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MINUTES

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

MARCH 8, 2022

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on March 8, 2022 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. 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 27 Present – 2 Absent. Linda Fulgenzi and Mr. Krell were excused.

APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNTY BOARD MEMBER DISTRICT 28

Chairman Van Meter made a motion to nominate and appoint Matt Hartman as the representative for District 28. A voice vote was unanimous. County Clerk Gray swore in Matt Hartman.

UPDATE ON SANGAMON SOUTH PROPERTY (OLD SJ-R BUILDING)

Architect Joe Petty provided a verbal summary and review of the progress of design development activities pertaining to the new Sheriff's storage facility and new Coroner's facility that are to be located in the recently acquired Sangamon South Property. His review included a detailed overview of floorplans and concepts for the redevelopment of Sangamon South and an update on development schedules for each of these projects.

STATE'S ATTORNEY SAFE-T ACT PRESENTATION
DAN WRIGHT, SANGAMON COUNTY STATE'S ATTORNEY
MARY BETH RODGERS, ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY
DEREK DION, ASSISTANT STATE'S ATTORNEY

Sangamon County State's Attorney Dan Wright, Assistant State's Attorney Mary Beth Rodgers, and Assistant State's Attorney Derek Dion gave an overview of the SAFE-T Act. This was a piece of legislation passed by the legislature in February of 2021 that makes sweeping changes to the criminal justice system in the State of Illinois mostly focused on the process before trial.

This legislation abolishes or eliminates cash bail and replaces it with another system that will be referred to as pretrial detention as opposed to bond or bail. In place of cash bail, the legislation implements a system to determine who should be detained before their trial or held in jail and who should be released pretrial. The State's Attorney's office is committed to the fair and equal administration of justice. That means being proactive in examining internal operations of the office and determining what needs to be done to adjust internally, whether that be budgetary or operationally to meet the demands, whether funded or unfunded, from the state to fairly and equally administer justice in Sangamon County.

They have concluded that it will require a large infusion of resources to the office for the purpose of additional staff to meet the new procedural and substantive requirements that go along with the Act. They will need more attorneys and more staff. Specifically, two additional felony attorneys, one civil attorney, a pre-trial coordinator/paralegal, a felony discovery specialist/paralegal, and a victim advocate.

Mary Beth Rodgers, Chief of the Felony Division, addressed the Board. Currently, if someone is arrested and charged with a crime, they will go in front of a judge and the judge will set a bond amount. This applies to misdemeanors up to first-degree murder. For the lower level offenses, they will automatically get a recognizance bond. Beginning January 1, 2023, there will be no cash bond and only certain offenses will be eligible for detention. The legislature has decided that not all crimes are created equal. In the event that someone is arrested for certain offenses, the State's Attorney's office will be tasked with filing motions and getting in front of a judge to ask for that defendant to be detained if they are worried about the safety of individuals. If it is a non-probationable felony, which includes treason, first-degree murder, predatory sexual assault, and robbery they can ask them to be detained. It will ultimately be up to the judge to detain them after hearing their motions. In addition, if they can show that a person has a high likelihood of flight or evading prosecution, they can also ask that they be detained.

Derek Dion, First Assistant State's Attorney, addressed the Board. There are certain offenses where someone can be detained, meaning held in jail pending trial. Beginning from when that individual is arrested, the clock starts for the State's Attorney's office and requires a certain number of actions before they can get that person detained in jail. They have 48 hours to get charges on file and to get a petition on file. That may seem simple enough, but consider during those 48 hours that

