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MINUTES

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

JUNE 9, 2009

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on June 9, 2009 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman VanMeter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Montalbano gave the Invocation and Mr. Moore led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to call the roll. There were 28 Present – 0 Absent.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mrs. Musgrave presented a Proclamation to the Springfield Civic Garden Club in honor of National Garden Week. Sherry Park, with the Civic Garden Club, was present to accept the Proclamation.

Mr. Montalbano presented a Proclamation to Dennis Dickey for his 40 years of dedicated service with the Sangamon County Highway Department. Mr. Dickey was present to accept the Proclamation.

Mr. Goleman presented a Proclamation in recognition of all those who have suffered and fought the fight against cancer and for the Sangamon County Relay for Life. Mr. Goleman also recognized Lou Robisch for her work with the Relay for Life. Justin Parker, with the American Cancer Society, was present to accept the Proclamation.

He thanked everyone for all of their support and participation. He stated that he is a cancer survivor, and it is humbling when individuals you do not even know come up to you and give their wishes. Mr. Parker invited everyone to the State Fairgrounds the weekend of the 20th for the Relay for Life.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Turner, for approval of the minutes of May 12, 2009. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

A motion was made by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Long, to place any correspondence on file with the County Clerk. A voice vote was unanimous. There was no correspondence to file.

RESOLUTION 1

1. Resolution approving the annual Prevailing Wage Rates of Sangamon County.

A motion was made by Mr. Montalbano, seconded by Mr. Davsko, for the adoption of Resolution 1. Upon a roll call vote, there were 28 Yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS 2 – 4

2. Resolution approving the annual agreement with the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Tjelmeland, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, for the adoption of Resolution 2. Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 3 and 4.

3. Resolution approving a bridge petition from Auburn Township.
4. Resolution approving the transfer of excess right-of-way on Cardinal Hill Road.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by

Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Fulgenzi, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 2 - 4, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 5

5. 2009-25 – John Flynn, 2625 Central Point Rd., Cantrall – Granting a Variance. County Board Member – Mike Sullivan, District #11.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, to place Resolution 5 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 on the adoption of Resolution 5.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 6

6. 2009-26 – Richard D. Taft, 2313 Chinchilla Lane, Springfield – Granting a Variance. County Board Member – Jim Good, District #8.

A motion was made by Mr. Good, seconded by Mr. Moss, to place Resolution 6 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 on the adoption of Resolution 6.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 7

7. 2009-27 – Norma Jean Rakes, 8101 W. State Route 104, Auburn – Granting Variances. County Board Member – Sam Snell, District #6.

A motion was made by Mr. Snell, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, 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 on the adoption of Resolution 7.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 8 - 11

8. Resolution allowing the County Board to join with the Regional Planning Commission in the leadership council and the regional planning process.

A motion was made by Mr. Moore, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, to place Resolution 8 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith, to consolidate Resolutions 8 – 11. Chairman VanMeter asked the Clerk to read Resolutions 9, 10 & 11.

9. Resolution approving a contract with Community Resources and Lawrence Education Center.
10. Resolution approving a contract with Community Resources and United Cerebral Palsy.
11. Resolution approving a contract with Community Resources and Capital Area Career Center.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Fraase, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions 8 – 11, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 14

14. Resolution allowing the sale of alcoholic beverages prior to Noon on Sundays in Sangamon County.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Montalbano, to place Resolution 14 on the floor. Mr. Montalbano explained that this came about because the City has already instituted opening on Sunday mornings, and there are those in the County who also wish to do so. Some County liquor facilities are golf courses that compete against City golf courses, and they have lost business because of this. There is another liquor establishment on South Grand Avenue that is surrounded by at least three City liquor establishments, and they have their customers go elsewhere. They are trying to keep this fair and keep their businesses in place. It is not the end of the world because things have changed, but they wanted to at least talk about and vote for this.

Mr. Moore stated that he recognizes Mr. Montalbano's point of view, but he does oppose it. He stated that he did not agree when the City did this, and it is not a good idea to follow. He stated that he will vote no on this.

Mr. Bunch explained that they worked their tails off to get the County to stay afloat. The County did follow the rules of the City when they adopted the Smoking Ban,

and what happened is half the County could smoke and half could not. He explained that he does not see anything wrong with these people trying to balance their budgets. If they want to drink on the golf course they should be allowed to.

Mr. Fraase explained that they have always had liquor sales on Sunday, but they have just changed the hours to 7:00 a.m. He stated that he also doesn't like to follow City guidelines, but they need to look at it from a business point of view, and that it is unfair when other business are so close, and those in the County still cannot sell alcohol sooner.

Chairman VanMeter asked if the Liquor Committee took a formal position on this. Mr. Fraase explained that they did not. Their position was to send it to the full County Board. Chairman VanMeter explained that the Liquor Committee was concerned that all interested parties are afforded the special opportunity to express their views on this. Brian Schackmann, Liquor Inspector, explained that he tried to contact Anita Bedell, with Illinois Church Action on Alcohol and Addiction Problems, on Friday because she is someone known to be against this. She was not there, and a message was left for her to let her know about the action being taken tonight by the County Board on this. He stated that he also tried to contact her yesterday and was unable to reach her.

Mr. Goleman stated that he does understand the arguments for those who are seeking approval of this and he does strongly support businesses, but this is one he will differ on and will vote no on. He stated that he has some real strong philosophical differences with this.

Mr. Good stated that at a time when so many small businesses are struggling to stay open, the Board should do all they can to help them. They should be allowed to sell all the products they sell at the time they open on Sunday mornings. Times have changed, and they need to change with the times.

Mr. Stumpf clarified that this is not just for the golf courses and he does sympathize with them, but this also affects 80 bars throughout the County. They will be able to open up at 7:00 a.m. on Sundays to sell alcohol. He explained that he would not have voted for this even if it had come to the County first.

Mr. Fulgenzi stated that his business has a beer and wine license for the sake of having beer with pizza. He stated that there are also a lot of people who like to go out golfing on Sunday and have a beer. It is just time to get rid of some of these blue laws, and he considers this one of them.

Mr. Hall stated that it is better to lead as an example rather than follow what others are doing.

Mrs. Turner agreed that times have changed, and they have seen a lot of laws and rules that have been in affect for a long time. You cannot regulate morality. If people are inclined to get up on Sunday morning and go to church and not drink then they will,

and if people want to have beer and pizza when they leave church they should be allowed to do that. They start getting into a lot of trouble when they pass laws to try and regulate behavior. This will allow a level playing field and will allow adults to act like adults.

Mrs. Fulgenzi seconded what Mrs. Turner said. She agreed that you cannot regulate morality. They are also talking about some gas stations and family owned businesses that would be selling six packs of beer to fishermen on their way out to the lake or to some recreational areas. They may not be drinking before Noon, but would be buying it to take with them.

Mr. Moss stated that he is opposed to this, and he does not understand why they would expand the hours. They can just operate the way they have for years.

Chairman VanMeter stated his personal view is they can make a collective decision that they don't want noise after midnight, and they can make a collective decision not to serve liquor during those few hours in the morning.

Chairman VanMeter asked for a roll call vote. Upon a roll call vote, there were 18 Yeas – 10 Nays. Those voting nay were: Mrs. Dillman, Mr. Forsyth, Mr. Goleman, Mr. Hall, Mr. Moore, Mr. Moss, Mrs. Musgrave, Mr. Smith, Mr. Stumpf, and Mr. VanMeter.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD

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

MOTION CARRIED
TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

RESOLUTION 12

12. Resolution amending the Fiscal Year 2009 Budget

A motion was made by Mr. Goleman, seconded by Mr. Moore, to place Resolution 12 on the floor.

Mr. Goleman made a presentation to the Board regarding the budget. He presented a copy of an editorial from Mid-West Family Broadcasting for the record. He stated that in Sangamon County they have always had a tradition of being proactive when tough times meet, and they are facing some difficult challenges. Strong leadership is what this County demonstrated and continues to demonstrate.

They need to balance their checkbooks and their budget, and make choices of how they will spend their money and how they are going to work in a way to help all the citizens of Sangamon County with services and goods. That is what they are doing tonight.

They have had great cooperation from the elected officials, department heads and County Board. They have worked together and came up with a plan to solve their budget deficit of about \$2.7 million. This Resolution tonight will make up about a \$3.9 million deficit, with \$2.7 million in the County General and another \$1.2 million in some other special funds. The Finance Committee believes this will help balance their budget. They have the plans in place to alleviate any types of lay offs. Plans are in place to help, but they have some on-going negotiations with organized labor and the Sheriff's Department and Probation Departments. In the end, if they don't have a consensus and an agreement, there will be lay offs. They are confident and have had productive talks, but there is a possibility it could happen. They believe this plan will work without raising taxes, and will allow them to live within their means and avoid lay offs.

