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## MINUTES

### SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

**JUNE 8, 2021**

The Sangamon County Board met in Regular Statutory Session on June 8, 2021 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. 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 27 Present – 2 Absent. Mr. Krell and Mr. Snell were excused.

### SHERIFF JACK CAMPBELL PRESENTATION

Sangamon County Sheriff Jack Campbell, addressed the County Board. So far in 2021, there have been 148 police officers killed in the line of duty. 128 of those were shot and 26 died as a result of their wounds. There have been 27 ambush attacks on law enforcement officers, which is a 50% increase from last year. Of those ambush attacks, 35 officers were shot and 10 died as a result. The violence against citizens is on the rise and attacks on the police force are at unprecedented levels. People on the Board make decisions that impact the safety of their deputies, as well as the citizens of their county. Down the road at the Capitol, as well as in this room, they have elected officials that are passing laws and proposing resolutions that are going to make them less safe. He recently took their merit commission over to Decatur to the Macon County Law Enforcement Training Center. They have a training simulator where they are given a variety of scenarios to test their judgement, show how fast things happen, and how much time they have to react. They have been sending their deputies and correctional officers there, and it is a great state-of-the-art facility. He will be sending everyone an email with the contact information of this center and he encourages all of the Board Members to attend. He cannot think of a better way to show people what officers really go through and what they face every day.

Chairman Van Meter asked how people sign up for this. Sheriff Campbell said on the email, there is contact information for the training staff over there and they will help people sign up. They really want people to go through this and see it for themselves. He thanked the County Board for their time.

### **SIU SCHOOL OF MEDICINE PRESENTATION**

Rakeesha Phelon, Executive Director of Marketing and Communications Engagement at SIU School of Medicine, addressed the County Board. She is working with Sangamon County to try and increase vaccine confidence among people of color. Just as a reminder, the campaign is supposed to be March 15<sup>th</sup> through June 15<sup>th</sup>, but they might try and extend it through the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. They had some tactics they did with the community, which were part of their strategy, such as outreach materials that went hand-in-hand with the town halls. Town halls were the most important thing they did. They also did social media videos and posts, as well as paid digital media and other paid advertising. There is a case study example that shows how they work together with community partners. After they developed the campaign and met with the stakeholders, they also tried to identify influencers in the community that they know would be credible sources of truth. One of the groups they worked with was the Alphas and some members of the Divine Nine, black fraternities and sororities in town. They were all excited about the campaign, came to them after seeing some of the engagement, and asked how they could help. They decided they wanted to donate their billboard space. Ms. Phelon gave them some guidance and stayed true to their message. Erica Austin helped a lot with engaging this community. They wanted to make sure they were reaching out to the faith community and worked with Reverend McJunkins to put this together. This is another example of how they built this campaign and engaged their stakeholders. Once they were able to get the billboards up and going, they had a press conference. Gail O'Neill, Jerry Cruse, and the Director of SIU School Medicine were all there and it was a really well attended event. In terms of their earned social media impressions, they have reached over 100,000 users. Their paid strategies have reached over 843,000 people in the community. Most people, on average, have seen their ads at least three times. They have completely saturated the market when it comes to social media and paid strategies. These strategies include Facebook, Instagram, Spotify Radio, and iHeart Radio. They have done a lot of print through the Illinois Times and Pure News. They have started putting up billboards as well. There is one on E Cook Street, one on 11<sup>th</sup> Street, and one on S. Grand Ave. In addition, starting the week of the County Board meeting, people are going to start seeing TV ads with WICS, WRSP, and Fox Illinois through the 4<sup>th</sup> of July. They are also going to start changing some of the messaging. They are sticking with their "Stand up Vax Up" theme, but they are going to start changing the messaging to reflect that they want people to understand there is a benefit to getting vaccinated.

Chairman Van Meter asked what their numbers were. Ms. Phelon stated that in Sangamon County, 6.94% of black people are vaccinated. In comparison, Chicago is at about 3.17%. Macon and Champaign County are ahead of them. They are in the middle of the pack. She said the most important thing is that they did this. They made the effort and the decision to get people informed and try to get them what they need in terms of the vaccine.

Chairman Van Meter asked if there were some programs around Juneteenth. Ms. Phelon said there are going to be some activities around Juneteenth. Some of the ads they are going to be doing on WICS are going to boost around that time. There are going to be a number of pop-up clinics all over the community around then as well.

### **COVID-19 REPORT**

Gail O'Neill, Director of the Sangamon County Department of Public Health, addressed the County Board. Their numbers are looking a lot better. There were three new positive cases in Sangamon County on June 8<sup>th</sup> and only six people are hospitalized. Their vaccination rate has improved slowly. 44.87% of Sangamon County is fully vaccinated. The senior population is over 80% vaccinated and now they are focused on ages 16 – 65. They are under all the metrics, which means they will be entering Phase 5 on Friday, June 11<sup>th</sup>. This means things are going to go back to normal for the most part. While occupancy at businesses will be back to 100%, they cannot forget about masking. People who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear a mask.

Mr. DelGiorno stated he has read some reports that fully vaccinated people with immunocompromised systems should keep masking. He would like to know if that is the recommendation of SCDPH as well. Mrs. O'Neill thinks masking would be a good idea around those who are immunocompromised. They should not totally forget the mask at this point. There are still people they need to protect because there are people who are not fully vaccinated yet.

Linda Fulgenzi asked if they have seen a large drop in numbers with the flu and colds. Mrs. O'Neill said yes, and that is another good reason to keep the masks on. The City and the County only had a handful of influenza cases this past year. She thinks everybody is a lot healthier right now.

Mr. Preckwinkle said Ms. O'Neill had mentioned about the outdoors and being more flexible. He asked if she could give them a little more detail. She said she was reading some of the guidelines that said they are allowing summer camps this summer, even for children who are not vaccinated. They are saying that people can be outside without a mask, regardless of their vaccination status. She thanked the County Board for their support.

### **PROCLAMATION**

Mr. Ratts presented a Proclamation to Wayne Rovey upon his retirement as Director of Information Systems. The Proclamation recognized Mr. Rovey's important contributions to Sangamon County and thanked him for his years of service.

Wayne Rovey addressed the County Board. He thanked them for the recognition. He thanked current and past County Board Chairs, elected officials, department heads, and his current and past staff for all of their support and work. He also thanked his wife Catherine for all of her love and support over the past 38 years.

## MINUTES

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bunch, for approval of the Minutes of May 11, 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.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Allen, residing at 2400 Parkview Drive in Springfield, addressed the County Board. She is there tonight with the Faith Coalition for the Common Good and has lived in Sangamon County for 40+ years. One thing she has learned about their county is that the Sangamon County Board does not want to spend any money they do not need to. She would like to talk about the cost of a so-called "free military vehicle". The Faith Coalition has two questions about this vehicle. The first question is, "is it free?" and the second question is, "is it needed?" If it is not needed, then why spend any money on it at all? First, they have to get the vehicle here. It will not come here on its own. Apparently, that will cost about \$5,000. Second, there would need to be housing for the vehicle. It is a big and heavy vehicle and would probably need a special garage. Then there is the cost of insuring it. The final cost is maintaining the vehicle. It is a special vehicle with parts not sold at any auto store. The more important issue the Faith Coalition is interested in is whether it is needed. The Faith Coalition does not think it is needed. The National Guard is available to provide any such vehicles when they are needed. Sheriff Barr had gotten rid of the military vehicle Sangamon County used to have. They used them to support the fiscally prudent resolution to deny funds for the free vehicle. She thanked the County Board for their time.

Vanessa Nelson-Knox addressed the County Board. She is also from the Faith Coalition Group. She is there to discuss the military vehicle that Sheriff Campbell wants to acquire. They are asking the County Board to support the resolution that is disallowing any funds to be expended that would pay for anything pertaining to this vehicle. One of the reasons is when Sheriff Campbell discusses using this gigantic military tank that is militarizing the police. There is no research that supporting that this vehicle lowers the crime rates. A militarized police does not work and they do not need that here in Sangamon County. The Sheriff had mentioned over 100 police officers were killed, and that is sad, but there are a lot more harmed due to mental illness. She asks them to consider the mentally ill when deciding on this resolution. If a mentally ill person commits a crime, they would want them apprehended, but there are ways to do that without exacerbating the situation. Military vehicles would do that. These vehicles are designed to hurt and destroy, not just for hostage situations and

flooding, as the Sheriff said. There are ways to deal with situations here in Springfield without the use of a military vehicle. She asked for their support and consideration.

**RESOLUTION 1**

1. Resolution approving the purchase of pavement marking paint from Ennis-Flint Industries utilizing the State of Illinois Joint Purchase Program.

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 the award of a low bid for Fancy Creek Township – Brittin Road (South) construction.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Schackmann, 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 award of a low bid for Island Grove Township – Sangamon-Morgan County Line Road Bridge Replacement Project.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Hall, 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. Resolution approving the FY2021 County bituminous material MFT contracts.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mrs. Scaife, to place Resolution 4 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 4. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

### **RESOLUTION 5**

5. Resolution approving a County Bridge Petition from Cartwright Township for a structure replacement on Hergenrother Road.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Linda Fulgenzi, to place Resolution 5 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 5. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

### **RESOLUTION 6**

6. 2021-020 – Out North Billiards & More, LLC (Christina Anderson), 1705 N. Dirksen Parkway, Springfield – Denying a Conditional Permitted Use and a Variance and Granting a Variance. County Board Member – Jason Ratts, District #10.

A motion was made by Mr. Stumpf, seconded by Mr. Ratts, to place Resolution 6 on the floor. Chairman Van Meter asked the professional staff to give the procedural history on the case. Trustin Harrison, professional staff, stated the petitioner is requesting pursuant to Chapter 17.58 and Section 17.26.020 a Conditional Permitted Use for a tavern (approximately 700-750 sq. feet); pursuant to Chapter 17.66, a variance of Chapter 17.04 (Lot) to allow four (4) principal uses on one (1) parcel: (1) tavern (approximately 350 square feet), (2) charity, (3) tavern (approximately 700-750 square feet), and (4) dwelling unit above the first floor; and, a variance of Section 17.58.080(D)(4) to allow a tavern property line to be approximately seventeen (17) feet from a residence instead of the required one hundred (100) feet.

Emily Prather, professional staff, stated the Planning Commission staff has recommended denial of the requested Conditional Permitted Use for a tavern and a variance to allow a tavern property line to be approximately seventeen (17) feet from a residence. While the subject property was previously granted this variance for the south unit, the unique circumstance that was granted for that unit does not apply for the unit requesting the tavern in this zoning case. The customer entrance for this proposed tavern will be less than 100 feet (approximately 85 feet) away from the residential apartment building. Therefore, staff believes a tavern is not appropriate for this location on the

subject property. Recommend approval of the variance request to allow four (4) uses on one (1) parcel. Since staff has recommended denial of the Conditional Permitted Use for a tavern, the uses on the subject property would include: the existing tavern (approximately 350 square feet), dwelling unit above the first floor, and two additional businesses permitted in the B-3 District. The building has been retrofitted for three business uses on the first floor and a dwelling unit above the first floor, so approval of the variance would bring the property into compliance with the zoning regulations. Trustin Harrison stated the Zoning Board of Appeals concurred with the staff's recommendation.

Charles Roberts, residing at 3989 Springer Lane in Springfield, addressed the County Board. The property they are speaking of has been in his family for over 60 years. His father had a very successful business there. He has purchased the property from his father and has it set up for commercial businesses. While it has to be called a tavern, it is actually a gaming salon. The current one that is there is selling less than 90 beers a month. There has not been any trouble with the police regarding the establishment and the building is very clean. He said he is more than willing to put a fence between the property and the tavern, which would make the travel about 130 feet. The property is well maintained and he believes they are a positive influence on the north side of Springfield. This would greatly help him and he believes it benefits the entire community there. He thanked the County Board for their time.

A motion was made by Mr. Ratts, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, to amend Resolution 6 to approve the petition as submitted, granting a Conditional Permitted Use and Variance, provided the new tavern is limited to 700 to 750 square feet in size. The reason he is proposing this amendment is a similar variance was previously granted for the corner unit of this building in 2019. There have been no issues with the existing tavern/gaming parlor since it opened. While the property line of the tavern is within 100 feet of the apartment building, the distance from the apartment to the tavern is more than 100 feet. The petitioner owns the adjacent apartment building and is willing to conduct construction of a fence to further separate the apartment complex from the tavern. The petitioner also bought the house behind this property and has cleaned it up, which adds to the value of the other properties in the area. Mr. Ratts asked for the members support on this amendment.

Charles Roberts stated he appreciates the County Board's consideration on this.

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

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

## RESOLUTION 7

7. 2021-021 – Hummingbird Stables LLC (Darryl Drago and Amy Nelson), 9450 Ginder Road, Rochester – Granting a Conditional Permitted Use and Variances. County Board Member – Jeff Thomas, District #4.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas, 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. 2021-022 – Thomas & Lori Everhart, 3061 & 3065 & 3077 Winch Road, Springfield – Granting a Rezoning and Variances. County Board Member – James Schackmann, District #11.

A motion was made by Mr. Schackmann, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, to place Resolution 8 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 8.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 9**

9. Resolution approving a grant application for the Circuit Clerk's Office from the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services for the Child Support Program in the amount of \$41,753.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Miller, to place Resolution 9 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 9. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 10**

10. Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Sangamon County Circuit Clerk's Office and the Illinois Secretary of State for data access for traffic citations.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mrs. Ruzic, to place Resolution 10 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 10. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

### **RESOLUTION 11**

11. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Auditor's Office from Maximus for the purpose of preparing the Cost Allocation Plan and the Indirect Cost Rates in the amount of \$34,500.

A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle, seconded by Mr. DelGiorno, to place Resolution 11 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 11. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

### **RESOLUTION 12**

12. Resolution concerning the use of County funds for Defense Logistics Agency's Law Enforcement Support Office Program 1033.

A motion was made by Mrs. Hayes, seconded by Mr. DelGiorno, to place Resolution 12 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle, seconded by Mr. Stumpf, to table Resolution 12 indefinitely and that the Chair not be required to take this resolution from the table for the next three board meetings, as is their usual practice. Having Resolution 12 before the County Board requires the board to debate and take action on a matter outside the scope of this board's authority. Pursuant to this board's long-standing bipartisan policy, this board does not debate and take action on matters for which they have no authority. He asked for support on this motion to maintain this policy. A voice vote carried. Mrs. Hayes and Mr. DelGiorno voted no. Mr. DelGiorno asked if it would be possible to ask the State's Attorney for their opinion on the legality of that resolution. Chairman Van Meter stated they would be happy to provide that to them.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION TABLED

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

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

MOTION CARRIED

TEN-DAY FILING PERIOD WAIVED

**RESOLUTION 13**

13. Resolution providing public notice of the realignment of precinct boundaries.

A motion was made by Mr. Madonia, seconded by Mrs. Williams, to table Resolution 13. A voice vote was unanimous. Chairman Van Meter explained that this resolution is traditionally tabled until all of the political boundaries have been drawn. The County Clerk then re-draws the precinct boundaries in full consultation with the Chairman of the two political parties. It goes on for quite some time, so at some point they will take it off the table and re-table until all political boundaries are drawn.

MOTION CARRIED

RESOLUTION TABLED

**RESOLUTIONS 14 – 31**

14. Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for Construction of the Sangamon Mass Transit District Transfer Facility between the City of Springfield, Sangamon County, and Sangamon Mass Transit District.

A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle, seconded by Mr. Smith, to place Resolution 14 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith, to consolidate Resolutions 14 – 31. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 15 –31.

15. Resolution approving an agreement between Sangamon County and IDOT to fund the construction of the Sangamon Mass Transit District bus transfer facility and other planned demolition work in preparation for future phases of the Springfield Rail Improvements Project.

16. Resolution approving a grant application for Court Services from the U.S. Department of Justice-Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program in the amount of \$550,000.

17. Resolution approving a grant application for Public Health from the Illinois Department of Human Services for the Family Case Management-Better Births Outcomes Grant in the amount of \$186,000.
18. Resolution approving a grant application for Public Health from the Illinois Department of Human Services for the Healthy Families Illinois Program in the amount of \$182,304.
19. Resolution approving a grant application for Public Health from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant in the amount of \$117,984.
20. Resolution approving a grant application for Public Health from the Illinois Department of Human Services for the WIC Supplemental Grant in the amount of \$585,059.
21. Resolution approving and authorizing Sangamon County to amend the professional services agreement with the Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, on behalf of its School of Medicine, for contact tracing services.
22. Resolution approving a grant application for Public Health from the Illinois Department of Human Services for the Opioid Grant Program in the amount of \$400,000.
23. Resolution approving a grant application for Public Health from the Illinois Department of Human Services for the Early Intervention Grant in the amount of \$898,673.
24. Resolution approving a grant application for Public Health from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the Illinois Breast & Cervical Cancer Grant in the amount of \$301,839.
25. Resolution approving a grant application for Public Health from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the Tobacco Free Communities Grant in the amount of \$50,000.
26. Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between Sangamon County, the Illinois Department of Agriculture, and the Illinois Department of Public Health for food inspection services at the Illinois State Fairgrounds.
27. Resolution approving a grant application for Public Health from the Illinois Department of Human Services for the Family Case Management Grant Program in the amount of \$641,350.
28. Resolution approving a grant application for Public Health from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant-Menard Program in the amount of \$35,532.

29. Resolution approving a grant application for Public Health from the Illinois Department of Human Services for the WIC Breastfeeding Peer Counselor Grant Program in the amount of \$52,800.
30. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Office of Emergency Management from Tusa Consultants for the purpose of Rural Fire Radio System Consultation Services in the amount of \$49,000.
31. Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the County of Sangamon and the Village of Pawnee regarding enforcement of the International Building Code.

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 14 – 31, as consolidated.

A voice vote carried. Mrs. Williams abstained from voting on Resolution 21.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

**RESOLUTION 32**

32. Resolution approving the procedure for the preparation of county redistricting plans.

A motion was made by Mr. McGuire, seconded by Mrs. Hayes, to place Resolution 32 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Madonia, seconded by Mrs. Scaife, to recommit Resolution 32 back to the Election Oversight Committee. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to call the roll. Upon the roll call vote, there were 21 Yeas – 5 Nays. The motion to recommit back to the Election Oversight Committee was approved. Those voting Yea were Deppe, Douglas Williams, Forsyth, Fraase, A. Fulgenzi, L. Fulgenzi, Hall, Madonia, Mendenhall, Miller, O’Neill, Preckwinkle, Ratts, Ruzic, Scaife, Schackmann, Smith, Stumpf, Thomas, Tjelmeland, and Williams. Those voting Nay were Bunch, DelGiorno, Hayes, McGuire, and Small.

MOTIONS CARRIED  
RESOLUTION RECOMMITTED BACK TO COMMITTEE

**RESOLUTION 33**

33. Resolution approving the Sangamon County Fair Vaccination Program in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mrs. Williams, to place Resolution 33 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 33. 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 Chuck Pell to the Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission for a term to expire June, 2026.

Appointment of Dean Williams to the Sangamon County Historic Preservation Commission for a term to expire June, 2026.

Appointment of Kevin Bell to the Chatham Fire Protection District for a term to expire May, 2023.

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 July were also submitted.

A. Procurement/Grant Notifications

There were none.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Erica Austin, residing at 1836 Brian Lane in Springfield, addressed the County Board regarding Juneteenth. She is with the Juneteenth Incorporation Committee. She thanked them for their continued support. Legislation making June 19<sup>th</sup> a federal holiday for state employees and a school holiday was unanimously approved by the Illinois House and Senate last month and is on its way to the Governor to sign. Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, and Liberation Day is a monumental moment for African Americans in the United States. On June 19, 1865, Army General Gordon Granger reading of the federal orders in Galveston Texas proclaiming all slaves in Texas now were free. The news of the emancipation freeing the slaves took two years to reach Texans and by that time President Lincoln had passed the 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment which abolished slavery. Even though the slaves were free, many plantation owners wanted the slaves to stay until the harvest was over. Juneteenth has taken on a greater significance over the last few years with all of the high profile killings and other incidents involving African Americans of all ages and economic backgrounds. The black lives matter protests all over the world bring to the forefront the need for racial justice, reform in police policies, and procedures and changes in legislation that particularly affect people of color. In Springfield Illinois, they are celebrating their 27<sup>th</sup> year of Juneteenth, and they would like to explain some of the activities planned for this celebration.

Cherena Douglas, residing at 4003 Pickfair in Springfield, addressed the County Board regarding Juneteenth. She explained that there would be activities planned for the weekend. It is not an African American holiday, but is an American holiday. If you understand the history of America, you know they have some good, some bad, and some ugly, but they are still a beautiful nation. They acknowledge all of their hurt and pain, not to just dwell on the past, but to heal. They have been consistently celebrating Juneteenth for 27 years. The celebration has traditionally been held at Comer Cox Park. They are spreading this celebration out and are not just on the two days, Saturday and Sunday, in the park. In addition, on Thursday, June 17<sup>th</sup> they are starting out in District 15 with a panel discussion with UIS conducted at Noon and later that evening they will be at the Y block. This will give them a full grasp of what Juneteenth is about. It is a celebration of freedom

Ulonda Gladney, residing at 801 N. Cedar in Peoria, IL, addressed the County Board. She spoke regarding mental illness in their community. She is a member of the Faith Coalition for the Common Good. She is also a recovery specialist after being an inmate at the Sangamon county Jail. She is trained to provide help for those who are experiencing mental health issues and/or substance abuse. A few months ago, they had a meeting with the Sheriff regarding segregation of those with mental health issues in the jail. When she was incarcerated, she was in crisis and tried to do self-harm to herself. The correctional officers came in large numbers and threw her to the ground. They need to get more mental health workers in the jail or train the officers to show more compassion for the inmates and treat them as if they are human beings. She just wanted to talk to them about how people are being treated in the jail.

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

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mrs. Williams, 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 Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to adjourn the meeting to July 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED  
MEETING ADJOURNED

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