying lets slow down and think about it. Obviously everyone did not get that impression, and he is glad to hear that. He quoted Abraham Lincoln as saying "To this place and the kindness of these people I owe everything". He stated that he and his family really appreciate that Sangamon County has invested twelve years in him. He did not expect this tonight, but has learned a lot from everyone. He told Mrs. Turner that he would call her when he needs her. He assured them that leaving is personal and not because of anything that is happening here.

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A motion was made by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Long, for approval of the Minutes of September 9, 2008. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Turner, to place any correspondence on file with the County Clerk. A voice vote was unanimous. There was no correspondence to file.

RESOLUTION 1

1. Resolution approving a federal aid agreement for Farmingdale Road flashing beacons.

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

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS 2 – 4

2. Resolution approving an engineering agreement for a bridge replacement on New City Road.

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

3. Resolution approving a recurring annual Class III classification of County highways for the fall harvest season.
4. Resolution establishing responsible bidder language for material hauling contracts.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. Mr. Montalbano explained that Resolution 4 came about through the hard work of Justin Reichert and Craig Hall. There was concern with safety and with the bidders of different contracts and hauling. Through Mr. Hall and Mr. Reichert's leadership they drafted all of these proposals. All of the vendors know that there are certain precautions regarding safety that have to be met, and they have agreed to it.

Mr. Hall explained that this started in 2003, and it is really nice to know the people who are hauling our aggregate are the best. This is a wonderful thing. He praised the work of the Road and Bridge Committee.

A voice vote was unanimous on the motion to adopt Resolutions 2- 4, as consolidated.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 5

5. 2008-52 – Craig Hall, County Board Member, 12500 State Route 104, Waverly – Granting an amendment and a Conditional Permitted Use.
County Board Member – Craig Hall, District #7.

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

Mr. Hall addressed the Board. He stated that they were here in June 2006 for the proposed ethanol plant and the Johnson's made the statement that if the plant was not under construction within 2 years they would pull their petition out. This is why they are here tonight. There is 99.8 acres that was agricultural before they did the ethanol plant and it is going back to agriculture. They wanted to strike fertilized sales off the petition but were told they could not. He stated that the other issue is it shows he is the owner & operator of this business, and he is not. He stated that he wants that stricken off the

petition. He asked if the Zoning Board could make some sort of a trigger that would automatically change a parcel back into agriculture if that was the agreement, because the way they had to do this was to start from the very beginning of the process. It was a slow process.

He stated that he knows they can't change the law, but wants to know if there is something they could do. In the last 2 ½ years this has created quite a stir. He stated that he is glad they are to this point, and it is a shame the ethanol plant did not get built. It is really nice to see work getting done to try and change this.

Chairman VanMeter asked Mr. Hall if he is making a statement for the record to correct the factual errors in the record. Mr. Hall confirmed that he is.

A voice vote was unanimous on the motion to adopt Resolution 5.

**MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED**

RESOLUTION 6

6. 2008-53 – Judith Siens, 1432 N. Milton, Springfield – Denying a Use Variance. County Board Member – Rosemarie Long, District #10.

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mr. Stephens, for the adoption of Resolution 6. Chairman VanMeter asked the professional staff to give the procedural history of the case.

Norm Sims, professional staff, stated that the petitioner is requesting a use variance to allow storage for a home based business in the garage (window and door replacement company). Randy Armstrong, professional staff, stated that the property is improved with a residence and garage. Mr. Sims stated that the staff recommends denial of the requested use variance because the standards for variation are not met and are meant to support a non-permitted use with no other viable option apparent. Mr. Armstrong stated that the Zoning Board of Appeals concurs with the staff report and recommends denial.

Tammy Ference, residing at 2732 Cardigan Drive in Springfield, addressed the Board. She explained that she wants to use the garage for storage of materials and tools and for some painting of entry doors. The business is a remodeling business and they do entry doors, windows, garage doors and openers. She stated that the garage is at her mom's and is a 2-car garage that was falling down and they fixed it up. She stated that she is just asking for a chance to grow the business, gain a little equity in it, and to look for a larger place. As a business grows the demand for a larger facility will definitely be necessary. They just want to use the facility until the time when they need to start looking for a larger facility. She stated that she talked to all the neighbors, and they did sign a petition saying they had no problem with this.

