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## MINUTES

### SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

APRIL 8, 2019

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on April 8, 2019 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman Van Meter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Smith gave the Invocation and Mr. O'Neill 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 – 3 Absent. Mr. DelGiorno, Mrs. Hills, and Mr. Stumpf were excused.

### APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNTY BOARD MEMBER, DISTRICT #28

Chairman Van Meter recommended, to the full County Board, Ryan Melchin be appointed as County Board Member for District #28. Upon a roll call vote, there were 24 Yeas – 0 Nays. Mr. Melchin was sworn in by County Clerk Gray.

MOTION CARRIED  
APPOINTMENT APPROVED

### PRESENTATION

Mr. O'Neill called Honorable Karen Tharp to the podium. He stated that Karen has over 30 years of legal experience. She was an Assistant State's Attorney from 1988 to 2014, and then became a First Assistant State's Attorney from 2014 to 2015. She was appointed Associate Judge on June 10, 2015, and was sworn in on July 1, 2015. She is very well known for her expertise in juvenile

law, and was appointed Juvenile Judge on January 1, 2016. Since she was appointed Juvenile Judge, the number of inmates at the Juvenile Center, which at one time was 21 per day, is down to 11 per day. The average stay for a juvenile went from 21 days to 10 days since Judge Tharp was appointed Juvenile Judge.

Judge Tharp addressed the County Board. She said it seems like it was just yesterday, and she didn't realize it has been that long. She explained that it sounds as though they are not doing their job or protecting the community by keeping the numbers down or not having them stay that long, but the reverse is actually true. They are targeting who stays in detention, for how long, and for what crimes. Every day she looks at the count sheet and she knows how many kids are out there, when their next court date is, and what might happen at their court dates. She does not make her decisions based upon the numbers in detention or fiscal issues. She tries her best to make sure, by law, that she is doing what is actually in the best interest of each minor, but at the same time doing what is necessary to protect the public. It can be a fine and delicate balance at times, but she thinks they are all working towards that.

She stated she can only make decisions based upon the information given to her, so she has to acknowledge the people who work in juvenile court. They are the ones who provide her with the information. She commended Mike Torchia and his Probation Officers. They do such an excellent job. She is so fortunate to have those people working in juvenile court. Every time they are in court they know what is going on with their caseload, the juveniles on their caseload, and the families on the caseload. They are always on top of their game, and she gets excellent information from them. She is so thankful that those Probation Officers are in her court because they do an excellent job. She also acknowledged DCFS and all the private agencies, given the recent press lately. When tragedy strikes, they do get the negative press, and she understands that. There are countless caseworkers that do incredible work with overwhelming caseloads. They are in dangerous situations going into homes when they don't know who is in there. They do such excellent work. She also acknowledged the Assistant State's Attorneys who are prosecuting every single case in juvenile court, and the Public Defenders who are probably representing 99% of the juveniles and the parents they see in the courtroom. It is rare that they get a private attorney. The numbers in detention may have gone down, but the caseloads keep going up. Every day they are in there advocating what they think the best outcome should be in every case, and they do excellent work. She is thankful for them. They all get along. It becomes like a team in juvenile court. In some counties it is incredibly contentious, but is not that way in their court, and she is so thankful for that. There is a lot of recognition given to specialty courts such as drug courts, veteran's court, and mental health court, and rightly so. But, few people realize that juvenile court is the original specialty court. The principles they use are what's now being used in those specialty courts. Principles such as: accountability, intensive supervision, and individualized services. Those are things they have been using for decades. She thanked the County Board for the recognition and will certainly share it with everyone who works as part of their team. She hopes to continue to work for the best interest of the minors and do what's necessary to protect the community.

**MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the Minutes of March 5, 2019. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED  
MINUTES ADOPTED

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**RESOLUTION 1**

1. Resolution approving the FY2019 County Highway Department bituminous material contracts.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Madonia, to place Resolution 1 on the floor. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to call the roll. There were 25 Yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTIONS 2 - 5**

2. Resolution approving the FY2019 County Highway Department miscellaneous material contracts.

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith, to place Resolution 2 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith, to consolidate Resolutions 2 – 5. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 3 – 5.

