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MINUTES

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

JANUARY 11, 2022

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on January 11, 2022 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman Van Meter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Smith 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 24 Present – 5 Absent. Mr. DelGiorno, Mr. O'Neill, Ms. Ruzic, Ms. Small and Mr. Tjelmeland were excused.

TRANSPORTATION CENTER PRESENTATION

Ms. Sara Wojcicki Jimenez updated the County Board on the Transportation Center. She began with a report regarding the approval of the murals for the Transportation Center that the Mural Advisory Committee has been working on. She then acknowledged several of the committee members that were in the audience. Their committee has been meeting since March and issued an RFQ in May. They received 49 responses to the RFQ from artists all over the country. The committee then narrowed those artists down to nine. Eight of those artists submitted concepts and proposals at the end of September. Their committee met for many evenings to narrow those down to two finalists, one for each wall of the transportation hub.

Brian Wojcicki addressed the County Board to give a background on the first artist and what the concept will look like. Jared Bader is the name of the artist and he has over a decade's worth of experience in this type of work. He is from Pennsylvania and will be using a different type of material for the project. He has several large mural pieces in Philadelphia and around Pennsylvania. Jared's submission connected with the committee members due to the transportation aspect that it depicts of our area and our history, as well as ties to the African American community. He has proposed three layers, the lower tier portrays the late 1800's, the middle tier the early 1900's and the top represents modern times. It contains various community members and other pieces of history from our area. It will offer education of our area from business to education, to military, to the African American Community.

It includes the Bunn's, Horace Mann, Dr. Helms, and Lt. Colonel Duncan, who was the highest-ranking African American in the military. He thanked the Historic Society and Museum for the information they provided, which was extremely helpful in this endeavor.

Angela Harris spoke about the second artist, Danielle Mastrion, who is from New York. Her mural will be on the 10th Street corridor side. Danielle has taken the effort to combine the County's history by representing both sides of the track. She started with Ms. Susan Lawrence Dana and then added some additional people of interest from the community including: Ida B. Wells, Abraham Lincoln, Barack Obama, Eva Carroll Monroe and Dr. Edwin Lee. She let the County Board know that Ms. Lawrence and Ms. Monroe had a history together. They were part of the historical landmark of the Lincoln color palette. The artist thought this was important to include them because it shows that years ago they were joining forces to help their community, which resonates today. She also wanted to include Dr. Lee for our medical society. They have representation in the community that combines both the east and west sides together. This mural gave them the opportunity to bridge historical landmarks and their communities, as well as to highlight those dignitaries. Ms. Harris thanked the committee and Ms. Jimenez. She commended Ms. Jimenez on her ability to combine all the personalities together and allowing them to participate freely without any hindrances.

Ms. Jimenez addressed the County Board again. After they pass the resolutions, she stated that the next steps are to meet with the artists and get them the contracts to get back to them. They will also be meeting with them to talk about some community engagement ideas. When these murals are going up, there will be a lot of opportunity to engage with the community. She thanked the committee for their time and great work.

Ms. Jimenez then narrated a video walkthrough demonstration of what the transportation hub will look like including a space that will be dedicated to the 1908 race riots and some of those artifacts.

Ms. Jimenez gave an update on some of the committees that are working on the programming options. There is a Café Advisory Committee comprised partly of folks with experience in the restaurant industry. They have been working very hard on a vision for what they will serve in that café space. The SMTD, which is the 11th street part of the project, put out RFP's late last year, and at a recent board meeting chose CANTEEN to provide vending services. The committee is open to doing other things with that space in the future. On the 9th Street side, the vision is to build a program that will support entrepreneurs in that food and beverage space. The USDA has a program that helps with the design and there are other efforts underway with members of the community and with Springfield entrepreneurs.

The County Square Plaza Committee is working on many options for the big open space. There is some brainstorming about LED screens in the windows that you could see through during the day, but at night would turn into a sound and light show. The committee will also be looking at items to procure, such as engaging art. The State Museum is also working with them on ideas for the race riot space and how to make that dynamic for the community.

Ms. Jimenez presented a video walkthrough of the proposed new County Building area. There is a committee that is looking at ideas to program the lobby space on the second floor. They are looking to program a 3D exhibit space with a type of stationary mural. They will be reviewing quotes this month from local artists who may be able to come up with something for that space that reflects Sangamon

County. The committee also decided they want to do a rotating two-dimensional exhibit in that space that could also feature children's art as well. The space to the right of when you come in the door is also being looked at to feature some sort of large statue. That committee will be getting together at the end of this month to brainstorm on how they will procure services for that space.

PRESENTATION FROM ANNETTE FULGENZI

Annette Fulgenzi addressed the board about the high school student Bicentennial Video scholarship competition. They had many entries from area high school students who were competing for scholarships of \$1000. They awarded 15 different students from area high schools with \$1000 scholarships. She played one of the winning videos submitted by Lanphier High School student Geneice Thompson. Ms. Fulgenzi then invited those winning students of the scholarships to come up front and be acknowledged. Those in attendance were: Pleasant Plains - Hannah Smith, Auburn - Jacob Rollins, Southeast - Natalie McLaughlin and Calvary - Sabrina Schackmann. Ms. Fulgenzi also invited Ben Warwick to come forward. Ben was one of the Bicentennial Committee members who also submitted a video and came very close to winning. She wanted to recognize him for serving on the committee and being involved. They had 50 submissions to the competition. This was a great way to get a buzz going in the county and to promote the county and its assets through the positive messages of the high school kids. They had 90,000 total votes for the competition, which they were pleased with. Ms. Fulgenzi then recognized all the winners including:

- Auburn - Jacob Rollins
- Calvary - Sabrina Schackmann
- Glenwood - Colin Davis
- Lanphier - Geneice Thompson
- Lutheran - Anna Schleyhan
- New Berlin - Nicholas DeNardo
- Pawnee - Maddyson Byers
- Pleasant Plains - Hannah Smith
- Riverton - Sydney Rutter
- Rochester - Samantha Palazzolo
- Sacred Heart-Griffin - Jamarion Bardwell
- Southeast - Natalie McLaughlin
- Springfield - Allison Langfelder
- TriCity - Makenna Dilley
- Williamsville - Brooklynn Cody

Ms. Fulgenzi added that in the future they would be setting up some photo opportunities with the student's County Board members and would send those pictures out to the local papers.

COVID-19 REPORT

GAIL O'NEILL, DIRECTOR OF SANGAMON COUNTY DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Gail O'Neill addressed the County Board to give a COVID-19 report. She had a couple of questions submitted to her that she addressed.

- 1) ***Where are the rapid tests available?*** Trying to find the rapid tests has been quite a challenge. After Thanksgiving, when people realized potential spreading would occur, many of the tests

were bought. Schools are facing similar shortages. There are eight new quick tests that will be coming on the market soon, so that should help.

- 2) ***Do we have a good sense of the breakdown of various COVID variants in our county? Is it mostly Omicron?*** Her understanding is that it is mostly Omicron now. They had an early report of four cases and now they think it's accounting for over 65% of the cases. They do not have actual patient case numbers of who has the Omicron variant and who does not. They have various ways of testing random samples. It does seem to spread much faster and the symptoms are a little different from the other variants.
- 3) ***It would be nice to have a breakdown of the vaccinated versus unvaccinated in our hospitals.*** They were trying to keep track of this in the beginning. Today there are 110 Sangamon County residents in the two local hospitals. They do not have a good handle on how many are vaccinated and how many aren't. They are able to look more closely at those that have passed and have found different varying levels. They talk to the hospitals at least twice a week and get a report from them. This morning they spoke with St. John's and of all their patients that were COVID positive, 23% of them, were vaccinated. One question is "Are you considered fully vaccinated or vaccinated without a booster?" The majority of the number of people hospitalized and on ventilators and in the ICU are not vaccinated.

Chairman Van Meter asked if there is any peak in the Omicron anywhere in the Country. Ms. O'Neill does not know that they have. Sangamon County had a peak Friday with the number of positives they had. She is hoping that is the end and that it is running its course across the country. The only thing they can do is encourage people to vaccinate. Today they had their least number of people coming in for vaccines since October. They are still trying to encourage everyone to get the vaccine and the booster.

Ms. Annette Fulgenzi saw a news report about herd immunity with Omicron and asked if they would be reaching herd immunity because of this latest outbreak. She wondered if Gail had heard any local talk about it. Ms. O'Neill said she has heard nothing yet from the doctors, but it seems like, with these numbers, they would be having some immunity as a group with all this exposure they had. She has a call Thursday morning and will ask about that.

Chairman Van Meter thanked Ms. O'Neill and asked her to extend their thanks to her tremendous staff who have been phenomenal through all of this.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the Minutes of the December 14, 2021 and December 28, 2021 meetings. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

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

RESOLUTIONS 1 - 7

1. Resolution approving the low bids for the FY2022 Township aggregate supply contracts.

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith, to put Resolution 1 on the floor and to consolidate Resolutions 1 – 7. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 2 – 7.

2. Resolution appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the 2022 annual maintenance of County highways.
3. Resolution appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for IMRF expenses.
4. Resolution appropriating Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the County Engineer's salary and expenses.
5. Resolution approving an Agreement between Sangamon County and the Illinois Department of Transportation to transfer Surface Transportation Program Funds for State Funds.
6. Resolution approving the purchase of a Ford F-550 pickup chassis with dump body and plow equipment from Landmark Ford.
7. Resolution approving the purchase of a Ford F-450 pickup with storage body.

On the motion to consolidate, a voice vote was unanimous. Chairman Van Meter asked the County Clerk to call the roll. Upon a roll call vote, there were 23 Yeas – 0 Nays to approve Resolutions 1 – 7, as consolidated.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 8

8. 2021-043 – Josh and Kristina Waggoner, 11420 Salisbury Road, Pleasant Plains – Granting a Rezoning and Variances. County Board Member – Tom Fraase, Jr., District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Krell, to place Resolution 8 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 8.

MOTION CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 9

9. 2021-044 – WIEE LLC (Series 3) James J. Skeeters, 200-500 Block of Toronto Road, Springfield – Granting a Conditional Permitted Use with Conditions. County Board Member – Brad Miller, District #13.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, to place Resolution 9 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 9.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 10 - 19

10. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for ETSD from CWLP for the purpose of utilities in the amount of \$66,120.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mr. Preckwinkle, to place Resolution 10 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith to consolidate Resolution 10 - 19. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 11 - 19.

11. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for ETSD from Hinshaw & Culbertson for the purpose of Professional Services in the amount of \$60,000.
12. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Coroner's Office from National Medical Services for the purpose of Toxicology Studies in the amount of \$55,000.
13. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Coroner's Office from Memorial Medical Center Lab for the purpose of Morgue Fees and Lab Services in the amount of \$50,000.
14. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Coroner's Office from SIU School of Medicine for the purpose of Forensic Pathologist Fees in the amount of \$220,000.
15. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for County Board Administration from various legal firms for the purpose of legal counsel in the amount of \$250,000.
16. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for County Board Administration from Springfield Sangamon Growth Alliance (formerly LLEDC) for the purpose of annual membership dues in the amount of \$500,000.
17. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for County Board Administration from Verizon Wireless for the purpose of ETSD Wireless Services in the amount of \$168,000.

18. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for SMART from WEX Bank for the purpose of motor fuel to provide transportation services in the amount of \$145,000.
19. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for SMART from 1800 East, LLC for the purpose of bus storage and office space in the amount of \$66,000.

On the motion to consolidate, a voice vote was unanimous. A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 10 – 19, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous. Ms. Williams abstained from voting on Resolution 14.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

WAIVER OF TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD

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

MOTION CARRIED
TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

RESOLUTIONS 20 – 32

20. Resolution approving the purchase of goods and/or services for the Clerk of the Circuit Court from Hanson Information Systems for the purpose of disaster recovery in the amount of \$33,600.

A motion was made by Ms. Deppe, seconded by Mr. Thomas, to place Resolution 20 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith, to consolidate Resolutions 20 – 32. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 21 – 32.

