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SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

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The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on April 10, 2017 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman Van Meter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. DelGiorno introduced Reverend Martin Woulfe, from the Abraham Lincoln Unitarian Universalist Congregation, to give the Invocation, and Mr. Hall led the County Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to call the roll. There were 25 Present – 4 Absent. Mrs. Douglas Williams, Mr. O’Neill, Mrs. Ruzic and Mr. Stumpf were excused.

PRESENTATION

Jim Birge, addressed the County Board. He stated that he is here tonight as a member of the Community Health Round Table. He introduced two members present tonight. They are Polly Poskins with the Enos Park Neighborhood Association, and Don Ross with Frontier’s International and who is also a retired surgeon. He thanked them for being here to support their effort. Their organization is about looking into the health needs of their citizens, not from a clinical position, but from a position of being able to circumvent the circumstances that affect them and bring them to these clinical situations. They are looking at a number of issues. One issue they are primarily focusing on right now is asthma lead issues in young children as a result of unhealthy living conditions that is prevalent in the county and the city. In their eyes, there are some poor housing situations for children that may not have the health conditions they should have. This is merely an introduction from them. The board will be hearing more from them as they develop some programs and policies and things that might be of interest for the county to look at.

Mr. Birge introduced Attica Scott, who is a community coach and has been working with them for the last 12 months. She works with County Health Rankings and Roadmaps. This is a collaborative effort between the University of Wisconsin and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. She has helped to guide their group through the paths it takes to affect better health outcomes. She is from Louisville Kentucky and was gracious enough to travel here to speak with them and others.

Attica Scott address the County Board. She appreciates the opportunity to speak to them about what it means to build a culture of health, which is really what she is working on with the team here in Sangamon County. She is a Community Coach with County Health Rankings and Roadmaps. They work with organizations including the United Way, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, University of Wisconsin's Population Health Institute, Active Living by Design, and lots of other organizations across the country that really are working collaboratively to say "What can we do to support communities across the country to be part of this effort to improve health for all of us". She has been a community coach for two years with County Health Rankings and Roadmaps. She recognized Dr. Ross and Jim, who are part of the team she has been coaching. The other members of the team of five are: Dr. Dave Steward, who is with the SIU School of Medicine; Cindy Denby, with Big Brothers Big Sisters; and Gail Simpson, who is a former Alderwoman. They have been working together to address the needs of children who are living in poverty. They are part of a network that stretches across the country and have been working for 7 years now to release what is called the health rankings. Those are listed on the sheets they have before them. It is their opportunity for them to say to communities across the country every March "This is where your county ranks as it relates to health factors and health outcomes so you have the data to move to action, so that you have the data in front of you that says this is where you have opportunities to improve health in your locality". Their work focuses on moving from equality to equity. How do they make sure that all people in a community have access to healthy opportunities? They do that through their roadmaps program, which she is a part of as a community coach. She is part of the community outreach part of their work. Their work really does mean they are working with communities to focus on moving in the same direction to build this culture of health.

They are working across sectors to include business sectors, government, education, public health, health care and community folks working together to improve health in their area. There are five ways in which they do that. They believe it takes all of them working together across their differences. They believe they have to stay focused on health factors including social and economic factors like education, income, employment, community safety, and family and social support. They have to focus on those factors just as they do access to care and clinical care. They also believe they have to prioritize those efforts that create opportunities for good health for the most vulnerable people in their neighborhoods. They believe they have to address the policies, systems and environmental changes that will make the most difference for the most people. That is the way in which they do their work and one of the reasons why she is standing in front of them as elected officials. They already know they have a role to play in building a healthy community. She is not telling them something they don't already know. She is simply bringing the perspective of someone who works in this arena of engaging the community in their work.

She is a State Representative in Kentucky, so she knows as an elected official they can't do it by themselves. They have to get the community folks who are also willing to pull up their sleeves and do the good work of improving health for all of them. The way they make sure they engage folks is through their website that has more than 300 scientifically supported forms of evidence that show what works across the country to improve health. As you can imagine, when you are based at the University of Wisconsin's Population Health Institute your work has to be evidence informed. It has to be driven, so they provide you with examples of what works. They have already done the work for you. Just visit www.countyhealthrankings.org and you will see that evidence. She also shared what coaching has allowed Don and Jim to be able to do. It's allowed them to communicate effectively with one another, to really focus on being poised for the progress they need to make, and to be accountable to their goals and actions. It is helpful to have her as their outside coach making sure they are actually doing the work they set out to do. It has also helped them develop their muscle to be reflective about the work they are doing. It has helped them to be able to look at themselves critically and say "Are we doing the best work for the most people, and are we really doing the work that addresses the needs of the children living in poverty in our county?" One of the reasons she is here as their coach is to spend these next two days talking to the larger round table as well about that work. They believe the data they provide supports you in making informed decisions that allow you to make smart use of your investments.

