

Property Tax System Task Force and Fund

WHEREAS, Sangamon County utilizes an in-house Property Tax System to assess, equalize, extend, collect, and distribute over \$250 million dollars in property taxes from over 100,000 parcels on an annual basis supplying tax revenue to over 170 taxing districts involving over 100 employees of County and Township governments; and

WHEREAS, the Property Tax System is 13 years old, and the supporting hardware and software has been completely replaced with new technologies four times since then, however, the property tax application program has not been totally replaced since 1994 when the system was first developed; and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer, County Clerk, and Supervisor of Assessments currently work with Sangamon County Information Systems Department on a variety of enhancements to the system without a coordinated effort amongst the three major user departments or a long-range plan for the system; and

WHEREAS, Township Collectors and Assessors also interact with the Property Tax System and most of their processing is not automated; and

WHEREAS, it would be beneficial to develop a long range plan to guide the enhancement and the streamlining of the property tax system and continuous quality improvement of the property tax process; and

WHEREAS, a Property Tax System Task Force should be created, composed of the representatives from: the aforementioned groups, and the County Administrator along with and a smaller steering committee to guide the enhancement and streamlining of the Property Tax System and continuous quality improvement of the property tax process, and

WHEREAS, funds resulting from the property tax cycle not heretofore budgeted have been identified from several sources to start paying for enhancements to the Property Tax System and should be restricted to the purpose of enhancing the Property Tax System; and

WHEREAS, previously the Board created a tax research fund under the control of the Treasurer's office which is no longer used and could be used to restrict the aforementioned funds under control of the Property Tax System Task Force.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Sangamon County Board, in session this 11th day of March, 2008, approves the following:

1. The creation of a Sangamon County Property Tax System Task Force and Property Tax System Steering Committee.
2. The conversion of the Tax Research Fund to the Property Tax System Fund along with the current balance of the fund.
3. Placing the Property Tax System Fund under the control of Property Tax System Task Force.
4. The transfer of \$400,000 from the Tax Sale in Error Fund, \$180,000 from the Tax Objection (Protest) Fund, and \$300,000 from the Tax Sale Automation Fund to the Property Tax System Fund.

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