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MINUTES

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

DECEMBER 13, 2011

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on December 13, 2011 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman Van Meter called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. Mr. Moore gave the Invocation and Josh Moore, Boy Scout, led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Bunch addressed the Board. He acknowledged his grandfather, who was one of the great leaders of the Salvation Army for 34 years and had a rank of Sergeant Major. He stated that he has learned a lot from his knowledge, and he was a wonderful guy who did a lot for this community. He would never vote in a Primary election because he was Christian and did not think he should pick, but did vote every General election because he had a choice. He helped so many people in his life. One thing that sticks in his mind is when his grandfather took his 1949 Chevy down to Chevrolet on 4th & Jefferson and sold it. He distributed the money out to some people at the Salvation Army who were doing without Christmas. The next morning, when he got up, there was a 1949 Chevy out in front of the Salvation Army with a note that said "if you want to start something buddy, look in the mailbox." The keys and title to the car were returned to him by Chevrolet. Those were just some of the good things he accomplished in life.

Mr. Bunch also remembered former member Bert Merriam. The Juvenile Center was sinking and she was terrified that something would happen to those kids. She would say "we have got to do something about this." The Chairman at the time, Mary Frances Squires, said they didn't have the money to do something like that, but they did need to do something. The County purchased the property and he and Judge Myerscough, Mary Frances Squires, Bert Merriam and Bill Clark got together to figure out how they could do this. They called Senator Dick Durbin and told him what was going on. There was a \$7 billion grant in Washington to reconstruct some of the juvenile centers in this country.

The Senator gave them \$3.2 million to build the juvenile center because he felt they needed to work together, not as Democrats or Republicans, but as individuals. They serve this whole community regardless of politics or religion. Bert then came to them and said they need an educational center in this place because these kids do deserve a second chance. Mr. Bunch stated that he and Bill Clark were in charge of getting the building up from the ground up. He was a good guy to work with. They named the program the Bert Merriam Educational Program. Three weeks before the juvenile center was open, Bert passed away. Anyone that knew her and Bill Clark will never forget them.

They had another gentleman on this board that was terminally ill and he loved going to The Hill, so he, Sam Montalbano and Andy Goleman took him there. They didn't do it because he was a Democrat or a Republican, but because they care. He also loved White Castle and they took him there until he couldn't go anymore. Mr. Bunch stated that when he had his second open heart surgery; Andy Goleman, Sam Montalbano and the Sheriff picked him up and took him to a Cubs and Cardinal baseball game. They didn't ask him about politics, but just took him to the game because they cared. He stated that what he is trying to say is that they take an oath of office to serve all the people in this community and not just a chosen few.

His accomplishments in 34 years are that they built the County Building and Jail, Juvenile Center, Animal Shelter, a place for 911 and upgraded the Highway department. They also built a beautiful Rescue Squad and a Public Health facility that is probably one of the best in the Midwest. He feels proud to be a part of this because all of these accomplishments came without raising one dime of taxes. He expressed that his heart is with them and he hopes they are still with him. And like he said "promises made...promises kept."

Mr. Montalbano and Mr. Bunch recognized Lou Robisch and Brian McFadden, County Board staff, for the exceptional work they do and presented them with Christmas gifts. Mr. Montalbano commented that the knowledge of Mr. McFadden and the way he treats people is amazing, and he could probably be President when you look at all those people running for President who look like they never got out of grade school.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Van Meter asked the County Clerk to call the roll. There were 25 Present - 2 Absent. Mr. Davsko and Mr. Stephens were excused.

Mr. Hall recognized Senator Sam McCann in the audience.

GUEST SPEAKER – FAITH COALITION FOR THE COMMON GOOD

T. Ray McJunkins, President of the Faith Coalition for the Common Good, addressed the Board. He stated that they are present tonight to share with them why they are presenting Resolution 15 and supporting this particular pilot program called "CHANGING THE FACE OF TOMORROW."

They want to get more minorities, as well as women, into the labor union. This pilot program will assist in doing so. They also plan to have an informational meeting tomorrow evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church at 2208 E. Kansas. They want to give more information and clarify any questions the community may have. One thing he emphasized is that this program would not just help with a temporary job, but would offer a job for someone that would create a career so they can support their family. Mr. McJunkins introduced Mike Zahn to go over some points of this program.

Mike Zahn, Business Manager of the Operating Engineers, addressed the Board. He stated that he is speaking on behalf of all the construction trades in Springfield. They came to the realization there is definitely an issue in their industry. The issue is that there are not enough people of color or female representation in the construction trades. Along with the Faith Coalition, they recognize this as a problem for this community and ask how they can fix it. One thing about the construction industry is that they are truly skilled craftsman that perform the jobs they perform. You can't just throw a new person out into the industry and expect them to be successful. They are trying to go through a process of going into the school systems. They want to work with School District #186, Lincoln Land, the University of Illinois Springfield, the Mayor of Springfield and the Chairman of Sangamon County. They are bringing all the necessary players together. This would be a three-year program. In the first year they are setting a target of 15% of color and minorities as new applicants coming into the construction trade. In the second year they are setting a target of 20%, and the third year at 25%. They are very hopeful that they can get these people qualified to actually support their families in a decent fashion. These jobs bring pensions and health insurance for their whole family. They are here tonight presenting this pilot program, and this is actually their first announcement. They have met with every group that is in this program and are asking them to be participants. They are hoping Sangamon County will be one of those participants as well. He thanked everyone for their time.

Mr. Montalbano asked if they have made an attempt before with these people to hire minorities. Mr. Zahn stated that it has been something that has been ignored. There have been several attempts, but they did not actually go to the core of the problem. They brought people in to meet quotas, and after that job was over and the quota was met, those people were left behind. This is a way to bring them into the organizations, and at the completion of the program they will have cards in the hall and a future in the industry. They are very fortunate here in Springfield to have Lincoln Land Community College, which has a construction program. A few years back he was caught using affirmative action by the past presidential administration and was directed to change his selection process for their local apprenticeship program. After they did that, they went four years in a row without attracting any females or minorities. They have been working with the Lincoln Land program for the last four years and have increased their participation level to 30%. There is a lack of communication with those that they need to attract. Not all kids are meant to go to college. They are not getting the information that there are decent jobs out there without going to college. That is what this program is really trying to correct.

Mr. Fulgenzi asked if each union needs to have the people going around to all the schools. Mr. Zahn stated they would probably try to get this before these students so they can explain the differences in the crafts. A little known fact is that construction workers were looked at as being lower than garbage collectors. Their guys are very skilled, not to say that garbage collectors aren't, but they are ignored because people simply don't know what they do for a living and the type of livings they make.

Mr. Boyster commended them for what they are doing. There is a lot of talk now days about jobs. This prepares future generations, not just for jobs, but good paying jobs so they can provide for their families. He thinks this is an excellent program and they should be commended for what they are doing.

Mr. Schweska asked for confirmation if they are setting up a direct funnel to make sure these kids going into the programs are going to be able to actually make a living for their families themselves. Mr. Zahn stated that is their intent. Mr. Schweska reflected on Mr. Boyster's comments. This is where he thinks communities sometimes fall short. This is something that will make sure that people who decide not to go to college will actually have a future. He thinks sometimes people forget that just because you don't go to college it doesn't mean you can't be successful. He believes Senator Paul Simon proved everyone wrong on that case. He thanked them for their service to the community.

Mr. Hall stated that he thinks their effort is very noble. He asked about item number 10 on the handout. It states that "the undersigned partners agree to only award projects over \$10,000 to companies that participate." He asked, as someone who represents a rural area with union tradesmen and companies, if they have heard any concern about eliminating the mom and pop union businesses that have five or six employees. He asked if this would make the pool of bidders smaller. Mr. Zahn stated he does not believe it will. In the construction industry, 90% of their employers are small business employers. The average size construction company is five to six employees. He explained that he has 1,600 members and 228 signatory contractors. If you divide the number 228 into 1,600 you will see that they are a small business.

Mr. Hall asked if there is any concern that they are going to eliminate people who are good union tradesmen. Mr. Zahn stated that he does not think so. All of the 228 employers are participants in the apprenticeship program. Every hour that an operating engineer works, every employer donates a certain dollar amount into the training fund to fund that. They are a joint labor management group. There are three employer representatives on the apprenticeship program and three union representatives, so there is equal representation of business and labor on that committee. Both of the construction industry associations, including the Central Illinois Builder's Association and the AGC of Central Illinois, have signed onto this as well.

Mrs. Fulgenzi stated that she has a slight concern about the verbiage in this. It talks about people of color and women, but when you speak you speak of minorities. All through this document it speaks of people of color and does not refer to minorities.

There are other minorities out there and she would like to see all of them addressed in this and not just people of color and women. Mr. Zahn explained that this is the initial reading, so they are welcoming criticism. Mrs. Fulgenzi stated that she is not criticizing, but just making them aware that they are aware they have limited themselves here.

Mr. Fulgenzi stated that he wanted to make sure they are not talking about companies needing 15% or 25%, but it is the union in which they belong. Mr. Zahn stated that it would be the unions. In the State of Illinois you have to be a participant in an applicable training program to be considered a responsible bidder for Capital Development Board projects and IDOT projects. All of their employers qualify for that because they all pay into this program for every hour they work.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the minutes of November 8, 2011. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

A. Illinois Department of Transportation Audit Reports.

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

MOTION CARRIED
CORRESPONDENCE FILED

RESOLUTION 1

1. Resolution establishing a weather emergency notification system.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Krell, to place Resolution 1 on the floor. Chairman Van Meter asked for a roll call vote on the adoption of Resolution 1. Upon the roll call vote, there were 24 Yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS 2 - 6

2. Resolution approving the low bids for aggregate for the annual maintenance of county highways.

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Snell, to place Resolution 2 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, to consolidate Resolutions 2 – 6. Chairman Van Meter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 3 – 6.

3. Resolution establishing an altered speed zone on County Highway 10.
4. Resolution appropriating motor fuel tax funds for IMRF expenses.
5. Resolution appropriating motor fuel tax funds for the County Engineer's salary and expenses.
6. Resolution approving an agreement between Sangamon County and the Illinois Department of Transportation to transfer surface transportation program funds for state funds.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Ms. Dillman, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 2 – 6, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 7

7. 2011-45 – Walter E. Wilson, in the 7000 block of Jett Road, Rochester – Granting a rezoning and variance. County Board Member – David Mendenhall, District #3.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. Ratts, to place Resolution 7 on the floor. 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 for the adoption of Resolution 7.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 8

8. 2011-51 – Brenda J. Barton, for Forever Home Feline Ranch, 10649 Hobbs Road, Rochester – Granting a conditional permitted use and variance. County Board Member – David Mendenhall, District #3.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. Smith, to place Resolution 8 on the floor. 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 for the adoption of Resolution 8.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 9

- 9. 2011-52 – Megan & Mindi Smith, 16267 Berlin Tower Road, New Berlin- Granting a rezoning and variances. County Board Member – Craig Hall, District #7.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Tjelmeland, to place Resolution 9 on the floor. 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 for the adoption of Resolution 9.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 10

- 10. 2011-53 – V. Alex Lyons, 4145 Old Route 36, Springfield – Granting a rezoning and variances. County Board Member – Craig Hall, District #7.

A motion was made by Mrs. Musgrave, seconded by Mr. Forsyth, to place Resolution 10 on the floor. 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 for the adoption of Resolution 10.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 11

- 11. 2011-54 – Theodore & Lael Farley, 4116 Farley Road, New Berlin – Granting a Variance. County Board Member – Craig Hall, District #7.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, to place Resolution 11 on the floor. 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 for the adoption of Resolution 11.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 12

12. 2011-55 – Daniel & Donna VonLanken, 294 S. Meadowbrook Road, Springfield – Granting a conditional permitted use. County Board Member – Abe Forsyth, District #27.

A motion was made by Mr. Forsyth, seconded by Mr. Good, to place Resolution 12 on the floor. 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 for the adoption of Resolution 12.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 13

13. Resolution allowing the Board of Review to be held in session until the 2011 complaints and subsequent administrative duties are completed.

A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Schweska, to place Resolution 13 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolution 13. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 14

14. Resolution allocating funds for the Sheriff's office server software and backup system.

A motion was made by Mr. Tjelmeland, seconded by Mr. Boyster, to place Resolution 14 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mrs. Ruzic, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolution 14. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD

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

MOTION CARRIED
TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

RESOLUTIONS 15 – 21

15. Resolution authorizing Sangamon County to participate in negotiations on an agreement initiated by the Faith Coalition for the Common Good for employment opportunities in the construction industry.

A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to place Resolution 15 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Moore, to consolidate Resolutions 15 – 21. Chairman Van Meter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 16 – 21.

16. Resolution approving the renewal of an agreement with R.W. Troxell & Company for the County's self insurance programs.
17. Resolution approving changes to the County Employee Manual to maintain compliance with IMRF laws.
18. Resolution authorizing the execution of a contract with Triune for comprehensive medical case management services for worker's compensation cases.
19. Resolution authorizing an agreement with Operating Engineers Local 965 for the purpose of demolishing dangerous buildings in Sangamon County.
20. Resolution authorizing Sangamon County to enter into a settlement agreement.
21. Resolution identifying acquisition contracts for cooling tower renovations.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation.

A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Bunch and Mr. Moore, to amend Resolution 17. Mr. Goleman stated that the resolution is being amended to add additional language, and the amendment has been submitted to the County Clerk. Mr. Goleman explained the reason for the amendment is because there is a time frame in which they need to get this taken care of. The Illinois General Assembly has passed the state law. The county has been working with IMRF who said they are one of two different governmental bodies that actually went to them and suggested they change their language so they can protect the employees and Sangamon County in the event of some problems that have happened in the past. This does not affect any of the current employees of Sangamon County, but would only affect new employees coming onto the payroll on January 1st. It would protect the County so there would not be massive amounts of payouts like there have been according to some stories you may have read in the past.

A voice vote was unanimous on the amendment of Resolution 17.

Mr. Montalbano asked that the Auditor give an explanation of Resolution 18. Auditor Paul Palazzolo explained that since 2006 the county has engaged a medical case management firm to help with injured employees once they have experienced an injury. The medical case management firm works with the injured employee and shepherds them through the process back to health and work. They have been successful with that program in terms of reducing their claims expenses with the medical case management firm, as well as some of the safety committee initiatives they have also engaged in. This contract is with a new medical case management firm. Resolution 18 does two things. It allows them to engage with a new medical case management firm at a reduction in price because this contract will be for \$80,000 per year for a two-year contract. This is a decrease in the amount they have been paying to the previous firm. There would be a savings each year of \$110,000 for a two-year period. This would be a total of \$220,000. The second thing that makes this unique is that it is an effort to combine the bidding power of both Sangamon County and the City of Springfield. They jointly bid a request for proposal for these medical case management services and the City is also engaging in a contract with Triune. It is a joint bid process that resulted in these savings through volume, but they are separate executed contracts for each governmental entity. The City of Springfield is engaging in its own contract, and Sangamon County is engaging in its own contract.

Mr. Fraase commented on Resolution 19 and thanked the Operating Engineers for working with the county to demolish 13 homes out there that are considered dangerous and hazardous.

Mr. Hall commented on Resolution 15. He stated that the language says “only award projects to those companies.” He might be perceived as being stubborn on this, but the way he interprets it to read seems like it is only the companies that are participating and doesn’t say “only the unions that are participating.” He stated that he wants to be recognized as voting no on Resolution 15.

Mr. Stumpf stated Mike Zahn said tonight that as long as the companies are participating within that local union then that is the required criteria. He also said this was just now being prepared and is not finished yet, so it is something that could be changed. Mr. Hall stated he has learned in his years of experience here that the words “will” “shall” and “may” really mean a lot in a contract. Also, the word “only” means even more, but when he sees “only those companies” that makes him concerned for the unincorporated areas with companies in his district.

A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Bunch, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 15 – 21, as consolidated. A voice vote carried. Mr. Smith, Mr. Hall, Mr. Fulgenzi and Mrs. Fulgenzi voted no on Resolution 15. Mr. Fulgenzi stated that the way the resolution was read is that there are companies paying prevailing wages that are not union and are excluded in the bidding process, and they do require either one.

Mrs. Fulgenzi explained that she is voting no until the language is corrected.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 12 – Tabled 11/8/11
Resolution approving tax levies for the Fiscal Year from December 1, 2011 through November 30, 2012.

A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Montalbano and Mr. Bunch, to take Resolution 12 from the table and place before the Board. A voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Goleman explained that traditionally they have always approved the budget at the November board meeting and the levy at the December board meeting. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolution 12. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

- B. Appointments

Appointment of Sarah Musgrave to the Citizens Advisory Committee on Animal Control for a term expiring June, 2012.

Appointment of Sam Snell to the Citizens Advisory Committee on Animal Control for a term expiring June, 2012.

Appointment of Eric Hansen to the Springfield Airport Authority for a term expiring November, 2016.

Appointment of Herbert G. Cole to the Mechanicsburg-Buffalo Water Commission for a term expiring November, 2017.

Appointment of Marvin Stevens to the Pawnee Fire Protection District for a term expiring May, 2012.

Appointment of Andy Goleman to the Sangamon County Board of Health for a term expiring December 2012.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. Smith and Mr. Ratts, for approval of the appointments. A voice vote carried. Mr. Schweska voted no on the Mechanicsburg-Buffalo Water Commission appointment. Chairman Van Meter stated that the appointment nominations have also been submitted.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED
REPORTS FILED

RECESS

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Montalbano, to recess the meeting to January 24, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED