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## **MINUTES**

### **SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD**

**AUGUST 14, 2018**

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned June Session on August 14, 2018 in the County Board Chambers. Vice-Chairman Sheehan presided over the meeting. She called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Krell gave the Invocation and Mr. Fraase led the County Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL**

Chairman Sheehan asked County Clerk Don Gray to call the roll. There were 24 Present – 5 Absent. Chairman Van Meter, Mr. Mendenhall, Mr. Ratts, Mr. Smith and Mr. Snell were excused.

### **PROCLAMATION**

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams to present a Proclamation in recognition of National Passport Month. Circuit Clerk Paul Palazzolo accepted the Proclamation. He presented to the County Board a report showing the number of passports that have been processed since 2013 in the Circuit Clerk's Office. The passport program actually started back in the 1980's when Karen Hasara was Circuit Clerk. They started doing photos with the passports after he arrived there in 2015. That shows you the kind of revenue they have brought into Sangamon County for the photos as well as unique little programs such as National Passport Month, and shows how it has helped generate more revenue for County government. He thanked them for the recognition.

## ILLINOIS SOLAR ENERGY ASSOCIATION PRESENTATION

Mr. DelGiorno introduced the speaker of this presentation for a PowerPoint presentation. He stated about three or four weeks ago he sent an email out to everyone inviting them to a Solar Farm Workshop out at Lincoln Land that was being put on by the Bluegreen Alliance, which is a statewide organization trying to promote green energy alternatives. The time of that wasn't the best for everyone since it was at about 3:00 p.m. He knows a few members traveled up to Streator to see a solar farm and get an idea of how those are constructed. He has asked one of the presenters at the Solar Farm Workshop, Michelle Knox, to give a shortened readers digest condensed version of her presentation so they can all have a better idea of how solar energy works and how construction alternatives can do the most for their energy consumption and alternatives as they try to move to a more green and sustainable prospect.

Member of the Illinois Solar Energy Association Michelle Knox addressed the County Board to give a slideshow presentation. She stated that she is here to hopefully provide some education that will be of assistance. The types of renewable energy are solar photovoltaics for the generation of electricity and solar thermal for the generation of heat. There is also wind for the generation of electricity. With solar photovoltaics, the type of power modules generated is called direct current-DC power. They have to convert that to alternating current or AC power by means of an inverter. There are three types of modules. They are: Monocrystalline, polycrystalline, and thin film. Monocrystalline is best for our area. It is most efficient at about 18%, and it performs well in climates that have varying temperatures like they do here. Mounting types are: roof mounts, ground mounts, pole mounts, awnings, solar parking lots, and sol sheds. She showed photos of examples of some local projects of roof mounts, commercial flat roof mounts, and ground mounts. With roof mounts, solar has come a long way from back in the day when it used to be racked up on the roof. At that time it cost about \$6.50 a lot, and now they are down under \$3.00 a lot, generally speaking. They don't need to rack it up to gain every little bit of efficiency they can. Commercial flat roofs are ballasted systems that are held in place with blocks. Each block weighs about 34 pounds and they put two to four blocks in each tray to hold it into place. Ground mounts are probably most what the County Board is interested in. Traditionally, they did ground mounts with footings that are about five to six feet deep and one to two feet wide. They would fill them with concrete, schedule 40 pipes and excavation. Now there are new systems out that are using earth anchors that are driven into the ground with a cable attached through the footing of the racking. A machine is then used to set the tension of the cable to engineered specifications for permitting. In their area it is 115 miles per hour for wind and 30 pounds per square foot for snow. In the event the system has to be removed, those earth anchors can be pulled out with a bobcat using 6,000 pounds of pressure. That basically leaves the land unscathed. A lot of the concern with ground mounts, in the traditional sense, is when you decommission the system and take the concrete out. This type of system negates that and is also less expensive to put in because they don't have the excavation and the steel galvanized pipe and the concrete.

Pollinator Gardens are now popular and are being used with solar gardens on a larger commercial scale. They have probably all heard about the demise of the bees, the birds, and the butterflies. The pollinator gardens being planted in association with solar help to create habitat for

those animals. They also provide economic development for seed growers and landscape service companies which provide jobs. A single 10-acre solar site is equivalent to more than 5,000 6x12 backyard pollinator gardens. Pollinator gardens provided improved storm water management and soil. SB3214 passed unanimously setting standards for pollinator gardens in Illinois.

Awnings and carports are yet another example of solar photovoltaics mounting. Many of you have probably seen the one out at Crawford, Murphy & Tilly here in town.

Net metering in Illinois basically allows a credit if you overproduce during a period of the year you bank kilowatt hours much like you used to bank cell phone minutes in public utilities. At times when you are under producing, such as in the winter, you can pull from that bank and use that before you are actually paying any utility charges.

Panel recycling is also another opportunity with decommissioning. This is from the University of Illinois at their Sustainable Technology Center. They are working on recycling, and there is actually a recycling facility presently in Illinois. This hasn't been a big issue for them yet because the modules have a 25-year warranty. The solar industry is still relatively new, so they are not to the point of recycling yet, but it is something they need to think about for the future.

The Agricultural Impact Mitigation Agreement (AIMA) is an agreement with the Illinois Department of Agriculture so that, prior to construction of a commercial solar garden 500kw or greater, there has to be a plan about the decommissioning.

Why renewables? The reasons are: carbon reduction, energy independence, hedge against inflation, and positive cash flow. Go solar and be a part of the solution....not the problem.

### **LAND OF LINCOLN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION PRESENTATION**

The President and CEO of the Land of Lincoln EDC Eric Berglund addressed the County Board. Mr. Berglund stated their organization was formed as a result of the Sangamon County project, which is the report the County received in September 2017, that looked at the economic conditions here in Sangamon County and the City of Springfield and said "It is time for a change". For many decades they have been doing the same thing the same way and received dozens of reports that just collect dust on the shelves, so they said they can't do that anymore. With the Chairman's leadership and the County's leadership, the private sector has stepped forward with significant resources. He thanked the County for their resources as well because they are a major investor in this as they move forward. They are going to look at how they can address some of the issues they have in economic development for all of Sangamon County. They want to look at how they can make this community what they always envisioned it to be to make sure all of their towns are prospering and to make sure the County is getting what they need to turn the trend of declining property revenues in the like.

He is now on the second day of the fifth week of this job. So far, the board has put together a great vision and mission for the organization. They definitely have what the report indicated. The report really kind of tore the bandage off in somewhat of a hurry and left some scars. It is a real honest look at who we are as a community. Not everyone agrees with what's in there, and that's okay. They will need to have some difficult conversations as they move forward to talk about how they will take a different approach from what they have been doing. He was brought in from Florida and has been doing regional economic development for a number of years in Colorado and Florida. What they will try that is different is to have that outside perspective and best practices from across the country. The key there is that he was brought in for action, so they are going to be making changes and getting things accomplished. He is going to be in their community saying "Hi I need some help". Over the next couple of weeks they are starting their community engagement process. They will have community engagement sessions where they are collecting feedback from specific groups and the general public. They want to be able to talk about where they are, where they have been, where they see themselves going, what their hopes, dreams and desires are, and what some of the challenges are they might be facing. They want to be able to take care of those hopes, dreams and desires, and figure out how they can work together to overcome those challenges. They are specifically looking at targeted industries. Both in Colorado and Florida, he thinks it's important to know who you are. He is all about agriculture, manufacturing, and the jobs of tomorrow. They are starting with who they are today and why certain companies here have been successful. They have certain assets that have allowed that to happen.

Obviously he would get a different answer from everyone if he asked what economic development means to them. For them it's all about new businesses coming in and new growth. They know they have to help their existing companies prosper and grow because 80% of new job creations come from their existing firms. Whatever challenges their existing firms have, anybody he brings in will have the same problems. That is where they have to talk about what those existing situations look like. Workforce is a critical component of that, so they need to make sure they have the talent necessary and they have that whole cradle to career pathway. They will really look at that. They are really still in the listening side of all this. They have some initial ideas of things they are going to achieve and things they want to do, but more importantly they want to say thank you for being a part of this process and to ask for their participation as they go out and do these community engagement sessions. They really do want to have all voices at the table to make sure they are a better place.