3. Resolution approving the FY2019 township bituminous material motor fuel tax contracts.
4. Resolution approving a township bridge petition for a structure on McQueen Road in Island Grove Township.
5. Resolution approving the township bridge program replacement contract for Cox Road in Auburn Township.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 2 – 5, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

### RESOLUTION 6

6. 2019-005 – Zach McBride, 144 Robb Street, Glenarm – Denying a Rezoning and Variances.  
County Board Member – Jeff Thomas, District #4.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Forsyth, to place Resolution 6 on the floor. Chairman Van Meter asked the professional staff to give the procedural history of the case.

Trustin Harrison, professional staff, stated the petitioner is requesting a rezoning from “A” Agricultural District and “R-1” Single-Family Residence District to “B-3” General Business District; a variance to allow two uses on one parcel; (1) single-family residence and (2) automotive repair shop; a variance to allow a single-family residence in a “B-3” General Business District; and, a variance to allow the parking to remain unpaved rock instead of the required bituminous seal coat.

Steve Keenan, professional staff, stated the staff recommends denial. The LESA score of 155 indicates the property is marginal requiring mitigating factors for non-agricultural development. In this case, the LESA score is not an appropriate tool because the subject property is located in an unincorporated village. While other “B-3” zoning is north of the subject property, Robb Street is a dividing line with commercial uses to the north and residences to the south. The trend for the block bounded by Robb, Main, and Rhodes is residential, so allowing a commercial business would not be in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the zoning regulations. Staff has concerns that the end of Robb Street, where the proposed automotive repair shop would be located, is also in poor condition being gravel/dirt, and allowing a business to utilize this poor road could create a negative impact on the area. The subject property can continue to be used economically as a residential lot. As staff has recommended denial of the “B-3” zoning request, the variance requests are unnecessary. Mr. Harrison stated the Zoning Board of Appeals concurs with the staff recommendation.

Brent Thomas, residing at 45 Judd Street in Glenarm, addressed the County Board to speak for the proponent. He explained that the road is not completely gravel. The asphalt stops five feet after his driveway, but the building there is actually already appropriate sealcoat that comes out into the road. The only thing that is not there is the gravel, and the township is willing to take care of that. They spoke to the Road Commissioner who will take care of it for them if the zoning goes through. The two front blocks to the north are all “I-1” and “B-3”, with the exception of the area between two “B-3” buildings. At the first block, farthest north, is one residential house.

The only actual residential area next to where the automotive shop would be located is Mr. McBride's house. Everything behind that is also "I-1", which is the township and a couple mobile homes. He doesn't know how they are zoned. It is in harmony with the other businesses. There would only be 80 feet of road that the township would take care of for them.

Mr. Thomas gave his rebuttal. There are eight businesses appropriately there now in Glenarm, and one more business would bring more revenue to the town. The nearest place to get a car serviced is seven to eight miles away in either direction. It would be in a central zone where anyone can get their car serviced. He actually owns all nine lots on that block. It could be expanded like Ray's Countertops and all the others did over time to improve the area and help benefit the township as well. There are some older people there that don't want to travel and would like to have service on their car in town.

A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 6, which was written to deny a rezoning and variances.

MOTION CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

#### **RESOLUTION 7**

7. 2019-006 – Danny & Sherri Paul, 12430 State Route 125, Pleasant Plains – Denying a Rezoning, and Granting a Conditional Permitted Use and Variances and Denying a Variance, and Granting a Conditional Permitted Use. County Board Member – Craig Hall, District #7.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mrs. Scaife, to place Resolution 7 on the floor. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 7.