you may have people sleeping, not at work, and weekends may be involved. When they make charging decisions, they don't always know exactly what the police know. They are often getting reports as the police are completing them. Once they decide what charges are appropriate, the lawyers have to actually draft them and then they go through the filing process. That is just to get the charges on file. They also must prepare a petition. In that petition, they must summarize the defendant's criminal history and must explain why they believe this individual is appropriate for detention, including summarizing all of the evidence. After this first appearance, they have another 24-48 hours to get to the detention hearing. By the detention hearing, they must provide their entire discovery to the defendant. Discovery is everything the police have gathered. In serious cases, such as murder, that may consist of hundreds of reports, hundreds of pages of documents, and dozens of body cam videos. This could also include phone extractions, which is all the digital information from a phone, which could be thousands of pages long. All of this has to be gathered and provided to the defense within these few days. They must also provide to the defense, a summary of this defense criminal history. This greatly accelerates their duties and adds to the duties they had before. At the detention hearing itself, they need to show that the defendant is guilty. They have to summarize the evidence and say the proof is evident by clear and convincing evidence, which is not quite beyond a reasonable doubt, but pretty high. They need to show that the defendant did it and they need to be detained.

Another part of the SAFE-T Act that needs to be considered is the requirement that all law enforcement officers make use of body-worn cameras. The requirement that all law enforcement officers use body-worn cameras will greatly increase the amount of information they need to make use of, either in reviewing that information to make a charging decision or providing that information to the defense for preparing it for an eventual trial. This all must be considered in what has been an exponential growth of digital evidence. Over the course of his career, he has watched cases go from primarily report driven to highly digital – mostly recordings and things of that nature which greatly increases what a single attorney must do just to close a single case.

Mr. Wright addressed the County Board again. They have examined all the new procedures in the office compared with what they do now, and have worked with Charlie Stratton within the DMG study to examine what grades these positions would be at relative to the job responsibilities. They found the range, which include benefits, would be between roughly \$350,000 to over \$500,000 a year that would need to be added to their budget. They know this is a big ask and they did not take this lightly. They painstakingly reviewed the operations of the office in the context of the Act and feel the requests they will bring to the County Board next month are absolutely necessary to meet the requirements of the Act as they were intended and to continue to comply with the law and Sangamon County to the optimal level.

Mr. Wright then asked for questions from the County Board. Linda Douglas-Williams inquired if there would be some literature available explaining everything that was talked about in the presentation. Mr. Wright said he would be happy to speak with people individually about it and can prepare something if they would like.

Ms. Annette Fulgenzi inquired about the four attorney positions they came to the Finance Committee with that they have been having trouble hiring. She was wondering what the challenges would be to acquire more staff. Mr. Wright responded that authority to hire is only the first step in the staffing process. He thinks every agency in this County, and probably in every private and public entity across the country, has had trouble filling positions over the last two years, and they are certainly no exception. They do have a number of open attorney positions in the office. He has spoken with his colleagues across the state, and there is a struggle to fill positions in prosecutor and public defender offices. That would be a challenge to fill all of these, but they did just hire three new traffic misdemeanor attorneys that are absolutely essential reinforcements that they need now. They will continue to try to find good candidates, but it is a struggle to fill some of the positions in the current labor market.

Mr. Hall questioned whether this was a funded or unfunded mandate. Mr. Wright stated that it is completely unfunded. He added that it is not January 2023 yet, and there may be some plans to provide some funding for the jails who will lose a lot of funding with the end of cash bail and also prosecutors and public defender's offices who will have increasing demands on staff. The estimated funding they need does not include any additional space they may need. They think they can reconfigure existing space to accommodate the new staff to minimize the financial impact.

Mr. Hall also wanted to know if this would slow down the process of bringing a person into the courtroom or if it is going to slow down the process of having more inmates in the jail. Mr. Wright believes the likely impact will be lower numbers in the jail. They have seen, as a general trend, if someone commits a felony and is released on bail or recognizance bond, they tend to commit consecutive cases. He thinks they will probably have fewer people in the jail but will have more cases. As far as the efficiency of bringing cases to trial, normally they have 120 days to bring a case to trial. With the new law, that time goes to 90 days, and he does not think that will have much of an impact at which the pace of cases are resolved. He does want to stress that the impact of the legislation will require more resources and people to meet the requirements of the Act.