## **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Small, for approval of the Minutes of July 10, 2018. A voice vote was unanimous.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**MINUTES ADOPTED**

## **CORRESPONDENCE**

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

### **RESOLUTION 1**

1. Resolution approving an engineering services contract for Irwin Bridge Road.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hills, seconded by Mrs. Scaife, to place Resolution 1 on the floor. Chairman Sheehan asked County Clerk Gray to call the roll. Upon the roll call vote, there were 23 Yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

### **RESOLUTION 2**

2. 2018-017 – J & L Strawn Properties, LLC, 7836 Johnson Road, Rochester – Granting a Variance. County Board Member – Tom Madonia, Jr., District #9.

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to place Resolution 2 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Linda Fulgenzi, 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. 2018-031 – Timothy & Kristina Wilkerson, 7516 Mechanicsburg Road, Springfield – Granting a Rezoning and Variances. County Board Member – David Mendenhall, District #3.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mrs. Deppe, to place Resolution 3 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Miller, 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. 2018-032 – James Skeeters, 1525 W. Jefferson Street, Springfield – Granting a Conditional Permitted Use. County Board Member – Mike Sullivan, District #11.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Fraase, to place Resolution 4 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. DelGiorno, 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. 2018-033 – Text amendment to the Sangamon County Zoning Ordinance to add a new definition with regulations for a cargo container within Chapter 17.04.

A motion was made by Mr. Hall, seconded by Mrs. Scaife, to place Resolution 5 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to waive the reading of the professional staff’s report. There were no objections.

Assistant State’s Attorney Dwayne Gab asked the professional staff to explain the purpose of the text amendment and the efforts made in relation to examination of this amendment. Zoning Administrator Trustin Harrison explained that the addition of this definition is to fill in a hole in their ordinance. Cargo containers are unregulated in their current ordinance. By adding this definition, it will allow them to put restrictions and setbacks limiting the number of containers you can put on a property, and for the size of the property. By doing this it allows them to have better control and potential growth by using these particular structures.

Mr. Fraase asked if you can currently use one to live in it. Mr. Harrison stated you cannot. They are purely for accessory structures and storage only.

Mr. Stumpf commended the Zoning Administrator and his staff and the Planning Commission for all the work they have done on this. They worked hard on this, and it was not simple to put together.

A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 5.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 6**

- 6. 2018-034 – Text amendment to the Sangamon County Zoning Ordinance to add Exhibit A to the end of Chapter 17.42 regarding Setback Lines.

A motion was made by Mr. Forsyth, seconded by Mrs. Deppe, to place Resolution 6 on the floor. Mr. Stumpf asked the professional staff to explain this text amendment.

Zoning Administrator Trustin Harrison explained that this is also addressing a hole in their ordinance. Currently they refer to a map that is not existent and has not been adopted in the ordinance. This will adopt a map that establishes a measuring point for setbacks for new structures based off of what would be the right-of-way of a road depending on the width of the road for utilities, etc.

A voice vote was unanimous for the adoption of Resolution 6.

MOTION CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 7**

- 7. 2018-035 – The Gym of Springfield, IL, 1823 Camp Lincoln Road, Springfield – Granting a Rezoning and a Conditional Permitted Use. County Board Member – Annette Fulgenzi, District #17.

A motion was made by Annette Fulgenzi, seconded by Mrs. Small, to place Resolution 7 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Madonia, 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. 2018-036 – John Smith, 18000 Block of Reichert Road, Divernon – Granting Variances. County Board Member – Jeff Thomas, District #4.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Krell, to place Resolution 8 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Preckwinkle, 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

### **OLD BUSINESS**

A. Resolution 8 – Tabled 6/12/18

2018-022 – Pleasant Plains Solar, LLC, 1557 Parkes Kinner Road, Pleasant Plains – Granting a Conditional Permitted Use. County Board Member – Craig Hall, District #7.