MOTION CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

#### **RESOLUTIONS 8 – 15**

8. Resolution approving the Sangamon County ETSD purchase request from CWLP for utilities in the amount of \$66,120.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. Krell, to place Resolution 8 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith, to consolidate Resolutions 8 – 15. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 9 – 15,

9. Resolution approving the Sangamon County ETSD purchase request from Hinshaw for Professional Services in the amount of \$60,000.
10. Resolution approving the Sangamon County ETSD purchase request from Motorola for Maintenance for Radios/Starcom in the amount of \$125,543.
11. Resolution approving the Sangamon County ETSD purchase request from SCCDS for 10% of the total budget for FY2019 in the amount of \$521,501.29.
12. Resolution approving Court Service's grant application for the Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program in the amount of \$500,000.
13. Resolution approving the Circuit Clerk's grant application for the Title IV-D Child Support Program in the amount of \$41,753.
14. Resolution approving Information System's purchase of voice mail software from AT&T in the amount of \$80,000.
15. Resolution approving Information System's purchase of telecommunication services from Windstream in the amount of \$53,000.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 8 – 15, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

**WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD**

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

MOTION CARRIED  
TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

**RESOLUTIONS 16 – 32**

16. Resolution approving the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission's grant application for the Springfield Area Transportation Study in the amount of \$424,917.70.

A motion was made by Mrs. Deppe, seconded by Mrs. Small, to place Resolution 16 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Tjelmeland, to consolidate Resolutions 16 – 32. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 17 – 32.

17. Resolution approving Sangamon County's purchase of vehicles and equipment from multiple vendors in the amount of \$450,000.
18. Resolution approving the Sheriff's Office purchase of radios and accessories from Motorola Solutions in the amount of \$258,514.
19. Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between Sangamon County, the Circuit Clerk, the Village of Thayer, and the Thayer Police Department for Electronic Citation Services.
20. Resolution approving the Probation and Court Service's grant application for the Illinois Family Violence Coordinating Council Grant in the amount of \$45,000.
21. Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between Sangamon County, the Circuit Clerk, the Village of Mechanicsburg, and the Buffalo-Mechanicsburg Police Department for Electronic Citation Services.
22. Resolution relating to participation in IMRF for Sangamon County Board Member- District #24.
23. Resolution relating to participation in IMRF for Sangamon County Board Member- District #14.
24. Resolution relating to participation in IMRF for Sangamon County Board Member- District #7.
25. Resolution relating to participation in IMRF for Sangamon County Board Member- District #29.
26. Resolution relating to participation in IMRF for the Sangamon County Auditor.
27. Resolution relating to participation in IMRF for the Sangamon County Clerk.
28. Resolution relating to participation in IMRF for the Sangamon County Sheriff.
29. Resolution relating to participation in IMRF for the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk.
30. Resolution relating to participation in IMRF for the Sangamon County Coroner.
31. Resolution relating to participation in IMRF for the Sangamon County Recorder.

32. Resolution relating to participation in IMRF for the Sangamon County State’s Attorney.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 16 – 32, 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.

B. Appointments

Appointment of Carole Grigiski Keating to the Sangamon County Deputy Merit Commission for a term expiring January, 2025.

A motion was made by Mr. Tjelmeland, seconded by Mr. Hall, for approval of the appointment. A voice vote was unanimous.

Appointment of Gail O’Neill as the Director of the Sangamon County Department of Public Health.

A motion was made by Mr. Ratts, seconded by Mr. Preckwinkle, for approval of the appointment. A voice vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the appointments, as submitted. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
APPOINTMENTS APPROVED

The nominations for appointment in May were also submitted.

C. Procurement/Grant Notifications

There were none.

Mr. Hall commented on the South Sangamon Water Commission. He's had the privilege of serving on that board before there was even anything out there. Dave Johnson, who is an Engineer from Chatham, is going to do a wonderful job serving in the chair that he has served on for the last 12 years. He's had the privilege of being on every commission in Sangamon County when it comes to water. There has been around 500 miles of water they've been able to do between Curran Gardner, Apple Creek, Sangamon and the EIG Project. He is proud to have been on this board. They've had two grain train rails in his district with one holding 18 million bushels and the other 13 million bushels. That is pretty close to how much Sangamon County yields in corn. He will still be out there mowing and trimming and doing whatever else they need him to do.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED  
REPORTS FILED

**RECESS**

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to recess the meeting to May 14, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED  
MEETING RECESSED

***Don Gray***  
***+Sangamon County Clerk***