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MINUTES

SANGAMON COUNTY BOARD

NOVEMBER 10, 2020

The Sangamon County Board met in Reconvened Adjourned September Session on November 10, 2020 partially by phone and some members were present in the County Board Chambers. Chairman Van Meter called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Annette Fulgenzi 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. Mr. Forsyth and Mr. Mendenhall were excused.

PROCLAMATIONS

Mr. O'Neill presented a proclamation to Ryan Melchin for his contributions to the Sangamon County Board. Mr. Melchin has been an asset to many committees and was engaged in many civic responsibilities. He served his district proudly and made sure his constituents were aware of critical benefits during this unpredictable time. He tirelessly delivered information on vital services to his community. Mr. Melchin thanked the County Board.

Annette Fulgenzi presented a proclamation to Lisa Hills for her dedication to District 23. She has served on numerous committees and has been chairman for a few. She has done a lot of work with the animals and shelters in the community. Her commitment, knowledge, and passion have helped numerous boards, as well as her constituents. Lisa Hills thanked the County Board. She said it has been an honor to serve with them.

Mrs. Williams presented a proclamation in recognition of National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, which is November 15th – November 22nd. The purpose of this

proclamation is to educate the public about the many reasons people are hungry and homeless in Sangamon County and to encourage support for homeless assistance service providers. Hunger and homelessness is a serious problem for many individuals, and addressing the needs is even more critical during the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 REPORT

Public Health Director Gail O'Neill addressed the County Board. She started by answering some questions she has received about COVID. One question was what can be done to decrease the sharp increase in COVID-19 cases. Her answer to that is to reduce exposure to other people and wear a mask. 343 new cases were reported on November 10th. Another question was if mask wearing has decreased. She is not sure, but she hears that a lot of people are not wearing one. There is a 'COVID fatigue' going around which means people are tired of staying in, being told what to do, and of the pandemic in general, so they are disregarding social distancing and mask wearing. The next question was how many hospital beds and ICU beds are being utilized in Sangamon County. They do not have the exact number, but she knows the hospitals are very busy. Another question was when the COVID-19 vaccine will be available in Sangamon County. She has heard estimates as soon as December or March, but she is not sure. They are preparing for them now. The next question was what the turnaround time is for getting information from the state on positivity rates. They get the numbers from the state every two to three days.

Mr. Bunch complimented Mrs. O'Neill and her staff on the work they are doing. He wants to know how they are going to keep the vaccines liquefied at 90 degrees below zero. Mrs. O'Neill said she does not know. She thinks they will have to sit out a while before. They will get more details later.

Linda Fulgenzi said she read an article about a young man who had suffered a stroke after having COVID-19, and other states have reported younger people having strokes after contracting COVID-19. She wants to know if there is any tracking of that occurrence. Mrs. O'Neill said she thinks there is. Dr. Miller shared a story of how two men who played football had to have their hearts checked before they played to make sure they did not have a 'COVID heart.' Doctors are watching the after effects of having COVID-19.

Chairman Van Meter said he was talking with some doctors about the story with the man having a stroke. They would like to publicize more stories like that to raise awareness and to make the virus more real to people. The challenge with this is HIPAA rules and finding stories like this to be made public.

Mr. DelGiorno said he saw a WMAY report that said the Chairman had signed a proclamation to go ahead and enforce the Governor's mitigations for indoor restaurants and bar service. He wants to confirm that this is going into effect and wants to know how they are going to

enforce this. Chairman Van Meter said this was the subject of multiple meetings with doctors, medical advisors, and law enforcement. The determination was they had exceeded criteria the medical advisors had set when they adopted the phased approach to the Governor's most recent order, and they immediately ordered an additional order to bring them fully into compliance with the Governor's order. That becomes effective at midnight on Thursday, November 12th. They have a team in place to help with enforcement.

Mr. DelGiorno's next question was what the discussion has been for an individual mask mandate among medical professionals and what the status is for enforcement mechanisms for such a mandate. Mrs. O'Neill said they had conversations about activating an all mask mandate. Doctors say that masks and social distancing are the only tools the public has in turning this thing around. Public Health has also made many visits to businesses and restaurants and citing when needed. They are taking this very seriously. Chairman Van Meter emphasized that there have been many conversations about the masks, but there is no clear sense of direction. The doctors are very concerned about the positivity rate, which is around 16%, and they want it below 8%. Joel Benoit gave some information about the legal research they've been doing. The Board could enact an ordinance like this, but it would help to have a recommendation from Public Health. The types of penalties, if this was enacted, are still unclear. By this, he means whether they would be criminal or civil and if it would be administrative or through the courts.

Annette Fulgenzi commented in her job with the state, she deal with a lot of communities and law enforcement and they are not alone in this issue of enforcing masks and distancing, this is an issue statewide. Chairman VanMeter said this is a very good point. The Governor issues these orders, but does not include a way to enforce them, so their legal teams are scrambling to figure out which statute to connect it to and how to enforce these orders.

MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mrs. Williams, for approval of the Minutes of October 13, 2020. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MINUTES ADOPTED

CORRESPONDENCE

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

RESOLUTION 1

1. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services from Zach Thomas & alternate vendors for the purpose of autopsy assistance for the Coroner’s Office in the amount of \$38,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Tjelmeland, seconded by Mrs. Ruzic, to place Resolution 1 on the floor. Chairman VanMeter 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. 2020-028 – Roseanne M. Stone, 3839 Stone Road, Springfield – Granting a Rezoning and Variances. County Board Member – Tom Fraase, Jr., District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mr. Schackmann, to place Resolution 2 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 on the adoption of Resolution 2.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 3

3. 2020-029 – Steven M. Luparell, 9054 Bell Fountain Road, Dawson – Granting a Rezoning and Variances. County Board Member – Tom Madonia, Jr., District #9.

A motion was made by Mr. Madonia, seconded by Mr. Melchin, to place Resolution 3 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 on the adoption of Resolution 3.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 4

4. 2020-030 – Kenneth Gillman, 5248 Wolf Creek Road, Sherman – Granting a Rezoning and Variances. County Board Member – Todd Smith, District #2.

A motion was made by Mr. Smith, seconded by Mr. Krell, to place Resolution 4 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 on the adoption of Resolution 4.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 5

5. 2020-031 – James Kinner & Carol Pappas, 1724 Parkes Kinner Road, New Berlin – Granting Variances. County Board Member – Tom Fraase, Jr., District #1.

A motion was made by Mr. Fraase, seconded by Mrs. Hills, to place Resolution 5 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 on the adoption of Resolution 5.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 6

6. 2020-033 – Stepping Stones Child Development Center, LLC (Jim & Renee Williamson), 2940 N. Peoria Road, Springfield – Granting a Rezoning. County Board Member – Annette Fulgenzi, District #17.

A motion was made by Mrs. Fulgenzi, seconded by Mrs. Deppe, to place Resolution 6 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 on the adoption of Resolution 6.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 7

7. 2020-034 – Michael & Melissa Earles, 10943 Cass Road, Buffalo – Granting Variances. County Board Member –David Mendenhall, District #3.

A motion was made by Mr. O'Neill, seconded by Mr. Snell, to place Resolution 7 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 on the adoption of Resolution 7.

MOTIONS CARRIED

RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTIONS 8 – 14

8. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services from McLean County Coroner's Office/MMC Lab for the purpose of Morgue Fees for the Coroner's Office in the amount of \$51,000.

A motion was made by Mr. Tjelmeland, seconded by Mrs. Hills, to place Resolution 8 on the floor. A motion was made by Mr. Bunch, seconded by Mr. Smith, to consolidate Resolutions 8 – 14. Chairman VanMeter asked County Clerk Gray to read Resolutions 9 – 14.

9. Resolution amending the CDP Software Services Agreement to increase it by the amount of \$73,244.
10. Resolution approving amendments to the Fiscal Year 2020 Sangamon County Budget.
11. Resolution approving the Annual Budget and Appropriation Ordinance for the County of Sangamon, Illinois for the Fiscal Year December 1, 2020 through November 30, 2021.
12. Resolution approving a grant application for the Election Office from the Center for Tech and Civic Life for the COVID-19 Response Grant in the amount of \$105,255.50.
13. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services from Motorola for the purpose of eight dual band portable radios for ETSD in the amount of \$39,999.
14. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services from Matrix for the purpose of obtaining thirty desktop computers for ETSD in the amount of \$51,000.

A voice vote was unanimous on the consolidation.

Brian McFadden, Sangamon County Administrator, addressed the County Board regarding the budget. First of all, he would like to thank the individuals who worked hard on this budget. FY2020 was good and bad. The sales tax and video gaming tax fell into a black hole. The other revenue sources, such as income tax, are hanging in there. They do monthly budget reports and it looks like they are going to come in under budget for FY2020.

The FY2021 budget increased overall by 7.5%, which is about \$8.7 million. This is unusual for them, but there are two reasons for this. The first reason is the Woodside Iron Bridge project, which is about \$6 million of that increase. The other are the increased grants to the county either directly or indirectly related to COVID. The general fund saw about a 2.5% increase, which funds areas like the Sheriff's Office. The biggest revenue source is property taxes. They are projecting the revenue to go up a little over a million dollars or roughly 4%. He explained how they calculate the percentages. They think the estimated rate increase with the property taxes is going to be under 1%. Sales tax and video gaming tax has been reduced by 10% each to make up for the decrease from last year. When everything gets sorted out, they are estimating a 4% reduction in state tax from last year. Fines and fees is down slightly, but there are no new fines or fees in this budget. This is a very cautious approach to the budget this year. Grant funding is up by 33%. Community Resources received almost \$900,000 in grant funding and the Planning Commission got \$180,000 in grant funding. Overall, the COVID funding is about \$7 million spread over a number of years. There is zero change in head count this year, so it stays at 711 full-time employees. Payroll is growing modestly with a 1.2% increase. This year's budget is built on a 2% lag, which is a little bit more than they have done in the past. Pension costs and overtime are flat. Health insurance cost is down by about 2%. One of the department highlights is the Highway Department with a 54% for the Iron Bridge project, but that is being driven by a one-time cost. They always make sure they do not neglect their infrastructure. They will be installing a new phone system, continuing a vehicle replacement program, continuing a centralized computer purchase program, and different improvements to the building. What is not in the budget that they will discuss next summer is the new transportation center, which includes a new parking deck for employees, customers, and Amtrak passengers. They are also constructing a new town square, a new entrance to the County Building, and renovations to the first and second floor. In conclusion, this is a typical budget with limited debt. They are operating as they should.

Mr. Preckwinkle complimented everyone involved in this budget for their work through these crazy circumstances. Mr. Bunch also offered his compliments.

Mr. Preckwinkle made a motion that the roll call vote for Resolution 1 stands as the roll call vote for Resolutions 8 – 14, as consolidated. A voice vote carried. Mr. Ratts voted Present on Resolution 8.

MOTIONS CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

WAIVER OF 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 WAIVED

RESOLUTION 15

15. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services from multiple food vendors for the purpose of purchasing food supplies for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$536,631.

A motion was made by Mr. Tjelmeland, seconded by Mrs. Hills, to place Resolution 15 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 15. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 16

16. Resolution approving the procurement of goods and/or services from Advanced Correctional Healthcare for the purpose of Medical and Mental Health Services for the Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$1,000,490.

A motion was made by Mr. Tjelmeland, seconded by Mrs. Williams, to place Resolution 16 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 16. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 17

17. Resolution approving an agreement between Sangamon County and Hanson Professional Services for the Springfield-Sangamon County Transportation Center.

A motion was made by Mr. Ratts, seconded by Mr. O'Neill, 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 an intergovernmental agreement between the City of Springfield, Sangamon County, and the Sangamon Mass Transit District for Construction of the Springfield-Sangamon County Transportation Center.

A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle, seconded by Mr. Bunch, 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

RESOLUTION 19

19. Resolution approving a list of contracts for employee benefits for 2021.

A motion was made by Mr. Krell, seconded by Mrs. Ruzic, to place Resolution 19 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 19. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

RESOLUTION 20

20. Resolution approving the proposal from the Farnsworth Group to conduct renovations to the Sangamon County Complex at a cost not to exceed \$889,800.

A motion was made by Mr. Ratts, seconded by Mr. Melchin, to place Resolution 20 on the floor. Chairman Van Meter entertained a motion that the approval be subject to a final review by the County Administrator. A motion was made by Mr. Preckwinkle that the approval of Resolution 20 be subject to final review by the County Administrator. A voice vote was unanimous.

Mr. Stumpf stated he would like to see some local labor organizations working on this.

Mr. Smith would like an explanation of Resolution 20, specifically a timeframe. Chairman Van Meter stated it is a contract for engineering for the update to the County Building that is necessitated by the construction of the intermodal transportation center. They are hoping the construction of this will begin in the third quarter of next year, but it depends on the interest rates. Mr. Smith asked for clarification that this cost does not include construction, just engineering. Mr. Chairman said yes, this is correct.

MOTIONS CARRIED
RESOLUTION ADOPTED

OLD BUSINESS

A. Resolution 5 – Remains Tabled

5. 2020-013 – Lincoln Labs, LLC, 5859 W. State Route 97, Pleasant Plains – Granting a Conditional Permitted Use with Conditions. County Board Member – Tom Fraase, Jr., District #1.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Resolutions

There were no new resolutions.

B. Appointments

Appointment of Henry Patterson to the Building Code of Appeals for a term to expire November, 2021.

Appointment of Declan Binninger to the Building Code of Appeals for a term to expire November, 2021.

Appointment of Keith Moore to the Building Code of Appeals for a term to expire November, 2021.

Appointment of Tony Smarjesse to the Building Code of Appeals for a term to expire November, 2021.

Appointment of Steven Ponder to the Building Code of Appeals for a term to expire November, 2021.

Appointment of Calvin Pitts to the Building Code of Appeals for a term to expire November, 2021.

Appointment of William Bishop to the Building Code of Appeals for a term to expire November, 2021.

Appointment of Dan Noll as Hearing Officer for a term to expire November, 2022.

Appointment of David White as Hearing Officer for a term to expire November, 2022.

Appointment of Captain Jeff Eddy to the Community Services Block Grantard Bo for a term to expire November, 2023.

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

MOTIONS CARRIED

APPOINTMENTS ADOPTED

C. Procurement/Grant Notifications

There were none.

D. Approval of the 2021 County Board Schedule

A motion was made by Mrs. Williams, seconded by Mr. Bunch for the approval of the 2021 County Board Meeting Schedule. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED

MEETING SCHEDULE ADOPTED

**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 reports 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 Mrs. Williams, to recess the meeting to December 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. A voice vote was unanimous.

MOTION CARRIED
MEETING RECESSED

Don Gray
Sangamon County Clerk