Mr. Moore stated that they have done a great job on this. He asked how they are working with their major suppliers and vendors in terms of contracts over certain values and how that impacts the budget. He also asked if they have held to their commitment not to tap into any reserve funds. Mr. Goleman stated that they have met their commitment and have not used any reserve funds. They have gone to vendors who they have contracts with and have asked them to look at ways of saving on their contracts. There has been some commitment from them, and they will continue to go to them.

Mr. Bunch applauded and thanked everyone on the Finance Committee who spent endless hours working on this.

Mr. Preckwinkle thanked Chairman VanMeter and Mr. Goleman for all the effort of putting the revised budget together. As Chairman of the Jail Committee, he expressed concern if the work rules are not changed. There will be no way to avoid lay offs with the Sheriff's Office taking the largest budget cut of around \$850,000. He stated that he just wants the Board to realize the seriousness of this matter.

Mr. Goleman reiterated that everything is in place to try and avoid lay offs, but there is still a possibility.

Mr. Montalbano stated that this is serious and everyone is in trouble financially. He commended everyone for what they have done on this.

Mr. Goleman stated that he is confident that organized labor understands how important it is to save jobs. In the end, he hopes they will do the right thing. The right thing is to save jobs, and that is what they want to do. It does take teamwork to do this. Mr. Goleman thanked Brian McFadden, County Administrator, and Dave Conner, Deputy Auditor, for all of their hard work. They have sat in on many meetings, and those two have done a lot of leg work on this. On behalf of the County Board, Mr. Goleman personally thanked them for their efforts.

Mr. Goleman reminded everyone that in another month they will be starting the FY 2010 budget process, and he hopes everything will be for the good. He encouraged everyone's vote of support on this Resolution tonight.

Mr. Moss stated that he is proud to be on a committee, rather than doing like most government bodies who immediately look at tax increases to resolve financial problems. This group has really crunched numbers, and he is glad they don't raise taxes.

Mrs. Turner echoed Mr. Moss' comments. She stated that they have taken a sensible proactive approach to solving the budget problems. They did not look at approaching it through fear and intimidation. She stated that she is confident they will be able to work together and avoid lay offs, furloughs, and a loss of services.

Chairman VanMeter asked for a roll call vote on the adoption of Resolution 12. Upon a roll call vote, there were 28 Yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 13

13. Resolution approving a contract with Building Maintenance Services for janitorial services.

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

Mrs. Long stated that this is one of the vendors who made the commitment to cut 10% and she thanked them.

Brian McFadden, County Administrator, stated that they have asked each department to identify major contracts with vendors. This maintenance contract is one of the largest the County has for the building. There are other building and grounds and janitorial contracts for other County facilities who have also agreed to make a 10% reduction. There are also legal and collective bargaining contracts with vendors who have also agreed to make the cut. They will continue to work through the list.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

- A. Resolution 12 – Tabled 5/12/09
Resolution allowing a study of radio communications by the Sangamon County Emergency Telephone Systems Board.

Resolution 12 will remain Tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

- B. Appointments

Appointment of Chuck Pell to the Historic Preservation Commission for a term expiring May 2012.

A motion was made by Mrs. Turner, seconded by Mrs. Long, for approval of the appointments. A voice vote was unanimous.

A list of appointment nominations was also submitted.

**MOTION CARRIED
APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED**

COMMITTEE REPORT ON CLAIMS

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Turner, to place the Committee Report on Claims on file with the County Clerk. A voice vote was unanimous.

**MOTION CARRIED
REPORT FILED**

**REPORTS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, STANDING COMMITTEES,
SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

Chairman VanMeter appointed a special committee of the County Board to review the Community Services Department of the County and also the Multi-County Consortium that governs the community service agency they operate. This agency is scheduled to receive around \$2,000,000 as part of the Stimulus Program. It is appropriate they thoroughly review the operations of that department and also the inter-relations they have with surrounding counties they work with.

Mr. VanMeter appointed Mr. Moss as Chairman, Mr. Moore as Vice-Chairman, and Mrs. Douglas Williams and Mrs. Dillman as members of the task force. He requested they report back to the County Board at the July meeting and at subsequent meetings.

Mr. VanMeter stated that if members have additional questions they can direct them to Brian McFadden, Bill Moss, and Tim Moore. There were no objections on the appointments to the task force.

RECESS

A motion was made by Mrs. Long, seconded by Mrs. Turner, to recess the meeting to June 25, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

**MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED**