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MINUTES

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

SEPTEMBER 6, 2012

The Sangamon County Board met in Regular Statutory Session on September 6, 2012 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman Van Meter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Moore gave the Invocation and Mr. Tjelmeland led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman Van Meter asked the County Clerk to call the roll. There were 25 Present – 4 Absent. Ms. Dillman, Mrs. Douglas Williams, Mr. Goleman and Mrs. Musgrave were excused.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the minutes of August 14, 2012. 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 to file.

RESOLUTION 1

1. 2012-36 – Jennifer Brennan & Terral W. Jones, 6008 Stagecoach Road, Pleasant Plains – Granting a Rezoning and Variance. County Board Member – Harry “Tom” Fraase, Jr., District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. Fraase, to place Resolution 1 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Moore, to table Resolution 1. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION TABLED

RESOLUTION 2

2. 2012-37 – Roy Herman, 11380 Darnell Road, Mechanicsburg – Granting a Rezoning and Conditional Permitted Use. County Board Member – David Mendenhall, District #3.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. Maslauski, to place Resolution 2 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 2.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 3

3. 2012-38 – Rachael L. Maurer, in the 2900 block of Green Valley Road, Springfield – Granting a Rezoning. County Board Member – Dan Sausaman, District #11.

A motion was made by Mr. Sausaman, seconded by Mr. Snell, to place Resolution 3 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 3.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS 4 - 7

4. Resolution to provide public transportation in Sangamon and Menard counties.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Good, to place Resolution 4 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mrs. Ruzic, to consolidate Resolutions 4 – 7. Chairman Van Meter asked the Clerk to read resolutions 5, 6 and 7.

5. Resolution establishing the policies and procedures for the Sangamon/Menard Area Regional Transit System.
6. Resolution approving a contract between Sangamon County and Senior Services of Central Illinois for the purpose of providing transportation services.
7. Resolution approving a special warranty agreement for the small urban and rural program.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation.

Sharmin Doering, Executive Director of Community Resources and Co-Chair of the Public Education and Outreach Committee for the Rural Transportation Initiative, gave a presentation on the rural transportation system. The presentation was designed to present the realities of rural transportation in both Sangamon and Menard counties. The name of the initiative is SMART, which stands for Sangamon/Menard Area Regional Transit. Anyone would be able to ride. It is not income based or population targeted. One important requirement is that one part of the ride must begin or end in a rural area. Menard County is considered all rural, but residents of Springfield have to call the mobility manager to make sure their ride begins or ends in a rural area of Sangamon County. The trip needs are very similar to those in Menard County. The three highest needs for transportation are: medical appointments, shopping and visiting friends and family. Benefits of this system are the difference between employment and unemployment. It also helps seniors stay on their own longer and relieves human service agencies from having to arrange transportation. The four funding streams are: federal, state, fares that riders pay and contracts with agencies that help with the transportation. Taxes will not be raised to provide the services because of all this funding.

You reserve a ride by calling the toll free number and working with a mobility manager. The fares would be \$2.00 per one-way trip for adults or \$3.00 per one-way trip within a two-county area, and \$1.50 for Ages 8-15 with an adult or \$2.00 without an adult. It is free for children ages 0-7. It is also free for seniors, although an adult fare donation is suggested. You can ride between the hours of 6:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Monday – Friday. Contact information will be available in the County Board office until the program gets off the ground. If weather conditions make it too dangerous to drive then rides can be cancelled. The system will also notify Channel 20 and WMAY if service is cancelled.

Mr. Fraase asked if the majority of the money is grant money. Mrs. Doering stated that most of it would come from the 5311 grant. Mr. Fraase asked what would happen if the grant money dries up. Mrs. Doering stated that the rural transportation initiative would not be available.

Chairman Van Meter stated that he is sure they will also notify all of their top media outlets when weather prevents the service from running.

Mr. Boyster asked if they have a contract with Senior Services and for how long. Brian McFadden, County Administrator, stated that they have a resolution in front of them this evening which allows the Chairman to finalize a contract with Senior Services. It has an automatic renewal every year, but also has an out clause for both parties if they would like to get out of the contract. He believes it is 60 days for either party to end the service.

Mr. Fulgenzi asked what the projected time frame is for the grant to last. Mr. McFadden explained that the annual grant from I.D.O.T. has funding set aside for two years of service to help start up the system. There is also an annual federal transit grant that comes through I.D.O.T. Chairman Van Meter mentioned that Menard County also has a grant. Mr. McFadden stated that Menard County receives similar grants, but in a smaller amount. Sangamon County's annual federal transit grant is around \$100,000 and Menard County's is \$35,000 or \$36,000.

Mr. Montalbano asked if there have been any negative responses in areas where they already have this. Mrs. Doering stated that the only thing she can remember hearing is that fares were too high. She stated that she is glad they have negotiated some reasonable fares so that people can afford it here.

Mr. Hall stated that he keeps seeing the word "curb" mentioned. In the unincorporated areas, entrances to homes are ¼ mile to a few hundred feet away. He asked if they would stop at the end of the driveway or at the home. Mrs. Doering stated that it is up to the rider. The mobility manager will make sure they do everything they can to pick up that person close to the home. This would definitely be the case if it's a disabled individual. Mr. Hall stated that he has also heard from a few people in his area that it would be nice if they could meet at the entrance in the mobile home park in Loami.

Mr. Ratts asked if there would be child restraints in the vehicles. Mrs. Doering stated that the parents who bring children would have to provide their own safety seat restraints.

Chairman Van Meter stated that there is a big education component to launching this project, and this power point is intended to be part of that education component. He encouraged board members and community groups to view the power point if they would like to.

Chairman Van Meter recognized Linda Wheeland for all the hard work she has put into this project.

A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolutions 4 – 7, as consolidated.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS 8 - 10

8. Resolution approving a licensing agreement with Environmental Systems Research for the Geographic Information System.

A motion was made by Mr. Fulgenzi, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, to place Resolution 8 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Sausaman, to consolidate Resolutions 8 - 10. Chairman Van Meter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 9 and 10.

9. Resolution approving the extension of the moratorium on Chapter 17.49-Wind Energy Conversion Systems.

10. Resolution amending Chapter 8.14.030 of the Sangamon County Code regarding terms of the ETSD Board.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolutions 8 – 10, as consolidated.

MOTIONS CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

A. Resolution 13 – Tabled 8/14/12

2012-34 – Text amendment to a Sangamon County Zoning Ordinance regarding Chapter 17.49-Wind Energy Conversion Systems.

Resolution13 remains tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

B. Appointments

Appointment of Diane Murphy to the Community Services Block Grant Advisory Board for a term to expire September, 2015.

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

The nominations for appointment were also submitted for next month.

MOTION CARRIED

APPOINTMENT APPROVED

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

ADJOURN

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Montalbano, to adjourn the meeting to October 9, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING ADJOURNED

RECONVENE

Chairman Van Meter announced that they would have to reconvene the meeting to approve the waiver of the ten-day filing period. Chairman Van Meter asked the Clerk to call the roll. There were 24 Present – 5 Absent. Ms. Dillman, Mrs. Douglas Williams, Mr. Goleman, Mrs. Musgrave and Mr. Smith were excused.

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

The Chairman stated that they would also have to vote again on the adoption of Resolutions 4-10.

RESOLUTIONS 4 - 10

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