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## MINUTES

### SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

**JULY 13, 2021**

The Sangamon County Board met in Regular Statutory Session on July 13, 2021 in the County Board Chambers. Chairman Van Meter called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Stumpf gave the Invocation and Mr. O’Neill led the County Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### ROLL CALL

Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to call the roll. There were 26 Present – 3 Absent. Mr. DelGiorno, Mrs. Hayes, and Mr. Smith were excused.

### EXTERNAL AUDITOR PRESENTATION – HOPE WHEELER

Hope Wheeler, an auditor with CliftonLarsonAllen, addressed the County Board. She was there to give a brief presentation of the FY2020 Audit. They went and performed their fieldwork in March and April, finished their single audit in April/May, and drafted and issued reports at the end of June. They also issued an unmodified opinion on their financial statements and did a report on their federal expenditures for the year. They tested two major programs for the year on their federal spending. They were the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the COVID-19 Relief Fund. Their total federal expenditures for FY2020 were approximately \$14 million. One finding was related to a few adjusting entries they made as a part of the audit process. As far as their federal funding, they only had one finding relating to the single audit with the LIHEAP Program. There was an instance in time where some of the internal controls had decreased because of the lack of an executive director. There was also a lack of a segregation of duties for a brief time frame there that has since been corrected. They issued a governess communication letter, which they do every year, and there was a new accounting standard implemented in FY2020. This just changed the disclosures related to their debt and footnotes. They did not have difficulties dealing with the management group or the audit process. All of their adjusting entries are attached to that letter. They also sent out

a management letter that listed a few recommendations they provided to the Auditor's Office and all of the departments.

### **COVID – 19 REPORT**

Gail O' Neill, Sangamon County Public Health Director, addressed the County Board. She stated there were nine positive cases in Sangamon County on July 13<sup>th</sup>. There are four people hospitalized and one death. One of the questions she received was about the breakdown in ages of those who are getting the virus as of late and about the related Delta Variant. She looked back over the last 12 weeks and the age groups of the people that are becoming infected now. 23% of the people are between the ages of 10 – 19. 19% are ages 20 – 29. The vaccination rate for the county is at 49.10% so almost 50%. She has also been getting questions about the different variants and if the vaccine is effective for those variants. They also want to know if these new variants affect people easier. It seems like this new variant does spread easier and there is a current small outbreak at one of the senior living facilities. The Delta Variant has been found in the outbreak of 28 people. The people who reside at this facility are 99% vaccinated and 24 of them are positive. One good thing is the vaccine is working and none of the people are extremely sick. They are still trying to encourage people to get vaccinated because COVID is still here. They want kids to get vaccinated before returning to school.

Mr. Bunch would like to thank Mrs. O'Neill for the progress reports. He said she does a great job and to keep up the good work.

Mrs. Annette Fulgenzi wanted to thank the Board for the kind donation in her mother's name to the APL. Her mother passed from COVID. She was one of those people on the fence about the vaccine and she was calling anyone she knew who did not have the vaccination begging them to get it before she passed. They thought she was going to recover and then she ended up having a COVID stroke. She knows there are many people with fears about the vaccination, and her mother was one of them. She would urge those who are not vaccinated to get vaccinated. Gail O'Neill stated they are trying to be at as many events as possible to get people vaccinated. Their drive-thru is open almost every day and their building is also open for people to come in and get vaccinated.

### **MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the Minutes of June 8, 2021. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED  
MINUTES ADOPTED

**CORRESPONDENCE**

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

**RESOLUTION 1**

1. Resolution approving a professional services contract with Crawford, Murphy, & Tilly, Inc. for the replacement of a structure on Cascade Road in Cotton Hill Township.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. O' Neill, to place Resolution 1 on the floor. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to call the roll. Upon the roll call vote, there were 26 Yeas – 0 Nays.

