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MINUTES

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

FEBRUARY 9, 2021

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on February 9, 2021 at the Bank of Springfield Center. Chairman Van Meter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Annette Fulgenzi gave the Invocation and Mr. Fraase led the County Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to call the roll. There were 29 Present – 0 Absent. A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle, seconded by Mrs. Williams, to let certain board members attend the meeting by phone, as allowed under the Open Meetings Act. A voice vote was unanimous. Those board members attending by phone were: Linda Fulgenzi and Mr. Snell.

SPRINGFIELD SANGAMON COUNTY GROWTH ALLIANCE PRESENTATION

Ryan McCrady addressed the County Board. He wanted to thank the Board for their support of the Springfield Sangamon County Growth Alliance. They are a public-private partnership that has been around for about two years. Their goal is to have more people living and working in Sangamon County. One of the things they do is economic development. There are three pillars to economic development. The first pillar is business retention. They work with businesses in the community to keep them there and to help them be successful. The second pillar is business expansion. They help businesses overcome obstacles and to help them expand. The third pillar is business attraction. They help new businesses come into the county.

The year 2020, despite its challenges, was an active year for the Growth Alliance. They produced digital content to begin their community marketing and branding initiative, The Thrive

Book. It is a lifestyle piece that HR departments are using to attract and recruit talent. They also launched the Thrive and SPI Community and Branding Campaign and increased their presence on digital and social media. They saw significant increases in the number of followers on their LinkedIn page. They use LinkedIn a lot and it is a very effective tool for them. They are putting Springfield and Sangamon County out there to businesses who may be looking to relocate or expand and also to site collectors, who work with businesses to decide where they want to be located. They have provided support to the local businesses through industry sector partnerships. They meet with groups of businesses several times a year and discuss the challenges they may have and what the Growth Alliance can do to help them overcome the obstacles. Mr. McCrady stated he has done a lot of outreach to the different mayors in the County. He wants to find out what they can do to support economic growth in their communities. He will continue do this as they continue into 2021. They handled a dozen inquiries for potential sites from businesses and consultants looking for sites in the community.

One of their projects they have been working on is the Lincoln Land Energy Center. They have been working closely with the developer on that project, and they issued an economic impact study. It is expected to have a \$1.5 billion economic impact in a seven-year construction cycle. There will be about 1,000 construction jobs for seven years. They have committed and signed a Project Labor Agreement to have all that work done by local tradespeople in Sangamon County. They have also been working with the developers for the Legacy Sports Complex, which will probably be considered by the City Council in early March. This will bring in a significant amount of sports tourism. So while a lot of the industries were negatively impacted during the pandemic, sports tourism flourished. The economic impact study shows they would experience \$25 million a year in spending in their community from individuals more than 90 miles away from here. As far as 2021, this will be the first year they have an aggressive marketing and business attraction campaign. They have all the marketing material built to start going after specific targets and businesses in certain industries to attract them to Springfield and Sangamon County. This will take a lot of time. Economic development is a marathon, not a sprint. When they attract these businesses and industries into their community, they will be looking at the entire county. When they consider the need for these large development sites, they do not usually exist inside the urban areas. So this development should happen around the county and that is the goal as they go forward.

The last thing he would like to talk about is the community marketing and branding. The Thrive in SPI was launched in the latter part of 2020. They did not want to do a lot of active campaigning because of the election, and there was so much happening with the media. The good news is they got a lot of cooperation from different media outlets that allowed them to get a lot of earned media from them in anticipation for the campaign going forward. They published the Thrive Book, which has been a great resource. The Thrive in SPI campaign, and all community marketing campaigns, start with internal communications first because they need to improve self-talk of their community. As a community, they need to make sure they are encouraging

themselves about the community they live in and to make sure they all know about the great things that exist here. When they are given the opportunity, they can be advocates for the community. They have also launched a lot of longer videos on their website and on social media. The idea is to energize their own residents about their community and get them informed about it. There is a YouTube channel where someone can view all their videos. About a third of the County Board members have seen these videos. These videos are running quite a bit now on local television stations, such as WCIS, WCIA, and WAND. They are doing that as earned media for free for the Alliance. The local media has pledged over \$340,000 of earned media to help launch this campaign, which is an outstanding show of support from the media. As they go forward, they will be layering it with paid and purchased advertising. They are also advertising on the local media stations, and they can clip it onto LinkedIn and other social media.

Chairman VanMeter asked if Mr. McCrady could tell the story about the people who help businesses select a new site. Mr. McCrady said if they get a contact from a site selecting consultant or a business and they say they are interested in setting up operations in the community, they might tell him they want to meet with him on a Wednesday. He knows they actually come into town Monday afternoon and spend a day and a half going around to the restaurants and stores talking with people about what it is like to live in this community. That is why the internal marketing is so important.

Mr. McCrady stated their marketing goals are to increase awareness of the Growth Alliance, which has become helpful to HR departments. In April, they will be launching a portal on their website. This will allow recruiters to gather resumes and credentials of not only the recruitee, but the people who would be coming with them. Then the HR department can look at this portal for potential employees. It's like a matchmaking system. They will also be doing this for community internship opportunities. Studies have shown that young adults will pick the community they want to live in first and then they will find a job. This is why community marketing is so important. This marketing will also bring awareness to businesses outside of their community and hopefully convince them to relocate here. Their message for the Thrive campaign is to grow and develop vigorously. The size of Sangamon County is 877 square miles. They have the big city benefits with a low cost of living and a smaller town quality of life. There are no toll roads and little congestion, which looks good. They will use mass media, so people will see commercials, billboards, and banners throughout the County. Company CEO's say when they look at how they are going to pick their business location, the top three most important things they look for is workforce, modes of transportation, and quality of life. That is why the community marketing and branding is so important and why they're used in economic development. Becoming a Thrive Ally will help the Growth Alliance. They want a big and diverse group of people to help tell the story of Springfield and Sangamon County. They can help people get connected in their community, and give potential people moving to this County the facts about their community.

Chairman VanMeter said the Growth Alliance's ad campaign in 2020 had over 1.7 million impressions. He asked how many impressions they had two years ago. Mr. McCrady said he doesn't know if they kept track of it, but he does know this is the first coordinated community marketing campaign in the history of their community.

Mr. Hall said he has been on many commissions throughout the community. He said what matters is energy, roads, schools, and utilities. He hears Mr. McCrady loud and clear and it is nice to have him on board.

Mr. Krell said they recently legalized marijuana in their community and he wonders if that has any impact on what people think of their town. Mr. McCrady said he has not heard much in terms of whether that affects peoples' decision when deciding to move here. Sometimes it can be a sign on how a community looks, but legalized marijuana is becoming more and more common throughout the country.

Annette Fulgenzi said she is a big fan of what they are doing, but something she has noticed, that is kind of ugly, in their city is the way they throw around Springfield and the political campaigns. This is not their fault, but she wants to know if there is a way they can address the political parties not slamming their city when they attack each other. They seem to have demonized Springfield. Mr. McCrady said he can ask state offices not to do that and they can tell their story in a positive way. Having access to the State Capitol is still an advantage, but he always tells state candidates not to blame Springfield for everything. He thanked the Board for their time.

COVID-19 REPORT

Gail O'Neill, Sangamon County Public Health Director, addressed the County Board. She said the best news is that so many people want to be vaccinated. They are working on improving the appointment scheduling, but she was not expecting the abundance of people who were so ready and willing to turn this COVID pandemic around and get the vaccine. They could do a lot more if they had more of the vaccine available. At the Public Health building, they have vaccinated 9,362 people. They have been administering them outside in the parking lot, but all the structures and the building are heated. They have a very good dedicated staff working seven days a week to administer these vaccines. They have four strong partners including: Memorial, St. John's, SIU School of Medicine, and Springfield Clinic. They are all willing and ready to help whenever more vaccines become available. This is still a fairly new thing, so it is not any one entity's fault. They have been and will keep asking for more vaccines from the State. They did receive a question about complaints that Public Health is allowing people outside of the criteria to schedule appointments. Their system is not perfect, but they are talking to their staff about it and figuring out a solution. They do not have a lot of data. When a vaccine is administered, they have to record it in their computer system and then send it off to the State. So far, they have not been able to look up any of the data. They do not want to collect data unnecessarily, but they do understand the public does want this information, so they are going to try and improve that.

Chairman VanMeter said the volume of the vaccine has been handicapped in terms of the response to the demand in the community. There are 48,000 people that qualify as 1B and they've had several thousand doses to inoculate those people. All these people are trying to get registered at the same time. The flow of the vaccine has been a challenge, but they do see the flow beginning to improve. Mrs. O'Neill said generally their allocation is about 2,100 doses a week. They could do a lot more than that if they just had more of the vaccine. On February 9th, they administered 405 doses and the average is around 380 a day. This is about a 30% increase. One thing they are going to change on the next round is that 20% of the appointments will be by phone call only. This means that people will have to call to make these appointments. This gives those who don't have a computer the ability to make an appointment.

Chairman VanMeter asked if Mrs. O'Neill could speak about those who have gotten the vaccine through the system. Mrs. O'Neill stated they have not had anyone upset with the service they provided. They have been getting a lot of compliments. Chairman VanMeter asked how many doses have been wasted out of all the doses they have received. Mrs. O'Neill said about 7 doses have been wasted. Sometimes the needle does not work right or the cap for the syringe was not put on tightly. They do try to make sure none of the doses are wasted.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mrs. Williams, for approval of the Minutes of January 12, 2021. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

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

RESOLUTION 1

1. Resolution approving the low bids for the county motor fuel tax aggregate supply contracts.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, to place Resolution 1 on the floor. Chairman VanMeter asked County Clerk Gray to call the roll. Upon the roll call vote, there were 27 Yeas and 0 Nays. Mr. Snell abstained from voting.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 2

2. Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Springfield Park District for the Woodside Road and Iron Bridge Road Project.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, to place Resolution 1 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolution 2. A voice vote carried. Mr. Schackmann voted Present. Mr. Hall would like to say he is very proud of this project. This is really going to help the southern area of Sangamon County.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 3

3. 2021-001 – Patricia Boarman, 5700-5900 Block of Boarman Road, Pawnee – Granting Variances. County Board Member – Jeff Thomas, District #4.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Small, to place Resolution 3 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf to waive the professional staff's report. There were no objections. A voice vote was unanimous on the adoption of Resolution 3.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 4

4. 2021-002 – KinDer Holdings, LLC (Michael & Tricia Kinner, Tim & Cynde Kinner, Drew & Amy DeRiemacker), 5859 W. State Route 97, Pleasant Plains – Granting a Rezoning and Granting Variances (In Part). County Board Member – Tom Fraase, Jr., District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mrs. Deppe, to place Resolution 4 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf to waive the professional staff's report. There were no objections. A voice vote was unanimous on the adoption of Resolution 4.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 5

5. 2021-003 – Joshua & Angela Siterlet, 7159 Farmington Cemetary Road, Pleasant Plains – Granting a Rezoning and a Variance. County Board Member – Tom Fraase, Jr., District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. McGuire, to place Resolution 5 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf to waive the professional staff's report. There were no objections. A voice vote was unanimous on the adoption of Resolution 5.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 6

6. 2021-004 – Hunter & Carie Cody, 500-700 Block of Montgomery Road, Virden – Granting Variances. County Board Member – Jeff Thomas, District #4.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Krell, to place Resolution 6 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf to waive the professional staff's report. There were no objections. A voice vote was unanimous on the adoption of Resolution 6.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS 7 – 9

7. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Coroner's Office from MMC Lab Services for the purpose of autopsy and lab fees in the amount of \$40,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Tjelmeland, seconded by Mr. Krell, to place Resolution 7 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith, to consolidate Resolutions 7 – 9. Chairman VanMeter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 8 & 9.

8. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Coroner's Office from NMS Labs for the purpose of autopsy toxicology testing in the amount of \$50,000.
9. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for Community Resources from Express Services for the purpose of staffing services for LIHEAP/CSBG grants in the amount of \$420,000.

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 7 – 9, 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 WAIVED

RESOLUTIONS 10 – 15

10. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for ETSD from Motorola for the purpose of a maintenance service agreement in the amount of \$160,847.64.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Annette Fulgenzi, to place Resolution 10 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith, to consolidate Resolutions 10 – 15. Chairman VanMeter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 11 – 15.

11. Resolution amending the Springfield/Sangamon County Enterprise Zone and establishing an amended Memorandum of Understanding.
12. Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between Sangamon County and the City of Springfield regarding animal control services.
13. Resolution approving a grant application for Public Health from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the COVID-19 Vaccination Grant Sangamon Program in the amount of \$400,000.
14. Resolution approving a grant application for Public Health from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the COVID-19 Vaccination Grant Menard Program in the amount of \$100,000.
15. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Elections Department from various news publications for the purpose of publishing required election notices for the April 6, 2021 Consolidated Election in the amount of \$48,737.

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 10 – 15, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous. Mr. Hall asked if someone could explain how they are coming along with the Animal Control agreement between Springfield and Sangamon County for Resolution 12. Chairman VanMeter said they spent a year negotiating this contract with the City. The agreed upon contract was presented to the City Council and they made a bunch of amendments. They do not agree with those amendments. They are adopting the agreement they made with the City and sending it back to them. They can adhere to the agreement they made with them or they can take care of animal control themselves. They are doing this with the understanding and approval of the administration that they asked them to proceed in this manner.

MOTIONS CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

There is no Old Business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

B. Appointments

Appointment of Clyde Bunch to the Workforce Safety Board for a term to expire February, 2024.

Appointment of Tim Krell to the Workplace Safety Board for a term to expire February, 2024.

Appointment of Melissa Calhoun to the Workplace Safety Board for a term to expire February, 2024.

Appointment of David Mendenhall to the Workplace Safety Board for a term to expire February, 2022.

Appointment of Brian Brewer to the Sangamon Mass Transit District for a term to expire February, 2026.

Appointment of Leslie McCarthy to the Sangamon County Mass Transit District to expire February, 2026.

Appointment of Eric Hansen to the Regional Planning Commission for a term to expire February, 2025.

Appointment of Larry Hamlin to the Regional Planning Commission for a term to expire February, 2025.

Appointment of Bonnie Graham to the Woodwreath Cemetery Board for a term to expire November, 2025.

Appointment of Theresa Smith to the Sangamon County Board of Health for a term to expire February, 2023.

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the appointments. A voice vote was unanimous. Chairman VanMeter wanted to remind everyone their normal policy is to nominate one board meeting and approve at the next board meeting. They skipped this step for this Board of Health appointment because they thought it was very important with COVID going on that they keep this Board completely staffed.

MOTIONS CARRIED

APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

The nominations for appointment in March were also submitted.

C. Procurement/Grant Notifications

There were none.

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

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to place the Committee Report on Claims 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 Mrs. Williams, to recess the meeting to March 9, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED

Don Gray
Sangamon County Clerk