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**MINUTES**

**SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD**

**JANUARY 14, 2014**

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on January 14, 2014 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman Van Meter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Fulgenzi gave the Invocation. She asked for a moment of silence to remember fellow county co-worker Connie Sisk. Mr. Smith led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

Chairman Van Meter asked the County Clerk to call the roll. There were 28 Present – 1 Absent. Mr. Goleman was excused.

**PRESENTATION BY PAUL OSMAN-STATEWIDE FLOODPLAIN PROGRAMS**

Paul Osman, Manager of Statewide Floodplain Programs for the State of Illinois, addressed the County Board. He gave them an update on changes in federal policy and how they relate to floodplain issues in this county. A handout was given to each board member. Mr. Osman explained to understand floodplain management in Sangamon County it all revolves around the National Flood Insurance Program, which is a mindboggling insurance program. Unlike private sector insurance, this program is designed by Congress. In Sangamon County, there are 16 communities that participate in the program in addition to the unincorporated county. The premise of the program is very simple. It is that those communities, including Sangamon County, have to adopt a set of regulations on what they can and can't do in the floodplain. So, FEMA says if you adopt these regulations then they will make available to you the flood insurance, disaster assistance, grants, loans and all the amenities you would receive. There are floodplain maps for Sangamon County available on line at [illinoisfloodmaps.org](http://illinoisfloodmaps.org). In Sangamon County, everything you do in a floodplain needs a permit. The concept is those floodplains are a bathtub. So every marble you drop in the bathtub is going to have an impact someplace else. You are taking up room in that bathtub where water should be.

So when every time a Super Wal-Mart, trailer court or subdivision goes in a floodplain they are taking away a place where water used to be, and the water will have to go out further and further. If you build in a floodplain, you need to get it up high enough where you are not going to flood and make sure that, “marble in the bathtub”, is not causing damage elsewhere in the county.

Flood insurance is where the big changes are taking place. You can buy flood insurance anywhere in Sangamon County because Sangamon County and the 16 communities have adopted these regulations. Certain people have to buy flood insurance by law. Those are people who have a federally backed loan. The big changes that happened last July with the flood insurance program are reflected on the slide you have with six houses on it. This sums up the changes of the program. These are the phone calls the board members will be getting, if they haven't already. If you look at the buildings on the slide, the top line shows how the flood insurance used to work. It used to be subsidized by all of us. So, whether you were high and dry or right next to the river, you paid the same flood insurance premiums because the taxpayers subsidized those premiums. They were artificially established and didn't reflect the risk. The flood insurance company is \$25 billion in debt right now. So a year ago Congress said this has to stop and they need to run their program just like the private sector does. They have to rate premiums based on the risk. The bottom set of houses on the slide shows how the flood insurance now works. If you are above the flood elevation, you will not pay much for flood insurance. But, if you build a house nine or ten feet below that flood elevation, you will pay upwards of \$22,000 per year for flood insurance coverage. Slowly, all the people in Sangamon County who have flood insurance policies are getting an eye opening bill in the mail. There are not a whole lot of flood insurance policies anymore. There are 102 in Sangamon County for about \$21 million in coverage. There have been 54 claims for \$632,000. The average person in Sangamon County pays about \$702 per year for flood insurance premiums. That will change as people renew their policies, and the board will be hearing from some of those people.

The last line of this slide talks about the Community Rating System. There is a select group of about 54 communities in Illinois that go above and beyond the federal minimum standards for floodplain regulations. Sangamon County is one of those elite few. They actually get cheaper flood insurance than other neighboring counties because they do such a good job at floodplain management. The Regional Planning Commission does an outstanding job at floodplain management in Sangamon County. The next slide talks about what a community can do. They can join the Community Rating System, which Sangamon County has done. They can use state and FEMA programs to buy out, mitigate or elevate houses already in a floodplain. Sangamon County has already done that by buying about 60 or 70 houses and creating an open space out by the Sandbar tavern. That whole area used to flood out all the time. They had five or six floods in that area since then and have not had to pay a penny because it is now open space. They can now use higher deductibles to lower some of those premiums. In some cases you can survey the house and get the flood insurance requirement taken out. There is hardly anyone in the state better than Molly Berns at answering questions and dealing with increases in flood insurance premiums. Sangamon County is doing an outstanding job.

Chairman Van Meter explained the reason Mr. Osman wanted to come tonight was to forewarn board members that their constituents may be quite concerned when they get their new insurance policies. Mr. Osman agreed. The way Congress has set this up is there will be a 25% increase over a four-year period, so they won't get hit immediately with a huge bill. Most of the 102 policies in Sangamon County are older houses already existing along the river. They are not elevated, but are sitting down below the flood level already, so they will see those increases.

Mr. Smith asked if there is a way to identify those 102 within each district. Mr. Osman stated he could not tell who the people are that actually have policies because it is privacy act protected. You can look on the floodplain map in your district to get an idea of who is in there. The new buyer of a home in a floodplain will be required by the bank to get flood insurance on it even if there currently is no policy now. Chairman Van Meter asked if the operating effect of this is to slowly push people out of the homes in the floodplains. Mr. Osman stated the intent is not to move people out of the floodplains, but is to stop the bleeding in the national flood insurance program and have premiums that truly reflect the risk. Chairman Van Meter asked who could afford a \$21,000 a year policy. Mr. Osman stated that is just it, but the alternative is for all of us to subsidize that risk and pay to let them live in the floodplains where they get damaged every year. It is a tough road for Congress.

Mr. Hall asked if the floodplain has increased or decreased in Sangamon County. He knows it does fluctuate sometimes. Mr. Osman explained that it can fluctuate. It is based on new hydraulic studies. They have not done any in Sangamon County in the last two or three years. The floodplains in the Sangamon River have been fairly constant over the last two or three maps. Mr. Hall asked if the field tiling, which farmers are installing, would be affected by this. Mr. Osman stated it does not have that much of an impact on flood conveyance in a river.

### **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the minutes of December 10, 2013 and December 23, 2013. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED  
MINUTES ADOPTED

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Montalbano, to place correspondence on file with the County Clerk. A voice vote was unanimous. There was no correspondence filed.

### **RESOLUTION 1**

1. 2013-042 – Kaye Barrett, 12001 & 12005 Ackerman Rd., Virden, - Granting Variances. County Board Member – Craig Hall, District #7.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, to place Resolution 1 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf to waive the reading of the professional staff's report. There were no objections. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 1.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

## **RESOLUTION 2**

2. 2013-052 – Bruce Gilman, 5200 block of Turkey Run Road, Sherman – Granting a Rezoning and Variances. County Board Member – Jim Good, District #8.

A motion was made by Mr. Good, seconded by Mr. Fraase, to place Resolution 2 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf to waive the reading of the professional staff's report. There were no objections. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 2.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

## **RESOLUTION 3**

3. 2013-053 – Bonnie J. Donis, Beth K. Hummel and Robert A. Brackebusch, represented by Attorney Barry Hines, 3313 W. Divernon Road, Divernon – Granting a Variance. County Board Member – Sam Snell, District #6.

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

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

## **RESOLUTION 4**

4. 2013-054 – Whitetail Enterprises, LLC, 3100 Block of State Route 97, Pleasant Plains – Granting a Rezoning and Variance. County Board Member – Harry "Tom" Fraase, Jr., District #1.

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

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 5**

5. 2013-055 – Kenneth & Polly Kirby, 700 block of Stanton Airport Road, Riverton – Granting Variances. County Board Member – David Mendenhall, District #3.

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

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 6**

6. 2013-058 – Rochester Lions Club, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation, 11083 Buckhart Road, Rochester – Granting a Use Variance and Variances. County Board Member – David Mendenhall, District #3.

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

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 7**

7. 2013-059 – Albert L. Richardson, 7374 N. State Route 29, Springfield – Granting Variances. County Board Member – Todd Smith, District #2.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Tjelmeland, to place Resolution 7 on the floor. Mr. Stumpf asked the professional staff if the legal requirements have been met on this petition. Molly Berns asked if Mr. Richardson is present. He was not. She stated they do not have the notice of publication required prior to the County Board taking action, so he has not met all requirements. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Smith, to table Resolution 7. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION TABLED

**RESOLUTIONS 8 – 12**

8. Resolution authorizing a contract for professional services with Platinum Technology Resource, LLC.

A motion was made by Mr. Snell, seconded by Mrs. Scaife, to place Resolution 8 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Preckwinkle, to consolidate Resolutions 8 – 12. Chairman Van Meter asked the County Clerk to read Resolutions 9 – 12.

9. Resolution authorizing Sangamon County to enter into an intergovernmental agreement for a comparative overhead cost and staffing project.
10. Resolution approving an agreement with Fiscal Choice Consulting, LLC to provide professional consulting services.
11. Resolution authorizing the execution and delivery of an amendment to a loan agreement, a tax exemption certificate and agreement and other documents in connection with an amendment and reissuance of the Economic Development Revenue Bonds (Sacred Heart-Griffin High School Project).
12. Resolution authorizing the Circuit Clerk to enter into an intergovernmental agreement regarding access to the Illinois Office of the Comptroller’s Local Debt Recovery Program.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. Chairman Van Meter asked for a roll call vote on the adoption of the resolutions. Upon the roll call vote, there were 27 Yeas – 0 Nays for the adoption of Resolutions 8 – 12, as consolidated.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTIONS 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

**RESOLUTION 13**

13. Resolution approving the renewal of the insurance policy with CHUBB Federal Insurance Company.

A motion was made by Mr. Krell, seconded by Mrs. Deppe, to place Resolution 13 on the floor. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 13.

MOTION CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**OLD BUSINESS**

There was no old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

B. Appointments

Appointment of Craig Hall to the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board to fill the unexpired term of Susan Davsko expiring September 2016.

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the appointments. A voice vote carried. The nominations for appointment were also submitted. Mr. Hall voted no on the Sewer Rebate Benefit Board nomination.

MOTION CARRIED  
APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

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

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, 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 Mr. Montalbano, to recess the meeting to Thursday, February 13, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED  
MEETING RECESSED

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