MOTION CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 2**

2. Resolution approving a professional services contract with Fuhrmann Engineering, Inc. IL for the replacement of a structure on Bock Road in Williams Township.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Madonia, to place Resolution 2 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolution 2. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 3**

3. Resolution approving the FY2021 Unified Planning Work Program for the Springfield-Sangamon County Regional Planning Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Fraase, to place Resolution 3 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolution 3. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 4**

4. 2021-023 – Ronald and Marla Ingram, 37 DeSoto Drive, Springfield – Granting a Variance. County Board Member – Brad Miller, District #13.

A motion was made by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Snell, to place Resolution 4 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf to waive the professional staff’s report. There were no objections. A voice vote was unanimous on the adoption of Resolution 4.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 5**

5. 2021-024 – Phyllis Ervin, Robert Ervin, and Kathleen Vollmer, 2321 & 2467 Sudduth Road, Sherman – Granting a Rezoning and Variances. County Board Member – Todd Smith, District #2.

A motion was made by Mrs. Deppe, seconded by Mr. Schackmann, to place Resolution 5 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf to waive 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. 2021-025 – Travis Yocum, 6200 – 6400 Block of Rentshler Road/Cardinal Hill Road, Rochester – Granting a Rezoning. County Board Member – Tom Madonia, Jr., District #9.

A motion was made by Mr. Madonia, seconded by Mr. Krell, to place Resolution 6 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf to waive 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. 2021-026 – Terry Grigsby, 6771 N. State Route 29, Springfield – Denying a Rezoning and Granting a Use Variance with a Condition and a Variance. County Board Member – James Schackmann, District #11.

A motion was made by Mr. Schackmann, seconded by Mrs. Deppe, to place Resolution 7 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf to waive 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

8. 2021-027 – Mark and Kathy Walker, 191 Etherton Lane, Springfield – Granting a Variance. County Board Member – David Mendenhall, District #3.

A motion was made by Mr. Mendenhall, seconded by Mrs. Small, to place Resolution 8 on the floor. Chairman Van Meter asked the professional staff to give a procedural history of the case. Trustin Harrison, professional staff, stated the petitioner(s) are requesting, pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Section 17.38.101 to allow the front yard setback to be approximately twenty-four (24) feet instead of the required thirty (30) feet.

Emily Prather, professional staff, stated the planning commission recommends denial. The subject property can continue to be used economically without the requested variance. A negative precedent could be set if the front yard setback variance is granted, as the hardship is solely created by the property owner. The petitioner started constructing the pole barn without receiving a valid building permit. The subject property is 15 acres and contains ample buildable area with no topography issues where the pole barn could be located in order to meet the 30 foot front yard setback. The Standards for Variation are not met. Trustin Harrison stated the Zoning Board of Appeals recommends approval of Standards for Variations provided by the petitioner (Attorney Segatto) to approve the petition as requested.

Randy Segatto, residing at 831 E. Monroe Street in Springfield, addressed the County Board. This petition was originally filed before they started construction. There was an email string that started on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The last email his client received from someone at the County was that they were good to go and all they had to do was pay the fee. The Pole Barn was not supposed to be built until the end of May, however the contractor called and wanted to do it sooner. That is what started all of this. This piece of property at the front edge of the nearest part of the building is 25.5 feet from the right-of-way. It is over 50 feet from the existing pavement of Etherton Road and over 30 feet from the existing drainage ditch. A new right-of-way was dedicated to the County on February 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 because of a division. This building was built shortly thereafter. Had they built it on February 8<sup>th</sup>, they would have been in compliance. For the past year and a half, everyone has been communicating by email. He thinks there was a misunderstanding on the part of Mark Walker. He thought he had a permit because he thought all he had to do was pay the fee. He started construction in pursuant to the plans he had submitted for the permit. This was not a situation where he acted and then was

coming back to beg for forgiveness. He submitted the permit beforehand and thought all he had to do was pay money.

Mr. Preckwinkle asked if a building fee was paid. Attorney Segatto stated it was not paid at that time. In the email string, it said they would send him the Epay link, which was never received before construction was started, but the fee has been paid now.

Attorney Segatto stated another reason they built the barn where they did was because of the soil. They were trying to take the least productive ground out of production when putting in this pole barn. It is used to store farming equipment.

Mr. Mendenhall stated the road commissioner did agree that this was not a problem and County Highway said this area will probably never be redeveloped road-wise.

Chairman Van Meter stated those who wish to grant the variance vote yes, and those who wish to deny the variance vote no. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to call the roll. Upon the roll call vote, there were 23 Yeas – 1 Nay – 1 Present. Mr. Stumpf voted no. Mrs. Linda Fulgenzi voted Present.

MOTIONS CARRIED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

### **RESOLUTIONS 9 – 15**

9. Resolution approving a grant application for Community Resources from DCEO for the LI-HEAP HHS ARPA Program in the amount of \$3,775,721.

A motion was made by Linda Fulgenzi, seconded by Mrs. Scaife, to place Resolution 9 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Schackmann, to consolidate Resolution 9 – 15. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 10 – 15.

10. Resolution approving a grant application for Land of Lincoln Workforce Alliance from Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity for the WIOA Formula Grant Program in the amount of \$2,371,350.
11. Resolution approving a grant application for the Sheriff's Office from the Department of Justice for the FY2021 Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$33,285.
12. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for Court Services from the Springfield Urban League for the purpose of case management services, assessment services, and mentoring for the juveniles in the amount of \$87,000.

13. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for Court Services from Gateway Foundation, Inc. for the purpose of providing a Recovery Support Specialist in the amount of \$45,000.
14. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for Court Services from Gateway Foundation, Inc. for the purpose of providing treatment services in the amount of \$140,010.
15. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for Court Services from SIU School of Medicine for the purpose of providing a Community Healthcare Worker and assessment for juvenile/family in the amount of \$263,158.80.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 9 – 15, as consolidated. A voice vote carried. Mrs. Williams abstained from voting on Resolution 15. Annette Fulgenzi abstained from voting on Resolutions 9 & 10.

MOTIONS CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

#### **RESOLUTION 16**

16. Resolution amending the Sangamon County Code by the addition of Chapter 15.08 – Chronic Nuisance Property.

A motion was made by Mr. McGuire, seconded by Mrs. Fulgenzi, to place Resolution 16 on the floor. Mr. McGuire stated this ordinance is about safer neighborhoods and holding property owners and landlords responsible for violent acts and crimes that occur on their properties. It offers the County and Law Enforcement additional tools in identifying and intervening in chronic problematic buildings. The ordinance also provides due process, giving management companies and property owners ample opportunity to abate the issues and return to good standing before any action is taken. In an effort to streamline requirements between both the City and the County, the language mirrors that of the City Code, which should provide some clarity for these landlords. It is his hope this ordinance will serve as a motivating factor for landlords to step up and take control of their

properties well before they become a nuisance. He believes this promotes safer neighborhoods and would ask the Board to support it.

A voice vote carried on the adoption of Resolution 16. Mrs. Linda Fulgenzi voted Present.

MOTIONS CARRIED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

Chairman Van Meter wanted to remind everyone of the Special County Board Meeting next Thursday, July 22, at 5:30 PM. It is for the express purpose of approving the bids for the 11<sup>th</sup> Street side of the transportation center construction.

**RESOLUTION 17**

17. Resolution approving an agreement between Sangamon County and Hanson Professional Services to perform construction observation services for the proposed Springfield-Sangamon County Transportation Center in the amount of \$595,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle, seconded by Mr. Miller, to place Resolution 17 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolution 17. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 18**

18. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the County Board from the United Way for the purpose of a strategic plan to address homelessness in the amount of \$42,500.

A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, to place Resolution 18 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolution 18. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**OLD BUSINESS**

There is no old business.



**NEW BUSINESS**

A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

B. Appointments

Appointment of James “Rusty” Edwards to the Williamsville Fire Protection District for a term to expire May, 2023.

Appointment of Kim Jackson as the Director of Information Systems.

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

MOTION CARRIED  
APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

The nominations for appointment in August were also submitted.

A. Procurement/Grant Notifications

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

A motion was made by Mrs. 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 Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to recess the meeting to July 22, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED  
MEETING RECESSED

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