21. Resolution approving the purchase of goods and/or services for Central Services from Office Essentials for the purpose of paper supplies for the print shop and various County departments in the amount of \$75,000.
22. Resolution approving the purchase of goods and/or services for Central Services from the United States Postal Service for the purpose of pre-paid postage for their mailing machine in the amount of \$150,000.
23. Resolution approving the purchase of goods and/or services for Building & Grounds from Tyco Fire & Security (Johnson Controls) for the purpose of extending the fire alarm contract for the Sangamon County main complex in the amount of \$90,000.
24. Resolution approving the purchase of goods and/or services for Building & Grounds from Kone, Inc. for the purpose of providing elevator maintenance in the amount of \$78,000.

25. Resolution approving the purchase of goods and/or services for Building & Grounds from UniFirst Corporation and other various companies for the purpose of acquiring various janitorial supplies in the amount of \$60,000.
26. Resolution approving the purchase of goods and/or services for Building & Grounds from Building Maintenance Services for the purpose of extending the janitorial contract in the amount of \$250,000.
27. Resolution approving the purchase of goods and/or services for Information Systems from Converge One, Inc. and other vendors for the purpose of updating the Sangamon County computer network in the amount of \$175,000.
28. Resolution approving the purchase of goods and/or services for Information Systems from Dell Marketing, LLC for the purpose of upgrading personal computers and other Endpoint equipment in the amount of \$150,000.
29. Resolution approving the appropriation of funds for the purpose of providing a portion required for financing the operation of the Office of the State's Attorney's Appellate Prosecutor in the amount of \$36,000.
30. Resolution approving a contract with Sangamon County and Danielle Mastrion to provide the desired mural for the west side mural space of the transportation hub in an amount not to exceed \$132,525.
31. Resolution approving a contract with Sangamon County and Jared Bader to provide the desired mural for the east side mural space of the transportation hub in an amount not to exceed \$85,000.
32. Resolution approving the purchase of vehicles for the Sheriff's Office at a total cost of \$302,331.

On the motion to consolidate, a voice vote was unanimous. A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 20 – 32, as consolidated. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Bunch asked about making a motion to move the County Board meetings back to 6:00 pm. Chairman Van Meter asked if it was the consensus of Mr. Bunch's caucus to try to move the meeting back. Mr. Bunch said it was. Chairman Van Meter said he believed his caucus felt the same way and he will take it under advisement.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

B. Appointments

Appointment of Randal Craig to the Illiopolis Fire Protection District for a term expiring May, 2022.

Appointment of Chris Cole to the Sherman Fire Protection District for a term expiring May, 2024.

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch seconded by Ms. Williams, for approval of the appointments. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED

APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

The nominations for appointment in February were also submitted.

C. Procurement/Grant Notifications were submitted

-ConvergeOne, Inc.-Information Systems-Network Switches-\$101,375

-Anderson Electric, Inc.-Information Systems-Network Equipment-\$143,950

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jane McBride addressed the County Board. She is the President of Illinois Humane. She wondered why Animal Control was not on their agenda. She stated this is a department that is stressed and needs improvements and yet it is not on the County Board agenda. They just sat through a presentation of some very expensive improvements at the County Building. She noticed that there will be an exhibit on the history of the building. She is not interested in that, but she is interested in improvements at Animal Control. In the last two years, her organization provided \$50,000 in veterinary care for Sangamon County animals that the County allegedly cannot afford, yet they seem to be able to afford very expensive improvements and exhibits. They are not hearing, as stakeholders, what is being done at Animal Control to improve things. She is hearing from the people that are working in the facility that the dogs are not being cared for adequately and sanitation is not up to snuff. She has heard there are some new hires and is wondering what their qualifications are, how they are being trained, and who is doing the training. She has heard repeatedly that they want the City to foot much of the bill, or much more, but she is questioning if they have sat down with the City. For the Board of Health, she would like to suggest they get some veterinarians on the board. They are watching what is going on with Animal Control and are not impressed. They are at every County Board and Public Health meeting. She is hoping at the Thursday Public Health meeting that they may hear about what improvements are being made. She suggests that Public Health is too busy and the department should be shifted over to the Sheriff's department. She strongly believes Sheriff Campbell and his staff could manage the operations.

After Ms. McBride was finished, Chairman Van Meter announced that Mr. Stumpf has been assigned to the Animal Control Committee.

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

A motion was made by Ms. 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 Mr. Fraase, to recess the meeting to February 8, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED

Don Gray
Sangamon County Clerk