Chairman Sheehan announced they would go out of the regular order of business and proceed to Resolution 8 under Old Business. Assistant State’s Attorney Dwayne Gab explained their process is to allow resolutions to remain tabled for 90 days; however, in regards to this item, the original reasons for tabling was to allow for a text amendment by Sangamon County and for resolution of a state law that has almost worked its way through the process. He believes it is appropriate, at this point, to table it for an additional time period so these matters can be dealt with at the appropriate time, which they think will be at the September County Board meeting. The process would be to take it off the table and make a motion to re-table for a short period of time.

A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to take Resolution 8 from the table. A voice vote was unanimous. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to re-table Resolution 8 until next month. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION RE-TABLED

### **RESOLUTIONS 9 - 14**

9. Resolution approving a contract between Sangamon County and Fishes and Loaves Outreach Ministry for program tuition and transportation assistance to income-eligible customers.

A motion was made by Linda Fulgenzi, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to place Resolution 9 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. O’Neill, to consolidate Resolutions 9 – 14. A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. Chairman Sheehan asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 10 – 14.

10. Resolution approving a contract with SCYTL for professional services for election night reporting software.
11. Resolution approving an agreement between Court Services and Adult Redeploy Illinois for the operation of three problem-solving courts.

12. Resolution approving a maintenance agreement proposal from Levi, Ray & Shoup for the Circuit Clerk's Office.
13. Resolution approving a proposal from JANO Technologies, Inc. for software for the Circuit Clerk's Office.
14. Resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement with the Village of Spaulding for use of the Circuit Clerk's Electronic Citation Program.

A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle, seconded by Mr. Tjelmeland, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 9 – 14, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

#### **WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD**

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

MOTION CARRIED  
TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

#### **RESOLUTIONS 15 - 22**

15. Resolution authorizing Sangamon County to enter into a contract with LLCC to provide a comprehensive C.N.A. course to income-eligible customers.

A motion was made by Mrs. Fulgenzi, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to place Resolution 15 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mrs. Scaife, to consolidate Resolutions 15 – 22. A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. Chairman Sheehan asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 16 – 22.

16. Resolution authorizing Sangamon County to enter into a contract with Ameren to provide resources for a trainee to become certified as a WX Assessor/Final Inspector.
17. Resolution approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Springfield and Sangamon County to reallocate the 2018 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award Funds.
18. Resolution approving a bridge replacement contract in Williams Township.
19. Resolution approving RFP's for electrical and plumbing work at the Child Advocacy Center.

- 20. Resolution approving new procurement policies and rules for Sangamon County- Chapters 2.04 and 3.12 of the Sangamon County Code.
- 21. Resolution authorizing the Sheriff’s Office to replace 3 industrial washing machines.
- 22. Resolution allowing the purchase of a Ford F150 pickup truck for the State’s Attorney’s Office.

A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle, seconded by Mrs. Hills, that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 15 – 22, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

**OLD BUSINESS**

B. Resolution 6 – Tabled 7/10/18  
2018-028 – Solar Provider Group IL, LLC (SPG), 660 N. Oak Road, Rochester – Granting a Conditional Permitted Use and Variance. County Board Member – Tom Madonia, Jr., District #9.

Resolution 6 remains tabled.

**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

B. Appointments

Appointment of Bert Barlow to the Pawnee Fire Protection District for a term expiring May, 2021.

Appointment of James Orr to the Lake Springfield Fire Protection District for a term expiring May, 2019.

Appointment of Goebel Tod Rowe to the Lake Springfield Fire Protection District for a term expiring May, 2020.

Appointments to the 2018 Solid Waste Plan Update Citizen's Advisory Committee:

Tom Rader (Village of Riverton)  
 Adena Rivas (City of Springfield)  
 Mike Lopez (Village of Jerome)  
 Mary Mulcahy (Village of Buffalo)  
 Matt Coulter (Area Disposal)  
 Randy Salmich (Advanced Disposal)  
 Claude Jacobs (Anything Goes Hauling)  
 Grace Christopher (Carey's Disposal)  
 Ed Cleeton (Cleeton Sanitation Services)  
 Roger Flowers (Flowers Sanitation)  
 Rex Jaronske (Lake Area Disposal)  
 Dan Winters (Republic Services)  
 Joey Smith (Joey Smith Hauling)  
 Dave Schaab (Waste Management, Inc.)  
 Todd Shumaker (Midwest Fiber)  
 Rex Evans (Macon County Composting)  
 Troy Jenkins (Dirksen Parkway Compost)  
 Rick Weekly (F & W Resources)  
 Kyle Payne (Habitat for Humanity)  
 Thomas Irvin (Goodwill Industries)  
 Adam Solomon (Solomon Colors-Chamber Rep.)  
 Elizabeth Scrafford (Local Sierra Club)  
 Greg Stumpf (County Board District #16)  
 Craig Hall (County Board District #7)  
 Wynne Coplea (Citizen)

A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle, seconded by Mr. Thomas, for approval of the appointments. A voice vote was unanimous

MOTION CARRIED

APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

The nominations for appointment in September were also submitted.

Mr. Stumpf gave an update on the 2018 Solid Waste Plan Update for the Citizen's Advisory Committee. He stated they have been working with Walt Willis, a consultant, to identify their recycling needs throughout the County. They want to move forward on recycling and waste disposal. They have been working with the Regional Leadership Council of the Mayors, and out of that has morphed the Citizen's Advisory Committee. This comes with a state statute requirement to put different members on the committee including: waste haulers, recyclers, environmental groups, businesses and institutions, citizens and citizen's organizations, and other professional staff. They should be coming back to you with an update of their solid waste 5-year plan and for their recycling needs identified through the municipalities and the unincorporated area of their county.

They do have two meetings set. The meetings of the Citizen's Advisory Committee, that is appointed tonight, will be on August 27, 2018 and September 6, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. The meetings will be about two hours. They are going to discuss and identify things for their solid waste plan and for their recycling issues that are needed. Out of this they will discuss more things they need to do for these programs.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED  
REPORTS FILED

**PUBLIC SPEAKERS**

Chairman Sheehan stated there are four people who signed up to speak tonight. Chairman Sheehan asked Joseph Jay to step forward to speak. Mr. Jay was not present.

The next person signed up to speak is Elizabeth Scrafford. Rebecca Judd spoke on behalf of Mrs. Scrafford. Rebecca stated she is the Clean Energy Advocate with the Sierra Club Illinois Chapter. On behalf of their over 1,000 members in Sangamon County they just wanted to flag their support for clean energy development in this community, especially the two solar projects that are being considered. As a result of the historic statewide clean energy law that was passed at the end of 2016, which is The Future Energy Jobs Act signed into law by Governor Rauner, they expect an enormous amount of new clean energy development to be happening across the state.

It will bring an enormous amount of benefits. Michelle Knox alluded to some of those. They will also see economic development, tax based growth, and job creation. They really feel it is important that communities like Sangamon County are able to participate in these benefits. They also have a landowner here in the audience who is in the talks with one of those project developers to lease their land. She believes that person is in support of those projects. She also thinks there are some concerns when solar projects are decommissioned with what kinds of requirements they would have to follow. SB2591, which is a state law just recently passed on June 29, 2018, that would require large solar projects above 500 Kilowatts in size would have to follow the same decommissioning and agricultural mitigation impact requirements that other projects do. Hopefully that takes care of some of the concerns people may have. Also, the Sierra Club is participating with IBEW (International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers), who is very much in support of solar projects because of the job creation for IBEW and other trades workers. They will be hosting a Solar Workshop along with the Blue Green Alliance, Elevate Energy, the Illinois Solar Energy Association, and the Citizen's Utility Board, on September 5, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the IBEW Hall #193 located at 3150 Wide Track Drive in Springfield. This also may be a great way to have some more educational opportunities to learn how solar can benefit your community.

The third speaker signed up to speak is Dameon Johnson. Mr. Johnson stated he is the President of the East Springfield Community Center Commission and is here tonight to talk about a project his group has been working on for many years. They truly believe this project will bring some economic development opportunities to the Capital City and Sangamon County. The project is called The S.T.A.R. Village. He has passed around a copy of the project plan to all the board members. They have several segments within this plan that include a new industry called amateur sports tourism, which is now a \$12 billion industry. He is here to request consideration for matching funds to conduct a full feasibility study, market analysis, and financial forecast for the establishment of this project. Through their workings, they have created great partnerships with financial institutions and other companies around the country and overseas to make this project as great as it can be. Right now they have solicited help from hotel and leisure advisors out of Cleveland, Ohio to come in and help them with conducting the studies. Right now the studies stand at approximately \$55,000, but there are some fluctuating costs in there depending on how much travel the group needs to have between Cleveland and other parts of the country to fulfill their job duties. At the moment they have a match by the City of Springfield for \$24,999, and that is contingent upon an entity like the County to consider matching those funds. They also have support from a private donor to fill in the gap if they can get this accomplished. Right now, S.T.A.R. Village is very hot and valuable. He thinks it could be very valuable to this community, and he is asking for everyone's consideration in looking through it and understanding it. He is here to answer any questions they may have. A lot of work and time has been made on their part to research all this so the work would not need to be reinvented by anyone. He appreciates their consideration. Mrs. Douglas Williams asked what elected officials have been interested in this project. Mr. Johnson stated he has gathered support at the federal level from Senator Durbin, John Shimkus, and Rodney Davis. They are all supporters and are willing to work trying to bring some support to this. At the state level there is Andy Manar, Representative Butler, and Representative Jimenez. He has done his due diligence to work from the top all the way to the bottom. At the county level he had conversations with Andy Van Meter and Brian McFadden. They weren't very supportive at that level, but he is a very determined individual on behalf of his organization and wanted to bring this to all of them for their consideration. At the city level there is Doris Turner and Herman Senior who are all supporters of S.T.A.R. Village. There are a host of other individuals and business persons in the community that also support this.

The final speaker signed up to speak is Lynn Wilson. Mr. Wilson addressed the County Board. He stated his address is 5371 W. Washington Street in Springfield. He is here tonight to urge them to be proactive in being a gun sanctuary county. Freedom is not free and the cost is the blood of patriots. Our founders pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their honor. Most of them lost all of that and more. Thomas Jefferson declared "Honor, justice, and humanity forbid us tamely to surrender that freedom which we received from our gallant ancestors". The death of a nation, state or even county come from erosion of constitutional authority which undermines individual liberty. Thomas Jefferson understood that degeneration of the rule of law to the rule of men can have its terminus interiny. When he spoke to the assembly before, he mentioned legislation pending. The Governor has signed into law a bill which is a law to abate the Fifth Amendment of due process. Law abiding gun owners are second class citizens. If they are to bequeath to their posterity the liberty their founders envisioned, then they must return to first principles.

He mentioned Sophia Scholl who was executed in 1941 in Nazi Germany for distributing the truth. She said "How can we expect righteousness to prevail when there is hardly anyone willing to give themselves up individually to righteous cause"? Catholic Bishop of Munster Clemens von Galen had this to say: "There are sacred obligations of conscious from which no one has the power to release us in which we must fulfill, even if it costs us our lives". How can we send our young men and women to fight for our ideals when we will not stand for them? Hypocrisy is a slap in the face to all of our Veterans, past and present. He also quoted a poet, writer and philosopher that said "Stand up for what you believe in even if you are standing alone". At the end of the day can you say, I did the best I could for my nation? Hans Scholl's, brother of Sophia, last words before he was executed were "Long Live Freedom".

### **RECESS**

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Fraase, to recess the meeting to September 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED  
MEETING RECESSED

***Don Gray***  
***Sangamon County Clerk***