She closed by sharing two examples of coaching communities where she has worked and where elected officials have been involved. In Knox County Tennessee two county commissioners served on the team she coached, and they were really focused on the built environment and how to make sure when they built new subdivisions in Knox County that it reflected that culture of health. They wanted to make sure the people had subdivisions they could walk and bike in that were also near schools and grocery stores. They spent a year together with two county commissioners and five people from different organizations looking at making sure their regulations for subdivision development reflected these subdivisions for walking and biking. Previously they had been building subdivisions that didn't even have sidewalks. That isn't safe for kids who are out trying to play in their neighborhood, so they wanted to do something different. They wanted to do it from an informed perspective. They didn't want to just do it because they thought it was the right thing to do. They wanted to back up what they were doing with the evidence. That is what she was able to provide them as a coach. The other example where they had elected officials involved, through the National Association of Counties, is the NACo Initiative where there were five cities across the country that received funding and coaching support to make sure they were engaging with their elected officials on health issues, whether it was teens and sexually transmitted infections or whether it was access to healthy foods. There are lots of ways in which you as elected officials can be involved, and they do have examples. She offered the next couple minutes to answer any questions they may have. Again, they can go to the website at www.countyhealthrankings.org for more information. You can see where Sangamon County ranks in the entire state of the 102 counties in Illinois. You can also see examples of how you can take action to improve health right here at home.

Chairman Van Meter asked what the initiatives are she is coaching them to focus on in Sangamon County. Mrs. Scott stated one of the initiatives is improving housing opportunities for children living in poverty. Chairman Van Meter asked if it is the quality of the housing or the availability of the housing. Mrs. Scott stated that it would be for both quality and availability of housing.

Mr. Smith asked if this is a county-wide initiative or a City of Springfield initiative. Mrs. Scott stated that it has started out as a City of Springfield initiative, but they want to expand. They want to use the city as a sample project, and if it works, they will take it out into the rest of the county.

Chairman Van Meter asked her to give an example of the kind of change she encourages to address regarding the health issue. Mrs. Scott stated that one example is the lead abatement issue. What they have found out before is there is not only lead paint in the home where a child lives, but it could also be in a vacant house nearby. They need to make sure there is accountability for the people who do own those houses. Chairman Van Meter asked if this is an issue for their community. Mrs. Scott stated that it is, especially in abandoned and vacant houses.

Mr. Preckwinkle mentioned that the handout they were given talks about asthma and general child development. He asked how they can address the asthma situation in one in seven children. Mrs. Scott explained they haven't started working on anything in that direction, but there are a number of examples that exist they might want to think about. One example is to make sure kids who are living in poverty have access to inhalers because they are expensive. If there is anything you can do to support the Public Health Department, for example, in providing kids who can't otherwise afford an inhaler the opportunity to be able to access that. That could be tremendous in saving a child's life.

Mr. Smith pointed out that some of the statistics related to lead they have identified here are pretty staggering. He asked why Sangamon County or the City of Springfield seems to be so much higher in these statistics. Mrs. Scott stated that is a question she is unfortunately not able to answer, but there are others who could. She would be happy to do research and get information back to them. Chairman Van Meter stated he imagines it has something to do with the age of the houses in the community.

Mr. Ratts stated he was a lead case management nurse for five years for Sangamon County, and it is due to the aging population of their houses. He asked how the study they do is different than the community needs assessment that is done every couple years by the two large medical places here in Springfield. Mrs. Scott explained they provide their data every year, so your community needs assessment. If it's like most communities it's done every two to three years, so it is not as up-to-date as the information they provide. Their information tends to be more up-to-date because it is done annually. Year round they are getting information from the CDC, National Institute for Health, and your State Health Department.

Chairman Van Meter asked the County Board committee or staff to provide them with a list that gives them their ranking with the comparable counties they typically compare themselves to. The state is very diverse, so a ranking of this nature is a little bit hard to grasp because of the diversity of the state running north to south. Mrs. Scott stated she is more than happy to work with them on that. They make it easy for you on their website to compare counties. All of the information will be right there on the screen for you. Chairman Van Meter thanked Mrs. Scott for her presentation.

Chairman Van Meter asked Director of Public Health Jim Stone to address the County Board and give an update on a project that involves some members of this committee and the SIU clinic. Mr. Stone explained they are working with SIU, who has a (FQHC) Federally Qualified Health Center. They were hoping to submit a plan for expansion in March of this year to include our facility to actually provide services. That has been delayed, and they hope to introduce that application in the fall. This would allow them to do cost-based reimbursement, and actually have SIU clinical staff on site to do enhanced primary care in their facility versus just preventive care. Typically they are dealing with mostly preventive care, but in their STI clinic it is mostly primary care. They would have physicians on site. As part of this, they have talked with SIU about their mobile unit being staffed full time with a physician. Those are things they are hoping will move forward in the coming years in their community. Also, he invited everyone to look at the county health ratings that Attica mentioned. It's a lot of data and is a lot to absorb. The title is a little deceiving sometimes because usually when the rankings come out in March they call the health department. He then starts walking them through everything that is involved with this including access to parks, law enforcement, education and business. He violates one of the factors every single day by driving to work by himself. That is one of the things considered in the ranking process. He asked them to take some time and look at the comparisons right there on their desktops. He offered to answer any questions.

Chairman Van Meter stated he understands now, after the presentation, that their approach is much more global rather than more narrow and specific to the issues Mr. Stone addressed. He asked Mr. Stone to help condense some of this information for them. Mr. Stone agreed that he would. He can go on the website and look at the methodology they use to determine these rankings. It is good for them to understand those areas and then start taking data to apply to those categories. Mr. Stone thanked them for their time.

Chairman Van Meter introduced County Auditor Andy Goleman for a presentation. Mr. Goleman stated he is here to address the County Board about some findings they have. In particular, the Chairman of the Board sent him a letter some time ago in which he asked about Sangamon County's participation in the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund. This retirement fund is a huge fund of which Sangamon County is one of the participants in the funding of that. It is at about \$34.5 billion as of December 31, 2015. That is the latest information they have available to them.

In particular, the Chairman has asked that they talk about three different questions. First, they were asked to compare calendar years from 2000 to 2015 on the actuarial return on investment assumptions made by IMRF to the actual returns on investments achieved by the investment policy of the IMRF.

Secondly, he asked the Auditor's Office to determine the cost of hiring an actuarial firm to review the return on investment assumptions made by IMRF, and to see if they are considered in line with industry standards. Lastly, he asked the Auditor's Office to present the findings of their research to the full County Board. He is here tonight to do that.

Mr. Goleman explained that the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund has, since 1995, had actuarial return on investment assumptions of 7.5%. Over that 21 year period, the actual return on investment has been 9.19%, so they have exceeded the expectations of that. The IMRF's fund goal is to be 100% funded, which means they have enough money on hand they will ever need to pay for the benefits of current and future retirees. Currently IMRF is about 87.4% funded as of December 31, 2015. That is the latest information they have. He pointed out that the annuitant reserve, which is the account IMRF uses to pay benefits to current retirees, is always kept at 100%. How is this funded? An example would be that \$.62 of the \$1.00 bill is from the IMRF investment earnings; \$.26 is paid by the employers; and \$.12 is paid by the participants/employees. That is how the fund is fully funded. They did get an actuary and he did send the Auditor's Office a letter dated February 14th. The thing that is really important that he thinks people want to understand and want to know is what was said in the letter. It read: For example, a review of the actual interest rates, a return from 1995 to 2015 for the IMRF plan reveals a compound rate over that period of 8.47% and an arithmetic average rate of 9.19%. Both of which exceed the assumed rate of 7.5%. Assuming there are no significant changes in investment philosophy or allocation of assets among the diversified classes previously included, the continuation of an assumed investment return of 7.5% appears to be reasonable and justified.

Mr. Goleman explained that they fund their pensions according to what IMRF requires them to pay, have for many years, and continue to do that. He knows there have been some stories about some of their neighbors down on Capitol Avenue and Monroe Street and the funding of their pensions. He can tell you that Sangamon County does fund theirs. Mr. Goleman offered to answer any questions they may have.

Chairman Van Meter explained that this is really an important issue. It is the kind of thing that can sneak up on any government. It has clearly snuck up on the state and the city that the pensions aren't fully funded. This is a nationwide issue. There are some estimates that nationwide government pensions are underfunded by \$5 trillion. It's a really scary thing, and if they were not able to fund the promises of the pensions then the county would have to make good with additional contributions. One of the ways pensions have gotten out of whack is that people in charge of the pensions have assumed they would get a rate of return on the investments that, in fact, wasn't achievable. One of the things they wanted to double check, as a kind of due diligence effort, is whether or not the rate of return that IMRF is planning to get for their investments seems reasonable based on everything they know about their past history and investment philosophy. This audit that the Auditor obtained is their best effort to certify that the return IMRF is representing they are going to achieve seems to be a reasonable estimate.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the minutes of March 14, 2017. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Ms. Sheehan, to place correspondence on file with the County Clerk. A voice vote was unanimous.

RESOLUTION 1

1. Resolution approving the appointment of the Sangamon County Engineer.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Hall, to place Resolution 1 on the floor. Upon a roll call vote there were 24 Yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS 2 – 6

2. Resolution approving the low bids for the township's oil letting.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mrs. Small, to place Resolution 2 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith, to consolidate Resolutions 2 – 6. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 3 – 6.

3. Resolution approving the low bids for the county's bituminous materials
4. Resolution approving the low bids for the county's miscellaneous materials.
5. Resolution approving the annual agreement with the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission.
6. Resolution approving a supplemental engineering agreement with Hanson Professional Services, Inc.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Ms. Sheehan that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 2 – 6, as consolidated.

A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 7

- 7. 2017-008 – Thomas Clement, 301 & 317 N. Stephen Ave., Springfield – Granting a Rezoning and Variances. County Board Member – Rose Ruzic, District #18.

A motion was made by Mrs. Deppe, seconded by Mrs. Hills, to place Resolution 7 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall to waive the reading of the professional staff’s report. There were no objections. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 7.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 8

- 8. 2017-009 – Sally Hundley, 8740 Clarksville Road, Rochester – Granting Variances. County Board Member – Tom Madonia, Jr., District #9.

A motion was made by Mr. Madonia, seconded by Mrs. Scaife, to place Resolution 8 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall to waive the reading of the professional staff’s report. There were no objections. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 8.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 9

- 9. 2017-010 – Ellen Mahan, 220 N. Koke Mill Road, Springfield – Granting a Rezoning and Variances. County Board Member – Mike Sullivan, District #11.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Miller, to place Resolution 9 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall to waive the reading of the professional staff’s report. There were no objections. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 9.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 10

10. 2017-011 – Brian & Helen Rector, 411 Gabbert Road, Cantrall – Granting a Rezoning and Variances. County Board Member – Todd Smith, District #2.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Forsyth, to place Resolution 10 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall to waive the reading of the professional staff's report. There were no objections. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 10.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS 11 – 13

11. Resolution approving an application to add territory to the Springfield/Sangamon County Enterprise Zone by including property located at 4050 Color Plant Road.

A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to place Resolution 11 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Snell, to consolidate Resolutions 11 – 13. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 12 and 13.

12. Resolution approving an application to add territory to the Springfield/Sangamon County Enterprise Zone by including property located at 2401 W. Monroe.
13. Resolution authorizing the issuance and sale by the County of its Economic Development Revenue Refunding Bonds (Sacred Heart-Griffin High School Project), Series 2017.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Ms. Sheehan that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 11 – 13, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD

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

MOTION CARRIED
TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

RESOLUTION 14

14. Resolution approving the renewal of the county’s vehicle insurance policy with Cincinnati Insurance Company.

A motion was made by Mr. Krell, seconded by Mr. Tjelmeland, to place Resolution 14 on the floor. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 14.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 15

15. Resolution authorizing the SMART program to obtain insurance coverage.

A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle, seconded by Mr. Ratts, to place Resolution 15 on the floor. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 15.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

B. Appointments

Appointment of Donald Wulf to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring April, 2022.

Appointment of Larry Beaty to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring April, 2022.

Appointment of James D. Sudeth to the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term expiring April, 2022.

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Ms. Sheehan, for approval of the appointments. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

**REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES,
REPORTS OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES, COMMITTEE REPORT ON CLAIMS**

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Ms. Sheehan, to place the reports on file with the County Clerk. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
REPORTS FILED

RECESS

A motion was made by Ms. Sheehan, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to recess the meeting to May 9, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED

Don Gray
Sangamon County Clerk