Mr. Del Giorno had two questions for Mr. Wright. The first question was whether existing inmates in jail on New Year's Eve need to have a detention hearing. Mr. Wright explained that is an issue that was not addressed by the Act. There is a committee commissioned by the Supreme Court that is looking at a number of things to logistically implement the Act. Hopefully, there will be more clarity as to how that will be handled. They are anticipating, before December, to determine exactly how many cases that would apply. They would need to take current inmates and look at their charges and determine whether they are eligible for exemption of the Act. If that is a requirement, they want to be 100% prepared to make sure those who should be detained are detained to protect public safety.

Mr. Del Giorno's second question was to inquire about the possibility of an additional judicial position being created to deal with the caseload. Mr. Wright believes that is among the long list of things the Judicial Conference in the State of Illinois, and Judge Madonia, are dealing with to ensure the rules are implemented as smoothly as possible.

Mr. Stumpf inquired if the amount of money Mr. Wright was talking about included benefits for the new positions. Mr. Wright clarified that it did.

Chairman Van Meter asked if Mr. Wright was consulting with comparable counties to see what policies they are implementing in preparation for this Act. Mr. Wright confirmed that he is.

Chairman Van Meter had also heard there was some software that may be helpful at some level. Mr. Wright acknowledged that they are working with Information Systems on case management software that will help with increasing digital discovery demands.

Chairman Van Meter asked Mr. Wright if his best prediction of the immediate effect of this Act is the jail population may drop but the incidents of crime might increase. Mr. Wright thought that was a reasonable inference based upon trends in the past. They have seen that demonstrated in the past where people accumulate consecutive cases because they have been repeatedly out on bond. When someone is out on bond, there is less incentive to resolve the case.

Chairman Van Meter added that the most important takeaway is no one knows exactly what is going to happen as a result of these fairly significant changes to the criminal justice system. This is one of the reasons why the County purchased Sangamon South. The building gives us the ability to convert the existing Sheriff's corporate facility into existing jail facilities, move the corporate facilities to the south annex, and allows us to increase our jail capacity more quickly than any other alternative. He hopes that is not necessary, but they need to be prepared.

COVID-19 REPORT

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

Gail O'Neill, Director of Public Health addressed the County Board. She stated that things are better. It has been ten days since the mask mandate was lifted and they have not seen a huge number of cases. She does not believe COVID is over, but it is much better. Hospitalization rates are also greatly reduced. These are both good indicators. She met with the doctors and they are only going to be having meetings once every three weeks. A couple things came up in that meeting today. They spoke about the Ukrainian people as they are crowding and being potentially exposed to COVID. They will need to immigrate to other communities and possibly bring illness with them. We should be prepared for that when welcoming people that need us.

There is a sub variant of Omicron called BA2 that is in our community, but it seems very low. It seems to cause more dizziness and fatigue, but with our herd immunity of 80%, it doesn't seem like this variant is going to cause much of an impact.

There may be another peak at some point, but maybe not for another six months. The medical facilities are encouraging people to home test or test and treat. If someone has symptoms or there has been an exposure, they are encouraging them to test at home. If someone is COVID positive,

they are recommending they isolate for five days and then wear a mask for the next five days. This will help the spread to other people.

There are also over-the-counter medicines coming out. If people are not feeling well early in their illness, they should speak with their physician. Individuals do need to consult with their physician and pharmacist on this, as there are some interactions with other medications. There has been talk about having the medications as readily available as the COVID tests, but there is some concern that there may be interactions with other medications.

SIU has also started a post-COVID syndrome clinic. If someone has been experiencing symptoms long after their COVID illness, they can be referred by their physician for long COVID symptoms. They are calling it long hauler, but they are hearing it now called long COVID.

The testing and positivity numbers are down as well. Springfield and Chatham's testing last week had a 6% positivity rate for COVID. People went in for cold or flu-like symptoms and only 6% of them were positive. This is vastly different from just four weeks ago. Last week there was an 18% positivity rate for Influenza A and B, so things are going back to where we were. We did not see that last year, due to more isolation and consistent mask wearing. Things are looking up but we still need to be prepared. There are going to be some grants to help health departments recover and be prepared. It seems like we can manage this like any other communicable disease right now if things keep going well.

Mr. Stumpf commended Ms. O'Neill on an outstanding job. She noted that they all could not do it without the County Board's help and support and they really appreciate that.

Chairman Van Meter remarked that he has seen graphs from Denmark and the UK where they dropped the mask requirements and there has been a huge spike in reporting cases but not a corresponding spike in deaths. We should expect a spike in case numbers here, but we should be able to reassure the community that it is not as serious as we have associated in the past. Ms. O'Neill answered by saying since so many people have been infected with Omicron it is not causing the deaths but just a milder illness. She encourages people to get their additional booster shot. At some point, the vaccines will start to wear off. They are hearing that every five or six months is a good idea to vaccinate.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Ms. Williams, for approval of the minutes of February 8, 2022. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED

MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

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

RESOLUTIONS 1 - 4

- 1. Resolution approving the low bids for the FY2022 County Miscellaneous Materials contracts.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Miller, to place Resolution 1 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith, to consolidate Resolutions 1 – 5. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 2 – 4.

- 2. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services from Heart 4 Heart dba Personal Mobility et al for the Sheriff’s Office for an accessible van for inmates with disabilities and additional accessories in the amount of \$61,000.
- 3. Resolution approving a grant application from the Illinois Department of Transportation, for the Sheriff’s Office for the State and Community Highway Safety National Priority Safety program to provide 384 additional hours of enforcement for occupant protection, distracted driving and speeding details in the amount of \$36,727.63.
- 4. Resolution approving a grant application from the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority for Child Advocacy to provide services for abused children in the amount of \$73,840.83.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to call the roll. Upon the roll call vote, there were 26 Yeas – 0 Nays. Resolutions 1 – 4 were adopted, as consolidated.

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 5 – 14

5. Resolution approving an Intergovernmental Agreement between the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum and Sangamon County for the appropriate storage and care of the digital collection memorializing the Bicentennial of the County.

A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle, seconded by Ms. Deppe, to place Resolution 5 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith, to consolidate Resolutions 5 – 14. Chairman Van Meter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 6 – 14.

6. Resolution ending the Proclamation of a Sangamon County Disaster (COVID).
7. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services for the Election Department from Various News Publications for the purpose of publishing required election notices for the 2022 Primary and General Elections in the amount of \$72,023.
8. Resolution approving a grant application from SMART from the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Downstate Operating Assistance program in the amount of \$799,500.
9. Resolution approving a grant application from SMART from the Illinois Department of Transportation for the Formula Rural Transportation program in the amount of \$132,109.
10. Resolution approving a grant application from Public Health from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the COVID-19 Crisis Grant 22-23 – Menard program in the amount of \$62,515.
11. Resolution approving a grant application from Public Health from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the COVID-19 Crisis Grant 22-23 – Sangamon program in the amount of \$310,441.
12. Resolution approving a grant application from Public Health from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the COVID-19 Response Grant – Menard program in the amount of \$125,000.
13. Resolution approving a grant application from Public Health from the Illinois Department of Public Health for the COVID-19 Response Grant – Sangamon program in the amount of \$575,000.
14. Resolution approving a partnership with the SIU Office of Community Care to support a Nurse-Family Partnership by providing \$50,000 per year for three years.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation. A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle that the roll call vote for Resolutions 1 – 4, as consolidated, stand as the roll call vote for Resolutions

5 – 14, as consolidated. A voice vote carried. Ms. Williams abstained from voting on Resolution 5.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

B. Appointments

Appointment of Dr. Brian Miller to the Sangamon County Board of Health for a term expiring February, 2025.

Appointment of Dr. Korine Vlahos to the Sangamon County Board of Health for a term expiring February, 2025.

Appointment of Deborah Grant to the Sangamon County Board of Health for a term expiring February, 2025.

Appointment of Matt Hartman to the Sangamon County Board – District 28.

Appointment of Dr. Kate Luthin as Interim Animal Control Administrator.

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

MOTION CARRIED
APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

The nominations for appointment in April were also submitted.

C. Procurement/Grant Notification

There were no procurement/grant notifications.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Coventry addressed the County Board regarding the Animal Control facility. Ms. Coventry stated that she is a volunteer out at Animal Control. Recently there was a peer review and it said that volunteers are demanding oversight in day-to-day staff operations. They do not ask about day-to-day operations. They asked for reduced adoption fees for the cats and kittens when they had so many that were dying every day, so they asked for a reduction in their fees. This would have cut down on disease and euthanasia. We asked for the trenches to be covered to reduce illness and injury to the dogs. This would also allow the dogs to have bones and chew toys in their kennels, which reduces stress. Covering these trenches also helps with the control of others. No business should be allowed to have open trenches with urine and feces from kennel to kennel. There are two main factors that determine if an animal is going to make it out of the shelter alive or not, and it is time and space. Greg Largent, Director O'Neill, or no one at the County seems to care if the animals have clean housing or decent care. They ask for this every single day. They ask for the guillotine doors to remain open where there is space so dogs have a front and a backside. They ask for the trenches to be covered. They ask for the temperature in the building not to be set so low. The cats and the dogs are shivering. They ask for every cat and kitten to have a blanket. They curl up in their own litter boxes. That will not cut down on disease. They have been talking about vet care since 2019. They were told that Greg Largent was going to get a letter out to all the vets. They have never seen the letter. They ask for the dogs to be allowed to go outside and relieve themselves before being put in small closet size rooms with strangers that want to come and see them, and this is never done. People tell them all the time to come and get the dogs because they are jumping at the door and they think they need to go potty.

They have been asking for over seven years for basic and decent rights for these animals. The staff has been talking to management for years about these issues. Staff and volunteers feel they have seen so much that there is no other option than to speak out. If the County had put half the time, money, and resources into getting new management and improving the conditions at the facility, there would be no need for them to be here. She was recently asked to speak to the attorney that was hired out there to come up with some policies and procedures. She has asked for their SOP's several times – they have none. Joe called her in and talks a lot about the volunteers and acts like he's your best friend, and then he says "Hey Mary, I need you to do me a favor and speak now about animal control because you speaking out is what is keeping us from getting vet care". Wow, the one thing he knows that is most important to us volunteers, is that we love these animals. They see them every day and he is trying to make it our fault that they cannot get vet care.

This has been going on for three years. At this point, it is like being in an abusive relationship. This is manipulation and emotional gas lighting. People need to start asking why these people, politicians, management, and whoever are going to such length and tactics to keep people from knowing what is going on at your Animal Control shelter. If you do not start speaking out, that facility out there is going to turn into a house of horrors and nothing but a kill facility.

Linda Medlock addressed the County Board regarding the Animal Control facility. She stated she is ashamed at the length of time it has taken to remedy the issues at the facility. Pets are confined to a cage with a concrete floor that is cold in the winter and hot in the summer with unfamiliar sounds and people. These animals are at the shelter for no fault of their own and deserve humane care. They also deserve to be safe from danger and disease. These are very basic expectations, and it pains her that you do not find this to be a higher priority than it has been. The situation has been dragging on for far too long. It is time to stop wasting time on investigations and reports and recruit someone who knows current best practices to get our shelter in the best shape possible. She is not a prosecutor and does not know the criteria to justify criminal charges, but she has read the ISP report and finds the actions documented to be disturbing. In her opinion, taking 90 minutes to euthanize a dog is torture. This is not one person's observation. The accusations in the report were consistent. How can they overlook or dismiss this? She is appalled that they can allow this to persist.

At this point, the time has passed for investigations. It is time to demand better care for those that have been entrusted to our care. After reading the reports, I would hope you all would represent me in demanding a change in management. If lack of staffing is the problem, current management should have been banging down your doors begging for more staff at every single meeting. If it is hard to find staff to work with the shelter, current management should have been pleading for more compensation from you or whatever it would take to resolve these issues. The duty of management is to find solutions to problems and not to do nothing and blame everyone else, or brush it off as nothing can be done about it. These are living beings that suffer just like us. If you have not yet read the report, please at least read the witness statements. The size of the report can seem daunting. There were only five people interviewed and those reports are only two or three pages each. That will at least give you a feel for some of the issues. The actions may not warrant current charges, but as a taxpayer and voter, that is not how I want to spend my tax dollars. I want more compassionate care for these animals that are there through no fault of their own. They are already in a situation caused by their owner, whether by accident, neglect, or abandonment, and they are scared and confused. They do not deserve further mishandling by authorities. The animals are clearly not being cared for properly, and that is what we need to correct.

Tim Seibert addressed the County Board regarding the Animal Control facility. He understands they are probably just as tired of hearing about this as they are talking about it. After watching dogs and cats with injuries suffer for days and sometimes weeks before receiving proper care, they finally had to come up with a plan they presented to the County with other local groups for emergency vet care that costs the County nothing more than a phone call. Watching court cases for months and up to a year and a half, after being told there was nothing that could be done, only to find out if only one person had checked into it, whether it was Mr. Largent or the State's Attorney, they would have found there had been nothing done on these cases. These dogs sat in isolation for a year to a year and a half with no contact. Luckily, they were both able to be rehabilitated and adopted. Many shelters have a right to deny policy, which is pretty standard across the rescue world. Except they have been told if the County were to have one of these they would be setting themselves up to be sued. They watched as dogs never left their kennels for weeks while waiting for a rabies shot. That

goes directly to the vet care, which they are not supposed to be talking about anymore. They are getting euthanasia reports, when they were able to get them, showing over 400 cats and kittens being euthanized in a matter of months out at Animal Control. These are reasons why we advocate. You may think we are vocal and are a problem, but the reason we are advocating is because the animals deserve it.

Marietta Zarack addressed the County Board regarding the Animal Control facility. She stated she is a volunteer with Friends of Sangamon County Animal Control. She does not usually speak, but after reading the report, she feels compelled to speak tonight as a rebuttal to some comments made regarding Sangamon County Animal Control. The volunteers at Friends are a group of people that care deeply about animals in general, but are particularly concerned with the welfare of the animals in residence at SCAC. They all have lives, families, most have full-time jobs, and some volunteer with other organizations and have plenty to occupy their time and energy. They are not a bunch of busy bodies who create problems where they do not exist. They spend time there walking dogs to help them become more adoptable. It fills their hearts to help them. While doing that at SCAC, they see issues that are detrimental to the animals. We touch them and see the caked feces in their fur and nails, smell their urine soaked skin and fur, see their dirty ears, overgrown nails, and see the sores they chewed or scratched into their skin. The feces may be picked up from the kennel floors throughout the day, but there is still caked feces on the beds, walls, floors, and bars of the kennel doors.

She also shared some information they gathered that shows how they assist the animals at SCAC. Each month SCAC gives them a bill for adoption subsidies. This is the difference between the actual adoption fees and the amount paid by the adopters. They pay that to SCAC. They also arrange and pay for medical bills for animals needing treatment the County does not pay for. They pull some dogs into their rescue, and foster and pay for their care until they are adopted. They try to find a rescue group for various reasons such as the breed of the dog, their temperament, age, and special needs. Lastly, they pay for professional training services for various reasons such as behavioral issues, special needs, and even evaluations. In 2020, they paid a total of \$43,733 for these things. In 2021, they paid \$46,365 for these things. They do contribute and are not just a pain in the butt.

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

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

MOTION CARRIED
REPORTS FILED

RECESS

A motion was made by Ms. Willams, seconded by Mr. Bunch, to recess the meeting to April 11, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED

Don Gray
Sangamon County Clerk