Mr. Smith asked the professional staff if the review would be changed on the facts of the case if there is a home based business that is not owner occupied. Mr. Armstrong stated that it would not, and the mother of the petitioner did sign the petition.

Chairman VanMeter asked for a roll call vote on the motion to adopt Resolution 6. Upon the roll call vote, there were 0 Yeas – 27 Nays. Resolution 6 written “to deny a use variance” failed and the use variance is granted.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION DENIED

RESOLUTION 7

7. 2008-54 – David Whitlock, 423 N. Old Covered Bridge Lane, Springfield – Granting Variances. County Board Member – Tom Fraase, District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, 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. 2008-55 – Mark B. Mutzbauer, 607 N. Oaklane Road, Springfield – Granting Variances. County Board Member - Sarah Musgrave, District #9.

A motion was made by Mrs. Musgrave, seconded by Mr. Fulgenzi, 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. 2008-56 – Todd & Jennifer Pankey, 12609 State Route 125, Pleasant Plains- Granting Variances. County Board Member – Craig Hall, District #7.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Forsyth, 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. 2008-58 – David Mendenhall, 2801 N. 5th Street, Springfield – Granting a Variance. County Board Member – John Fulgenzi, District #17.

A motion was made by Mr. Fulgenzi, seconded by Mr. Preckwinkle, 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

RESOLUTIONS 11 – 13

11. Resolution authorizing the Civil Liabilities Committee to settle litigation up to the amount of \$40,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Smith, for the adoption of Resolution 11. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, to consolidate Resolutions 11 – 13. Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 12 and 13.

12. Resolution approving the transfer of the IMRF Authorized Agent from Ryan McCrady to Charlie Stratton.
13. Resolution amending the FY2009 Voluntary Severance Plan.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Good, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 11 -1 3, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

NEW BUSINESS (continued)

B. Appointments

Reappointment of Carolyn Oxtoby to the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board for a term expiring March 2011.

Reappointment of Sharon Beeler to the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board for a term expiring October 2011.

Reappointment of Linda Williams to the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board for a term expiring September 2011.

Reappointment of Brad Mills to the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board for a term expiring September 2011.

Appointment of Carolyn Otten to the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board for a term expiring September 2009.

Appointment of Diane Cavanagh to the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board for a term expiring September 2011.

Appointment of Christie Caceres to the Mechanicsburg-Buffalo Water Commission for a term expiring November 2011.

Appointment of Gary Mueller to the Chatham Fire Protection District for a term expiring May 2010.

Appointment to the Rural Transportation Ad Hoc Committee: George Preckwinkle, Chairman, Andy Goleman, Craig Hall, Don Stephens, Sarah Musgrave, Doris Turner, and Todd Smith. Chairman VanMeter stated that their first organizational meeting will be Thursday at Noon or at some other time that is convenient for that day.

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**

Chairman VanMeter announced that the approval of the proposed FY2009 budget would be postponed until the November County Board Meeting.

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

Mr. Fulgenzi gave a report from the Customer Service Ad Hoc Committee. He reported that they have been working with Charlie Stratton to come up with a proposal to measure the customer satisfaction of the people who deal with Sangamon County. The next meeting is October 20th. This is when they hope to unveil the final card, the proposal of the web site, and how people can respond to the customer service they receive. Mr. Davsko, Mrs. Musgrave, Mr. Snell, Mrs. Douglas Williams, and Mrs. Fulgenzi have all contributed quite a bit to this proposal.

Mr. Davsko stated that this is a great initiative for the County to undertake and hopefully it will evolve to a greater extent as time goes on. It is important the County knows what the customers and citizens think of the services they are provided here. This will give them indication of where they need to improve and ultimately improve the interaction with the public. He thanked the committee members for all the work they have done on this. Hopefully this will be unveiled to the public next Monday.

Chairman VanMeter asked if this would be tested with one department. Mr. Davsko explained that they have started with the Supervisor of Assessment's Office but there are other offices they are also doing this with. At this point they do not know who has the cards available. It will be a limited group of offices to begin with and they will go back and adjust. The Committee will announce which offices will have the cards available next week.

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. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Long, to recess the meeting to November 12, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED